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## *Next Meeting*

### Induction of Officers

Barbara Clark  
Assemblyperson

January 4, 2001

8:00 PM

### Refreshments

House of Hope Church

Cor. 248th St.

& 85th Ave.

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

**There will be  
no February  
Meeting.  
Next meeting  
March 1**

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## December Meeting—Hospices

Last month we were pleased to host an excellent speaker, Patricia Bryant, who told us about her volunteer activities working with Hospice Care of Queens. Patricia is an inspiring speaker and all in attendance were impressed with the good works of the Hospice. When people are in need of these services, it is most fortunate that over 600 volunteers are there at HCQ to help. Most insurance carriers including Medicare, Medicaid and Blue Cross will cover these

costs., and even uninsured patients will be helped.

Services include skilled nursing care, medications, medical equipment, assistance with personal care such as bathing and meal preparation.

Volunteer positions are available with training and donations are accepted. For more information call 718 939-CARE. For admissions information call 1-800-246-7742.

## Holiday Decorations

Once again Patricia Pearson has done a great job chairing the Holiday Decorations Committee. There were so many great house decorations this year it took two evenings to make final decisions. We would like to especially thank John and Ethel Fallon who joined Patricia and Richard Hellenbrecht in the judging.

This year we have selected three cash winners and four honorable mention awards. All seven families will receive certificates personalized with photos of their house. The photos will be on our web site next month.

## Induction of Officers

The following officers and Directors for 2001 were elected at the December meeting and will be inducted by Assemblyperson Barbara Clark (invited) at the January 4 meeting:

President:  
Richard Hellenbrecht  
Vice President:  
Patricia Pearson,  
Treasurer: John Reh  
Directors for 2001-2002:  
James Delaney

Neil Beekman

There is a candidate for our Corresponding Secretary position. We need a Recording Secretary and two directors. Please volunteer.

## Queens Civic Congress Platform

The Queens Civic Congress recently published its second bi-annual Platform, identifying the organization's issues and priority's for 2000 and 2001. The platform committee was chaired by Rich Hellenbrecht, president of BCCA and Vice President of the QCC. The committee included key civic leaders from throughout Queens interested and active in such issues as land use and zoning, illegal conversions, community facilities, education, parks, public safety, transportation, economic development, sanitation, health and hospitals and city governance. The first platform in 1998 was instrumental in moving the QCC to a leadership position in the Borough and this new version explores many new areas vital to the long term quality of life in Queens.

The entire 20 page Platform can be found at QCC's website [www.queensciviccongress.org](http://www.queensciviccongress.org) and press Platform or request a copy on our Feedback form below.

## Olympics 2012

You may have seen in the city newspapers over the past few months that the Giuliani Administration is seeking to have New York City designated as the US contender for the Olympics in 2012 to go against other nations for the big honors for 2012. While it is still a long shot, the plans must be pretty well in place by now so that financing and infrastructure upgrades can be in place if we get selected by the international committee in 2007.

The plans call for a complex X-shaped land and water transit route stretching from the Nassau Coliseum to the Meadowlands and Westchester County to Coney Island. A major Queens component is Flushing Meadow Park, which would require eliminating a natural wildlife habitat in the Willow Lake-

Meadow Lake area of the park in order to create a rowing course for the two week event. Together with the Olympic Stadium proposed for the west side of Manhattan, the Queens Civic Congress and others think that this is too big an investment and too great a sacrifice of natural resources to host an Olympics.

For more on the City's plans, please see the website at [www.NYC2012.com](http://www.NYC2012.com).

## Action News Delivery

I want to thank our community for responding to our call for delivery of Action News. Effective with the February Action News, four youths will be paid to deliver the newsletters that had previously been mailed. We hope that this will reduce our costs and permit us to continue publishing 10 newsletters per year and maintain our dues at only \$10.

## Website Stories

More and more people seem to be using the BCCA website ([www.bcca-ny.com](http://www.bcca-ny.com)) for various things. I have received several emails from site users asks various questions and over Christmas weekend someone interested in moving to Bellerose called to get more information. One resident was able to use the site to get background information on the area for a college paper. We will refocus our effort on the site early in January, adding photos and new stories, so be sure to visit often.

## BCCA Feedback Form

January 2001

To the B.C.C.A.:

I suggest the following article for action news, issue to pursue or general comment: \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following speaker topic: \_\_\_\_\_

I suggest the following newsletter topic: \_\_\_\_\_

B.C.C.A. requests that you leave your \_\_\_\_\_  
name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Address articles/items to: Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, Inc.  
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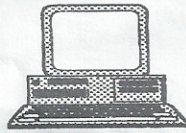
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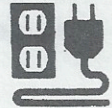
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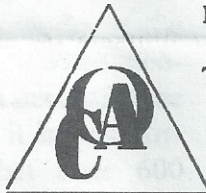
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## Important Aviation Meeting

The Queens Civic Congress, an umbrella group of nearly one hundred civic associations throughout Queens, including the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association, is sponsoring a special meeting focusing on the future management of Kennedy and LaGuardia Airports. The Giuliani Administration has selected a contractor to oversee and advise the Mayor's office on airport operations and to take over operation of the airports in 2015 when the current lease expires with Port Authority of NY & NJ.

While the airports seem far away from us, they are critically important for Bellerose and all of Queens. The airports are the biggest single employer in Queens and many Bellerose residents are employed at

the airport or closely related industries. Also, traffic and air/noise pollution are issues that do and will continue to affect our neighborhood.

The forum is an opportunity to understand the administration's objectives in this proposal and to explore the qualifications and experience of the selected firm in operating airports of similar size and scope. We will as well be able to consider the Port Authority's performance and plans in operating the airports.

The forum will take place on January 22, 2001 at 7:30 pm at the College of Aeronautics, 86-01 23rd Avenue, East Elmhurst. Call Francine Gilbright at 718 429-6600.

## Happy New Year

On behalf of the Board of Directors and Officers of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic I would like to wish all of our members a happy and healthy new year. During Christmas week, this winter seems to be coming in with a bang with very cold temperatures, high winds and even some snow. We hope you will brave the winter, stay well and hang in there for Spring. Please make an effort to come down to our meetings this year. Except for February, July and August, we meet the first Thursday of each month. We try to have topical speakers and when no speaker is scheduled we always have a report from our Community Patrol Officer and lively discussion of Community issues, cake and coffee.. Please come.