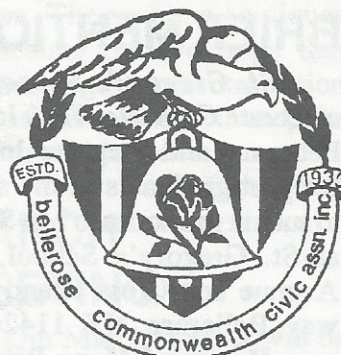


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**City Councilman
Sheldon Leffler
will speak with
us about his many
activities on the Council
Thursday, February 2, 1989
at 8:00 PM
House of Hope Church
Corner 248th Street
and 85th Avenue**

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

President's Gavel

On January 5, 1989 the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association had the honor of Susan Noreika, Chairperson of Community Board 13Q, preside over the installation of officers for 1989. Mrs. Noreika has worked for the City and communities since 1965. During this time she has dedicated her time to assisting the civic associations and communities in eastern Queens to accomplish their goals and to help make improvements where necessary.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Richard Hellenbrecht. Richard served as President of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association for the past five years (1983-1988). During his term Richard has dedicated his time to the community: running to Eastern Queens Civic Council meetings, 105th Precinct Council meetings, the Creedmore RCCA, Community Board

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KID'S HAVENS

It was recently reported in Newsday that store owners in our area, Queens Village, Hollis and Glen Oaks have been asked to participate in a new program to help children in danger. This "Safe Haven" program is formulated by the Queens Village Rotary Club, Inc. Participating merchants would display a decal in their windows and children would be instructed that these stores would

be available to help them whenever they have any kind of a problem on the streets. These merchants should be sought for problems ranging from fights to harassment from adults, injuries, etc. The store owners will either call the police or the child's parents.

We encourage area merchants to participate in this important program. The Rotary Club can be reached on 464-1200 for more information.

NEW DRUG ACT

Congressman Gary Ackerman, long a supporter in Washington of issues important to Bellerose, has notified us of the Omnibus Drug Initiative Act of 1988 which represents an attempt by the Federal Government to stem the proliferation of illegal drugs and its devastating effects on communities. The Act provides increased funding for drug enforcement, requirements for

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BRIEF MENTION

St. Gregory's School will celebrate *Catholic Week* later in February and they are looking for past graduates of the school to submit memories to Ms. Spiegel at St. Gregory's School, 87th Avenue and Cross Island Parkway, Bellerose, NY 11426.

House of Hope Presbyterian Church, which is kind enough to host the BCCA meetings each month, is preparing a year of special events to celebrate its *50th anniversary*. The first event will be a catered dinner, memorabilia exhibit at the Church on Sunday, Feb. 19 following church services. Reservations must be made in advance. For information and reservations call 347-3120.

For a free leaflet from the NYC *Department of Transportation* on "How to Answer Your Summons", send a self-addressed stamped business sized envelop to: Office of the Director, NYC

Parking Violations Bureau, 770 Broadway, 15th Floor New York, NY 10003. In future months, similar brochures will cover such topics as towing, auctions and commercial vehicles.

The *Social Security Administration* has established a new, toll-free telephone number, available business days from 7AM to 7PM for information on benefits, appointments and other SSA business. Call 1-800-234-5772 to reach this special new service.

The *Creedmore Residential Care Center for Adults* (RCCA) will celebrate its official Dedication on February 10 at 9:30 AM at building 4 on Hillside Avenue. Many of our local elected officials and other dignitaries will be on hand to observe this occasion. The RCCA is looking for donations of old sewing machines, computers and other hard goods to be used in a vocational program for clients of the center; items will be picked up by RCCA,

call 468-4700. Old clothing, blankets, books and records are always appreciated and there are several activities which volunteers could help care for and educate clients. We're told donations and time are tax deductible, be sure to ask for your receipts.

We have been notified that the YMCA has now changed its name from Eastern Queens to *Cross Island YMCA*.

