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Christmas Was a World of Wonders for Children in Canarsie

By Emma Matthews

Longtime Canarsie resident Emma Matthews was born circa 1872. In the following narrative, she describes Christmastime in Canarsie, when she was eight years old. The article was originally published in the December 19, 1963 issue of the Canarsie Courier. Mrs. Matthews died in 1952 and is buried in the Canarsie Cemetery. We hope our readers will enjoy her account of Canarsie during simpler times, when Canarsie was a small, rural community.

Soon another Christmas will be bringing to Canarsiens the message of joy and peace to mankind. As the holiday season draws near, my memory goes back over the years more than three quarters of a century – to an earlier and simpler time. Allow me to share my memories as an eight-year-old girl with my young friends, as we knew Christmas, circa 1885, in the village of Canarsie – truly rural in those days.

We lived in a large, two-story, white brick house on Tieman's Lane, near what is today's E. 100th Street, between Avenues J and K. Our huge front yard, it seems to me now, was always covered at Christmastime with a deep white mantle of snow that stayed with us for weeks into the new year.

There were no snowplows to clear the roads and folks just shoveled paths around their homes, the paths ultimately crisscrossing like one of those old-time patchwork quilts. Since there were but a handful of stores in Canarsie back in 1885, and the population was so scattered, it was necessary for most of the families to have their foodstuffs delivered.

I remember the coming of Christmas always brought out such merchants as Richard Guiler, whose grocery store was at Conklin Avenue and East 93rd Street. Another greengrocer and vegetable purveyor was Henry Butecke, who owned a three-story frame building at the corner of Avenue L and East 95th Street. Still another popular merchant was Claus Kopf, also from Avenue L.

Another tradesman whose popularity with the youngsters of Canarsie always zoomed high during the Christmas season was Mr. Magee, the dairyman. In all justice, however, I must add that he shared this juvenile appreciation with his big, beautiful, irongray horse. When the winter snows were so deep our parents wouldn't let us take our sleds any considerable distance from home, we used to wait at the Old Road (today's East 92nd Street) until Mr. Magee came along in his tremendous sleigh. He loved children and invariably stopped when he saw us waiting, helped us tie our sleds to the back of his sleigh, and then took us along as he made his deliveries all the way down to Kings Highway and back to our homes. By the way, Mr. Magee's daughter still lives in Canarsie, on Conklin Ave! (1963)

These merchants would deliver, via their horse-drawn carts, until the snow fell and

then they would come in their large horse-drawn sleighs to supply us with household needs. It was always such a happy sound around the holiday period to hear the merry jingling of their sleigh bells and the crunching of snow as it packed under the runners of their sleighs!

Few Canarsiens in 1885 bothered to purchase evergreens for wreaths or garlands. Boys and we younger girls would head for Schenk's Woods, between Church and School Lanes (west of Remsen Avenue, about where Our Lady of Miracles R.C. Church now stands) where we would gather big bundles of holly.

Canarsie lads would also head for Cobie's Woods, on East 86th Street south of Avenue L, where they would cut boughs from the tall cedar and pine trees. These they would load on sleds and drag home for holiday decorations.

Since there was no street illumination of any kind in Canarsie in those days – the only light available being that which shone through house windows from the oil lamps within – we young people used to go about after dark carrying our trusty and inseparable kerosene hand lamps. I believe they used to cost twenty-five cents apiece.

Our childhood Christmas activities, of course, were centered about home and church. We youngsters always looked forward to the Christmas entertainment provided for us in Canarsie's various churches. The (then-Dutch) Reformed Church, on Conklin Avenue and East 93rd Street offered their children's entertainment on Christmas Eve. I can still see so clearly in my mind's eye their beautiful, tall Christmas tree with Mr. Miller, the sexton, standing by alertly with a long pole and a wet sponge in his hand ready to stuff out the tree candles, as they burned low. Santa would present each of the children with a box of sweets, an apple, and an orange. Pastor Dickhaut would move among us, smiling happily at the scene.

