



Board Bids Farewell To Three Dedicated Directors, Welcomes Two New Members

By Hedy Campbell

Alan Cary, Marlene Lee, and David Reich, three board members who have donated an enormous amount of time and energy to the Block Association, have stepped down. They leave, for all of us, a model of community engagement.

After years of tending to our blocks' trees and serving as back-up secretary, Alan finds that other demands on his time compel his departure. Marlene, our co-treasurer and secretary, is relocating back to her native Missouri. David, as president of the growing Bloomingdale Aging in Place, was finding his attention increasingly divided. Although he has already left the board, he will continue to produce the newsletter through the end of the year while the board seeks a new editor (see Page 2).

We're delighted to have Celia Knight and Sue Maderer, both long-term residents but relatively new to the Block Association, join our merry band. Celia will serve as recording secretary and will assist Dorothy O'Hanlon with newsletter distribution. She has lived in the neighborhood for 36 years, enjoyed a career in publishing, and is working now to learn new software applications and discover new ways to reach out to the community. She sings with the Voices of New York, a choral group that

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The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association *NEWSLETTER*

May 19 Yard Sale: Splendid, Sun-drenched, and Successful

By Bob Aaronson

On a beautiful, windless Saturday, hundreds of neighborhood residents spent the day ogling and trading treasures, schmoozing with friends, munching on assorted refreshments, buying raffle tickets, bidding in the silent auction, and collecting electronic waste and old clothing for recycling. In the span of a single day, the Block Association succeeded in bringing together a terrific cross-section of the community it serves and raising some much-needed income to boot.

An event like the Yard Sale doesn't come together in a single day, however. It's the product of many months of labor on the part of many volunteers: tireless Anthony Bellov, once again, sold space to the vendors (and claimed credit for the perfect weather), making sure every vendor was in place and there was a place for every vendor. Kerstin Hasenpusch graciously allowed herself to be conscripted to organize and run the refreshments table. Her daughter Sophia and Sophia's friend Jillian, sold items at the table all day. Thanks to Wohlfarth & Associates Real Estate for its generous donation of the wraps. For a list of other donors to the refreshments table, see Page 8.

Marlene Lee, just before relocating

to Missouri, spent the day with Margot Jacqz, displaying and selling all manner of rummage that had been donated. Deborah Lott rode herd on the silent auction, patiently explaining, to the unfamiliar, how it worked. The neighborhood merchants and residents who donated items for the silent auction are listed on Page 8.

Sue Maderer and David Reich sold raffle tickets all day. Congratulations to vendor Meredith Millich who took home the raffle payoff of \$440! The Block Association's Andres Veranes led the e-waste collection (15 computers, a dozen monitors,

assorted hard drives, cell phones, batteries, disc players, and even a couple of cassette players) and delivered it all to an aggregator for recycling and disposal. Marlene Lee and Jerome Torres packed up recyclable garments and

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BLOCK ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Regular Block Association meetings are held twelve times a year, usually on the second Tuesday of every month.

TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: 306 W. 102nd St.

The next three meetings are scheduled for June 12, July 10, and August 14.

Editor's Note: the modest and hard-working Bob Aaronson, author of this article, was the organizer and supervisor of the 2012 Yard Sale. The Block Association board applauds his great effort and success!

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other soft goods and delivered them to the local Housing Works.

Our good friends, the management and residents of St. Luke's Addiction Institute, pulled out all the stops yet again to lend a hand. Celia Knight supervised clean-up and David Reich single-handedly protected departing vendors from over-eager drivers and ensured that any remaining trash was ready for pick-up by the Sanitation Department.

Behind the scenes, Terence Hanrahan, Cynthia Doty, Dorothy O'Hanlon, Celia Knight, and Ginger Lief, sold raffle tickets, posted flyers, and performed all the little tasks that made the day so successful. And, finally, everyone knows that it was really Hedy Campbell and Molly Sugarman, who, though

they couldn't be with us, provided the beautiful weather.

Every year at least a couple of people who remember the Block Fairs of yore stop by the refreshments table and wonder why we don't have a barbecue going. The answer is easy: our existing board is already consumed by putting the Yard Sale together in its current format. There are many jobs that are left undone due to a lack of able helpers. A few more volunteers would make a huge difference. We'd be delighted to add the aroma of a charcoal grill, the strains of a music program, or any of the other great ideas for improving the Yard Sale that we know you have. Let us hear them. And let us know how you can help bring them about next year. A few hours of your time can provide a big benefit to your community!

Urgently Seeking Lou (or Louisa) Grant

Do you long to put on the modern equivalent of an eyeshade and sleeve garters? If so, we need you! After many years as editor *par excellence* of our quarterly newsletter, David Reich is stepping down at the end of this year.

