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Stepping Up to the Museum

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



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Good weather in April and May enabled City Island Contracting to make great progress with the new steps leading up to the City Island Nautical Museum at 190 Fordham Street. Still to come are bluestone caps for the treads, risers and retaining walls, as well as the railing and a new ramp.

By the time the June issue of *The Current* appears, the front of the City Island Nautical Museum will have a whole new look, thanks to the new set of steps installed this spring. Actually, that new look is based on the original appearance of the steps, which were first installed in 1898, and was approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, as well as the Buildings Department, which had to make sure that the structure was built according to the current code.

The rebuilding project began in 2012, when the City Island Historical Society, which operates the museum, participated in a contest to win funding from Partners in Preservation (PiP), a collaboration between the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express. The steps had been in poor condition for several years, and their condition had become worse with each winter's ice and snow and could no longer be used for public access.

When the museum submitted a request for reconstruction of the steps to the PiP campaign, it was chosen as one of 40 New York City organizations out of 500 to participate. Unfortunately, the number of on-line votes did not result in an award large enough to pay for the steps, although it did enable the museum to renovate its library.

After the campaign, in late 2012, a fairy godmother stepped forward in the person of Adelaide Rosenfeld Bialek, whose mother, Adelaide Rodstrom Rosenfeld, was founder of the City Island Historical Society in 1976, and she agreed to fund the reconstruction project in memory of her aunt Josephine Rodstrom. Not only is Mrs. Bialek the granddaughter of Morris Rosenfeld, several of whose famous photographs (along with his sons') are now on exhibit at the Nautical Museum, but she is also a descendant of other longtime City Island families, the Rodstroms and the Waterhouses.

As Mrs. Bialek told *The Current*: "I believe that my aunt Josephine C. Rodstrom would be pleased that the reworking of the accessibility to the City Island Nautical Museum has been dedicated to her memory. Josephine and her eight siblings attended P.S. 17, as did her uncles, aunt and many nieces and nephews. Her mother, Cora Addie Waterhouse Rodstrom, was a member of the first class that graduated from P.S. 17. The Waterhouse family lived in the home immediately east of the school on Fordham Street."

Many Islanders pitched in to help with the project, but special thanks are due to architect Francine Alheid, who worked tirelessly to get the drawings through several

processes, and expeditor Eric Berger and his sister, Jeanne, who generously donated their time to see the applications through the Buildings Department. Dino Esposito of City Island Contracting and his staff have done a great job removing the old steps and rebuilding the new ones, and soon will be resurfacing the ramp and replacing

the handrails.

More needs to be done to replace some plantings and to work on the fencing, but the museum's board of trustees is delighted that this project has finally reached the point at which visitors will again be able to mount the front steps to one of City Island's treasures.

More Construction in 2016: Board Unanimously Approves New Water Main Plan

By KAREN NANI



Photos courtesy of NYC DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

The top photo shows the alignment of the proposed water main to be replaced by New York City beginning in 2016; the bottom photo shows the section of underwater land that requires an easement for the sewer and drainage part of the project, to begin in the summer of 2019.

Just when residents thought there couldn't be any more construction equipment on City Island, here comes a new water main and drainage project. On May 14, 2015, members of Community Board 10's Municipal Services Committee and concerned Islanders were shown plans for a new water main from the mainland to City Island, as well as upgraded sanitary sewers and water lines along the north end of Minneford Avenue.

"The new water main will run under the water just south of the bridge and connect to City Island in the vicinity of Kilroe Street in order to provide a secure water supply connection to the island," explained Robert White from the consulting firm AKRF, which is working with the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on the project.

This part of the project is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2016 and be completed in one year. Some Islanders wondered why this work needed to be done after all the water main and sewer work that was completed in 2008.

Anthony Nieves from DDC was on hand to answer this question. "That work represented the first two phases. This project is the third phase of the overall plan to improve the water quality on City Island and connect it to the Bronx side."

The actual vote by the board was to approve the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) submitted by DDC and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). This will enable the agencies to acquire easements located under the waters of Eastchester Bay in the vicinity of Kilroe Street and upland in the vicinity of Minneford Avenue to facilitate the construction of the new main and drainage outfalls.

In the case of the easement for the water main project, this is approximately 57,100 square feet of undeveloped underwater land and wetlands on the northwest side of the Island near Catherine Scott Promenade in Bridge Park.

The sewer and drainage part of the project, scheduled to begin in the summer of 2019, requires DDC use of 10,500 square

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BRIEFLY...

CIVIC ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER: On Saturday afternoon, June 20, from 4 to 7 p.m., the Civic will sponsor a fundraiser in the garden of 21 Tier Street, complete with music, food, drink, a silent auction and a raffle. Many generous Islanders have offered to provide food and drink, as well as works of art and entertainment, and the event should be enjoyable as well as a show of support for the Civic Association, which has worked hard for the residents of City Island for many years, coordinating with elected officials and city agencies to protect the community's quality of life. Some of these efforts have involved the expenditure of large sums of money, for attorneys, court fees and other expenses, and the time has come to make sure there will be funds to keep up the good work in the future. Parking will be very limited, so plan to walk! Those who are interested in donating food or auction items or would like more information are asked to call Janie at 646-404-1048 or John at 646-469-8339.

BLESSING OF THE FLEET: The City Island Sail and Power Squadron and the Leonard Hawkins American Legion Post will sponsor a multi-denominational blessing from the dock of Fenton's Marine on Sunday, June 14, at 1 p.m. For those participating by water, the rendezvous is City Island Harbor by the ferry dock to Hart Island; communications: VHF Channel 71 beginning at 1230 (12:30 p.m.).

CLOTHING DRIVE: The Bronx Masons will hold a Summer Clothing Drive on Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 241 City Island Avenue. If possible, please separate men's, women's and children's clothes into different bags for quicker distribution. All donations will go to POTS (Part of the Solution), 2759 Webster Avenue in the Bronx.

50TH REUNION CLASS OF 1965, ST. MARY, STAR OF THE SEA. A class reunion is planned for Saturday, June 27, 2015, at the Mohansic Golf Course and Grill, 1500 Baldwin Road, Yorktown Heights, NY. Cocktail hour, 5 to 6 p.m.; BBQ, 6 to 10 p.m. \$30 per person, cash bar. Gurge's band will entertain. For information please call Donna Costello-Breen (718-892-4713), William 'Gurge' Gerhard (914-962-1302) or Francine DeVeau-Brill (914-275-2441, or houseboatfb@hotmail.com).

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during April to May 2015. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 2 - GRAND LARCENY
- 7 - GRAFFITI
- 1 - BURGLARY
- 2 - ASSAULT
- 1 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from April 23 to May 21, 2015.

4/23 - Detectives from the 45th Precinct are investigating a burglary on City Island Avenue at 8 p.m. Property was removed from a boat in dry dock without permission of the owner.

4/23 - On Minneford Avenue at 8 p.m., property was taken from a patron at a commercial establishment in an act of grand larceny.

5/3 - At 10:30 p.m., an argument over a traffic accident led to the assault of an off-Island male, 41, on Tier Street and City Island Avenue. The perpetrator fled the scene after punching the victim in the face.

5/7-5/14 - Seven separate incidents of graffiti vandalism on City Island were documented and subsequently cleaned by the 45th Precinct's Graffiti Coordinator, Officer Frank Malafronte. The incidents were also reported to the precinct's Vandalism Task Force.

5/8 - On City Island Avenue at 4 p.m., it was reported that an unknown perpetrator broke the front window of a commercial establishment.

5/16 - An incident of grand larceny

occurred at 9 p.m. at a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue. Property was taken from a person inside a crowded restaurant. Police remind Islanders and visitors to be careful of their personal belongings (see flyer this page).

5/21 - An Island male, 30, was arrested and charged with assault on Minneford Avenue at 2 p.m. The arrest followed a domestic incident on May 17 when the perpetrator allegedly struck a female Islander when she returned to their home to retrieve belongings and a physical altercation ensued.



Photo by RICK DeWITT

On Saturday, May 16, the 45th Precinct task force for graffiti clean-up, led by Officer Frank Malafronte (top photo), focused on cleaning the walls of the building that once housed the "Worm Bar" at the north end of City Island. In the bottom photo, Stephen Swieciki (left) and John Doyle show their community spirit by helping make the effort a success.

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Wallets

Never Carry your wallet in the rear pants pocket which is one of the easiest to pick.