The Grace Church, on East 92nd Street and Church Lane, customarily held their children's entertainment on Christmas Night. They, too, had a lovely Christmas tree lit with candles. It was notorious among Canarsie's younger set of those days that Grace Church's Santa distributed his goodies even if you didn't attend their Sunday school! Rest assured we children were always promptly on line when the procession started for Santa's bounty.

Though a small Roman Catholic congregation had met earlier in Canarsie, at the period of which I speak their church had closed. When the church reopened, I recall that one of the first visiting priests was Father Fitzgerald. The first resident priests in Canarsie were Fathers Horn and Reynolds.

But let me see if I cannot reconstruct for you a picture of what it was like to be a child in Canarsie back in 1885 and to experience that most wonderful time of the year – Christmas.

For a week before the actual holiday, our home was a busy place. Mother and a nearby neighbor would be hustling and bustling in the kitchen (Oh, that wonderful kitchen of ours!) making mince meat pies, cookies, and fruitcake. The stimulating aroma of all the spicy holiday foods would make the children's mouths water and there were constant demands for "samples" lest we perish then and there before our parents' horrified eyes!

I recall so well the large, black, iron kettle in which Mother used to prepare her renowned plum pudding. A large affair, in its cheesecloth bag, it steamed for hours and was served with Mother's own lemon brandy sauce. In the cellar of course, were stored a large keg of cider and barrels of apples.

We children would take along a wooden chopping bowl to the ample cellar to fill with apples, crisp, cool and juicy. These we would bring upstairs with a pitcher of cider and an apron full of nuts – the very hickory black walnuts and chestnuts that we ourselves had gathered in local Canarsie woods. We would seat ourselves in a circle around the large coal stove, with its wood basket and coalscuttle at the ready, and have a wonderful time with our small talk.

I have to smile as I think about our early nutting excursions to Cobie's Woods where the really big trees grew. We'd leave home early in the morning, accompanied by the lunch baskets Mother prepared for the day's outing. The boys took along a stout, long pole with which to knock down the nuts; the girls carried empty flour sacks in which to tote the nuts back home. The "lunches" were consumed within minutes of arrival at Cobie's and, since we were usually back home about 10 in the morning, dragging our filled flour sacks behind us, Mother always used to throw up her hands in mock dismay over our piteous cries for food because we were "famished"!

Even so, she never failed to set out plates of steaming beef-vegetable soup on the kitchen table with chunks of her home-baked rye bread. This repast we would wash down with big mugs of milk and tremendous triangle of her home-baked apple pie. I hate to think of what would have happened to Metrecal stock if that company had had to depend on we early Canarsiens for its continuance!

The kitchen, as you may have surmised, was the scene of my happiest childhood memories. As were most Canarsie kitchens in those days, ours was quite large, full of gleaming pots and pans, sparkling glassware, and bins lining the walls. There were always padded armchairs and rockers to pull up before the welcome hearth. As we children came in from the outdoors, off would come our boots, hoods and mittens, and we would troop into the cheery kitchen to huddle around the blazing hearth with crackling logs.

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On Christmas Eve, of course, we were veritable angels of grace and thoughtfulness. That evening we would hang our stockings from the mantelpiece the moment we returned from church. We were sent off to bed post-haste to await Santa's coming as patiently as we might. Mother and Father would then get down to the business of trimming the family tree and bringing the Christmas gifts out of hiding.

The trimming was done in the "old-fashioned" way—strings of popcorn, cranberries, candy canes, tiny baskets, mottopapers filled with crunchy sweets to delight every youthful palate, and tiny glass balls on strings. There was no tinsel in those days for dressing the tree and it was decorated with festive cookies of every shape and form. Then, as a finishing touch, little tufts of cotton batting were thrown at random all over the tree to give the effect of snow on the branches.

On Christmas Day, we children were up with cockcrows and downstairs we would scramble to claim our gifts and exclaim over the tree. Then, down on hands and knees to sort out and compare the gifts.