District 26 *spelling bee champ* is *Kristena Leigh DiGirolamo* of 249th Street in Bellerose. For the first time in 23 years PS 133 will have one of its students represented in district 26 in the city wide finals of the Scipps-Howard National Spelling Bee which will take place in Madison Square Garden in April. Kristena will also take part in the awards ceremony in Borough President Claire Schulman's office.

Library News

ADULT PROGRAMS

Book Discussions: Thursday, Febr. 16 at 10:30 AM *Prince of Tides* by Pat Conroy "Captures the vanishing beauty of the South Carolina low country and lost way of life."

Programs: "Small Business Workshop-Corporations" conducted by the Internal Revenue Service. Admission is free. Registration is required as seating is limited. Saturday Febr. 4, 1 to 4 PM.

"Job Interview Workshop" Strong interview skills are essential to a successful job search. Learn some new skills and prac-

tice them in role play situation. Saturday Febr. 11, 10 AM to 12 PM. Admission is free. Space is limited, so please register in advance.

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS
Chess Club meets Thursday nights Febr. 2,9,16,23 from 6 to 8 PM. The Bellerose Library Chess Club sponsors 5,10, & 20 minute tournaments that start the first Thursday of every month. All ages and abilities are welcome. No entry fee. Round Robin and Swiss-Quads are available. Bring your own clock and board/pieces. New members must play in the round robin first. For information call: Mike Fricano, Monday to Friday

8 to 10 PM at 718-224-8004.

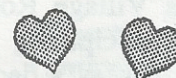
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Picture Book Hours: 3 1/2 to 5 year olds, Tuesdays, Febr.7,14, 21,28 at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Toddler's Fun Time: 2 & 3 year olds, Wednesdays, Febr. 1,8,15,22 at 10:30 AM (Pre-Registration is required.)

Arts & Crafts: For school-age children will be Friday Febr. 10 at 3:30 PM.

Remember . . .



Valentine's Day

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and so much more. Richard has accomplished so much in the past five years, for example, sometime during this quarter a traffic light will be installed at the corner of 86th Avenue and 248th Street.

Richard, thank you. I hope we will be able to follow in the footsteps that you have set in place.

I would also like to introduce the new BCCA Officers:

Executive Board:

Eileen Damore, Vice President
Richard Hellenbrecht, Treasurer
Richard McGuire, Recording Sec'y
Lorraine Anzalone, Corresponding Secretary

Directors:

Robert Costagliola John Reh
James Delaney Howard Slaney
Ross Fertitta Bernard Wechsler
Sebastian Platania George Wolf

We are here for you, the community. If there is a topic or problem that should have the community's attention and/or support, please contact me or any officer of the Association. Please remember, a community should work together as a whole, as a group, as a family.

We look forward to seeing you at the monthly meetings held at the House of Hope Church.

Jean Biancaniello

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federal contractors to maintain drug-free workplaces, development of a Latin American anti-narcotics force and programs for youth drug-abuse prevention.

As part of this Act, Congressman Ackerman authored an amendment supporting availability of treatment for addicts seeking to overcome their ad-

diction. The problem continues to escalate but we hope that continued governmental action such as this will slow or stop the growth of this menace.

R. C. Hellenbrecht

MARCH MEETING

Our March speaker will be a representative from the Internal Revenue Service, a very timely and topical subject, to inform us about changes in income tax, pensions, IRA and other important subjects you should know before filing your taxes. We will try to schedule meetings one month in advance and let you know early about upcoming topics so you can mark your calendars.

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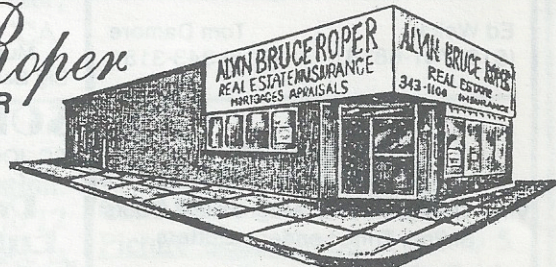
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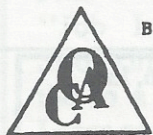


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