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Despite Plenty of Hurdles, Spring Bazaar Succeeds

BY BOB AARONSON AND HEDY CAMPBELL

It Was the Best of Times

MOST OF US WHO have spent even part of Spring Bazaar day on the street have a story to tell. There's the story I heard just recently about an 875 resident who admired a pair of wine glasses on a vendor's table. Her comments sparked a conversation that revealed a common bond (both parties spoke Danish), which in turn launched a rewarding friendship. There's the story from this year's event, Sat., May 21, of how a conversation about politics during a lull at the BAiP table gained resident blogger Caitlin Hawke all kinds of insights into a neighbor she'd never met, resulting in her recent blog post (find it at our website) about him, his work on a 1960 television ad that was only shown once, and the current political climate. My story was born at the refreshments table. A relatively new resident had donated a batch of hermits, a cookie I'd never before encountered, which I then learned is an old-time New England favorite. A Block Association founder walked by, noticed the sign on the basket and exclaimed, "Hermits? I haven't had a hermit in years!" He bought one. He tasted it. He very happily bought the rest of the batch.

Connections are made through community, and that's what the Block Association's Spring Bazaar is all about. Yes, it's also fund-raising event. But the truth is that if you divide the net profit of the event by the number of volunteer hours contributed, the per-hour bottom line is more than a little ridiculous. We contribute the time, the administrative work, the publicity blitz, the arranging, and the hauling because each of the people involved believes that this is a great way to build and strengthen our sense of community, and that there is invaluable merit in doing just that.

It Was the Worst of Times

"IF IT CAN GO WRONG, it will go wrong" was never truer than it was during the organizing of this year's Spring Bazaar. We were ticking along like always, checking items off our various lists, when we received notification from the city that permits for events like ours were being recategorized. We'd have to pay the city a percentage of what we netted from vendor sales. Each vendor would have to complete paperwork providing identifying details. We took a vote among ourselves about whether to proceed. By a single vote, we decided to go ahead. Vendors balked. In the 11th hour, City Councilmember Helen Rosenthal's office kept the city at bay and we could proceed as planned.

Meanwhile, Con Edison was busy tearing up W. 103rd St. where we hold the event, trying to find and repair the source of the gas leak that had left businesses on Broadway shuttered for weeks. Workers would jackhammer a hole, fix something, leave cones in place, and wait a bit. Then they'd dig a new hole elsewhere on the block and start all over again. We were assured that the work would be done in time.

At the same time, one of our most energetic board members moved out of the neighborhood. We thought about asking her to help despite living in another borough but thought it was just too pushy. We discovered that donations to our silent auction had been slow to arrive. One board member was entirely unavailable to help. And the person who recently had coordinated the refreshments table was going to be away for the weekend. Every time we tried to sell raffle tickets out on the street in advance of the event, it rained. And then, the weather forecast for the day of the event was published. Rain was predicted, but not until late in the day.

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The Master Apartments has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places! This designation came just a few weeks before the 87th anniversary of the laying of the building's cornerstone on March 24, 1929. The building (also known as the Masters Building and 310 Riverside Dr.) ordered a plaque to commemorate the distinction; it will be unveiled later this year. Photo taken 10/1/1930 by the Wurts Brothers Company; from the collection of the Museum of the City of New York.

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EMAIL LIST The Block Association maintains an email list to notify residents about important matters that arise between issues of the Newsletter. You can join the list by sending your email address, full name, home address (with apartment number), and phone number to *email@w102-103blockassn.org*.

GUARD SCHEDULE Your contributions to the Block Association provide funding for our street guards. Rafael Hernandez makes rounds Tuesday through Saturday; Roy Chavarriaga is on duty Sunday and Monday. Guards patrol weekdays from 5 p.m. until midnight and from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. To report neighborhood security issues to the guards or to request their assistance on the street, call the office of Starr Security at (212) 767-1110.