There were little horns, iron trains to pull by a string, dolls with miniature furniture and carriage (I didn't care much for dolls in those days, tomboy that I was, and I recall the annual "stern look" I'd get because I tended to swing my doll by its arm in big circles around me!), skates, sleds, various articles of clothing, dominoes, checkers, and those delightful little magic lanterns with their colored glass slides showing far-off geographical wonders, children at play, animal and comic scenes.

A tiny oil lamp provided the light needed to project the images upon an ordinary bed sheet that we strung up on the wall. These were the days before electricity and movies, let alone television! The appreciative and somewhat tumultuous reception these pictures received from the children would awaken Father—Mother of course, had preceded the children by many hours and was busy in the kitchen—and down he would come for his coffee in the kitchen. While Mother stuffed the turkey, Father would interpolate an occasional bit of culinary wisdom between sips of his mocha.

We youngsters would race upstairs again, finish our dressing, gobble down our breakfast of pancakes and sausages and scurry outdoors, bundled up to our ears and down to our eyes. Perhaps I should add that our buckwheat flour was ground at Vanderveer's Mill, here in Canarsie, and the sausages were made by Mother from our own pigs; Father didn't kill the pigs himself, that job he used to "turn over" to old Mr. Reid. Old Mr. Reid used to visit all the homes in Canarsie just before Thanksgiving, slaughtering the pigs for the families whose men folk were "too busy" for the chore!

For Father, he butchered three of our pigs and Mother prepared smoked hams, bacon, and sausages, which lasted well into winter.

Yes, we children scrambled out of the warm house, dragging our sleds or carrying our new skates with us as we

headed for either the East or the West Meadow (on either side of Canarsie Town), which ever had been reported in the most frozen condition. There we remained until it was time to meet the guests arriving for the holiday.

To the railroad station—Oh, yes, we got in and out of Canarsie in those days via the little locomotive-drawn string of cars—and then we'd walk home together, waving to neighbors, exchanging holiday greetings, and swinging happily along content in the sure knowledge that somewhere among all those packages the guests bore must certainly be more gifts for deserving children like ourselves!

Dinner was ready almost at once and Mother and my aunts served at the great dining room table while the men folk sat like patriarchs receiving their due homage and consideration. How pretty the table, with its extra wooden leaves already in place, looked! Mother's best linens, china, silver, and glassware graced the holiday repast and in the center of the table was the lovely centerpiece of evergreens and red candles.

We youngsters were kept busy shifting chairs from every part of the house to seat family and guests; the latecomers who had come long distances, many from Connecticut where Mother had been born.

Impatient cries from the table, kept the women on their toes as they hurried course after course from the kitchen to the dining room. Father was scraping the carving knife and fork together like a caterer when the big turkey in its entire roasted splendor made its dramatic entrance to an assortment of "oohs" and "aahs" but, if I recall correctly, it was not he but one of my uncles who did the actual carving. Father had been a sea captain, and, while he had many a time piloted his ship around Cape Horn, he had never been able to master the "landlubber's" art of carving a fowl!

Well, once the dinner was over and compliments and recipes had been exchanged, the ladies "retired" to the parlor while the men remained at the table for their coffee and smoking. Mother seated herself at the family organ and the lovely carols and sacred hymns filled the house—while even our childish trebles were accepted without complaint.

The men, as I said, remained in the dining room, talking mostly about the sea and the great sailing vessels (not only Father, but two of his brothers as well had been seagoing captains), or they would talk about the oysters at the Canarsie shore or about the high cost of living which just didn't "seem" ready to stop at any reasonable point—Why sir, haven't prices reached a ruinous level when a mere three pounds of pork chops or chuck steaks are selling for all of twenty-five cents?"

They filled the room with their cigar and pipe smoke, though some of the older men continued to cling to their "chawin'" plug (tobacco). The stone cider jugs were constantly in transit around the table and the amber liquid flowed cold and sparkling from its recent nest in the snow outside.

