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In the quiet of your home, you may feel distant from the sharp crack of gunfire that disrupts our neighborhood's peace. The person pulling the trigger isn't reading this—but you are, and your voice matters now more than ever. We cannot—and must not—normalize violence on our streets. Instead, we must band together, a united community raising our voices for change. Join us for a rally this Saturday at 2 p.m. on the corner of Rockaway Parkway and Glenwood Road by the "L" train station.

A young mother, in the sanctity of her home, preparing her child for school, was struck by a bullet last week. This is not just terrible news; it's a clarion call for us to act. Her ordeal could have been any of ours, and it is a poignant reminder that the time for change is now.

There's an urgent call to action that goes beyond the immediate aftermath of a shooting. When bullets fly and thankfully does not end a life, it's a stark reminder of the precious chance we have to act, to prevent the next wouldbe shooter from making a devastating decision. It's about the community we love and the safe haven we strive to uphold for our families and children.

Our agenda is clear: we demand the full funding for a Cure Violence site right here in Canarsie. We call for bolstering our public safety network to shield our future from the shadows of gun violence – not cuts in critical programs. And we need you there, standing shoulder to shoulder with your neighbors.

Your presence is important and a testament to our collective strength. Together, we can transform fear into fortitude, tragedy into triumph, pain into purpose and send a powerful message that gun violence has no place in Canarsie.

Date: Saturday, December 23rd. Time: 2 p.m. Location: Rockaway Parkway and Glenwood Road (1425 Rockaway Pkwy, Brooklyn, NY 11236).

Jibreel Jalloh created a Canarsiebased advocacy organization that has fought for a range of investments, including ferry service and anti-gun violence programs. Jibreel graduated from Baruch College (CUNY)



and is currently pursuing a master's degree at New York University. He's worked in the office of multiple elected officials including Public Advocate Jumaane Williams and Congressman Hakeem Jeffries. Jibreel is a member of Community Board 18. Learn more at theflossy.org or send him an email at team@theflossy.org.

Our Community is Not for Sale!

By Linda Steinmuller

A group of concerned residents, civic leaders and elected officials are fighting a rezoning proposal that would allow a seven-story, mixed-use building to be built at 5602 Flatlands Avenue. They gathered at the vacant site for a Press Conference, hosted by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and the Joint Community Council of Southeast Brooklyn, on Saturday, December 16th, to tell the "City of Yes" that they are the "Community of No."

The City of Yes has five major proposals that would increase development, targeting low-density neighborhoods to free up more real estate, deregulate the land use process and allow high-density residential and commercial development everywhere (see "*City of Yes' Will be the 'Death of the City,'" Canarsie Courier, December 14, 2023*).

Standing in solidarity were civic leaders from Canarsie to Gerritsen Beach, as well as the Dyker Heights Civic Association President and Vice President of the Queens Civic Congress, which represents 75 civic organizations – all opposed to the City of Yes. Angry residents held signs that read, "Say No to 'City of Yes'" and "Preserve One & Two Family Homes."

"Look around you," Assemblywoman Williams said. "There are one- and twofamily homes across the street." Of the proposed megabuilding that would have 174 residential units, commercial space and limited parking, if approved, she said, "When you build these kinds of structures, you alter our community. We are not going to stand for that. Our community is not for sale!"

The neighborhoods within Community Board 18 have a large amount of green space and the highest percentage of owner-occupied housing in Brooklyn, at almost 60%, and residents want to keep it that way.

Williams said that an initiative like City of Yes will eliminate generational wealth and eat away at the middle class. "If this building goes up, it sets the platform for everything else to be developed in our community."

"We are not waiting until City of Yes brings their plan to the community board for a vote. That's why we are here today – to let them know we are against this!"

"They are saying that low-density communities like ours need to take their fair share of housing. We paid our fair share; we pay our property taxes and mortgages," Williams said. Paul Graziano, Principal Associated Cultural Resource Consultants, a lawyer who has been fighting to protect neighborhoods for 30 years, agrees. "Homeowners pay the majority of property taxes in the city, not multifamily investment buildings, and commercial properties are being subsidized by us. We pay 300 to 400% what Downtown Brooklyn and Manhattan pay in property taxes!"