Although there's no replacement for David, we are sure there is someone in the Block Association with the interest and the skills to be a great editor. Ideally, we'll find that someone now, so he

or she will have two complete newsletter cycles in which to learn the ropes.

Currently, the newsletter is produced using InDesign, an Adobe software product, which we can supply and for which we can provide some training. There's an experienced staff in place to help with writing, copy editing, proofreading, and ad sales. For more information, please contact David at editor@w102-103blockassn.org.

Funds Won for Green Thumbs

For the second year in a row, we are excited to announce that we have been awarded a grant, this year \$1500, from the New Yorkers for Better Neighborhoods program, of the Citizens Committee of New York. At the same time, John Hewitt and Alan Cary are stepping down after many years of leadership in tree and treewell care. The members of our newly formed ecology committee, Amy Mooney, Nancy Butkus, Sandy O'Brien, and Eve Sinaiko, are working to determine how

best to direct the funds. Their emphasis will be on improving and maintaining the health of our street trees. **Volunteers are needed.** If you're interested in participating in a short training session, adopting a tree or two to care for on your block, or building simple wooden tree guards (carpentry skills welcome!), please contact Eve Sinaiko at evesinaiko@yahoo.com. Be on the lookout for evidence of the committee's hard work throughout the neighborhood and let us know of your ideas.

The West 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association

Newsletter

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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.

Street Guard

Your contributions to the Block Association provide funding for our street guard, Rafael Hernandez, who makes rounds from 5 p.m. to midnight, Sunday – Thursday and from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday and Saturday. He can be reached, while on duty, at (646) 772-2240 to report security issues or to request his assistance on the street.

Neighborhood Artists To Be Seen and Heard this Summer

By David L. Reich

Editor's Note: We found six Block Association residents who will be performing or exhibiting their creative work in nearby locations this summer: two singers, three visual artists, and two members of a string quartet. Now you can discover them as well.

Serena Canin and Mark Steinberg

The two violinists, Serena Canin and Mark Steinberg, of the Brentano String Quartet, happen to live half a block apart within the Block Association. They and the other members, Misha Amory, violist, and Nina Lee, cellist, will be performing at the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah, NY, on Sunday, July 8 at 4:30 p.m. The Brentano will be presenting a program entitled *Fragments: Connecting Past and Present*, which includes a work by composer Charles Wuorinen, also a neighborhood resident. Caramoor is a lovely place with extensive grounds for picnicking, and a small museum, and they would be glad to see their neighbors at the concert.

Betsy Goldberg

Betsy Goldberg's one-person exhibit of paintings, announced in the March issue of the Newsletter, continues at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 W. 86th St., 2nd floor, through June, by appointment. Call (212) 724-7000 to arrange a visit.

Linda Sue Moshier, Cadden Jones

These American songbook and musical theater performers from W. 102nd St. and W. 103rd St. will be appearing in several shows in June.

First, Linda and Cadden's female vocal group, Nobody's Business Trio (with Alecia Evans), will present a concert version of their new show, *Side by Side (by Side)*, at PicNic Bistro, 2665 Broadway at W. 101st St., on Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. Reservations: (212) 222-8222. Come and be entertained by this magical trio singing the best of Broadway and standards (even a little country) in luscious three-part harmony.

Next, ScoBar Entertainment proudly presents Nobody's Business Trio in a fully staged version of *Side by Side (by Side)* at the Iridium Jazz Club, 1650 Broadway at W. 51st St., on Wednesday, June 27 at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Drinks and dinner available. See this sassy and sexy vocal trio perform their newest cabaret in New York's hottest music venue. One night only. Call (212) 582-2121 for reservations.

Finally, another of Linda's all-female groups, the Philhallmonic Society (with leader, Phil Hall), creators and contributors of musical shows for charities, presents a free concert of songs from the 1940s titled *Swingin' on a Star* at the Bruno Walter Auditorium in Lincoln Center on Sunday, June 23 at 2:30 p.m. (W. 65th St. at Amsterdam Ave.) This free venue always sells out so arrive at least 45 minutes early to ensure a seat!

Bobbi and Ner Beck

Two local artists, Bobbi and Ner Beck, have lived in this neighborhood almost 44 years.

Bobbi's drawings are autobiographical and reflect her day-to-day observations and feelings. She writes: "Most of my drawings contain a symbolic triangle: women, nature, and technology. My human forms morph into plants, decorative elements, household objects, symbols, animals, and whatever interests me at that time." Bobbi will be displaying her drawings at the Morningside Heights Public Library, 2900 Broadway at W. 113th St., during July and August.

