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NEWSLETTER

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We Don't Complain About Problems — We Work On Solutions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Queens Villagers,

In these topsy-turvy times, March, which is said to come in like a lamb and exit as a lion, stayed in tune with the unexpected and roared in like a lion, giving students a day off from school and providing a playground for sledding and snow activities. Fortunately, most of us battered down and got through the ten inches of snow. The main problem seemed to be that DOS did not adequately salt some of our streets, which presented a challenge to motorists as they negotiated the ice.

Our February meeting was well-attended. Fred Kress, Executive Director of the Cornucopia Society, spoke about the society's program of providing free reconditioned "911 only" cell phones to seniors and those who cannot afford one. Fred will be at this month's meeting to distribute such phones. (Refer to article in the news page.)

It was gratifying to learn from our members that DEP cleaned out the blocked drains on Edmore Avenue, and the typical flooding was eliminated. It's up to all of us to report to DEP clogged drains before they cause major flooding.

Our guest speaker this month will be Richard Gentles, Director of New York City Animal Care and Control. Many of us have cats and/or dogs; it will be interesting to know the ACC mission.

This month your civic association starts the process of electing new officers for the next civic year. We have been having difficulty in getting members to accept positions on our Executive Board. (We still do not have a Corresponding Secretary.) Won't you please consider serving Queens Village as an officer of the Queens Village Civic Association? Let us know at this month's meeting or call me at 718-217-4049. (Refer to article in the news page.)

In the "Beware of Category," scam schemes from the Ponzi to the Three-Card Monte abound. Promotions promising anti-aging are common. Recently, I received a brochure promoting a diet of special nuts as the key to health and vigor. You've all heard the saying, "You are what you eat." Nuts must be more popular in diets than I realized.

We send good wishes to all members who will be celebrating Holy Days in the coming month.

Our next meeting falls on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. My Irish jig days are history, but we will have Irish soda bread for refreshment after the meeting.

Your neighbor,



John Stiller



Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17
8:00 P. M.

Place: Stewart Hall
Our Lady of Lourdes Church
Springfield Blvd. & 93rd Ave.

Guest Speaker: Richard P. Gentles, Director
NYC Animal Care and Control

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OUR MEMBERSHIP

Our newest members are Joanne Deck (Fairbury Avenue), Alice and Joseph Gormley (Hollis Court Boulevard), Patricia Meehan (Edmore Avenue), and Therese Talabert (216 Street). Welcome aboard. We have added 12 new members during the current civic year, and 113 Queens Villagers have renewed their membership. You can join us at our monthly meetings or by using the membership application form in this newsletter. Dues are \$5.00 a year per person. As a member, you will have our newsletter delivered to your home and receive our support in helping to resolve problems in the community that diminish your peace and comfort. We need you to increase our strength and our clout as we fight for City services and programs to maintain and improve our quality of life.

FREE 911 CELL PHONES AVAILABLE

The Cornucopia Society distributes free 911-only cell phones for use by seniors and those who cannot afford to own one. These phones are for your use only in case of an emergency so that you can dial 911 and be connected to the help you need. We will have several of the phones available at this month's meeting. You can request such a cell phone by calling Cornucopia's Executive Director Fred Kress at 718-341-1395. The society collects cell phones that are not working for conversion to 911 use. If you have a cell phone that is not operative, bring it to our meetings, and we will forward the phone to Cornucopia. You can also bring your old eyeglasses and toner cartridges that the society collects and puts back into useful service.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Your civic association will hold its annual election of officers for our 2009-2010 civic year on May 19. Please give serious consideration to serving your community in this capacity. You will find the work very interesting and intrinsically rewarding. If you're interested, please call us at 718-217-4049. Or let us know at this month's meeting. We also need two members in attendance at the meeting to volunteer to serve on our Nomination Committee.

CAREER CENTER HOURS EXTENDED

New York City has extended the operating hours of its free job assistance centers. The seven centers, officially named Workforce 1 Career Centers, offer a variety of job placement services and counseling, along with access to computers. The centers will now be open on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 A. M. to 8:00 P. M., and on alternate Saturdays from 10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. The centers made more than 17,000 job placements last year. Please call 311 for the addresses of the centers and for more information.

FOOD DYNASTY SUPERMARKET SAVED

The Food Dynasty Supermarket, located at 220-46 Hillside Avenue, which was scheduled to close on February 28, has negotiated a new 20-year lease to continue its operation there. There were indications that the landlord wanted to bring in another type of business, but community outrage and vigorous opposition helped to ensure that Food Dynasty stayed at the location. A supermarket has been located at this spot for almost 50 years. Seniors and families with young children shop there, and many of the shoppers live within walking distance. They need a supermarket nearby or they will have to travel out of their neighborhood to shop for food and staples. Your civic association and other area civic associations and community groups were actively involved in the successful "Save Our Supermarket (SOS) Campaign." We gratefully thank organizers Bob Friedrich, President of Glen Oaks Village, and Bobby Sher, President of Bell Park Manor Terrace, for spearheading the campaign. Also Assemblyman Mark Weprin, who helped negotiate the new lease, and Senator Frank Padavan, who gave his support.

FARMHOUSE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Queens County Farm Museum, located at 73-50 Little Neck Parkway in Floral Park, will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, from 12:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M., in the farm's orchard. Egg hunts will be ongoing throughout the day. Bunny "Whiskers" will be hopping around the farm to greet the children. You can dance the "Bunny Hop," play egg and toss rolling games on the farmhouse lawn, visit the animals, and take a hay ride. Tours of the historic farm house will be available. The gift shop will be open, and good food will be served. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Parking is free. For more information, call 718-347-3276.

ROSIE THE RIVETER PERFORMS AT OUR LIBRARY

Urban Stages on Tour presents a solo dramatic performance of the story behind the cultural icon "Rosie the Riveter" and the birth of the American working woman on Tuesday, March 24, at 2:00 P. M., at our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217th Street.

HELP TO COMPLETE YOUR TAXES

If you're having a problem completing your federal income tax return, call the IRS for assistance at 1-800-829-1040. For help on your New York City and New York State tax returns, call 1-800-225-5829. The service is free. Low-and-moderate income tax payers can find local AARP Tax-Aide sites that will help them to complete their taxes without charge at 1-888-227-7669. Federal and State and City tax return forms are available at our Queens Village Community Library, located at 94-11 217th Street. Call 718-776-6800 for hours of operation.

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