Some of the communities in southeast Brooklyn are built on marshland and are located in flood zones, having experienced major flooding and damage from Superstorm Sandy. Yet there is no mention of plans to improve infrastructure or address emergency management procedures in the City of Yes proposal.

Graziano said that when the Department of City Planning (DCP) was questioned on this matter, they remained silent. "The city's history is to build now and worry about it later," he said.

While the presentations made by DCP at community board meetings across the city may sound like what Graziano calls "puppy dog and ice cream slides," he said if you read their entire plan, which is over 1,000 pages, it presents a totally different picture.

"The city wants to eliminate singlefamily housing. The mayor said they [low-density neighborhoods] are the reason for the housing crisis. It's right in DCP's plan," he said.

"There is no good outcome to this."



Assemblywoman Jaime Williams opposes a seven-story building at 5602 Flatlands Avenue.



Angered residents hold signs expressing their opposition.

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Sixty-Ninth Precinct Disbands NCO Program, Causing Angst to Some Residents

By Brenda Cox

The low attendance at the 69th Precinct Sector B Build the Block meeting, held on Thursday, December 14th, at Consuming Fire Ministries, 9623 Avenue L, had no impact on the information that was shared by Neighborhood Coordination Officer (NCO) Gunvinder Singh, nor the discussion that it elicited. Before delving into his report, Singh announced that the NCO program at the 69th Precinct had been curtailed, leaving only him to conduct meetings for all four sectors going forward. The announcement was quite unsettling to the nine attendees who had quite a bit to complain about, but Singh assured everyone that he would do his best to respond to their complaints and work with them to find solutions.

He reported that crime was down overall, due in part to the apprehension of a juvenile delinquent who was responsible for a series of burglaries in the neighborhood and another two who were prolific in the commission of auto thefts. The NCO suggested that owners place tracking devices, similar to an air tag, on



their vehicles, as a means of combating the problem. He said the devices could be obtained and installed free of charge, at the precinct, through a citywide program that had been implemented to deal with the problem. At the same time, Singh warned that other crimes, such as package theft, have spiked especially at this time of the year when more people are having deliveries made to their homes. He advised that anyone who is not going to be home at the time of a delivery should arrange to have the package delivered to a pickup center or a trusted neighbor.

The attendees vented their exasperation about other (recurring) quality of life issues. They complained of abandoned vehicles, illegal dumping, cars with loud noises, owners not cleaning up after their dogs, school buses parked in places they shouldn't be --- and the list went on and on. Singh told them to call him every time but also encouraged them to call 311.

Jennifer Viechweg-Horsford who represented State Senator Roxanne Persaud at the meeting, provided some valuable insight on how to handle some of the problems. She too stressed the importance of dialing 311. "Call 311, especially those of you with block associations. Everyone needs to call because reports are generated from those calls and that's how resources get allocated." She also informed them that Persaud had already secured legislation (Senate Bill S1084A) which prohibits school buses from parking on city streets, weekdays, between 5 p.m. and 5 a.m., and on weekends, from 5 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday.

Corruption Exposed at 63rd Precinct Sector C Meeting

By Loretta Chin

It was a typical quarterly Build the Block Sector C meeting on Thursday, December 14th, with many old and some new neighborhood problems, until the conversation veered toward a quality of life issue that a home-owner in the area experienced, exposing corruption outside of police control.

Neighborhood Coordination Officers Felicia Grant and Alexander Castilla were joined by Crime Prevention Officer Ryan Walsh and Auxiliary Coordinator Police Officer John Gamba to discuss how to keep safe, especially during the holiday season, and to address any concerns of the Flatlands and Mill Basin residents who gathered at Congregation Beit Hillel at 2165 Ralph Avenue.

Among some of the crime prevention topics the officers discussed were auto theft prevention; mall safety; thwarting thieves targeting wallets, pocketbooks, packages and mail; home security; and more.

In turn, residents reported mailbox tampering, illegal tow truck car thefts, tire shops blocking sidewalks and parking spots, abandoned cars, speeding, neighbors placing cones on the street to save parking spots, dollar vans, cable wires dropping onto the street, migrants knocking on doors for money and food or begging on the streets, and a man who appeared to be living out of a car for over a year.

Terri Cadet-Donald identified herself as a Community Board 18 board member and said that some of those problems should be brought to the next CB 18 meeting scheduled for December 20th.