Instincts

Follow your instincts. Remember, "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is."

Cash & Cards

Carry only the amount of cash or number of credit cards necessary to make your purchases for the day.

Car Items

Place items out of sight in the trunk of your vehicle prior to reaching your destination. Never leave packages in the vehicle.

Distractions

Be wary of distractions. Sometimes one perp diverts your attention while another picks your pocket or steals your belongings.

Handbags

When in a bar or restaurant, don't leave your handbag over the back of your chair, on a stool or on the floor.

Report It.

Immediately report a theft or suspicious activity to the NYPD by calling 911.

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PAUL NANI HONORED FOR TRAFFIC EFFORTS

By BARBARA DOLENSEK



Photos by KAREN NANI

Island resident Paul Nani was honored at the annual breakfast held by the Community Council of the 45th Precinct for his efforts in alleviating traffic problems on City Island in coordination with the precinct on behalf of the City Island Civic Association; (l. to r.: James R. McGeown, Commanding Officer of the 45th Precinct; John Doyle, Sergeant at Arms of the Community Council and an officer of the Civic Association; Paul Nani; and Bob Bieder, president of the Community Council.

It was a sea of blue at the 45th Precinct's Community Council annual breakfast on May 15, 2015, at Villa Barone Manor. Among the honorees was City Island resident Paul Nani, who was cited for his leadership of the Civic Association's Traffic Committee and his efforts to alleviate traffic jams and motorcycle noise on City Island.

Paul was introduced by John Doyle of the City Island Civic Association, who is also the Sergeant at Arms for the 45th Precinct Community Council. John recapped Paul's efforts on behalf of the many Islanders who have for years bemoaned the traffic congestion during the summer and on certain holidays.

Paul became head of the City Island Civic Association's Traffic Committee five

years ago. Under his leadership, Paul cultivated relationships with 45th Precinct captains and lieutenants, as well as the Bronx Borough Commander, to implement new, effective traffic controls on City Island Avenue during the summer weekends, Mother's Day, Valentine's Day and other holidays.

In his acceptance remarks, Paul reminisced about the start of his term as the "traffic guy" on the Civic. "I joined the Civic Association because I was tired of hearing everyone complain about traffic on City Island among other issues. I raised my hand when they asked for volunteers for a traffic committee. I then realized my hand was the only one up."

Because of his efforts, traffic agents and extra police have been regularly assigned to patrol traffic on City Island during the summer months and maintain safe conditions in the fire lane. Paul brought police from the 45th Precinct and traffic agents together to deal with the perennial weekend traffic on City Island. This included stationing agents at the major intersections along the avenue, as well as at the circle and the City Island Bridge.

In response to Islanders' concerns, he worked with the 45th Precinct to set up traffic stops targeting motorcyclists, who rou-



Many Islanders turned out for the awards ceremony (standing l. to r.): Stefane Kane, Paul Nani, Maria Swieciki, Janie Blanks, Violet Smith; seated: Maria Caruso, Louise Giacco, Skip Giacco and Jo Heck.

tinely violated the fire lane rules and sped noisily down City Island Avenue. These stops resulted in numerous summonses, confiscations and arrests of unlicensed motorcyclists.

Although he was a committee of one, alleviating traffic congestion involved many people. Paul started by acknowledging the efforts of past Civic Association members, including the late Howard Smith, who succeeded in getting the fire lane designated back in the 1990s.

"For the last five years, I worked together with the 45th team assigned to address this issue, including Deputy Inspectors Russell Green and James McGeown, Lieutenant Paul Trapani and Police Officer Anne Marie Morrison. Along with members of Civic including Bill Stanton and John Doyle, we put plans into place that have been regularly evaluated and updated to effectively manage the flow of traffic during summer weekends and holidays."

Paul also sought the assistance of local elected officials and he thanked State Senator Jeffrey D. Klein and New York City Councilmember James Vacca and their staffs for arranging meetings with the NYPD Bronx Borough Commander and officers from the 45th Precinct.

He explained some of the solutions to the curious crowd, some of whom deal with traffic issues in their own Bronx neighborhoods. "Some of the tactics implemented include stationing traffic officers and police to control the flow of vehicles at the approach to the City Island Bridge and at intersections all along City Island Avenue."

In addition, every summer weekend, officers also put cones out at both the Rodman's Neck circle leading up to City Island Road and just over the City Island Bridge to prevent one of the most annoying aspects of the traffic—motorists driving in the emergency fire lane to get ahead of the cars in front of them.

Many Islanders saw visible proof of his efforts this past Mother's Day weekend when throngs of visitors came to City Island

restaurants, but traffic was kept moving by numerous police and agents.

In addition, Paul worked closely with Lt. Trapani to address the issue of loud and speeding motorcyclists by setting up checkpoints to verify licenses, which resulted in the confiscation of many motorcycles.

And all these measures have become critically important as construction has begun on the new City Island Bridge and the start of a new chapter in City Island traffic history.

Paul has lived on City Island since his marriage to lifelong Islander Karen Rauhauer in 1982. He is also very active at Grace Episcopal Church on City Island, most recently having served as Senior Warden of the Vestry. He has two sons, Roger and Mark.

The annual 45th Precinct event has honored City Islanders in the past. In 2014 and 2013, Skip Giacco, president of the City Island Chamber of Commerce, and Barbara Dolensek, officer of the Civic Association, were recognized for their volunteer efforts. Other honorees at this year's event included Rev. Deborah Jenkins, Pastor of the Faith at Work Church in Co-op City; Jim McQuade, director of Schuyler Hill Funeral Home; Lisa Sorin, executive director of Westchester Square Business Development; John Provetto, who oversees the Cop Shot Program to reduce violence against police; and Mary Jane Musano of the Waterbury-LaSalle Community Association.

Noteworthy officers from the 45th Precinct were also recognized with praise from the Bronx Borough Commander Larry Nikunen. He noted that overall crime in 2015 declined 2 percent in the precinct and there is a 50 percent reduction in violent shootings. He honored Lt. Trapani, Lt. Kim Garcia, PO John Kiernan, PO Frank Malafrente and PO Douglas Yagual.

The mood of the large crowd was one of optimism for the future of the Bronx. Paul Nani ended his remarks saying, "There will always be traffic on City Island, but at least now it is a controlled situation."

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Fond Memories

To the Editor:

I just read the article about Clinton Leupp ("Miss Coco Peru") revisiting his childhood on City Island (see May issue of *The Current*).

My husband, Donald, and I were very fond of him. We knew him from when he was 10 years old. He was active with the Garden Club cleanup of City Island Avenue and beautification of our two parks.

He belonged to a City Island acting group and was in many plays. He continued this activity through high school and we attended all his performances. He invited us to a show that he produced and acted in called "Miss Coco Peru" in New York City. The Daily News gave it rave reviews.

We met his mate, who is a college professor, and they now live in California. Clinton performs his Coco Peru show on weekends all over the country.

Clinton was a good son and looked after his mother. He helped her clear out her City Island bungalow when she moved to an apartment in Florida.

Clinton will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. I wish him happiness for the rest of his life.

Jennie Varian

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City Islanders celebrated Memorial Day under (red, white and) blue skies on May 25 by lining the avenue to applaud for those marching in the traditional parade organized by Leonard Hawkins Post 156 of the American Legion. Commander John Muhlfeld and Chaplain Joe Goonan led the remembrances of those who died in wars past, including the 17 City Islanders who lost their lives World War II and are memorialized at the monument by the bridge. The monument was recently spruced up by City Islander Michael Bellocchio as part of his Eagle Scout projects. The armed forces were represented in City Island's 2015 parade by Marines from Camp Lejeune in North Carolina, many members of the United States Coast Guard from Virginia Beach and California, and sailors from the *USS Barry*. The Ladies Auxiliary, the Monahan Pipe Band, Troop 211 and Pack 8 Boy Scouts, the City Island Girl Scouts and members of the Garden Club were also among the marchers. Jim Devary, from the United Veterans Council (middle photo), read a proclamation from Governor Andrew Cuomo. He was joined by our local politicians State Senator Jeffrey Klein, Assemblyman Michael Benedetto, Borough President Ruben Diaz, Community Board 10's Ken Kearns and John Marano, in saluting City Island's veterans and the 6,700 U.S. soldiers who died while serving in the recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Bill Gerhard played "Taps" in memory of all those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom.

Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj Steps in to Help Gift of Life

By MARGUERITE CHADWICK-JUNER



Photos by LILYANNA PEKIC and BILL CURRIE

Two-year-old Rexhep Murtezaj is shown (photo, top left) before the operation with his father, Rasim, and at the top right with Lilyanna Pekic. Pictured at the home of Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj after Rexhep's surgery are (bottom photo, l. to r.): Kola Zagreda (Mark's uncle), Roza Gjonaj (Mark's mother), Ejlo Zagreda (Mark's grandmother), Rasim Murtezaj, Rexhep Murtezaj and Gjuste Zagreda (Mark's grandfather).

Two-year-old Rexhep Murtezaj from Kosovo needed a complex heart cath (cardiac catheterization) procedure in order to realize a full and healthy life. He is the latest from a group of children screened during a Gift of Life, Inc., Rotary District 7230 mission to Kosovo to identify children in need of life-saving heart surgeries.

The Gift of Life program provides life-saving heart surgeries to children from underdeveloped countries where the surgical techniques are not available to them or cannot be afforded by the family.

Rexhep and his father, Rasim, were originally scheduled to fly to the U.S. at the end of March with his surgery scheduled for April 7. There was very little advance notice at the time and Rotary Clubs in the District scrambled to find a host family for the duration of their stay.

Enter Bronx Rotarian Lilyanna Pekic, who is the cousin of and works for Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj. When the Assemblyman heard of the dilemma from Ms. Pekic, he stepped in immediately to open his home to Rexhep and his father.

Assemblyman Gjonaj has strong ties to the Bronx Rotary Club and first heard about the Gift of Life program through this Club. He was so impressed with the program that he has further pledged to host one child a year in the future. He also has strong ties to City Island as a part owner of the Pickwick Terrace apartments and Don Coqui; his wife, Roberta, is the school nurse at P.S. 175.

Islanders Leslie and John Raimondi also expressed their willingness to host a child for Gift of Life, and the Board is very grateful for their generous offer, which will be held in reserve for a future child.

As things turned out, there was a mix-up with Rexhep and Rasim's visa application, which delayed their arrival. Gift of Life Chair William Currie sent new visa letters from the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at the Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla and from the Gift of Life program, and their flight into JFK was rescheduled to Monday, May 11.

The sponsoring Club is Pelham Rotary which means that they provide the \$6,500 in hospital fees for the surgery. The cardiac surgeons and their staff at both Maria Fareri and Montefiore Children's Hospital volunteer their efforts.

Mr. Currie e-mailed the following to the Gift of Life Board and support team: "Rexhep is a wonderful, bright and adorable 2 1/2 year old from Kosovo. I was so pleased that Lilyanna Pekic, who works in Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's office, was able to go with me to meet Rexhep at JFK Airport. We made it through some very heavy traffic and reached the hosting family around 5 p.m. and then they took us all out to dinner on Arthur Avenue. A very warm and giving family. I had a fun time playing 'sound games' with Rexhep who laughs easily and is a very happy child."

Rexhep had his first U.S. doctor's appointment on Wednesday, May 13, with Dr. Giamelli. Rexhep and Rasim were accompanied to the doctor's offices by former Islander Lyn Roth-Jacobs of the Pelham Club and Ms. Pekic to act as interpreter. At this time they were informed that the surgery would be moved up from Monday, May 18, to Friday, May 15.

Mr. Currie further reported that Rexhep "is one very sweet child who will steal your heart with his smile and sweet disposition. His dad, Rasim, is likewise a warm and caring father. Many thanks to Lilyanna, Lyn and Assemblyman Mark Gjonaj's family for hosting and taking care of this child and giving them a 'taste of home' through their love, care and support."

Rexhep went in to surgery at Maria Fareri at 9 a.m. with Mr. Currie, Ms. Pekic, his father, Rasim, and Mark Gjonaj's mother in attendance. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., Dr. Giamelli informed everyone that "all went well and that it was good he had the surgery now since the walls of his heart are thickening due to the pressure on his heart".

Rexhep's prognosis was excellent for a good, healthy life, and he was released to go back to the host family that evening!

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Atlantic Emeritus Realty is celebrating its 25th year on City Island! Bob Carmody and staff are holding an anniversary celebration at the real estate office at 300 City Island Avenue near Fordham Street on Sat., June 6. Stop by any time during the day to say "hi" and have some refreshments. You can also call and wish them happy anniversary (718-885-0088).

Focal Point Gallery, 321 City Island Avenue, is having an opening of a group art exhibition on Friday, June 5, from 7 to 10 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and the exhibition will run from June 5, to June 28. Please call 718-885-1403 for more information.

City Island Physical Therapy will be hosting a "Massage Night" on Thursday, June 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Meet their new licensed massage therapist. Jeffrey Dreon will be offering 15-minute chair massages for \$20. You can schedule an appointment by calling the office at 718-885-1079. He also offers 60-minute massage (Swedish, \$80; deep tissue/orthopedic massage with pain-relieving products, \$90).

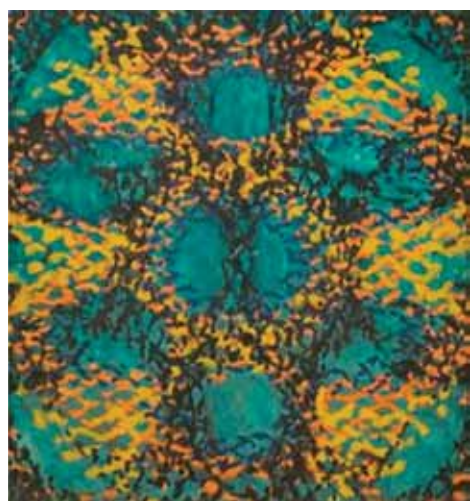
The **Harlem Yacht Club's** restaurant is open and the food is scrumptious! So come on out and enjoy the best sunsets in NY (and NJ) at 417 Hunter Avenue, City Island, NY. Bring all your friends, tell your neighbors. The Club is actively seeking parties, guests of members, and business groups for lunch/dinner or group meetings in the event space upstairs.

Anne Booth, the new chef, will be sending out the weekly specials, and if you have a large group can prepare something special with advanced notice.

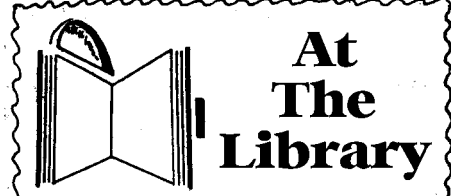
Reservations are encouraged especially for groups of six or more. Please call Susan 914-514-0993 or email reservations@hyc.org.

Robert G. Cox: Making the Invisible, Visible is a retrospective show of revealing paintings, hidden for more than 40 years. Most of these paintings have never been seen before. Cox was the youngest of a group of artists in New York in the 1960s trying to get beyond the confines of Abstract Expressionism. At the age of 20, he was well acquainted with Barnett Newman and Donald Judd, and shared a studio with super-realist Malcolm Morley. This show focuses on his large abstract works of spray-painted oil on canvas.

The exhibition is at The Jewelry Factory, 115 S. Mac Questen Parkway, Mount Vernon, NY, from June 26 to June 28. The opening reception is Friday, June 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m.



This painting by Robert G. Cox will be one of the pieces exhibited at the Jewelry Factory.



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JUNE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Presley and Melody presents: Superheroes and Story Songs: Interactive musical delivering the performing arts in creative, hands-on musical experiences for kids of all ages. Children become "stars on stage" in this unique and creative concert experience. Original songs are specifically created for each theme and age group attending performance. Monday, June 8, at 11 a.m.

Rhythm and Sound: A Summer Reading Kick-Off Celebration. In this interactive workshop, our percussionist brings audience members to the stage to play percussive instruments from around the world. For children ages 4 and older. Presented by Urban Stages. Friday, June 19, at 3:30 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

Circle Time: Interactive stories, action, songs, crafts and interaction with other toddlers in the neighborhood. First come first served. A limit of 15 children and caregivers per session. 18 months to 3 years. Every Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Read & Play: Children from birth to 3 years old and their caregivers can take part in wonderful stories, discover amazing toys, and meet new friends in this fun, informal program. There is a limit of 15 children and their caregivers per session. Space is limited on a first come, first serve basis the day of the program. Every Friday at 11 a.m.

Craft-A-Way: Drop in at any time throughout the day and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2-11. Friday, June 5, between 12 noon and 4 p.m.