Help Wanted

Editor for Quarterly Newsletter

This is the perfect job for somebody who likes to keep abreast of what's going on in the neighborhood, likes to interact with a team of talented people, likes a certain amount of autonomy, and likes to feel like they're making an important contribution without having to invest a lot of time attending interminable meetings. If you have a computer, know your way around a sentence, and are well-organized, this is the job for you. Training, hand-holding, consultations in perpetuity, and home-baked cookies provided. Contact *editor@w102-103blockassn.org*.

BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETINGS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Regular Block Association meetings are held monthly usually on the second Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m.

306 W. 102nd St.

June 14

September 13

Early September:
Fall newsletter distribution

October 31:
Halloween Parade and Party

Damaged Gingko Lives On!

With spring came the discovery that the gingko in front of 872 West End that was assaulted a year ago survived its injuries. Karen Dugan, in the NYC Parks Department's Special Counsel's office reports that a damage letter has been issued to the person believed to be responsible for the crime. That person has retained a lawyer who has responded to the letter and requested and received a copy of the security camera footage showing the assault in progress. The Parks Department is now waiting to hear back from the lawyer.

Meet Our Designer

Big thanks go to **Bradford Spear** who answered the call and volunteered to design our newsletter. He's responsible for the snazzy layouts of both the last (Spring) and this (Summer) issue. Bradford has a long career in graphic arts and design and has worked for ad agencies, law firms, insurance and financial services companies. He has also taught at Pratt Institute of Design. Bradford was a resident of the treatment facility on W. 102nd and served as our liaison to the house's administration and other residents, on whom the Block Association depends for all sorts of things. We are grateful for his talent and his help!

It Was the Best of Times It Was the Worst of Times

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Our Spring Bazaar turned out to be a success, despite the very rocky preparatory phase. Hundreds of people spent the day ogling and buying treasures, trading stories and treasures, nibbling a little something, buying raffle tickets, bidding on silent auction items, and having themselves caricaturized. In the span of a single day, the Block Association succeeded in bringing together the community it serves and raised some money to boot.

Along the way, many people lent a hand and their efforts must be acknowledged. **Bob Aaronson** rode herd on thousands of details, maintaining good humor all the while. **Anthony Belov** once again kept track of the vendor spaces, spacing them carefully along the block. Keeping on track in the wake of the interference from the City was a job! A special shout-out to neighbor **Linda Paul** and Block Association co-chair **Terence Hanrahan** for engaging **Helen Rosenthal's office**, which ultimately saved the day.

Terence also kept a sharp eye on the weather, arranging for the worst of it to stay away, wrangled late-sleeping drivers into moving their cars, and helped make sure all was neat and tidy on the block when we closed up shop. **Dan Schneider**, who happened to be sweeping the sidewalk in front of his building, when asked to share his broom instead swept the entire stretch of curb where the Block Association tables were situated. Thanks to **Hedy Campbell**, **Camille Colon**, **Deborah Lott**, and **Sue Maderer**, who staffed the refreshments, auction, and raffle tables the entire day (see the list of refreshments table contributors at right). **Jane Hopkins** and **Bob Flanagan** organized the Community Resale table where Block Association neighbors turned their closets inside out to provide the treasures for a very successful sale. Thanks to **BAiP and its members**, for the deluge of donations. **Celia Knight**, **Marv Schoenberg**, and **Ginger Lief** sorted items, answered innumerable questions, and kept the items moving.

Thanks to **Ed Campbell** for helping transport the accumulated donations at the beginning and the end of the day, and to **Bob and Terence** for lending a hand. Leftover items were delivered to **Housing Works** for resale; textiles were earmarked for recycling.

In advance of the event, **Sue Maderer** corralled whoever she could into soliciting donations to the Silent Auction and **Deborah Lott** organized the offerings (see the lists of solicitors and donors at right). As co-treasurer, Sue also kept track of the raffle sale proceeds, and made **Randy Turner**, the winner of \$400, happier than he'd been at the start of the day. Thanks as well to **Joshua Albarran**, a talented artist, who spent the day entertaining young and old with his drawing.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank our good friends, **the management and residents of St. Luke's Addiction Institute**, who again pulled out all the stops to lend their hands and backs as well as several large tables for the Block Association to use, delivering them early in the morning and retrieving them at the end of the day.