Upon hearing of her position on the board, East 48th Street Mill Island Block Association President Broderick





63rd Precinct Sector C NCOs and residents of Flatlands and Mill Basin stand together.

Wilcox wanted to know if she had any inside information about something he was wondering about because he was having a lot of problems getting a tree pruned on his block that was overdue for the work, according to the Parks Department schedule.

He was told by the Parks Department that the work couldn't be done because of the pandemic but later discovered, as reported in a *New York Post* article in May ("*NY Parks Dept. under fire for awarding \$40 million to contractor convicted of insurance fraud*") that the tree service contract was awarded to a firm (Dragonetti Brothers Landscaping, Nursery & Florist Inc.) convicted of insurance fraud, which actually may have caused the delay. The news surprised a lot of people in the room who are familiar with the firm.

"Why couldn't the Parks Department be more trans-



parent with the public when the contractor got indicted for [insurance fraud] grand larceny?" he asked, adding that it was affecting everybody because, as a result, they couldn't get their trees pruned.

That's a question that I cannot answer as I don't work for the Parks Department," Cadet-Donald said. "That's a question that you can bring to the community board."

We will be closed on Friday, December 22nd, and Monday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas



Sixty-Ninth Precinct Clergy Council Ends Year With Prayers and Thanksgiving

By Brenda Cox

The 69th Precinct Clergy Council held their annual end-of-year get-together on Monday, December 11th, at Church at the Rock, 1288 East 92nd Street. It was an evening of thanksgiving, praise, prayers, fellowship and great food.

Clergy Council President Reverend Cecil Moonsam welcomed fellow clergy, elected officials, NYPD and a host of community members who prayed for Canar-



sie and shared their vision for making it a better place. State Senator Roxanne Persaud reminded everyone to be vigilant about scams that abound during the holiday season, particularly those targeting the elderly.

Captain Dion Hinds, Commanding Officer of the 69th Precinct, agreed and stated that his department is in the process of implementing a program to educate the community about scams. He also gave a quick update on crime statistics in the community and happily reported that overall crime had dropped significantly, but warned that vehicular thefts had skyrocketed and continue to soar.

Pastor Gale Forde, a Clergy Council Board member, prayed for the community and gave thanks for all who made it through another year. "We are grateful to be in the land of the living. As this year comes to a close, we want to say how grateful we are to You for all Your



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benefits to us. We will be forever grateful unto You for all that You've been unto us. Continue to bless the community of Canarsie," she implored. Rev. Moonsam added, "We thank You God because we know that You are Great and Wonderful."

"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Prince of Peace!" echoed Church at the Rock Elder Nicholas Weekes. "It's out of that conviction and that foundation that we're rooted in this community. It's a chaotic world. We are praying that the work of Jesus Christ will continue to go forth. I am praying that God will continue to bless all of you."

In his closing prayer, Rev. Mullery Jean-Pierre, another Clergy Council Board member, thanked God for the opportunity to worship and to be in each other's presence. He acknowledged that "though we are working to serve the community, we are working to be able to advance Your love and kindness to others." The Clergy Council's motto is "Serving Prayerfully; Serving Faithfully; Serving Spiritually our Community and our Police Department." Rev. Jean-Pierre asked "a special blessing upon everyone in the room so that they would remember that You love them and You placed them in the community to use their gifts, skills and talents to bless each other and that in return, we too will be blessed."

Earlier, in her greeting, Assemblywoman Jaime Williams counseled, "Let us remember why we are serving."



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Holiday Cheer for Children in a Winter Wonderland with Santa

By Loretta Chin

Kids and families came out in droves to celebrate the joy of the holidays and a great time with Santa as they gathered for a Winter Wonderland event sponsored by the Kings Plaza-Canarsie Kiwanis Club at the St. Thomas Aquinas gymnasium, 1501 Hendrickson Street, on Friday, December 8th.

In its second year, the free event for children ages 3-12 began as an afternoon at the movies, set up by Matrix owner Robert Rodney with *Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas* and other holiday cartoons. To go with the entertainment, about 100 kids were treated to hot dogs, snacks and beverages, handed out by Executive Director of Millennium Development Paul Curiale and his volunteers.