At some point, Mother would look up from her hands on the organ keys and ask, "Well ladies, shouldn't we be re-joining the gentlemen?" and the ladies would troop in with

the children bringing up the rear and the original seats were resumed around the table. In a few moments, all would be back in the parlor to the sound of chairs being moved from room to room and, before you knew it, it was time for supper. After supper, which was served fairly early so the guests from out of town could catch the 7 o'clock train out of Canarsie, the children were jogged on knees, whirled in the air by strong arms, and otherwise pampered and fondled, to the tune of promises solemnly made of goodies to come next Christmas if we were well behaved and obedient and said our prayers nightly.

By 7:30 in the evening, we children were already back at church for Christmas Night (as distinct from the Christmas Eve) entertainment. This might be at the Methodist Church, where Mr. Holden was the pastor and Mr. Serene was the superintendent. Again, it might be at the Lutheran Church, where Pastor Steinhart greeted us. Yes, I remember it all so well—as I remember the lovely little New Testament that I received for my very own from my Sunday school teacher, Mrs. Annie Matthews, who was later to become my dear mother-in-law.

By 9 o'clock we were heading for home, our trusty little lanterns firmly clutched in our tight fists, the light around each of the homeward-bound youngsters encircling their hurrying steps like haloes out of sacred art! At home there was yet time for more play and singing, more eating of cookies, candy, and popcorn. However, as to all young things the time for sleep rolled around again and Mother signaled its coming with an almost imperceptible nod to Father.

Father would clear his throat to draw our attention and then, with never a spoken word, he would take out his massive timepiece from his vest pocket, flick the cloth and metal fob over his hand, open the round hinged lid, peer closely at the time and before he clicked it shut again we were already hurling ourselves at Mother and Father for our goodnight kisses.

Oh, it had been a full day, a wondrous and miraculous day, a day full of joy and excitement, love and conviviality. It was truly a day for a little girl in the Canarsie of 1885 to remember all her life. And I have remembered it—remembered it all my life.



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Flatlands

Bridge Multicultural Honors Four Community Servants

By Brian Moreno

As the year comes to an end, residents, activists, elected officials, community leaders and many more prominent citizens gathered on Sunday evening, December 17th, for the Annual "Unity in Action" Holiday Celebration to honor those who serve their community and recognize the community's diversity and unity. The event took place at The Bridge Multicultural and Advocacy Project (Bridge MCP), located at 1894 Flatbush Avenue.

Founded in 2013, Bridge MCP has helped various communities throughout New York City by uniting residents from multiple racial, ethnic, cultural and religious groups, and advocating and addressing social issues that society is facing today, including economic



Clergy, community activists and members of Bridge MCP singing "We Shall Overcome."

matters or, more recently, helping immigrants. The event honors those who have helped their communities and were awarded The Bridge Builder Award.

Among those honored were Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik, president of the Staten Island Council of

Jewish Organizations; Noam Gilboord, Interim CEO of the Jewish Community Relations Council; Sandra Dieudonne, Esq., President-Elect of the Haitian American Lawyer's Association of NY; and Mony Lofti, President of MLE MGMT Group.

"I'm very honored and thankful for all the work that Mark Meyer Appel [co-founder of Bridge MCP] is doing to unite the community because right now, more than ever in our nation, we need to all be united together, in particular," said Lofti. "I'm happy to be here and support my fellow Muslims and continue to set an example so that everybody can do the same thing and unite, have no hate and continue to work for peace and be united for humanity."

Throughout the event, clergy from different faiths recited prayers and sang songs of faith to encourage attendees to stay together and continue to do good in these difficult times, while elected officials such as Councilwomen Farah Louis (District 45) and Mercedes Narcisse (District 46), along with State Senator Kevin Parker, praised Appel and Bridge MCP for their hard work.