JUNE TEEN & TWEEN PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Big Talks: Bullying: Most teens have experience with bullying, whether you're a victim, a bystander, or a bully. Come engage in conversations about how we treat each other. What does bullying look like? Why does it happen? What can you do? For ages 12 to 18 years old. Presented by Tara Abrol. Wednesday, June 10, at 3:30 p.m.

ONGOING PROGRAM:

After School Lounge. Come to the library after school for studying, relaxing and doing homework with Wii and movies on Friday. Every weekday after school Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

JUNE ADULT PROGRAMS

SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Stories of New York: An Evening of Stories About Living in the Great City of New York: Cyndi Freeman and Dawn Frazer, both veteran performers and instructors, share short personal stories about living in NYC and then open up the floor for the audience to share their own. Inspired by the people of the city, from the immigrant pursuing a lifelong dream to the veterans who couldn't imagine calling anywhere else home, this show will showcase the diversity of voices and experiences of all things New York. 'Stories of New York' promises not only 60-90 minutes of heartfelt entertainment, but more than that, the sharing of personal stories is a profound and authentic experience, this event will give all who are present the opportunity to meet and bond with folks they may otherwise never get to know. Saturday, June 6, 1 p.m.

The Hart Island Project: The Hart

Island Project will have its annual public meeting June 13 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the City Island Branch Library. The meeting includes elections of officers and a summary of mission related services and events including planning and volunteer recruitment for a benefit concert Aug.29, 2015, with Emmylou Harris and Anonymous 4.

At the Hart Island meeting, a New York City Mayoral Award for volunteer service will be presented to Jessica Rocchio, a Bronx resident, who has dedicated hundreds of hours of public service deciphering handwriting and entering data for the newly launched Traveling Cloud Museum. Countless women around the world have located their infant children buried on Hart Island and two were granted access to visit gravesite thanks to Jess's daily contributions of time and skill.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

NEW! Summer Writing at the Library begins June 11, Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. The midday heat is over. A gentle, friendly breeze passes through the library garden. It is that quiet hour at the end of a summer day. It is your time to unlock the treasure chest of personal creativity as you join other adventurers for Summer Writing at the Library. You will learn how to develop a story from a single word, how to craft an idea into an opinion piece for publication, and how to use your experience or observation to weave stories that celebrate the joys and sorrows of life's journeys. Led by Gail Hitt. Expect some surprises and spontaneous smiles. Everyone welcome. Thursdays, June 11, 18, and 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Computer Q & A: Ask questions about how to use computers. "How do I turn a computer on?" "How do I set up my own e-mail account and e-mail family and friends?" "How do I copy and paste text and pictures?" "How can I sign in to use a computer at the library with my library card?" Every Monday afternoon from 1 to 2 p.m. at Grace Church, Pilot Street. Every Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Also, one-on-one training by appointment.

Resume Writing Workshop and Online Job Search: Staff will be here to help you look for employment and get your resume into top form for the competitive job market. Pre-registration is encouraged but drop-ins are fine. It is recommended you bring along a flash drive to save your work. Every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon.

Tablet Group: Learn how to borrow and download library e-books, discuss your favorite apps and ask questions about how to use tablets in your day-to-day life. Every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 3.

Saturday Afternoon Movies:

Saturday, June 20, at 1 p.m. and Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m.

Please check the flyers for movies scheduled and call in advance in case of any unscheduled changes, additions or cancellations. For events in other branches, please check the website at www.nypl.org.



Bartow-Pell Events

Sing for Hope Piano on the Terrace: Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum is proud to be one of 50 NYC sites selected once again to host a Sing for Hope piano from Friday, June 5, through Sunday, June 21. The refurbished, artist-decorated pianos are donated to organizations throughout the city after their two week stint in public spaces providing access to all. Come play a tune on our piano or listen to one of our guest musicians (visit www.bpmm.org for schedule).

Like Sea Glass: A Handful of Light Search & Discovery Workshop will take place on Sunday, June 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. In this interactive program for families and people with disabilities, participants will explore a temporary installation of touchable art glass by artist MJ Levy Dickson. Using pieces from the installation, they will discover relationships between the glass and natural and architectural elements in the surrounding environment by comparing colors, shapes, and textures. This inclusive program will foster sensory engagement and art appreciation for diverse audiences. *Free.*

June Luncheon: Support the Conservancy and join us for an elegant outdoor *boccadivino*—a taste-of-Italy lunch—overlooking the garden on Thursday, June 11, from noon to 2 p.m. Robert I. C. Fisher will give an illustrated talk on Between Sea & Sky: The Magical Villa Gardens of the Amalfi Coast based on his recently published book. Visit bpmm.org for details and tickets or call the museum. RSVP required.

New York Path Through History Weekend will take place on Saturday, June 20, from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, June 21, with tours at 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.

The weekend features free guided tours by costumed docents on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at quarter past the hour. *Free.*

Take Dad Out to the Ball Game 1864: Celebrate Dad with a Father's Day "base ball match" on Sunday, June 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. The New York Mutuals play with 1864 rules, balls, bats, and uniforms—but no helmets or gloves! After the game, kids join in the fun with a game of rounders with team members and a baseball sing-along on the Sing for Hope Piano. Plus free house tours before the game and a raffle for the game ball! Registration requested. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, students, and members and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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A project related to the water main replacement is the construction of a 48-inch drainage outfall at the north end of Minneford Avenue along with 1,400 feet of storm-water collection sewers along Minneford and Terrace Street.

Water Mains

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feet of commercial property off Minneford Avenue, a parking area owned by JP's restaurant.

According to DDC, the approval of the easement gives the city the right to use the property for construction and then retain access for maintenance of the infrastructure over time. The property owners receive compensation for this right, but the easement must remain free of structures in the future.

When asked what JP's owners thought of this plan, Mr. Nieves said that DDC was in discussions with the attorney representing JP's.

The north end of Minneford Avenue has been plagued by flooding during storms and heavy rainfall, so one attendee acknowledged the need for drainage improvements. Mr. White outlined the plans, including "a new 48-inch outfall from Minneford Avenue to Eastchester Bay and 1,400 feet of new storm-water collection sewers along Minneford Avenue and Terrace Street."

Islander Judy Rauh asked about how all this construction will fit in with the construction of the new bridge and the further impact it will have on traffic.

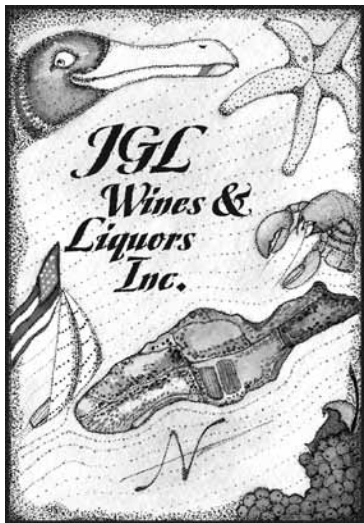
DDC representatives assured Islanders that, as they did in 2008, they would work closely with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to keep traffic moving through careful scheduling, extra signage and workers who will direct traffic around construction areas.

Barbara Harrison of the City Island Garden Club expressed concern for potential damage to the trees in Catherine Scott Park, in particular, the "Brotherhood Tree." She was told that the location of the water main connection was designed to avoid damage to the tree and that every precaution would be taken to protect all the trees and move them if necessary to preserve them.

Pilot Street resident Inge Otto asked how much this project will cost. She was told that the estimate for the water main portion is \$15 million, but no estimate was available yet for the drainage part of the project.

When the committee chairman, Peter Sullivan, took a vote on the ULURP application, there were 16 votes in favor, including the two Island residents on the board, Virginia Gallagher and Mike Prohaska.

This is the first presentation of the project to Islanders and DDC has promised more as the plans move forward.



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How do you feel about the news that the police firing range at Rodman's Neck is not moving to Queens as planned? The new proposal is for sound abatement and to leave it at Rodman's Neck.



Brenda Prohaska

I think it's great that the police firing range at Rodman's Neck is not moving to Queens because I like the police presence on and around City Island. If Rodman's Neck was vacated by the NYPD, I can only imagine what the property would end up being used for. The policemen support our businesses and I believe their presence keeps us safe. It is a win/win solution now that they are proposing plans for sound abatement.

The noise from the range never bothers or affects me or my family, but I know it is an issue for many residents. Now it appears we have a compromise that provides the best of both worlds.