Then, the real fun and smiles began when jingle bells and holiday music announced the arrival of Santa. The kids yelled "Merry Christmas" to Santa, then



The Soto family photo with Santa

lined up to take pictures and receive a present from Santa and his elf, with many giving him a hug before proceeding to Candyland to get gift bags and candy.

Kiwanis Club Secretary Mark Pohl helped organize and manage the event. St. Thomas Aquinas' Father Dwayne Davis provided the venue and over a dozen volunteers from his youth group. Glamaris Leon delivered the toys donated by TD Bank and Richard Schweid was Santa for a day with the help of his elf, Kiwanis Club president Veronica Daniele.

The Kings Plaza-Canarsie Kiwanis Club encompasses the Kings Plaza area, Marine Park, Gerritsen Beach and Canarsie. All the Kiwanis members who participated worked together as a community geared toward children to make a memorable day for them that will last a lifetime.

"They had a good time," Lara Soto, who came with her family, said. "My son's smile with Santa said it all."



This little girl gives a high five to Santa.



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Marine Park All is Merry and Bright at Historic Lott House Tree Lighting

By Arthur De Gaeta More than 600 people lined up along East 36th Street on Friday evening, December 8th, to celebrate the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Hendrick I. Lott House in the heart of Marine Park.

Children and their parents were greeted by Santa Claus who spread lots of Christmas cheer. Kids posed for pictures with Saint Nick while volunteers served hot chocolate and cookies.

As the countdown began, the technical



crew had their fingers crossed that the tree would light. When the countdown reached one, the switch was thrown and the festive lights made the evergreen tree sparkle to the applause of the crowd.

A special thank-you to Carl Gambino who donated the tree in memory of his daughter, Gianna, who passed away from a rare form of pediatric cancer. "Gianna's favorite holiday was Christmas, so I decided to donate the tree in her memory," he told the *Canarsie Courier*.



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Flatlands Bikers Bring Toys and Joy to Girls and Boys at Local School

By Loretta Chin

It was "kickstands up" time at noon on Sunday, December 10th, as The Chosen Souls Motorcycle Club of Brooklyn left the Bull's Eye Sports Pub at 2073 Flatbush Avenue on a joint mission to deliver loads of toys to children at nearby P.S. 203 Floyd Bennett School, located at 5101 Avenue M.

Due to the pouring rain, no kickstands on the motorcycles were raised that day, but the rubber still hit the road as the group loaded toys into their cars and trucks to make deliveries so that eagerly-waiting kids and their families could share in some holiday joy.

Santa came in his sleigh, which was the Gerritsen Beach Volunteer fire truck driven by Captain Dan Ene. He shouted a jolly, "Ho, Ho, Ho" as he entered the school cafeteria and was greeted by hugs from the children.

Thanks to Parent Coordinator Mandi Findlay, 4th grade teacher Lauren Alfarano and her sister Jane Carbonaro-Arrabito, Assistant Principal Brian Sadowski, school counselor Darlene Joseph and volunteers like Chequita Best, who created the welcoming atmosphere at the school, everyone enjoyed pizza and refreshments as Santa and his helpers handed out toys to the kids as they shared in the spirit of the holidays.

It was truly a grassroots community effort to bring joy to the neighborhood and to make sure that every child had a toy this holiday season.



Chosen Souls MC with some of the many children who received toys at P.S. 203





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Christmas Came Early at the 69th Precinct North Pole Command!

By Baqir Ahmad

The 69th Precinct Community Council hosted its Annual Toy Distribution at its North Pole Command, located at 9720 Foster Avenue, on Saturday, December 16th.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their helpers distributed all sorts of toys to boys and girls. Along with holiday gifts, kids were treated to hot chocolate, donuts and cake. They also got to pose with Santa, and many of the kids took selfies. The commanding officer of the 69th Precinct, Captain Dion Hinds, got into the holiday spirit too and helped hand out toys to the kids. Happy to see a positive turnout, he said, "It's always a pleasure to see the neighborhood kids enjoying and having fun...seeing



the smiles on the kids' faces with their favorite gifts makes me a better commanding officer."

Members of the 69th Precinct Community Council, auxiliary police officers, NYPD Explorers, along with State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow and Millennium Development Executive Director Paul Curiale joined in the festivities.