"It's really a wonderful tribute to New Yorkers, that in New York, we don't fight," said Appel. "We are working collectively. Every day, we get together, whether it's doing clothing drives for the immigrants, helping the community with educational programs or creating TV shows on how to stop hate and bigotry with our young people today. All these things are very important and it hasn't stopped, and we are becoming a stronger community."



Mony Lofti accepting The Bridge Builder Award for serving the community.

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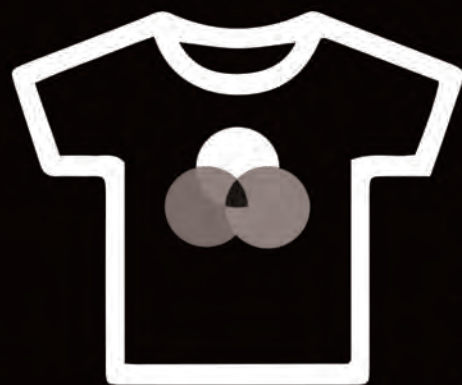
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Black Chip Kin Hosts Toy Giveaway at Canarsie Library

By Brenda Cox

On Saturday, December 16th, 34-year-old Justin Edwards, proprietor of Black Chip Kin, a clothing company, hosted his 6th Annual Holiday Toy Giveaway at the Canarsie branch of the Brooklyn Public Library, at 1580 Rockaway Parkway, where the venue was transformed into a children's paradise of sorts, providing a fun time for all who attended.

State Senator Roxanne Persaud and a plethora of organizations teamed up with Edwards and his family to present the children with an unforgettable experience. Girl Scouts of America (GSA) provided gift bags for young girls and also gave them an opportunity to be a part of their amazing organization. Where To? Transportation provided school essentials for all the children present. Children's author, Christian Gomez, signed copies of his interactive book, *Creativity: Finding your Art*. NYC Custom Company printed and distributed custom t-shirts.

There was face painting by artist Shelton, free haircuts by onsite barber, Jean, as well as dance contests and raffles. Brooklyn Medical Center provided free health screenings and resource materials. DJ Omar kept everyone entertained while VDot Photography captured the memorable moments. There was lots to eat and drink too. Plugged-In Bodega Vending Machine ensured everyone was served pizzas, snacks and

other refreshments. And for those who weren't inclined to indulge in those food choices, Quickly Drinks provided them with health and wealth information on alternative eating options.

Off The Ave Foundation Inc., another Edwards family-owned business, sponsored the event and provided most of the raffle prizes. Edwards told the *Canarsie Courier*, "We are a nonprofit organization dedicated to making a positive impact right here in Brooklyn and our surrounding communities. To support people is what fuels us. Our mission is to help families overcome barriers while unlocking their full potential. And if you've been to any of our events, you'll see firsthand we stand true to that."

More than 250 people attended the event at which over 175 presents were distributed.

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Georgetown

Famous Christmas Display is Up at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays

By Amanda Salazar

A string of reindeer fly across the night sky, Santa's sleigh trailing behind them. In a display case, Disney's Mickey and Minnie dance in front of a castle, all decked out for Christmas. On the balcony, an army of nutcrackers watch over the front yard.

This is the scene at Brooklyn's Home for the Holidays — a multi-story private home at 1102 East 72nd Street that sets up dazzling displays for every holiday. The current display is set up for Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, and some decorations for New Year's may be added closer to January 1st, as well.

"I do it because I love it," Austin Ferrazzano, the 22-year-old decorator who creates the displays, said. "It was a very difficult year for me to get it up. Just



every other pressure to go bigger and better — it really puts a lot on me. No one forces me to do it; I don't have anything that's forcing me into getting all this up, but I know that I have to go bigger for myself, personally, because I always strive to put up the best way I can."

This year's display is very different from last year's, with new thematic additions, refurbished decorations, an expanded Hanukkah section and a first time-ever Kwanzaa section.

There's an elves' workshop, a sled with animatronic children, a reindeer grooming area and an indescribable number of lights. Christmas music plays overhead, and children can write letters to Santa. Ferrazzano also offers two scavenger hunts, one easy and one hard.