Ken Binder



I feel we have been lied to, ignored, and treated as not important enough to listen to. I'm concerned that the sound abatement won't be installed for several years and that it will not work. The firing range was supposed to be moved by 2015. Now the so-called new proposal won't be done for several years. It won't happen in my lifetime. I feel that, again, we've been had.

Annamarie Whelan



I retired as a NYPD sergeant and a member of the Department for 20 years and I did not want to see the Rodman's Neck range moved to College Point, Queens. There are approximately 400 to 600 police officers, Federal Agents and Correction Officers who come to the range every week, during the hours of 8 a.m. till 12 midnight, for different types of training. They come daily to City Island for breakfast, lunch and dinner. They are spending their money in our local stores, bars and restaurants. They are the extra eyes and ears in our community. Our neighborhood as well as our local proprietors benefit from their presence. I believe we would feel a great impact if the range would move. The City and politicians let the Civic Association know that they have allocated millions of dollars to renovate and place a sound abatement system in the firing range. City Island residents will no longer be bothered by the excessive noise and in time everyone will benefit from the range not being relocated. I am glad they are staying here in the Bronx.

Susan Strazzera



I am saddened but not surprised that the firing range is remaining. The residents of City Island, especially on the west side of the Island, have been putting up with the outrageous blasts of gunfire some days on and off from 8:00 a.m. until after 8:00 p.m. and many false promises have been made to move the range. This has been happening for decades and we don't see any relief in sight. When is the sound abatement being constructed? I am pro-cop but anti-noise.

Bob Carmody



I would rather it stay at Rodman's Neck. Police are around 24/7/365, bad for the criminals, good for us. It is just part of the "charm" of City Island. We work our schedules around the traffic and deal with noise from traffic. So a little noise from the range, along with the fact that there will be noise abatement, is not the end of the world.

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For additional information about the Community Center, or if you are interested in conducting classes here please call 718-885-1145.

Your community center's need for volunteers, members and instructors is always out there. Some classes are winding down for the summer, so, be sure to check the schedule and/or call the instructor if you are not sure. Annual membership to the City Island Community Center is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Please think about it and consider joining. To join the Center, to request our new brochure, and for up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org, call 718-885-1145 or "Like" us on Facebook!

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Center main room at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Puppet Theater: Sunday, June 14, at 4 p.m. Come one, come all to our third puppet theater workshop. The first puppet workshop focused on bullying. The theme of the second workshop was family mealtime. The third will feature a family working together to make a delicious meal. A guest chef may make an appearance. With puppeteers under the direction of Jay Howard it is bound to be a treat.

Spruce Up Our Community Center: Saturday, July 11, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Annual get together to help repair, touch up and tidy up our Center. Please come. "Many hands make light work."

NEW PROGRAMS

Ballroom Dance: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m. Learn to Salsa, Fox Trot, Mambo, Tango and you name it with instructor Maurice Bonilla. Soon you may be on "Dancing with the Stars." For information call 347-920-3127 or 718-772-4014.

CI Community Supported Agriculture: Mondays, 5 to 7 p.m. First delivery of fresh organic produce begins June 8. It is not too late to join for delivery of delicious fruits and vegetables every week. For information, contact laurenbriggsrn@gmail.com or call 917-238-0529.

PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit/aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

- Narcotics Anonymous:**
Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.
Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.
- Alcoholics Anonymous:**
Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.
Tuesdays at 8 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.
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Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080
- Overeaters Anonymous:**
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Belly Dance / Shimmy By the Sea with Kristin, aka Gypsy Curves: Sundays, 4 p.m. Fee is \$20 per class; the sixth class is free. Call Kristin Amezcuita at 646-625-1575 for information.

Chair Yoga with Michael: Fridays, 9:30 a.m. Note new day. Stretch and flex with an easy combination of yoga, tai chi and pilates. For more information, call Betty at 718-885-1095.

Chess Club: Every Thursday at 7 p.m. Chess taught, played and discussed. All levels welcome. Come on in! Avoid TV. Have fun. Call Bill at 718-541-3995.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (except December). Join your community in action.

City Island Culinary Club: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Have fun with other people who love to cook and Chef Michael Proietti. Special Salads: June 3 and 17. For information, call Michael at 646-296-3102. Note: Community Dinner & Karaoke Fundraiser hosted by CI Culinary Club is postponed.

Irish Dance for Children: Monday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Irish step dancing for all ages at all levels taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. Classes through June 22. For information, call Kim at 718-885-3501.

Parenting Group: Last Tuesday at 7 p.m. We laugh, we cry and we learn from one another. Join us as we share our experience, strength and hope on this journey of parenthood. For information call John Scardina at 718-885-9305.

Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. with Deborah. Trim down for the summer with the support of a great group. Joiners are always welcome to join. For more information, call Elena at 718-885-2268 or Patty at 718-885-1891.

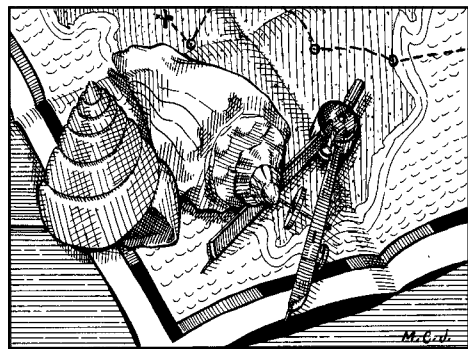
Yoga with Jo Ann: Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. \$10 per session. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and, if possible, a yoga blanket. For more information, contact Jo Ann at 917-853-4719 or joannngny@aol.com.

Zumba with Julia: Want to lose that belly fat? Well here is your chance to Zumba with Julia. It's a high energy Zumba workout for an hour. Saturdays at 10 a.m. \$10 per class. For questions, call 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Letti: Thursdays at 6 p.m. Letti's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. Classes are \$10. Call Letti at 917-292-4228 for more information.

On Hold for June, July and August: Children's Art Classes with Lorraine Cantori, CI Drawing Society with Josh Glick, Family Bingo, Jill's Playgroup, and Parenting Group with John Scardina (July and August).

Patty Grondahl



St. Mary's Thrift Shop

St. Mary's Thrift Shop is open every Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

During June keep your eye out for our spectacular end of the season sales (bag sales, 1/2 price sales, super specials and culinary specials). Take advantage of all the bargains while enjoying complimentary coffee and sweets with your fellow shoppers. Keep in mind that the Thrift Shop will close for July and August, but will re-open in September with our fall collection.

Have a happy summer and remember, donations are always welcome.

Arlene Byrne

Garden Club of City Island

Showers of thanks to Susan Strazzera, Beautification Chair, club members Charline Evers, Francine Alheid, Lily Bryant, Barbara Harrison, Maggie Higgins, Carmella Bellocchio, and Judy Judson, prospective member Beth Kiss, and Helping Hands Laura Longo, Darrell Smith and Sharynne Wilder for all their great work on Saturday, May 2! We now have plants and flowers in the planter boxes and the boxes have been watered. Thank goodness we had a beautiful day with lots of sunshine, but not too hot. The plants should fill the boxes soon and spill over the sides.

Attendees at our annual Garden Club Luncheon on Thursday, May 21, themed "Irises" this year, enjoyed a delicious meal at the City Island Yacht Club along with prizes and raffles galore. We hereby thank many of City Island's business owners for all the generous donations of meals and gift certificates they provided for our raffle. In addition, we thank our members for the creative and beautiful gift baskets adorning our prize table. A special thank you to Ron Turner of Focal Point Gallery for our grand prize, his digitized framed photograph of Pelham Bay Park Trees. And where would we be without the creative leadership of Luncheon Chair Francine Alheid? Kudos for a job so very well done!

A wonderful time was had by all who attended the trip to Essex County's Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair, NJ, on May 27, where their magnificent irises were in full bloom. It was a spectacular display, one you can only see for about two to three weeks each year. We're looking forward to our June meeting's speaker, Julie Tang, who will tell us a little about Origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. In addition, she will conduct a workshop on origami flowers with members at the meeting. Also, the Club will hold our officer elections at the June meeting and we'll provide results in our next column.

We're in the middle of our annual Beautification Fund drive that supports all the work we do during the year. We hope you received your letter and are generously returning the envelope to us. If you didn't get a packet in your mailbox, and you are inclined to assist and support the Club's efforts, please send a check to The Garden Club of City Island, Post Office Box 43, Bronx, New York 10464. For those who have already donated, our heartfelt thanks. Among our projects this year is an enhancement to the gates of our own Pelham Cemetery. We'll be reviewing options for the planting with the cemetery board and it should be in place by the 4th of July weekend. Once again, we thank Conal Schaller for helping us maintain the public places and tree pits along the Avenue amidst all the construction projects going on.

