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Thursday, March 3, 2016, 8:00 pm

Community Meeting

Next Meeting: April 7, 2016 at 8:00pm

May—Special Joint meeting with Queens Colony on May 12—mark your calendar
Refreshments will be served

The Gavel

Hello Bellerose.

In January with the help of Councilman Barry Grodenchik we inducted our 2016 officers and directors. We welcome two new members, Ron DeMaria and Lauren Fiorentino. It is great to have some new blood with fresh ideas and ready to work. Barry swore in the directors (photo right, top), first, then our officers and finally president Juan Zubizarreta. Thank you, Barry. We will miss Lorraine Anzalone, a long time director who has decided to retire from this position. She has volunteered to continue to serve as host for our newsletter pick-up spot, so block captains will not need to find a new address. Thank you Lorraine for all your years of service. Lauren became very active when she almost single-handedly got the City to replace and enhance the greenstreets medians on 253rd Street. Ron has been very active in the community as past PTA president at PS133 and has been a huge help in our discussions on the Bellerose Playground at PS133.

Block Captains—We are in desperate need for Block Captains and Newsletter Deliverers. Block Captains are volunteer positions responsible for delivering our nine yearly newsletters to approximately 20 neighbors and soliciting our annual dues. Block Captains will also keep BCCA apprised of issues and ideas on their blocks and will be recognized at our annual Block Captain's Recognition at the June meeting. If you are interested in volunteering for this critical position, please email us at info@bccaqueens.org. For homes not served by a block captain, we pay deliverers \$15 per edition to deliver about 100 homes each. We are seeking dependable youths to do this. We are happy to provide a Community Service letter if needed for school or scouts. Please contact info@bccaqueens.org for info.

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing on February 22 of our long-serving New York State Assemblywoman Barbara Clark. Barbara has been a friend of BCCA for over 20 years serving in Albany. She has generously provided funding for the recent refurbishment of the Bellerose Library branch and has always provide significant funding for graffiti removal around Bellerose. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Clark family.

2016 Swearing in



Councilman Barry Grodenchik (left) swearing in our officers (left to right): Treasurer/Corr. Secretary Richard Hellenbrecht, Recording Secretary Ruth Mazistrano and Vice President Lourdes Hartrick.



Councilman Barry

Grodenchik (left) swear-

ing in our directors (left

to right): Lauren Fioren-

tino, Gulen Zubizarreta,

Michael Weisbord, Ron

DeMaria, Bill Turis,

James Delanev. John

Reh and Van DaSilva.



Councilman Barry Grodenchik (left) swearing in our president, Juan Zubizarreta.

Photos courtesy Gulen Zubizarreta

Due to vacation schedule we are publishing an abbreviated newsletter this month. We'll be back next month.

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