"People don't have the same spirit that they used to where a lot of homes used to participate with lights, so you don't really see all that festiveness in the neighborhood like you used to," Kimberly, a local mother who came with her daughter, said. "So, when you have something like this in the neighborhood that's local, you can see that he wanted to do this. You can see the love that he put into it; it's really, really nice."

And that's exactly why Ferrazzano said he does the displays.

"The community really looks forward to it, and it's important that I can provide that to them," he said. "It's very heartwarming to hear and see the children so happy and able to make memories as families. No matter all the times I'm out there in the cold, freezing, all the stress of trying to get done in time, the bad weather, all of that combined — once it's all done and completed, it really makes it worth it, and you can't ask for something better than that."

The Christmas-Hanukkah-Kwanzaa display went up on December 2nd and will remain up until around January 2nd. The display is lit every night from around 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ferrazzano's next display will be Valentine's Day in February.



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Bergen Beach**Millennium Development Hosts Annual Tree Lighting****By Amanda Salazar**

Laughter, caroling and Christmas cheer filled the air at the John Malone Community Center, 2331 Bergen Avenue, on Tuesday, December 19th. That's because it was Millennium Development's annual tree lighting.

A group of elementary school children from Bergen Beach's P.S. 312 and Mill Basin's P.S. 236 who participate in Millennium's Compass afterschool program got to celebrate the Christmas spirit alongside their families, older adults from Millennium's senior programs and local elected officials.

"It's important for the young folks to see that we care about them," Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse said in an interview. "We may celebrate different holidays, but at the end of the day, it's a celebration for us as human beings, as being part of a community, as being people."

The event was open to the families of the children present plus those who participate in the adult programming, which held its own tree lighting, as well, to create an intergenerational spirit of togetherness. However, the event was largely attended by the afterschool children.

The festivities kicked off with a tree ornament decorating activity for the kids. After, they performed "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Santa Claus was also in attendance, taking pictures with kids and dancing around.

Finally, it was time for the tree lighting. Narcisse and Santa gathered the children in front of the Christmas tree and counted down for the lights to go on. Then the group posed for photos in front of the dazzling and colorful tree.

Refreshments consisting of hot chocolate, cake, brownie bites and Christmas cookies were also served for all attendees.

"[The event] is great, and it's lovely to see all the kids," Mary, one adult attendee, said in an interview. "It's beautiful – it really is – and the kids, they sang beautifully. I think it's great to see everybody together."



Afterschool students enjoy their holiday snacks.



Millennium Development students singing Christmas carols.



The tree is lit for a crowd of elementary students.



Councilwoman Mercedes Narcisse poses with Santa Claus in front of the tree.

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Tons of Laughs and Toys at Bull's Eye Annual Comedy Show

By Stacy Smith

Bull's Eye Sports Pub held their Annual Christmas Party and Comedy Show on Friday, December 15th, where donations, including cash and toys, were collected for the USMC Toys for Tots program.

Once again, the show was dedicated to comedian Otto Peterson whose groundbreaking ventriloquism act, along with his partner "George Dudley," headlined shows at Bull's Eye from 2008 to 2013 before Peterson passed away in 2014.

This year included the biggest lineup ever featuring (national) headliner Steve Marshall, whose unique, manic style brought the house down! He was joined by house favorites Rich Carucci, Sharon Simon, Joe Conte, Mike Jenkins, Johnny O, Kenny Michaels, Jake Lamarca (with "Louie") and Mario Bosco, who dressed as a Christmas elf, delighting the crowd and helping the

U.S. Marines collect toys throughout the evening.

Party attendees and bar patrons generously donated hundreds of toys and games, filling more than seven large containers. Bull Eye's owner Lou Matteo along with corporate sponsors presented the Marines with checks totaling \$1,000. Matteo said he was concerned that since most people bring toys for the younger children, there aren't always enough for the older kids. The money collected that night allowed the Marines to target spending wherever they see fit.