Community Council President Gardy Brazela thanked the NYPD and the community for their continued support and by working together to build trust between cops and the community. "It's a great event when the police and the community come together and build a close bond," said Brazela.



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P.S. 276 Celebrates the Holidays with Festival of Lights

By Brenda Cox The temperature might have dipped on Wednesday, December 6th, but the soaring voices of the Vocal Choir at P.S. 276 Louis Marshall School was certainly uplifting. Parents and other guests gathered outside the building, at 1070 East 83rd Street, for the Annual Festival of Lights celebration and were serenaded by melodious voices belting out (rather appropriately) "Lift Every Voice and Sing," "Joy to the World" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Principal Jennifer Troman, who began the tradition at the school three years ago, told the shivering guests, "It may be cold out here, but our students are going to warm your hearts with their singing and light up the night with love." And that's exactly what they did!

The festivities featured a display of hundreds of warm-colored lights, a Kwanzaa and lighted menorah

display, reindeer and sleigh with presents, snowmen and Christmas trees that were decorated by the students. Each grade, 3K-5, chose a theme and decorated the trees accordingly. The ornaments depicted symbols of love and kindness, names and languages of countries around the world, and Gingerbread Land. "Our school is so diverse with different cultures we should show that during the holidays," a very astute 5th-grader stated.

Principal Troman spoke about the importance of "unity and community" and stressed the importance of spreading love and light this holiday season and being kind to one another. "It warms my heart to see our students here tonight, beaming with pride as they show their parents what they made for the tree," Troman announced. Sharon Long, who represented Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, stated, "I have never seen a



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school do a display like this," while the parent of a 1st-grader gushed, "P.S. 276 has outdone themselves. This display is gorgeous!"

Representatives from the offices of State Senator Roxanne Persaud, Councilwomen Mercedes Narcisse and Farah Louis were also present for the festivities, as were CB18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow; Dr. Shirley Wheeler-Massey who represented Celeste Terry, Superintendent of District 18; Executive Director of Millennium Development Paul Curiale; as well as Lion Dr. Jean Joseph and other Brooklyn Canarsie Lions.

'It is a privilege and honor to be the leader of this amazing school," Troman said. "Everything we do as a staff and community is for the kids!"



Afterschool Snacks for Students to Enjoy



On Wednesday afternoon, December 6th, the Canarsie Merchants Association hosted an Afterschool Snack event, which was a collaborative effort with one of our merchant members, Steph's Cake Shop, located at 1392 Rockaway Parkway.

Steph's Cake Shop made an assortment of four cookie flavors for the occasion, including peppermint, sugar cookie, oatmeal and chocolate chip. Our setup was positioned outside their establishment, creating a welcoming display of sweet treats for the children to enjoy. This event aimed to extend a supportive gesture to the hardworking students in our community. As the school day ended, students came down the block curious to see the setup with baked goods. The smiles and expressions of gratitude from the students are the reasons we continue to do these events.

This will be one of our offerings that we will continue for the community in 2024.

Courtesy of the Canarsie Merchants Association

Flatlands

Fox Playground Lights Up the Night at Third Annual Community Lighting

By Loretta Chin

Fox Playground became a beacon of light shining on many happy faces at its annual tree lighting event on Friday, December 15th, at Avenue H and East 54th Street.

Flatlands Civic Club, Inc. (FCC) President Joan Gilbert gave a little history about the park, which is on the same block as P.S. 251 The Paerdegat School. "Fox Park is named after Brooklynite, David A. Fox," she said. "He lived at the Glenwood Houses and he attended P.S. 251, so I know that you guys are making David Fox proud."

Students from P.S. 251 wore necklaces of multicolored blinking holiday lights, adding to the festive mood, as they decorated the tree. As dusk settled in,

School Crossing Guards Honored for Their Service



Tom Scuderi, retired crossing guards and Dimple Willabus.



Members of First Responders Lions Club and the retirees with Tom Scuderi.

Three retired school crossing guards were honored in Mill Basin on Wednesday, December 6th, for their dedicated years of service.

Joann Mantagas served 33 years; Theresa Trimarco served 31 years; and Ellen Mendez served 20 years.

The crossing guards were honored by the First Responders Lions Club. Tom Scuderi, the newlyelected Shop Steward and seven-year veteran crossing guard, reached out to Dimple Willabus, President of First Responders LC, with his idea to honor the retirees.