Except for the lasting smiles on the faces of those who'd been there, one couldn't tell that friendships had been born, acquaintanceships had been renewed, childhood memories had been rekindled, and bric-a-brac had found new homes. To some degree, that's what happens every day in our neighborhood, which is why we all love it here.

To see more pictures of the event and read another take on the Spring Bazaar, check out the blog at the Block Association website, w102-103blockassn.org

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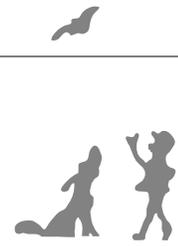
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Meet Your Talented Neighbors



BY JULIA C. SPRING

DEBORAH BOOTH...

is conducting a recorder playing session as part of "Make Music New York," an annual citywide event. This is the fourth year the event has taken place in Straus Park. This year MMNY takes place on Tues., June 21, at 7 p.m. Over 30 recorder players have already signed up—please come cheer them on! Find details at flute-recorder-deborahbooth.com.

PATIENCE HIGGINS...

and his Sugar Hill Quartet will be playing in SMOKE's 'round midnight series every other Friday night for most of the summer. The dates are June 3 and 17, July 1, 15, and 31, and Aug. 29; the set begins at 11:45 p.m. There is no music charge, but there is a \$20 minimum. A long-time tenor jazz saxophonist who also plays flute, Patience won a Grammy for his featured role in a tribute to Ella Fitzgerald. He has played for many shows on Broadway,

and has toured and recorded with stars including Count Basie, Aretha Franklin, and Stevie Wonder. The club is on the west side of Broadway between W. 105th and W. 106th Sts. See the club's website for more information.

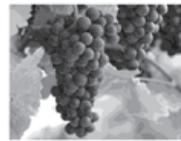
PETER GLEBO...

was the subject of an article in the *New York Times* last month! A resident of the Master Apartments building (310 Riverside Dr.), and a businessman who is the president of Tommy Tune, Inc., he is also an artist and photographer who has exhibited at the National Arts Club and Art Basel/Miami Beach. He recently photographed many building residents and staff—all against the back-

drop of the building itself, and treated the photos to a bright pink wash. An exhibit of them in the building's lobby gallery will be on view for another month or two; go to nyti.ms/1UK2z6V to read the article.

Do you have an upcoming publication, release, concert, exhibition or other arts event? Let us know! Send notices for inclusion in our Fall newsletter (distributed in early September) to creative@w102-103blockassn.org.

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WHAT'S NEW AT THE WEBSITE

Your Block Association Online

BY CAITLIN HAWKE

THE BLOCK ASSOCIATION WEBSITE'S BLOG HAS A NEW FEATURE: "One from the Vault." But what's new is old. And this one is both for long-time residents as well as new neighbors with an interest in what came before.

So what is this? "One from the Vault" repurposes old stories from our newsletter's archives and shows them the light of day.

Remember the boycott of the CVS store that took over the Associated supermarket space on Broadway north of W. 102nd St.? Do you recall Café Amiana (in the space that Toast now occupies). Remember that terrific history of St. Michael's Church written by neighbor Ken Henwood? Well these pieces are all alive and well and living on our blog.

As long as there is good content, this blog feature will appear with some regularity. Go to the blog page of our website (w102-103blockassn.org/blog) and explore! You can even subscribe and new posts will come straight to your email. Are you sitting on a stack of old paper newsletters from before 1999? Let's have a look and see what we can feature anew. Send me an email (blog@w102-103blockassn.org) and tell me what you've got. To see recent posts, go to: w102-103blockassn.org/blog/category/from-the-vault.

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Below is a list of our current board of directors, and their responsibilities. They were elected at our March annual meeting.

