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**The New York City
Redistricting Commission
will be explained by
representative
Norman Wong
March 7, 1991 at 8PM
House of Hope Church
Corner 248th Street and 85th
Avenue
Refreshments will be served**

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

By: Frank T. Olton, Co President

In the last few issues you have read about the new C-POP officer assigned to Bellerose. This will continue to receive coverage on these pages, as we feel it is one of the most significant developments for Bellerose in recent years. Please be sure to read this month's article on the subject.

Our last general meeting was well attended. A presentation from a representative of HEAT/Consumers' Advantage was greeted with enthusiastic questioning from members regarding possible methods of reducing fuel costs.

Considerable time was also spent on neighborhood security: this involved a presentation by C-POP officer Warren and a surprise appearance by 105th Precinct Captain Dansky.

Redistricting is another critical issue for the city and Bellerose and we hope to have a large turnout again for this subject.

C-POP

By: Frank T. Olton

Our Bellerose area now has its own police officer assigned. Officer Karen Warren wants to meet as many residents as possible and to hear and address their problems.

Her areas of coverage extends from Hillside Avenue to Jamaica Avenue and from Cross Island Parkway to Little Neck Parkway. This area consists of about 1,800 homes and contains

out entire civic association. As a result, the BCCA can serve as liaison to Officer Warren. Our meetings should enable you to bring problems to her attention.

Officer Warren has addressed our last two meetings. Because she agreed to appear on short notice, we could not announce her attendance at February's meeting in this publication. She will be appearing at our March 7 meeting to report on progress and developments, to hear your problems and to an-

swer your questions.

At our February meeting she reported how she handled some problems noted at our January meeting. She spent time at the PS133 school yard, trying to eliminate vandalism, noise and possible substance abuse. As part of this effort, she has disbursed youths who did not belong there. Karen also spent time near St. Gregory's and issued summonses for loitering.

Be sure to let us know about such problems.

BCCA Restructuring

By: Frank T. Olton

We have restructured the BCCA into 6 areas and committees to make it more responsive to problems, complaints and issues as they arise. These committees have been set up as follows:

Under the oversight of Co President Frank Olton:

1. Public Safety/Security. Chairperson: George Wolf, Members: Pat Pearson, Jim Delaney.
2. Sanitation/Environment. Chairperson: Richard McGuire, Members: Bernie Wechsler, Bruno Santi

3. Membership. Chairperson: John Reh, Members: Lorraine Anzalone.

Under the oversight of Co President Richard Hellenbrecht

1. Traffic. Chairman: Sebastian Platania, Members: Ross Fertitta, Melanie Ngai.
2. Parks/Special Events. Chairperson: Bernie Wechsler, Members: Pat Pearson, Richard McGuire, Jim Delaney.
3. LAnd Use/Zoning. Chairperson: undecided, Members: Ralph Elbaum.

We are *very* interested in

having non-Board members serve on these committees. If you have a special interest and wish to serve on a committee, without committing to full Board membership, please let us know at one of our meetings.

It is hoped that issues and complaints, as they arise, will be analyzed and controlled by the appropriate committee, with a recommendation to the Board. We also hope to include progress reports from the committees in *Action News*.

Redistricting

By: Frank Olton and Rich Hellenbrecht

At our March meeting we will host Norman Wong of the NYC Redistricting Commission. The new City Charter that was passed two years ago, has increased the number of City Council members by 16. Five of these new seats will be in Queens. This means that each council district will be smaller and will represent fewer people than the previous make up of the council. Mr. Wong will explain the impacts of this initiative.

The process of establishing new lines is complicated and politically sensitive. Each community should be vigilant in protecting its rights in the progress. The BCCA has been present at most of the public commission meetings, and as a participant in the Eastern Queens Civic Council (a coalition of 17 local civic associations) we have supported a proposal of the EQCC that would

keep all of Bellerose, Floral Park, Queens Village and other areas from Jamaica Estates to Douglaston in the same councilmanic district. Following are the rough boundaries of the district being proposed:

Starting at the City Line at Jamaica Avenue, proceeding north to Little Neck Bay, then west to the Cross Island Parkway, west to the Clearview Expressway south to Union Turnpike, west to Utopia Turnpike and Homelawn Street south to Hillside Avenue. Hillside Avenue east to 188th Street, south to Jamaica Avenue and east to the origin at city line.

This district is smaller than our current district. Proposed for inclusion in other districts are Bayside Hills on the north and area south of Jamaica Avenue.

The general concepts of the redistricting commission will be discussed at the March meeting. This issue will have long term

effects on the BCCA and all of Bellerose. We feel that it is important that Bellerose remain in a district that has common interests and concerns and that we continue to be represented by a councilmember who has been sensitive to our needs and responsive to our requests.

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Library News

By: Library Staff

Adult Programs

March 2, 16 and 23 - **Camera Club** 10AM to 1PM. ("Slide" contest on March 16 and award for "slide of the year" on March 23) Public invited.

March 7, 14, 21 and 28 - **AARP Tax Counseling**, Thursdays through April 11, 1 to 5PM.

Service provided free for older adults.

March 7 and 14, **Art Lectures** - 7:30 to 9PM slide/lecture presented by Marvin D. Schwartz, a lecturer from Metropolitan Museum of Art. (March 7-Ancient Art from a private collection, March 14-Modern Art 1900-1920.)

March 16-**Small Business Workshop**- "Sole Proprietor"

led by IRS representative - 2 to 5PM

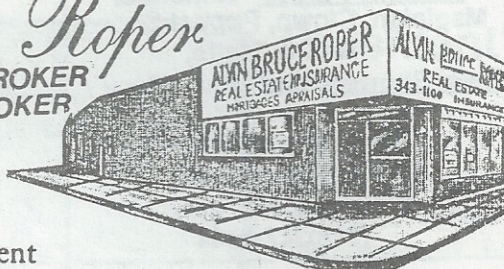
March 21-**Book Discussion**- James Herriot's All Creatures Great and Small brings us the magical beauty of Yorkshire and the richly rewarding experiences of a country veterinarian. 10:30AM.

March 25, **Book Sale**- 1 to 7:30PM

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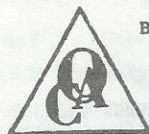


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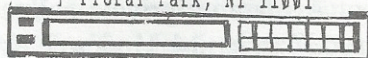
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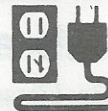
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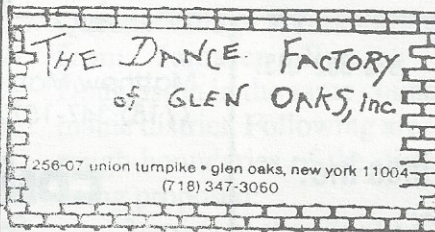
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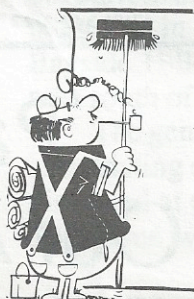
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