"When Tom shared his idea of honoring the retirees, I was delighted to support the people who put their lives on the line to ensure our children get to school safely!" said Willabus.

A nonprofit organization in Brooklyn is seeking sealed bids for the sale and installation of fortified windows with shatterproof film, fortified doors, and security cameras. Selection criteria will be based on knowledge of security, adherence to projected work schedule, prior experience, references, and cost. Please email [bhsproject83@gmail.com] for project specifications and bid requirements. Vendors must provide contact name, phone, and email address. Bids will be accepted until [January 15, 2024]. they sang "Jingle Bells" in a special performance that delighted the crowd. Everyone cheered and clapped as the tree was lit. Later, the children received gift bags donated by the FCC.

At the last FCC meeting on November 16th, Sabrina Dieujuste, Director of Constituent Services for Councilwoman Farah Louis, announced that due to redistricting, Fox Playground is no longer under Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse and is now under District 45 Councilwoman Farah Louis.

The event was hosted by Assemblywoman Jaime Williams and the FCC, in partnership with State Senator Kevin Parker, Councilwoman Farah Louis, NYC Parks, Millennium Development, Lions Club International and the 63rd Precinct.

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Flatlands Lions Roar at Inaugural Sunners Playground Holiday Lighting

By Loretta Chin

The Brooklyn Canarsie Lions Club, Councilwoman Farah Louis and Community Board 18 District Manager Sue Ann Partnow joined neighbors and friends at the recently renovated Sunners Playground at Avenue H and East 49th Street to spread some holiday cheer at the playground's first holiday lighting event on Thursday, December 14th.

"We are adopting this park," Lions President Jean Joseph said to the councilwoman, who is also a member of the Lions. "And for many reasons: 1) 'We were at the opening with you,' and 2) 'This is my neighborhood.""

Joseph spoke of the importance of community as family, to which everyone agreed, and promised that the Lions would keep an eye on the park and protect it. Many families were there with children to gather in the light of the tree and in the spirit of community.

The Lions donated the tree, decorations and lights, and refreshments were provided by Millennium Development Executive Director Paul Curiale. Louis and her staff added special touches and holiday music, which was accentuated by a live drum performance by Betty Clacken.

"So this, my friends, is not just about decorations and the lights; it's about the

light that shines within us, the light of generosity that fuels our service, the light of hope that guides us through darkness, the light of love that binds us together," Joseph said. "Tonight, let us light up this tree to remind us that even the smallest kind of kindness can illuminate the world — so let us roar, Lions, with laughter and cheer."

According to the Parks Department website, reconstruction of the park began in 2018 and was completed in May 2023 with \$1,550,000 funding from the NYC Council. After completion, a ribbon-cut-ting ceremony took place in July.

At the last Flatlands Civic Club meeting on Nov. 16th, Sabrina Dieujuste, Director of Constituent Services for Councilwoman Farah Louis, announced that due to redistricting, Sunners Playground is no longer under Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse and is now under District 45 Councilwoman Louis.



Sue Ann Partnow, Jean Joseph and Councilwoman Farah Louis gather with children by the tree.



Golden Age Daycare Provides Social Activities and Resources for the Community

By Brenda Cox

On any given day, Monday through Friday, the Golden Age Adult Daycare Center, 9305 Avenue L, is bustling with activity.

Their members arrive early and enjoy a hearty breakfast before engaging in the projects planned for the day. An activity might be as simple as sitting together after breakfast and talking about "upcoming news" at the center. "We want to get them excited and give them something to look forward to," Program Director Jill Duncan stated to the Canarsie Courier. Other daily activities include working on arts and crafts, karaoke singing, performing gentle exercises or playing games like chess, dominoes or bingo. On occasion, the members are taken on trips to the casino, the movies or even shopping.

In a lot of ways, Golden Age Adult Daycare is a respite for many – particularly those who are ailing and/or live alone. Some of the members suffer from high blood pressure, diabetes, dementia or even depression and require a little extra care. "We have a staff that is highly trained and able to assist them with their needs," Duncan stated. And despite its name, Golden Age Adult Daycare is not just for seniors. It's a Social Center that caters to adults of all ages. "Anyone 21 years of age and over, who has a functional impairment or cognitive disability, and receives Medicaid, is welcome," Duncan explained. Non-Medicaid clients are also accepted but at an out-of-pocket cost of \$65 per day.