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West Side Federation Rep

Sue Maderer,
Co-Treasurer

Dorothy O'Hanlon,
Co-Treasurer

Scammers Beware, Following Annual Meeting

Following reports by the 24th precinct and a terrifying first-hand account from one resident, we decided to make avoiding scams the focal point of our annual meeting, which took place Mar. 16 in the community room of the Marseilles. Thanks to the management and residents of the building for once again allowing us to use the space. Also on the agenda were updates about the impact of Vision Zero implementations in our area and the current status of zoning changes that will affect our area.

Terence Hanrahan kicked off the meeting by introducing the current board of directors and presiding over the election of the board members (see list at left). He presented a snapshot of the various projects the organization undertook in 2015 before turning over the mic to 24th precinct Crime Prevention Officer Guzman.

Officer Guzman provided good tips on how to avoid scams aimed at seniors, and took questions from the group. One particularly useful piece of advice she shared is that since there are three major credit monitoring agencies and each of them is required to provide an annual credit report to anyone who asks for one, you can stagger your requests so you receive one report every four months. An audience member mentioned that the AARP website includes links to scams in use in particular areas and recommended taking advantage of that resource from time

to time. Officer Guzman also reminded the audience that the precinct operates an electronics registration program that helps get devices back to their owners if the gizmo has been lost or stolen. During the discussion of the effectiveness of the Vision Zero changes, it was pointed out that many accidents involving vehicles and pedestrians take place while the car is turning. Audience members were advised to use caution when crossing intersections where cars are making turns. The recently reduced NYC speed limit was also mentioned as a way to help reduce fatalities.

Other meeting highlights included the introduction of Rafael, one of the two security guards who patrol our area, and a presentation by West End Preservation Society executive vice-president Erika Petersen, who explained the imminent threats to existing zoning legislation. Hedy Campbell then introduced the new inductees into our Residents of Long Standing Hall of Fame, which recognizes neighbors who have lived within our territory for 50 years or more. This year we included Lily Friedman, Asya and Ted Berger, and Joy Kim, who passed away in May after a long illness. Thanks to resident Gus Butera for photographing the inductees. You can find his wonderful photos and bios of each Hall of Fame member at the Block Association website (w102-103blockassn.org).

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At a recent meeting of the 24th Precinct's Community Council (it meets on the third Wednesday of each month), officers reported that hybrid cars parked on Riverside Dr. near W. 100th St. have been broken into so that their battery systems could be stolen. The battery of a hybrid car is worth thousands of dollars, so hybrid owners are being encouraged not to park on Riverside Drive. Spots on streets with greater visibility, such as West End Ave., or on side streets, especially in front of doorman buildings are recommended.

Bloom in Place!

BY LINDA SEIDEL

The summer will find many of BAIP's (Bloomingdale Aging in Place's) activity groups, particularly the indoor ones, taking a break. Many leaders and members will be regrouping and recharging for another season of movie and museum going, knitting and painting, reading and writing, cooking and conversing (in French, *s'il vous plait*). The fall is bound to bring bigger and better versions of these activities along with several new ones. Some groups have become the envy of West Siders, since they are open only to those residing within certain boundaries. But if you belong to the Block Association, you are eligible and welcome to join. If you would like to do so, or have an idea for an activity you would like to start, check the list of ongoing groups in the "participate" tab at the BAiP website for info about how to proceed. And don't delay! Openings in our friendly, lively, informative, small-group offerings go quickly.

If you are thinking of spending more time outdoors now that the parks are gorgeously green, consider our popular movement-related activities, especially biking, walking, and birding, which are ongoing and always open to new participants. See our website for a list of all of our ongoing groups. One caveat: if ice-skating is your activity of choice, you'll have to wait until that group starts up again in a few months!

The easiest way to keep informed about new BAiP activities is to provide us with your email address so you'll receive email notifications. You can register on the BAiP website (*bloomin-place.org*). If you don't use email, you can still register on the website or by calling (212) 842-8831, ext. 145. BAiP will do its best to get the announcements to you by other means.

Stay busy, keep well, and see you in the fall.

