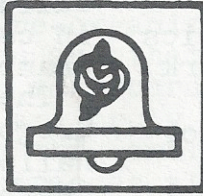


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B.C.C.A. TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

State Senator Frank Padavan will install the new officers of the B.C.C.A. at the January meeting. Elected last month to lead the Association during 1976 are:

President: James Delaney

Vice President:

John Reh

Treasurer:

Robert Costigliola

Recording Secretary:

Faith Walsh

Corresponding Secretary:

Christine McGann

On the Board of Directors are Lawrence Walsh, Bernard Wechsler, Dennis McGann and George Wolf elected to two-year terms.

Howard Slaney was elected to fill the one-year vacancy occasioned by the election of Robert Costigliola to the post of Treasurer.

Additional nominations for various positions were made from the floor evidencing an active interest in the affairs of the organization.

The officers may look forward to a busy and varied year as the B.C.C.A. expects to participate in a series of cooperative activities planned by the Little Plains Bi-Centennial Committee. In addition, the effects of New York City's financial plight may produce situations which will require the attention of the newly-elected officers.

"HONORARY MEMBER" AWARD

Lillian McCarthy, recording secretary of the B.C.C.A. since its reactivation, received the first "Honorary Member" award of the Association. The award, an attractive desk set, was unanimously voted by the Board of Directors in recognition of her service to the community, not only within

the B.C.C.A. and its predecessor but also for her other community work which extends back to 1947 when she came to Bellerose.

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NOTICE

THE NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY

JAN. 8, 1976

at 8:30 P.M.

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85th Avenue

Where Bellerose Worships

As our next installment in this series, we will take a look at the history of St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Church.

Early in the 1930's, the Catholics in the Queens and North Floral Park section of Bellerose and those in the Nassau section of Bellerose worshipped at Our Lady of Lourdes in Queens Village or at Our Lady of Victory in Floral Park. Glen Oaks then did not exist. The first priests to say Mass in this area lived at the home of the parents of the late Dr. Brian Gallagher at Commonwealth Boulevard and 90th Ave. Here, as well as at a store on Jericho Turnpike, Mass was offered until the congregation grew too large to be accommodated. The Bellerose Theater was then utilized, while the priests remained in residence at the Gallagher home.

The Parish of St. Gregory the Great was formally begun in December of 1936 by the late Reverend William McLaughlin. The cornerstone of the church building on 88th Road and 242 Street was laid in March of 1937. The house next to the Church was acquired as an annex and here the priests lived until the Rectory was completed. The cornerstone of the Rectory was laid in 1940.

When the Cross Island Parkway was scheduled for construction through church property, it was with the express understanding that a tunnel would be built providing walking access to the eventually expanded St. Gregory facilities.

Religious instruction was given to the children on Sunday mornings in the basement of the Church (the Oak Room) by a group of Sisters living in West Hempstead who travelled to Bellerose once a week to perform their duties.

With the opening of the school in 1953 on the east side of Cross Island Parkway, the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary moved into the Church annex west of Cross Island Parkway where they remained until the Convent was built. Sister Regina Delaney is Principal of the school of 790 students, now staffed by the Ursuline Sisters and lay personnel.

The needs of the school and the continued growth of the parish were further served by the addition of Gregorian Hall in 1966. This building was awarded second prize in construction by the Queens Chamber of Commerce.

The second pastor sent to St. Gregory's was the Reverend Daniel Halloran who remained until his death in June of 1966. The Reverend Edward J. McLaughlin, no relation to the founding pastor, is the third and present pastor of the parish. Assisting him in the administration of his priestly duties to the 2,700 families of the congregation are the Reverends Edward J. McGinness, John A. McShane, and Alfred P. LoPinto. At this writing Father McGinness is preparing to take up duties as pastor of St. Helen's Church, Howard Beach, after nine and a half years at St. Gregory's.

Today, the parish of St. Gregory's, divided by Cross Island Parkway, is fairly extensive within its somewhat irregular boundaries. To the north, Union Turnpike is the boundary where it meets Winchester Boulevard to the west. To the east it extends to the city line in Floral Park while along the south Jamaica Avenue is its boundary. In actuality, some of the parishoners live in Nassau County, south of Jericho Turnpike.

The church and community activities of St. Gregory's are numerous and varied. They include: Nocturnal Adoration Society; Holy Name Society; Rosary Society; Altar Society; Al-Anon; Al-Teen; Catholic Daughters of America; Athletic Association (sports program for youth of the community); Leisure Club (Senior Citizens of St. Gregory's, Holy Trinity, House of Hope); Adult Club; Bowling Leagues (two- Men/Women); Prayer Group; Cub Scouts; and Girl Scouts.

Two sister Civic Associations---The Creedmore Civic Association and the Bellerose-Hillside Civic Association---hold their meetings at St. Gregory's.

My thanks to Father LoPinto for his help in assembling the facts on this history of St. Gregory's, and also to Miss Nancy Doyle for her patience in answering my questions.

Betty Platania

President's Gavel

by HOWARD SLANEY

What did we accomplish? It would be easy to list what the Association has accomplished in the past two and a half years. We all left the re-organization meeting in May 1973 with not too much experience in civic affairs but with considerable interest in the community.

However, to list what we have done only becomes self-serving. If our accomplishments are not evident then we have failed and I like to think that we have been successful and that the results are evident.

As my term as President is finishing I would rather look to the future. It is not enough to rest upon what you have done, but to look ahead to new goals and objectives. Many of you have helped out through the past few years and with your continued help our new officers will be able to move our Association ahead.

There is one accomplishment for which we can all be proud. We have successfully re-activated our Civic Association and now we have a viable organization. A civic association is only as strong as its members make it and can only do what you want it to do. It is not a social club. It functions only to serve and can only serve well with participation by its members.

In looking at what we have done, I can only express my opinion that the most important accomplishment is that we have re-organized to serve you and that our officers and board members are truly dedicated to this end. This alone surpasses all the other achievements and will assure us of having a strong working Association.

Thank you all for your help and continue the good work.

Howard Slaney

TRUCK ROUTES THROUGH BELLEROSE

The plan to re-route delivery trucks through Queens has been made public and is expected to be implemented soon.

Community Board 13, which covers the B.C.C.A. area objected to the proposed changes for Union Turnpike and Hillside Avenue but were overruled by the borough planners. However, the proposal to make Little Neck Parkway a truck route, to which Community Board 13 and the B.C.C.A. also objected, was withdrawn. Not a complete victory, but our voices were heard.

Intended to remove heavy trucks from local streets, the "Detroit dinosaurs" will be permitted to use the following streets in the Bellerose area as through truck routes:

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News From HOME

"Action News" will be sent to any resident from this community in the service. All that is needed is the address of the person in the service, and this may be sent to any officer of the B.C.C.A. or to the editor.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The membership drive of the B.C.C.A. is a continuing activity of the block captains and not a "one-shot" affair.

Some residents assume that membership in this organization is restricted to homeowners only. This is incorrect. Security, the safe use of our streets, vandalism, maintenance of essential services are of concern to tenants as well as to homeowners.

As the Civic Association that speaks for you and helps solve your problems it deserves your support. A very helpful New Year's resolution would be for each enrolled member to obtain an additional member.

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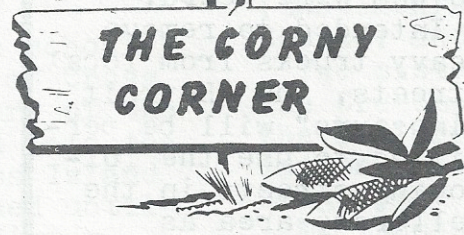
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