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Next Meeting

Photography Equipment and Techniques

John Reh

October 6, 2001

8:00 pm

House of Hope Church
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month at the House of Hope
Church, corner 248th Street and
85th Avenue at 8:00 PM

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John Reh presents Photography

By: Rich Hellenbrecht

Photography can be one of the most rewarding hobbies of all. Memories of vacations, best friends, baby's first step, graduation and other special events, possible purchases or records of prized possessions are some of the frequent uses of photographs.

The types of equipment are expanding rapidly, from instant cameras to throw-aways to APS to Single Lens Reflex and

digital cameras. With all of these choices, picking the right camera for a particular use can be quite confusing. And once you have a camera, there are a whole host of basic issues concerning framing your shot, lighting, landscapes, backgrounds, perspective and aspect ratio.

BCCA Treasurer John Reh has many years of experience in the photography industry and hobby use of cameras. John has offered to share some of his exper-

tise to demonstrate various techniques and equipment and to answer some of your questions about how to take great pictures and maintain your equipment.

Please come down and bring your equipment and questions to make this a productive and learning experience.

The November 1 meeting will feature another BCCA resident, Bernard Flatow, discussing alternative medicine. See additional information on page 3.

BCCA Future Unclear—Help Needed

By: Rich Hellenbrecht

Over the past few years the B.C.C.A. Board of Directors has reduced in size and it consists mostly of directors and officers who have been the backbone of the organization since its revitalization in 1972.

We announced last month that Rich Hellenbrecht will step down as president at year end to focus more

attention on the community board. Other board members are currently unavailable to expand their roles.

Our area continues to have many needs and we must have a civic association that is available to respond to challenges of the community. Many things are happening which we have to protect against; particularly the influx of illegal conversions and the up-

coming potential impacts of the three new schools at Commonwealth Blvd. and Union Turnpike. We need to lobby for building inspectors, speed bumps, traffic controls, etc. Civic Associations do these things and keep communities talking to each other in preparation for unexpected problems. The BCCA needs some new officers to

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BCCA Future Uncertain

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stimulate new thoughts, new ideas.

In addition, Rich has published Action News for several years and no one so far is available to do this newsletter. There must be someone with computer interest in the neighborhood who is interested and willing to do this simple newsletter. All stories will be provided to you. Action News is currently published with Microsoft Publisher—a very simple publishing application and the format is already

set up. This would be great experience for a student or someone involved in another club or organization that may be interested in a newsletter, posters, handbills or similar publications. Microsoft Publisher can do all of this and much more. Practice with Action News will get you comfortable with the application and I would provide some training.

Please think about getting more involved as an officer or publisher. See page 3 for available positions. Call 343-5397 for info.

St. Gregory's CYO Baseball

St. Gregory's Athletic Association Board member and baseball team coach Ron Cianciaruso provided this proud recollection of a great team last Spring.

After 5 years, the 8th grade St. Gregory's baseball team, managed by Ron Cianciaruso and coached by Jay Turbeville and Ray Shelley, closed out the 2001 season with a Diocesan Championship. Given the available space we cannot list all of the team members of this great team but we are proud and grateful to all of them. The BCCA would like to mention that three of the students worked with the BCCA distributing newsletters: Paul Cianciaruso, Tim McGeever and Paul Cividanes.

Mr. Cianciaruso reported that all the young men on the team stayed focused throughout the season and showed levels of dedication that can only make a coach proud. Special mention goes to Paul Cianciaruso for his winning hit in the championship game with two outs and a man on third, and to Kevin McLoughlin who was awarded the Queens CYO's Sportsmanship award.

Ray said "knowing most of these kids since Baseball Clinic, it is most gratifying to watch them grow up and mature into fine young men. I hope the memory of this championship stays with them and they can say 'I can do it' in times of self doubt."

Thanks kids, you make Bellerose proud!

BCCA Feedback Form

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To the B.C.C.A.:

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

☐ Enclosed is my \$5 Dues payment for 2002 or a donation

I suggest the following speaker topic: _____

I suggest the following newsletter topic: _____

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

World Trade Center Terrorist Attack

The board of directors and officers of the Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association express their sympathy for all the victims of September 11's terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of victims and especially to the emergency workers involved in search and rescue operations. God Bless you all, God Bless America.

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Director positions and the two Secretary positions are available. We are seeking to fill these positions and attract residents to join the Board and become active. No experience is necessary and we don't ask too much effort. Anyone interested, please see any board member at any meeting.

Quickies

The **L.I. Tomahawks** Football team is back. Over the summer we got word of recruitment for the Midget Team for 12 and 13 year olds. While I'm sure its too late for this season, if you want information on this team, please call Steve at 718 347-0780, or call John at 718 347-3451. "The Winning Tradition Returns", the Long Island Tomahawks at Alley Pond Park.

Don't Call Me

Just a reminder that NYS now has a "Do Not Call" Registry. If pesky dinner-hour or early Sunday morning "courtesy" calls really bother you, you can register with the new registry sponsored by the State. Once you are listed in the quarterly updates, telemarketing companies are barred from making unsolicited calls.

Be sure to list all phone numbers in your house including fax lines. For

more information and to register write to Consumer Protection Board, 5 Empire Plaza, Albany NY 12223 or visit the internet site: www.consumer.state.ny.

No Posting—It's the Law

The following is an excerpt from the Administrative Code of the City of New York:

It is illegal for any person to post or nail any handbill, poster, notice, sign or advertisement on any curb, sidewalk, gutter, flagstone, telephone pole, public utility pole, public garbage bin, bus shelter, bridge abutment, elevated train structure, highway fence, barrel, box, or hydrant or other similar item on any street. There is a rebuttable presumption that the person whose name, telephone number, or other identifying information appears on any handbill, poster, notice, sign, or advertisement on any item or structure is in violation. Fine: \$50—\$250.

Next Month:

Alternative Medicine

We are pleased to announce that a member of our community has volunteered to present his interest area to the BCCA on November 1. This is part of our on-going effort to present interesting topics and to try to get the people of Bellerose to come and learn at our meetings. Bernard is an experienced trainer and lecturer, leading courses in Safety in the Home, First Aid, CPR, Alternative Medicine, Chemical Safety, Nutrition, Preventing Disease, driver training and other programs. Bernard's activities are extensive, especially with the Boy Scouts and numerous veteran's groups. Bernard is a veteran of WWII and has a long list of awards and medals.

We'll have more information on Alternative Medicine in the November edition. Mark your calendar.

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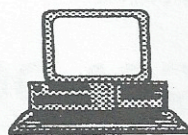
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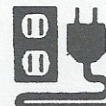
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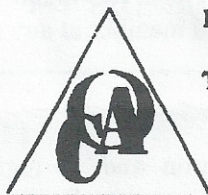
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