It was a fun night filled with joy, laughter and most importantly donations for the kids!

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Members of the U.S. Marine Corps holding a Christmas elf.



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On Thursday, December 21st, the Canarsie Merchants Association hosted its 2nd Annual Holiday Concert and Tree Lighting event at 1425 Rockaway Parkway. This spectacular gathering not only started the holiday weekend with joy but also showcased the incredible talents and unity within our community.

The event started with a holiday concert featuring Dominique Smith, accompanied by her band. The talented group performed a variety of songs, getting the crowd into the spirit of the holiday season. Next, a young Girl Scout took the stage for a dance performance.

The talented girl amazed the audience with her energy and enthusiasm. Lastly, Simone Muschett of Resilient Young Minds performed a beautiful song.

One of the highlights of the evening was the distribution of over 150 gifts to children, which was made possible by Harold Jones from Canarsie Community Development Incorporated (CCDI). Additionally, the gloves, hats, and socks were provided by local vendor Leo Sclavos. We are truly thankful for their support in providing these items for the children. The gifts were a variety of items, including toys, games, books and clothing. The literacy initia-

tive is an important part of our community, and we are glad that we were able to continue to support it through this event by providing books in each gift bag. The children were thrilled to receive the gifts, and it was clear that they were well-received.

In addition to the gift distribution, there were also treats, beverages and a dinner provided by our merchant members. Everyone was able to enjoy a taste of Canarsie with the variety of options available. The lighting of the Christmas tree was a beautiful festive event. The tree was a symbol of the holiday season, and it brought joy to

everyone who saw it. The evening was a great success, and it was a wonderful way to celebrate with our community.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Eliza from Small Business Services, Gabriel from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and all the local organizations, businesses, merchants, volunteers and elected officials who came together to make this event a success. We are so grateful for the support of our community, and we look forward to continuing to bring our neighbors together for years to come.

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State Senator Roxanne Persaud Hosts Final Food Distribution for 2023

By Brenda Cox

With the holiday season at our doorstep, many residents are frantically shopping, not just for gifts but also for food items, to prepare those special meals for themselves and their families. For some, every little bit of help matters, as was evidenced by the unending line of mainly seniors who queued up outside of State Senator Roxanne Persaud's District Office, 1222 East 96th Street, for what was her final food distribution for 2023.

that did not deter many SD-19 constituents from attending the food giveaway. And it was well worth their effort. They were given lots of fresh produce, almond milk, fresh fish fillets, ground turkey, yellow split peas, rice and more than enough flour for all their holiday baking.

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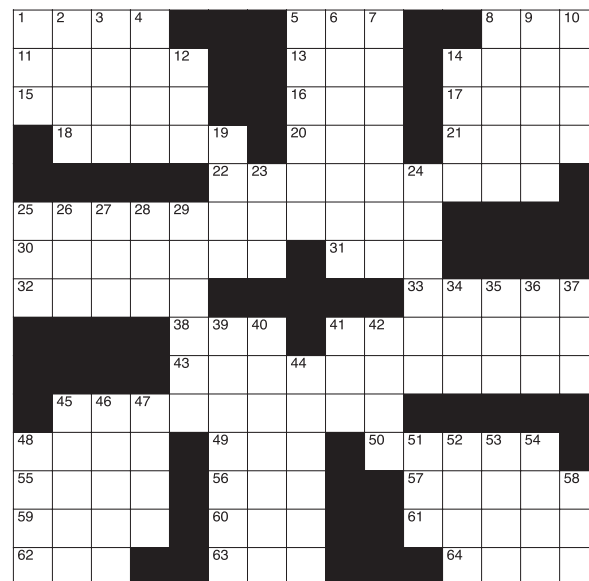
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20. Tax collector	57. Ethiopian town
21. "Cheers" actress Perlman	59. One point east of northeast
22. Pauses before acting	60. Polynesian garland of flowers
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31. No seats available	63. Keyboard key
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