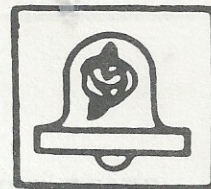


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BOATING

Flotilla 12-8, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, will begin its 12 lesson course on Boating Skills and Seamanship on Tues., January 8, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. at the Martin Van Buren H.S., 232 St. and Hillside Ave., Q.V. The course will be given by qualified instructors and will cover many aspects of Boat Handling.

For early registration or additional information call Meredith M. Borden

at 212-424-3895 or Helen Stripp at 212-528-1563. The course is FREE, but there is a minimum charge for material.



Notice

THE NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY

JAN 3, 1980 8:30 PM
GUEST

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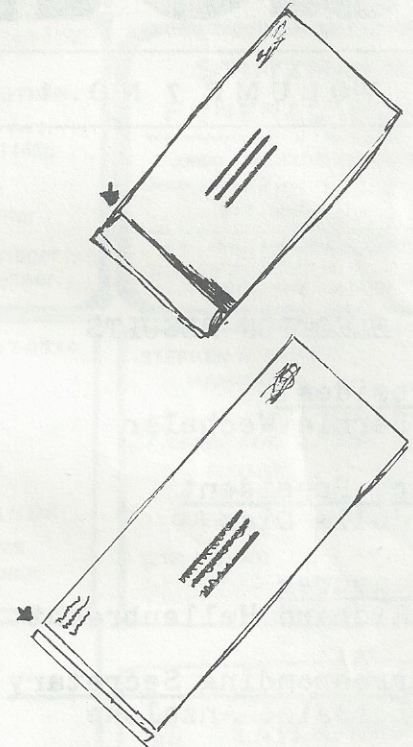
START ANEW

Holidays are upon us and with them should come joy--but often this turns to anguish for many afflicted with a disease known as alcoholism. Not only at this time, but each day of our lives is filled with pressures, schedules, demands--some of which seem insurmountable. Searching for a solution, some turn to a gently alcohol relaxer which soon gets out of hand, becoming an indispensable crutch. What was once looked upon as a solution, now becomes an even greater problem, to be borne not only by the drinker, but his family as well. Tensions mount; needs intensify; deceit flourishes.

It is all too easy to see this story unfold and the circumstances magnified, going from bad to worse. But it isn't hopeless. This is an illness that can be cured, but it takes a herculean resolve by the person involved to honestly admit the problem, and then stick-to-it-iveness to overcome it. As mightily a task as this might seem, it can be accomplished and it needn't be done alone. With the cooperation, blessing and encouragement of the family, you and they may each join an active group ready to assist both involved parties.

Every Friday evening, the Bellerose Chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8:30 p.m. in the basement of St. Gregory's Convent, located at 88th Ave. and Cross Island service road. It must be stressed that strict anonymity is observed at all times. Information about joining may be obtained by calling 343-4782. For the family and friends of the alcoholic, a meeting of Al Anon is held every Saturday evening at 8:30 p.m. also in the basement of St. Gregory's Convent. These groups provide supportiveness through unity, sharing and the knowledge that others are going through the same difficulties. Should a need exist for teenage children from such families to obtain help, immediate facilities are also available. For further information on Al Anon or Al A Teen, call 347-2930. "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you." Why not make a New Year's resolution to seek help now?

Betty Platania



With the new city ordinance on picking up after your dog, if your dog is a member of a small breed, save all No. 10 envelopes that you commonly receive in the mail. Open envelopes across the short end Fig. 1

Obliterate your name and address on the envelope and carry with you when walking your dog. Insert waste in envelope, fold over, and discard.

LIBRARY NEWS

By the time you read this column, our Bellerose Branch of the Queensboro Public Library will be completely computerized. The system has been installed over the past few weeks and the training of personnel completed. Machines originally in use have been replaced and you will find material checked out now with the use of a wand. Mrs. Harriet Goldfluss, our Branch Librarian, is quite enthusiastic about the benefits the new system will bring to us. It will be possible to determine the whereabouts of a title requested, and information on its availability instantly, if it is not stocked in Bellerose. Using the computerized number on the individual library card, missing books can be spotted, money owed reflected -- a wealth of information stored on the computer. As with anything new, service may be slow at the onset of the learning process, and we are requested to bear with them until the wheels are turning smoothly. Mrs. Goldfluss remarks, "I hope the public will have patience while we get accustomed to the new system." I'm certain she will have our full cooperation.

The new Adult Book Discussion group has gotten underway and is open to all interested. It will meet once a month, for one hour, on a Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. The next meeting will be January 10th when the book to be discussed will be "Final Payments" by Mary Gordon. If you would like to join, stop by and sign up at the front desk and obtain a copy.

A film program for children has also been initiated. The next presentation is to be "Born Free" to be shown at 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 16th. Tickets for the showing will be available a week to ten days before, on a first come basis. Circulation in the children's section has dropped, but hopefully with the holidays behind us, this will again go up.

Other programs are in the offing, but winter weather will play a big part in scheduling. Make it a point to drop by soon and while checking out material, see the lovely tree displayed by the staff, all of whom wish you "A Happy Holiday."

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