Just to Our South, An Effort to Improve

As you may know, people who live on W. 97th St. between Amsterdam and Columbus Aves. or elsewhere nearby have much on their minds. Safety and maintenance issues on the north side of the street are of much concern, especially with real-estate development in the pipeline. Toward the end of creating a more connected community of residents and advancing a vision of a friendlier space, Friends of Stryker Park is partnering with the NYC Department of Transportation for three Saturday events. They'll take place on June 11, 18, and 25 from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. on the corner of W. 97th St. and Columbus Ave. Expect performances from local musicians, distribution of health care information from the Ryan Center, and giveaways from local retailers such as Danny's Cycles. You can get more information about the organizing group at *strykerpark.org* or at the group's Facebook page.



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Tri-Bloomingdale? Try Birdingdale!

BY CAITLIN HAWKE

In a city where neighborhoods can be treeless, and where nesting might require a niche in some masonry, birds have it tough. Yes, we hear the blue jays and dodge the pigeons. And we know certain parks and perches to be favored by red-tailed hawks or other birds of prey and carrion feeders. But, if you're a bird enthusiast, where would you go to see a great blue heron, a downy woodpecker, or a ruby-crowned kinglet? How about a double-crested cormorant, a great egret, or a Canada goose? Want even more of a challenge? Where can you see them without a Metrocard?

Central Park, of course! You don't have to be an ornithologist to appreciate the variety of species that live there

or pass through en route to their other digs. At least, this is what our TriBloomingdale birding group discovered each Wednesday in May. Led by an infectious passionate neighbor, Miriam Rakowski, the birders spotted dozens of species. The outings were among the activities offered through the TriBloomingdale initiative of this Block Association together with the W. 104th St. Block Association, and BAiP. The idea behind the initiative is to do things locally with like-minded neighbors. We've launched business networking and walking groups. And then there was birding.

Are you an experienced birder? Do you know your fungi? Your flora? Looking for an after-work walking



group? Want to have company taking your

dog to the dog run? Maybe you'd like to launch our next TriBloomingdale group!

For more information about TriBloomingdale, or to offer to lead an activity within this initiative, please contact me (charwke@bloominplace.org) or check our website (w102-103blockassn.org/tribloomingdale-initiative.html). Block Association members are welcome to sign up for future birding excursions or other offerings by contacting me by email. We hope to offer this particular activity during migration seasons.

On Broadway

BY KERSTIN HASENPUSCH

Newly Open

★ The biggest news is that toward the end of May, Con Edison finally resolved the gas issue that had forced Aangan, the just-opened Ollie's, everyone's favorite Japanese restaurant, Yakitori Sun-Chan, and Broadway Pizza (all on the west side of Broadway between W. 103rd and W. 104th Sts.) to close for months. All are now up and running, and open for business. Be good neighbors and help these restaurants recoup some of their losses.

★ Szechuan Garden, which offers favorites, excellent specials, and a hot pot menu, opened on the southeast corner of Broadway and W. 98th St.

★ Another urgent care facility, GoHealth, has opened on the east side of Broadway between W. 99th and W. 100th Sts.

★ Two beauty salons, the Chinese Sister Salon, on the east side of Broadway between W. 97th and W. 98th Sts., and Perfect Brows, on the west side of Broadway between W. 103rd and W. 104th Sts., are ready to help residents feel more beautiful.

Almost Open

★ Lennich, which bills itself as New York's Ultimate Sandwich, plans to open this fall in the former Radio Shack location on the west side of Broadway between W. 96th and W. 97th Sts.

★ Muscle Maker Grill, serving salads, bowls, wraps, and smoothies, will open on the west side of Broadway between W. 104th and W. 105th Sts.

Closed, Sort of

★ Busters Cafe (on Amsterdam Ave. between W. 103rd and W. 104th Sts. has closed its doors, but is still available for catering and cooking classes. The shop's website (bustersnyc.com) is still operational, or you can call (212) 665-5045 or email busterwrap@gmail.com.