Barbara Harrison

PSS City Island Senior Center

The mission of PSS City Island Senior Center is to provide neighborhood adults 60 and over with the tools to live life to their fullest, keeping them healthy, engaged and connected through innovative programs and classes. We are not your everyday senior center!

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue in Grace Church Hall and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. A delicious lunch is served every day from 12 to 1 p.m., catered by Scavello's (IGA). Programs are funded by PSS and the NYC Department for the Aging.

HIGHLIGHTS:

Game: Yankees vs. Nationals, on June 10, at 1:05 p.m., \$30, including transportation.

Father's Day Party with Tony Michaels' music on June 19. Lunch of sausage and

peppers, roasted broccoli, roasted potatoes, roll and dessert, as well as gifts.

Show and Tell Days on Thursday, June 18 and 25, at 12:45. Bring your prized possession and a little tale about it. Sign up at the center.

July 1: Mets vs. Cubs at 5:30 p.m. The game is free; transportation on your own or by arrangement.

July 2. Independence Day BBQ celebration with hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw.

July 3. Center is closed in recognition of Independence Day.

Physical Exercise: The exercise program offers classes at various levels of fitness. Drop in and try one of our classes for yourself. Mondays: Tai Chi DVD at 9:15; Tuesdays: Cardio Fitness at 9:15 a.m. and Yoga Stretch at 1 p.m. (no yoga on June 16); Wednesdays: Zumba at 9:15 and Arthritis Workshop at 10:15 a.m.; Thursdays: Tai Chi DVD at 9:15 a.m.; Fridays: Fit for Life at 9 a.m. and Yoga Stretch at 10:15. Tai Chi DVD, Arthritis Workshop classes are free. The suggested donation for all other exercise classes is \$3 each.

June Programs: Mondays: Individualized Computer Instruction at 1 p.m.; Guitar Lessons also at 1 p.m. (no guitar on June 15); Tuesdays: Conversational Spanish at 10:15; Wednesdays: Calligraphy at 1 p.m.; and Haircuts by Brenda on June 10 and 24 for \$10; Thursdays: Acrylic Painting at 10 a.m.; Piracy Bingo at 12:30 p.m. on June 11; Fridays: Birthday Party June 26; Dance Party every week at 12:45.

Information, Referrals and Assistance

Need help with filling out forms or applying for certain benefits? Don't know if you are eligible for benefits? We can help. Call Patty at 718-885-0727 or drop by the Center.

Caregivers Support

If you are caring for someone or if you know someone who is caring for another, we have some supportive services that might be helpful, including respite, escort assistance and help with shopping. Please call Patty at 718-885-0727.

Transportation Services

Off island shopping trips leave at 9:30 and include Shop Rite, Bay Plaza, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmers Market, Trader Joe's, Empire City and more. See our monthly calendar for specific dates. The suggested contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island and \$2.50 off-Island shopping trips. Limited availability is open for off-Island doctor appointments. You must call the office one week before the appointment and be approved. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Tony at 347-834-6466 for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

Legion Ladies Auxiliary

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 3, at Scavello's Restaurant at 7 p.m. Details are available at the Post. This will be our last meeting until September. Thanks to the junior members and others that took the time to make our bake/yard sale a success.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

Laura Booth

AARP Chapter 318

AARP 318 will meet on Wednesday, June 3, at 1 p.m. in Trinity United Methodist Church Hall. This will be our last meeting for this year. Our end of the year luncheon will take place on Thursday, June 18, at 12:30 p.m. at the Lobster House restaurant, located near the City Island bridge.

Have a happy and safe summer! We will see everyone back in September.

Rosetta Woods



Fathers and Sons

Father's Day gives us the opportunity to consider complex father and son relationships that have been studied over the years in a wide variety of movies. **Kramer vs. Kramer** (1979) is the classic film starring Dustin Hoffman as Ted Kramer, whose seriously depressed wife, Joanna (Meryl Streep), leaves him and their young son, Billy (Justin Henry) to fend for themselves. It is wonderful to watch Ted transform from a workaholic to a devoted dad.

Harry & Son (1984) stars Paul Newman (who also directed) as Harry, a widowed blue collar worker trying to communicate with his teenage son, Howard (Robby Benson). A young Ellen Barkin is on hand as Howard's girlfriend, Katie, and Joanne Woodward (Paul's real-life wife) as next-door neighbor, Lilly.

In the comedy drama **Nothing in Common** (1986), a young Tom Hanks plays David Basner, a topnotch advertising executive who has to pick up the pieces when his parents (Jackie Gleason and Eva Marie Saint) decide to divorce. The supporting cast includes the gorgeous Sela Ward as Cheryl Ann, a client he lusts after; Bess Armstrong as Donna, one of his best friends; and the delightful Hector Elizondo as Charlie Gargas, his understanding boss. When David's father becomes ill, both father and son are surprised by how David handles the situation.

In **Memories of Me** (1988), Billy Crystal plays Abbie, a high-powered NYC surgeon. After undergoing a humbling health problem, Abbie goes West to visit his father, Abe (Alan King), a movie extra. JoBeth Williams, also a physician, comes along as Abbie's love interest. While poignant in its telling, it has wonderful puns and groans galore from these superb comedians.

Set in 1940s Brooklyn is the drama **The Chosen** (1981), starring Rod Steiger as Reb Saunders, the leader of a sect of Jewish Hassidim, the very orthodox who follow the teachings of a rabbi from 17th-century Poland; and Robby Benson as his brilliant son, Danny, whom he is raising in silence. Counterpoint to this is David Malter (Maximillian Schell), a Zionist who is working to establish the free state of Israel, and his son, Reuven (Barry Miller). The teenagers become friends, and the conflicts within the Jewish culture and their relationships with their fathers are fascinating to behold.

A Broadway play was the basis for the movie **Da** (1988), the story of a Charlie, a successful playwright (Martin Sheen), who returns to Ireland for his father's funeral (Barnard Hughes). Much of the film is about an ongoing dialogue between son and father, who though dead haunts his son with advice and reminiscences that drive Charlie crazy.

Dad (1989) stars Jack Lemmon as Jake Tremont, in a magnificent performance as an old codger whose mind is slowly going, and Olympia Dukakis as Annie, his painfully doting wife. When illness strikes, it is up to their son, John (Ted Danson), to keep things together. A young Ethan Hawke appears as John's son Billy; and Kevin Spacey has a scene-stealing role as Mario, John's brother-in-law.

The cinematography steals the show in **A River Runs Through It** (1992), set in Montana in the years leading up to World War I. Robert Redford (who directed the

film) narrates this memoir of Norman Maclean (Craig Sheffer), the elder son of a Presbyterian Minister (Tom Skerrit) and his wife (Brenda Blethyn), and brother to Paul (Brad Pitt), a wild, free-spirited newspaperman. This is the story of how fundamental principles of life are passed down from father to son, both through the ministry, but more often through fishing in trout streams. It is a gentle, poignant and nostalgic film of days gone by.

In **Sleepless in Seattle** (1993), Tom Hanks, the widowed father of 8-year old Jonah (Ross Malinger), moves to Seattle to start a new life. When Jonah calls a radio talk show host and says that his father needs a new wife, the program is heard by Annie Reed (Meg Ryan), a reporter from Baltimore who is smitten by the story and the family, and won't let mere geography get in her way.

The Sum of Us (1995) is set in Sydney, Australia, where Jeff (Russell Crowe), a gay man, lives with his widowed father, Harry (Jack Thompson). Harry is accepting of his son and desperately wants him to be happy. However, he continuously crosses the line and is intrusive when he is only trying to be kind.

The Winslow Boy (1999) is the screen adaptation of the Terence Rattigan play, based on the 1910 trial of a 13-year old British naval cadet (Guy Edwards), who is accused of stealing a five-shilling postal order. His father (Nigel Hawthorne) is convinced of his innocence and puts the family through tremendous financial hardship in defense of his son.

In **Frequency** (2000), when the Northern Lights (aurora borealis) appear in the sky over New York City in 1969, ham radio operator Frank Sullivan (Dennis Quaid) starts a conversation with a fellow Brooklynite, John (Jim Caviezel), who turns out to be his very own son, living in 1999. Paradoxes abound as firefighter father and policeman son work together to solve a crime and in so doing change the future and the past.

