December 2006 Holiday Party

We are glad so many of our community came to the holiday party and from the noise level of the conversations, it seems everyone had a good time. Good food, great prizes and pleasant company are a truly unbeatable combination.

A special thanks to Bernard Aquilino and Gene Foster for all their work in obtaining gifts from our local merchants for the raffle. A hearty thanks to both Gene for the excellent job he did with the party food and Bill Schmidt for providing all the drinks. We are also grateful to Gene and his wife Carol, Barney and his wife Elsie, Bill Schmidt and my wife Marge, for their help in setting up the party for all to enjoy. And thanks to all others who lent a helpful hand.

Our appreciation goes to Pickles Deli for the delicious hero and to the EOK Bakery for the beautiful cake that were donated for our Holiday Party. These establishments are located on Braddock Avenue, between Gettysburg and 237th Streets.

We are especially grateful to all the fine vendors who contributed prizes. They are listed on page 2 and just as we ask that you patronize Bulletin advertisers, we ask also that you visit and shop at these merchants who have been supportive of your association.

Lastly, we express our gratitude to Mr. Tom Hurtubise, December’s featured speaker and Curator of Education, Queens Zoo. Tom shared his knowledge and passion for the Zoo, which is a tribute to American animals and is run by the Wildlife Conservation Society. The Zoo is a great place to visit and is open 365 days a year (718.271.1500).

Yearly Dues Kick-Off: Improving Your Neighborhood

Please complete the Dues Request Form on page three and send it, along with your payment, to the noted address. It is only $5.00. Many households contribute additional amounts, but it has always been more important for us to have 100% participation.

YOU and the RHCA: Become Involved!

It is crucial that we have more local residents represented on our Board. If you are involved with other organizations, it is even more important that you join with us. To remain a first rate neighborhood, we need all groups within the community working together for its betterment. Please turn to page three and read about available positions, projects and how you can apply.

The Rocky Hill Civic Association wishes you all wonderful and memorable days ahead and a fulfilling 2007.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to All
A Message From Your President, Frank Toner

This month, I have placed all my thank you’s on page one, where they belong. Below is the list of the local merchants who so generously contributed gifts to our Holiday Party and that I hope you visit often in the new year. Please show them this Bulletin when claiming your gifts.

A1 Transmission Shop (2 gifts) at 122-26 Farmers Boulevard, Jamaica
Angoletto Pizzeria & Restaurant at 1598 Hillside Avenue, New Hyde Park
Bellerose Lumber at 248-01 Jamaica Avenue, Bellerose
Berger’s Cleaners at 233-14 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village
Best Paint Supply Inc. (2 gifts) at 220-23 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica
By the Slice Pizza (6 gifts) at 236-09 Braddock Avenue, Bellerose
Cara Mia Restaurant at 220-20 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village
Cross Bay Appliances 158-34 Cross Bay Boulevard, Jamaica
Curves located at 224-13 Union Turnpike, Flushing
Dan’s Supreme (3 gifts) at 220-46 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village
Fiddler’s Inn at 247-77 Jamaica Avenue, Bellerose
Gino’s Pizzeria at 61-32 Springfield Boulevard, Flushing
Great Neck Auto Center at 390 Great Neck Road
Ideal Barbers at 253-07 Union Turnpike, Glen Oaks
Jai Hind Auto Center (3 gifts) at 241-15 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose
Joe’s Barber Shop (2 gifts) at 222-66 Braddock Avenue, Queens Village
Bob Mancz Service Station at 222-33 Braddock Avenue, Bellerose Manor
New Hyde Park Wine & Liquor at 400 Hillside Avenue
New Hyde Park Dinner (2 gifts) at 160 Hillside Avenue
The Pet Barn at 212 Franklin Avenue, Elmont
Queens Village Diesel (2 gifts) at 218-02 Hillside Avenue
Queens Zoo (4 gifts) located in the Flushing Meadows Corona Park
Rocky Hill Pharmacy (2 gifts) at 236-01 Braddock Avenue, Bellerose
Ruben’s Unisex Hair Cutters at 233-18 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose Manor
Stop & Shop at New Hyde Park & Hillside Avenue, New Hyde Park
Vito’s Italian Restaurant at 78-37 Springfield Boulevard, Flushing
Winchester’s Pub & Restaurant (2 gifts) at 233-12 Hillside Avenue, Bellerose Manor

Member Updates

Marian (Jean) Corbett

We regret to announce the death, on December 6th, of long time Bellerose resident and member of the Creedmoor Civic Association Board, Marian (Jean) Corbett. Marian lived on 88th Avenue.

“Practice random acts of kindness.”
Community News

Zip Code 11427-2703 Alert: Bellerose Manor
Recently, a community member had a problem with zip code 11427 being appropriately linked with the name Bellerose Manor. This name is a valid alternative to Queens Village. If you have a problem where the name Bellerose Manor is crossed off any of your mailings, please contact Mr. Frank Fazzio, Manager, Customer Service Operations at 718.990.1012.

Rocky Hill Civic Association: Enhancing the Quality of Life
This Association has been a volunteer organization for eighty years. Our primary goals continue to be to improve the quality of life for members and their families, while also protecting the investments made in their homes and community.

RHCA supports positive initiatives and takes action to new challenges facing the community. Our on-going efforts include providing cleaner and safer streets, monitoring zoning and development concerns and lobbying elected officials. Neighbors are kept informed through regular Member Meetings, a Bulletin and an RHCA web site. This is an impressive amount of community assistance, time and talent for only $5.00 per year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rocky Hill Civic Association, Inc. - Annual $5.00 Dues Receipt for 2007
Name:  ....................................................................................................   Email:  ......................................
Address:  ...................................................................................................   Phone:  ......................................
Please make your check payable to the Rocky Hill Civic Association and mail it with this coupon to:
RHCA       88-19 Billings Street     Bellerose Manor, New York         11427-2646

☐ Please check if you are interested in volunteering for Board Member, Committee Member and/or participation in a Special Project and we will contact you.

Personally Improve Your Community: RHCA Volunteer Opportunities
The current composition of the Rocky Hill Civic Association is as follows:

President, Frank Toner
Vice-President, Linda Gritsch
Recording Secretary, Linda Gritsch
Financial Secretary, Marge Toner
Treasurer, Dinesh Arjun
Program Director, Gene Foster
Sgt At Arms, William Schmidt
President-Emeritus, Bernard Aquilino
Corresponding Secretary, Vacant

Board Members are Gene Foster, Ida Gold, William Schmidt, Annie Abraham and Jessie Vukich. There are currently four vacancies on the Board. As you can see, our biggest need is for additional Board Members. Board Members attend and actively participate in eight meetings a year. Many times, a Board Member also wishes to join in a committee or project of particular interest to this member, but all participation is always on a voluntary basis.

We are often looking for assistance with projects that can be personally satisfying and helpful to the vicinity and its residents. You can sign up for our Beautification Project, which includes graffiti removal and planting flowers in public places. Our President, Frank Toner is in the process of meeting with Martin Van Buren High School about a project to engage the students in community service for credit. There will be a need for a Youth Coordinator for this program. Another area of importance is maintaining a Violations List and working with the Buildings Department for proper notification and resolution of Building Code violations. Or, perhaps you have a special area of interest. Let us know. You can email, phone, write or place a check in the circle on the Dues Receipt (see above) and we will contact you about volunteering.

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