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Wings Done Right Just Off Broadway

By KATE McLEOD

When I think of Koko Wings, the Korean restaurant just east of Broadway on W. 106th St., the first thing that comes to mind is the incredible texture and taste of the crispy fried wings. I usually don't eat fried food, and I usually don't eat wings, but when you're reviewing a restaurant that specializes in a food to the extent that the food is included in the name of the place, you are compelled to sample.

My companion had given me a heads up: "They know how to fry here," she'd said. And she was so right. If wings aren't your thing, order drumsticks or chicken strips; each is prepared as original, soy garlic, or hot spicy. In any form, the coating is light and the meat is juicy. Each order comes with a small side of slaw, rice, or pickled radish.

Koko Wings has probably 30 seats; the mainstay of the business is take-out. When we arrived, the restaurant was completely full. One lone diner was just finishing, so we felt fortunate

to score his table. Therein was the problem. We waited and waited for our wings, each moment accompanied by gnawing stomach pains stimulated by the fragrance of fried food. The Korean millennials at the tables around us were enjoying croquettes, sweet potato fries, and dumplings, all of which looked irresistible. I sat by the kitchen calculating how many wings were in the large takeout orders the delivery guys were rushing out with. We complained. We waited. We complained again.

Maybe three minutes later, my companion's entree arrived. She'd ordered teokbokki, a combination of soft rice cakes, fish cake, calamari, and mozzarella in a sauce made with Korean red pepper paste. I'm still trying to figure out how mozzarella found its way into Korean cuisine but that's the melting pot for you. But still no wings! We complained again. Finally, they arrived. A short time later, I got my entrée: Japchae, clear noodles combined with sweet potato, mushrooms, spinach, and

beef, a flavorful, elegant meal complimented by a rich garlicky sauce. It was memorable. The food was so worth the wait, I almost forgot about the service. Almost.

The menu also offers specials



(that's where we'd found our choices), a savory Korean pancake, and some interesting offerings with seafood, beef, and chicken. Bulgogi is the word in Korean for fire meat. This marinated rib-eye can be enjoyed as an entree with squid, noodles, and rice, or as a kimchi burrito—again, the melting pot. There are bowls with beef, squid, and chicken as well as a squid ramen. On a second visit, we sampled *bibimbap*, the Korean version of a sizzling rice bowl with vegetables and meat. Once you've had Koko's *bibimbap*, it will be hard not to find yourself craving it. I also love Koko Wings' spicy chicken. It is also offered with tofu, vegetables, bulgogi, or octopus and squid. On the menu, each dish's level of spice is indicated by either one pepper or three (two just isn't an option, I suppose). Go for the single pepper unless you like not being able to feel your throat.

Koko Wings is open for lunch and dinner. Lunch specials are served from noon to 3:30 p.m. The top price for an entree is \$16.95 and you will surely have leftovers. Soft drinks and Korean beers and spirits are served. There was something called green tea beer on an electronic chalkboard. I don't drink beer or green tea, so I'll leave that one to you. Koko Wings is at 248 W. 106 St.; phone (212) 932-7722; kokowingsnyc.com; minimum charge for credit cards is \$10.

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We are happy to report that within a short time of announcing the campaign to fund a bench in memory of Block Association founders Len and Cherie Tredanari, we've just about reached the halfway point. Now we need those of you who meant to contribute or were on the fence about contributing to do your part. Len and Cherie were always generous with all of their various resources in support of our neighborhood. Their children, Adriana and Gregory, have indicated their support as well, contributing the proceeds of the sale of a photo of their mother, which was taken by Gus Butera, a Block Association resident and professional photographer, at a Block Association event. Let's show them that we appreciate the contribution the Tredanari family has made to our neighborhood by support-

ing this project. Contributions of any size are welcome.

If you'd like to make a contribution using a credit card, go to the Riverside Park Conservancy website and click on the green donation bar. Then click on the special donation option. Once you've specified your donation amount, check the box that says "My gift is in honor or memory of someone." Fill in "Len and Cherie Tredanari." In the "Please send notification of this gift to:" box, please enter Ted Berger, 303 W. 103rd St., New York, NY 10025; 212-222-9236. Fill in your billing information, then click submit.

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