Will Smith was nominated for best actor as Chris Gardner, a very sympathetic character fighting to take care of his son, Christopher (real-life son Jaden Syre Smith), in **The Pursuit of Happyness** [sic] (2006), which is based on true life events. Set in the 1980s, the film is a horrifying portrayal of how a few instances of bad luck and poor choices can plunge a family into poverty and homelessness; but Gardner is up to the challenge.

In **Brahmin Bulls** (2014), while attending a conference in Los Angeles, Ashok (Roshan Seth), a long-widowed Boston professor, shows up on the doorstep of his estranged son, Sid (Sendhil Ramamurthy), an architect on the verge of divorce. The two begin a journey to mend their relationship until Sid discovers that his father has actually come in search of an old flame (Mary Steenburgen). The way the men grate on each other seems true to life in this heartfelt and humorous exploration of the ever-evolving relationship between a father and son, the women in their lives, and the powerful secrets they keep.

Inspired by a true incident, **Danny Collins** (2015) stars Al Pacino in the title role of an aging pop singer, whose manager/best friend, Frank (Christopher Plummer), presents him with an extraordinary birthday gift, a letter written to Danny in 1971 by John Lennon that he never received. Disenchanted with his extravagant empty life of drugs, booze and absurdly younger women, Danny embarks on a journey to meet his grown son, Tom (Bobby Cannavale), a blue-collar worker who lives in New Jersey with his pregnant wife, Samantha (Jennifer Garner), and their special-needs daughter, Hope (Giselle Eisenberg). The outstanding cast also includes Annette Bening as Mary, the hotel manager of the Hilton where Danny is staying, and with whom Danny enjoys wonderful banter.

How Danny slowly but deliberately insinuates himself into their lives is a fascinating process.

And until next time, happy Father's Day and happy viewing. . .



Public School 175

Best wishes to all the eighth-graders who, pending successful completion of promotion requirements, will be attending the following high schools in September: **Archbishop Stepinac:** Michael Amos, Angelo Ejli, Ceasar Lugo, Michael Powers, Peter Wiehler; **Art and Design H.S.:** Jayana Hauser, Bakara Hope Felix, Isabel Shaw; **Bronxdale H.S.:** Angie Lin; **Bronx Health Sciences H.S.:** Denise Cornejo, Damia Torres; **Bronx High School for Medical Science:** Victoria Rabinowitz; **Bronx River H.S.:** Julisa Viguera; **Bronxwood Prep Academy:** Carolina Clara; **Brooklyn Latin School:** Sean Clara; **Brooklyn Technical H.S.:** Anthony Masella Jr.; **Cardinal Spellman:** Emma Adinolfi, Dava Lee Candelaria, Rebecca Lubelli, Hayley Murphy, Conner Ninivaggi, Kevin Ukaj, Christine Whelan; **Exploration Academy:**

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More than 60 people came to the City Island Yacht Club on May 21, 2015, for the annual luncheon of the Garden Club of City Island. In the photo, (l. to r.): Ellen Murphy, club recording secretary; Francine Alheid, luncheon chairman; Rabbi Shohama Wiener, of Temple Beth-El, who gave the invocation; Judy Judson, club president, and Barbara Dennis, club corresponding secretary. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch, beautifully decorated tables, and an array of gift baskets, door prizes and gift certificates being raffled off.

IN THE GARDEN

By MARY COLBY



Photo by MARY COLBY

Scarlet meidiland rose

GARDENING IS NOT FOR SISSIES

I've been gardening for days. When I first arrived at my upstate garden, I looked at all the smallest things first, little blossoms that spread out slowly before me. After my brief look, I armed myself with a shovel and rake, secateurs and watering cans. Spring is exhausting. Gardening is not for sissies.

I used my loppers and a little spear shovel to divide perennials, which benefits their health and makes more plants. I planted all the seedlings I've been coddling this long winter, fed the whole bunch with fish emulsion and topped them with dressings of composted manure. Then I cut down the grasses, pruned and shaped bushes, mulched and delivered the last of the leaves to the compost pile. I sprayed the roses with fungicide and got rid of plants that don't perform well, thereby making space for new and improved plantings. No wonder herbaceous borders went out of fashion in America. Now, landscapers for the most part use only trees and shrubs for their layout.

Phew! When will there be time to enjoy it? After all the hard work, I remembered a quote from Karel Capek: "There

are many ways to make a garden; the best way is to bring a gardener."

I often visit the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx to see what is blooming. I take note of how layered some plantings are, such as spring bulbs with hosta overlay, alliums with oriental poppies, yarrow with Russian sage, and asters and molinia grasses.

I also love daisies, don't you? There is a daisy for every season. The bellis daisy, with its cute pompom flowers in red, white and pink, black-eyed susans, shasta daisies, coreopsis and the late-blooming Montauk daisies from Japan. I also love the single white cosmos, which is like a daisy, and you can plant it now. How lovely is a bed of these white flowers mixed with bergenia and small grasses, such as festuca glauca.

Roses win the month, and there are some great varieties that stay healthy and need little care. The knockout roses are always in bloom. They tend to get large and outgrow their space, so be sure to cut them back by half in the spring once they have become over four feet. Then there are the meidiland roses, which I favor. Some cascade down a wall, while others are mat forming and can be used as a ground cover or down a slope. They have one big, hefty bloom time and then if you lightly clip them, they will repeat. The scarlet ones are so romantic.

I would suggest if you love gardens that you watch BBC Gardeners World. Monty Don has a series on Italian gardens. There are other segments dealing directly with how to, and others featuring events like the Chelsea Flower Show. It's the next best thing to a trip to England.

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Change One Thing: A Parent's Guide to Breaking Habits

By JOHN SCARDINA

We all have things we want to change: lose weight, stop smoking, exercise more, procrastinate less. This is also true for our children, who are as susceptible to unhealthy habits as we are: unhealthy snacking, too much time on video games, negative body images, and the like. How do we break these patterns? Here are some tips:

- Believe in yourself and your child: Repeat phrases like "change is possible" and "I am getting better and better." Starting from a place of affirmation rather than denigration ("I'm so fat!") reminds us of the power of positive thinking and actions. Practice this with yourself and your child. Reframe your language to use positive terms, such as "I will eat carrot sticks and apple slices," rather than "I will not eat junk food," so that you are not even introducing the concept of the negative behavior.

- Change one thing: Set a small goal and stick with it. For your child this might be "take five minutes less to complete your homework" or "spend one hour outside playing for every hour on the computer." Start with one specific goal for one specific period of time—two weeks is best

—before adding any other goals. Think of 80 percent success as good enough to go on to a new goal. Chart your child's progress and be positive about successes. If things don't go so well, start over again, keeping the goal simple and specific.

- Reward changes: Choose meaningful rewards for positive change. Pick activities you can do with your child rather than buying things they want. Remember that the best "present" you can give your children is to be "present" with them on a daily basis.

- Model this behavior: As Gandhi reminded us, "be the change you want to see in the world." All of us share a common neurology for change—we are wired alike more than we are wired differently—so walk the walk in your family. Always remind yourself and your children that we are all works in progress who are growing into goodness.

Ready? Let's go!

City Islander John Scardina is a school psychologist, child development specialist, and parent educator. Check out his website at www.ThinkLaughLearn.com. He also holds monthly parent discussion groups at the CI Community Center.

Obituaries

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Sister Jean Clare Eason

Sr. Jean Clare of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, died on April 9, 2015, in New Rochelle, NY. She was 73.

She was born Elaine Anne Eason in Buffalo, NY, the only child of Clarence and Jean Eason. She entered the Medical Missionaries of Mary in 1959 and took the name Jean Clare.

In the 1960s, she trained as a dentist at Tufts University in Boston and later as a social worker at Hunter College in Manhattan. She worked as a dentist in Africa for 10 years.

Sr. Jean Clare lived on City Island at the convent on Minneford Avenue from 1980 to 1986. While on City Island, she was a member of St. Mary, Star of the Sea church.

Her years of service also took her to Europe and North and South America. Her later years were spent in a leadership role with the order.

She was predeceased by her parents.

A funeral Mass for Sr. Jean Clare was celebrated at St. Mary's, and she was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden, MA. She will be remembered as a woman who wanted to be there for others.