Lately, the center has been providing additional services and activities for their members and the community. Beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday afternoons, they host a food distribution where area residents are treated to hampers of fresh produce and other staples. Additionally, they have a barbeque and live DJ who "mixes" it up and plays contemporary music for the younger adults, as well as the nostalgic "oldies but goodies" that resonate with the more senior adults. Anyone who joins the center during the event receives a raffle ticket for a chance to win a TV. See their advertisement on the back page.



Golden Age members enjoying karaoke

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Senator Persaud Closes Out Year With Massive Toy Distribution at District Office

By Brenda Cox

On Sunday, December 17th, a horde of parents with young children showed up at State Senator Roxanne Persaud's District Office, 1222 East 96th Street, for her Annual Toy Distribution. For almost the entire three hours that the event was held, the spacious lobby was packed from end to end. And what was in store was not just a toy for the children, but so much more – Ho Ho!

First stop was a room decorated for Christmas, where Santa and Mrs. Claus awaited their arrival. The children (and some adults) were delighted to sit on Santa's lap for a snapshot after which the kids were given some candy before moving on to the next treat -- various items of warm weather clothing – hats, socks, gloves/mittens and sneakers. The children simply pointed to the one they desired and it was theirs. As an added bonus, the parents were given baby



bottles, pampers and bags containing feminine hygiene products.

The next destination featured a table laden with a variety of plush toys for the babies and reading books and coloring pads for the older children. And then, the piece de resistance! Toys! Toys! And more - Ho Ho - toys! All arranged according to age – toddler through 14 years -- and gender. Each person was escorted to the appropriate section where, again, the children made their selection by pointing.

Afterward, they were ushered out to make room for the next group but not before being treated to a variety of snacks – lemonade, iced tea, hot cocoa, cookies, chips and a Ho Ho whole lot more goodies.

The immense success of the event was facilitated by the 69th Precinct Explorers, District 20K-1 Lions and a host of community volunteers.





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40. Partner to cheese

41. Type of sword42. Enough (archaic)

45. Choose for a post 46. Father

48. Indian title of respect

56. Vaccine developer

61. Marten with a short tail

64. Invests in little enterprises65. Popular cut of meat

67. Iron-containing compound

68. River in Northern Europe 69. One point east of southeast

33. Escort aircraft carrier

37. Unhappy38. High schoolers' test

40. Measured in pace

43. Gullible person

44. Enclosed space

51. Semitic Sun god

52. Grads wear one

53. French river

54. Part of a cap

57. Digestive fluid

61. Very fast airplane

62. Supplement with difficulty

58. Metrical foot

59. Body part

36. Mythical settler of Kansas

46. Substance used to color something

49. Discover by investigation

50. __-Castell, makers of pens

34. Italian city

41. Satisfies

47. Shirt type

47 Tell on

49 Fonts 52. Fencing sword

55. Mock

or place

66. Charity

63. Chinese temple

43. Surface layer of ground

44. Cotton fabric woven like satin

60. Atmosphere surrounding a person

CLUES ACROSS

1. Droops 5. Subatomic particle

- 10. Not in danger
- 14. Nursemaid
- 15. Black band worn in mourning
- Long song in opera
 Edible seed of a Philippine
- tree
- 18. Chicago political family
- Pursues pleasure from one place to another
- 20. Appetizer
- 22. Hill (Celtic)
- 23. Simple shoe 24. Songs to one you love
- 27 Secret activities
- 30. Upset 31. Popular hot drink
- 32. Body art (slang)
- 35. Fired
- 37. Blood relation 38. Identical
- 39. Porticos

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Exhausts
- 2. Genus of fish related to gars
- 3. Impudent behavior 4. Adherents to Islam
- 5. They come after A
- 6. Spoke 7. Room to receive guests
- 8. About opera
- 9. End-blown flute
- 10. Heroic tales 11. Member of a Semitic people
- 12. Dog's name
- 13. Opposite of west 21. Political divisions in ancient
- Greece

23. Ocean

- 25. Cool!
- 26. Young woman about to enter society
- 27. One from central Caucasus
- 28. Indian city 29. A way to serve ice cream
- 32. Emaciation



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