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 HH = hours; MM = minutes

Tide chart by Tom Smith

JUNE 2015									
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02 Tue	0605	-0.02	1148	7.35	1748	0.47	2346	8.31	Tue 02
03 Wed	0636	-0.20	1223	7.52	1830	0.34			Wed 03
04 Thu	0027	8.45	0713	-0.32	1304	7.67	1915	0.27	Thu 04
05 Fri	0112	8.49	0755	-0.34	1349	7.77	2003	0.27	Fri 05
06 Sat	0200	8.40	0841	-0.28	1438	7.80	2055	0.35	Sat 06
07 Sun	0251	8.19	0932	-0.14	1531	7.78	2153	0.46	Sun 07
08 Mon	0348	7.88	1029	0.05	1630	7.73	2301	0.57	Mon 08
09 Tue	0450	7.53	1135	0.23	1736	7.70			Tue 09
10 Wed	0033	0.54	0604	7.24	1258	0.31	1857	7.76	Wed 10
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12 Fri	0302	-0.09	0854	7.23	1517	0.10	2118	8.18	Fri 12
13 Sat	0402	-0.47	0955	7.38	1614	-0.06	2214	8.37	Sat 13
14 Sun	0457	-0.77	1050	7.53	1707	-0.18	2306	8.48	Sun 14
15 Mon	0548	-0.93	1140	7.63	1758	-0.20	2355	8.49	Mon 15
16 Tue	0637	-0.93	1229	7.66	1845	-0.12			Tue 16
17 Wed	0041	8.40	0723	-0.78	1315	7.64	1930	0.05	Wed 17
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19 Fri	0207	7.96	0849	-0.14	1444	7.46	2054	0.60	Fri 19
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21 Sun	0327	7.36	1003	0.63	1611	7.22	2201	1.16	Sun 21
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Birding in Cape May

Birding in Cape May, NJ is a lot like birding in Pelham Bay Park but on steroids. You'll see a lot of the same birds you see here and then some. For example, you'll see and, of course, hear laughing gulls. Lots of them. Our guide told us Cape May is home to the largest laughing gull colonies in the world. You'll see oystercatchers, too, but try to find an oystercatcher on the nest. Here, it's not so easy. In Cape May, we saw our first ever oystercatcher on the nest right out in the open on a not so desolate beach.

Up until this winter, we would have said spotting American bald eagles in the Bronx was unlikely. Whether or not that remains the case remains to be seen. Not so in Cape May, though. In Cape May, they watch bald eagles steal fish from osprey in mid-air. We weren't so lucky this time, but we did learn how to tell bald eagles apart from turkey vultures as they soar; from afar they are easily mistaken. Bald eagles are the more graceful and at the same time more powerful flyer of the two. Turkey vultures tend to rock back and forth as they ride the thermals. They fly high with their wings pointed upward, forming a kind of V in flight. American bald eagles soar with their wings flat, as if to say, "I got this; no problem." Our guide was just as dead-on accurate telling us how to spot the difference between a swallow and a swift. For a chimney swift, he said, look for the flying cigar. After that, it was easy.

Among the other interesting birds that we saw were a glossy ibis, summer tanager, northern gannet, and a scoter. In all, we saw about 40 different species in a single afternoon. It was more than enough excitement for one day. Or so we thought. When our guide told us that at the height of the fall migration it was not uncommon to see something like 140 different species in an afternoon, we were beside ourselves with wonder.

Prevailing winds and the variety of habitat account for the excellent birding opportunities in Cape May. Both coastal and inland birds are literally blown through the Cape May peninsula where familiar surroundings such as forests, meadows and marshes await with the feeling of home. Some birds come just for the food. Red knots, for example, depend on the eggs of horseshoe crabs, which will be laid mostly beneath the late May and early June full and new moons.

Watch for horseshoe crabs on our own City Island shores. The larger females bury themselves part way in the sand at the shore line to lay their eggs. They lay tens of thousands, "knowing" that most will be eaten by our own shore birds as well as a few landlubbers, such as sparrows, starlings and, of course, pigeon. Pigeons never seem to be out of the loop.

As usual we invite readers to share their own sights and sounds with us at jdsstrat@msn.com.

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The Girl Scouts were all smiles as they plied their posies and cookies on May 8 and 9 at their annual Mother's Day fundraiser. Pictured l. to r.: Hope Rosado, Evamarie Bellocchio, Fiorella Miria, Natalia Tranquillo and Jhadelyn Castillo.

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Birthday greetings on June 1 to Tier Street's Marion Rosenfeld with love from your family, friends and, of course, Lucy. Woof!

Congratulations to Marissa Ferris on her graduation from Sacred Heart University on May 17. Marissa received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and will be pursuing her Master's in Education at Sacred Heart University for the coming year. We are all so proud of your accomplishments and the woman you are! You will be a fantastic teacher because you have so much to give and a heart of gold. Always remember, the sky's the limit and there is nothing you cannot achieve. We love you and are so very proud! Mom, Joey, Richard, Dad, Linda and the boys.

Happy birthday on June 23 to the Sailmaker's John Iovieno with love from the Iovieno and Swieciki families.

Shared birthday wishes to the Island Current's Karen Nani and Margaret Lenz, who celebrate on June 7, and Ginger Danegger and Rose Kolb whose special day is June 4.

Best wishes for continued happiness to Mere and Ant Ribaud, who are celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary this month. Love, Mom and Dad Ribaud.

Birthday greetings on June 29 to Marine Street's Ann Butterworth with love from the Butterworth and Doyle families.

Welcome back to the Rev. Susan Chadwick who returns to City Island this month. Rev. Sue has retired and is looking forward to seeing old friends and neighbors.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success to Bob Carmody of Atlantic Emeritus Realty, who will celebrate his 25th anniversary in business on June 6. Bob invites all to stop by to say "hi" and share some refreshments with him and Maria Swieciki, his agent of 20 years.

Brava to Elizabeth Paldino who graduated Magna Cum Laude from Queens College in May receiving her MLIS with a specialty in Children's and Young Adult Services in the Public Library.

Happy birthday on June 19 to Debra G. Erickson with love on your special day from Mom, Elzy and Kenny.

Birthday wishes across the miles to Huntsville, AL, for my special friend of 69 years, Carolyn (Foley) Peters. Carolyn and I are both former clam diggers and she



Marissa Ferris graduated from Sacred Heart University.

celebrates her birthday on June 21. Love and hugs, Barbara (Haas) Lynch.

Happy June birthday to Vera Thompson, who will celebrate her 95th birthday on June 8. Also celebrating in June are her son, John Wright, and her daughter, Judy Rauh.

Happy birthday, Tiz. Where did the time go? Much love, Mary and John.

Birthday wishes to Marie with love from Bob and Rose.

Celebrating the Big One! Happy birthday, Little Bunny. Love you always.

Fourth of July birthday wishes to Roseann with lots of love from the family.

Birthday greetings to our two beautiful daughters-in-law, Mere Ribaud on June 3 and Danielle Ribaud on June 15.

Happy birthday on July 4 to Nicky Carmody with love from Grandma and the rest of the crew.

If you have friends or family coming for a visit and they plan to stay at the new Marriott Hotel in the Bronx Metro Center, tell them to keep an eye out for artwork by Island artists Marguerite Chadwick-Juner and Mary Colby. The interior architecture and design firm DashDesign purchased three pieces from Mary and seven from Marguerite to grace some of the interior spaces.

And a very Happy Father's Day on June 21 to all our hardworking dads and grandfathers. Relax and enjoy!

Maria Swieciki



Photo by MARY CARMAN

After the 50th anniversary of their graduation from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, the Class of 1958 vowed to not lose touch and to keep the spirit of that first reunion in 2008 going long and strong. So here they are on April 26, 2015, enjoying another one of their twice yearly get-togethers, first celebrating Mass at St. Mary's, then enjoying an extended luncheon to catch up on each other's news. Back row (l. to r.): Frank Giacobelli, Darrell Smith, Larry Condon, Rosetta (Shandley) Woods, Evelyn Tamborlani, John Neuner, Charles Carman, Joe Gelsi. Front row: Barbara Harrison, Delia (Therault) Cacace, Carol (Bunny Sullivan) Giacobelli, Jane (Genovese) Gelsi, Prima Tamborlani, Angela Mueller, Bill Mueller, Mary (Fogarty) Carman.



"Moment of Reflection VII" by Marguerite Chadwick-Juner is just one of the images by Island artists that you may encounter at the new Marriott Residence Hotel in the Bronx Metro Center.

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