About his photography, *Lost and Found West Side Street Art*, Ner writes: "As most New Yorkers hurriedly target their destinations, they tend to aim themselves straight ahead, frequently missing these faces, creatures, architectural details, holiday characters, and unintended visual statements waiting to be noticed and appreciated. So try walking a little slower, relaxing, and glancing obliquely. Some of these visual stories are permanent and others disappear overnight. Look for them; they are always present, waiting to be discovered and enjoyed." Ner will be exhibiting his photographs at the St. Agnes Public Library, 444 Amsterdam Ave., between W. 81st and W. 82nd Sts., during August and September.

For more information, contact Ner or Bobbi at ner.beck@verizon.net or at (212) 866-2933.

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Annual Meeting in March Featured Hot Topic: Fire Safety

By Caitlin Hawke

Safety and prevention were the themes of this year's annual meeting of the Block Association. Co-chair Terence Hanrahan welcomed the audience to the community room of the Marseilles Residence on the evening of March 15. He mentioned the October blaze that gutted an apartment at 250 W. 103rd St. as the inspiration for inviting Firefighter Kelly of FDNY's Fire Safety Unit to be the featured speaker.

Kelly reminded members that "fires get real bad, real fast," doubling in size every few minutes. For this reason, FDNY's response time is about four minutes. He gave dozens of tips on how to prevent, cope with, and survive the threat of smoke and fire. Many of these appear in the box to the right, but perhaps the one to keep most vividly in mind is: have a plan. Have you envisioned your escape route? Is the window leading to your fire escape freely accessible? Are you keenly familiar with the routes to the fire stairways in your building? It is never too early to think about your strategy and to talk to your family members about what to do in such an emergency.

Having a plan is crucial because, in a smoky atmosphere, people rapidly become disoriented. The firefighter reminded members to stay low, crawl, and remain out of any smoke, and use one hand to guide themselves by following a wall to the nearest exit, touching it to make sure it is not hot and that it is safe to leave.

Attendees showed great interest in the presentation and a lively Q&A followed. Kelly provided free smoke detector batteries, as well as many useful handouts, all of which may be easily downloaded from the FDNY website (see box at right). The Block Association thanks Firefighter Kelly and FDNY

for participating in the annual meeting this year.

New York City Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, next on the agenda, addressed the topic of stop-and-frisk

Tips for Dealing with a Fire

- Maintain your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Replacing these periodically as their mechanisms wear out every six to ten years. Maintain fresh batteries in the devices twice a year by replacing them each season when daylight savings time begins and ends.
- Each bedroom should have one smoke detector mounted on the ceiling. One carbon monoxide detector per apartment unit is necessary and may be mounted at any level.
- Practice safety in your kitchen, one of the most dangerous places in your home. Keep a box of baking soda at the ready to smother a cooking flame. Never use water on a grease fire. Smother any fires that begin in the oven by keeping the oven door closed and turning off the heat. Call the Fire Department if you cannot immediately control the situation, and get out of your home.
- More cooking tips: never wear loose-fitting clothes while cooking; never leave your home when cooking; use a timer to remind you that you have something on or in the stove.
- Any appliance that is used to heat (e.g. portable heater, microwave, hair-dryer) or cool (e.g. a/c, refrigerator) should have its own dedicated outlet. Look for the Underwriter's Lab (UL) seal on all electrical items.

For useful, multilingual fire-safety information, visit nyc.gov/fdny, select Fire Safety Program, then select Fire Safety Publications.

arrests for small quantities of marijuana that would not ordinarily be an issue. These arrests cost the city millions of dollars every year and clog up the judicial process. She also spoke about the issue of senior housing abuses.

As part of the association's "Residents of Long Standing Hall of Fame," Hedy Campbell inducted Jerane DiCostanzo, presenting her with a certificate and an African violet planted in a BA coffee mug. Ms. DiCostanzo, a professional dancer and mother of two, has lived on Riverside Drive since 1960. What is most different in our neighborhood since she first moved here over 50 years ago? Ms. DiCostanzo noted the reduced number of rental apartments, the increased number of trees, and the change in the variety of the stores along Broadway. "There were fewer drug stores then," she observed.

Before closing the evening, Terence announced David Reich's retirement from the board, expressing appreciation for his devotion to the association and for his wonderful work. David is leaving to focus his efforts on another vital neighborhood group, Bloomingdale Aging in Place. Prior to the election of directors, Terence presented the association's financial report and a round-up of recent events. He also shared a 40th anniversary fact sheet and timeline. The new board of directors was elected by acclamation.

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BAiP Presents Public Forums, Shows “Movies at the Marseilles”

Bloomington Aging in Place continues to present its free public panel discussions on topics of special interest to seniors. These meetings, with expert speakers, useful handouts, and question-and-answer sessions, serve to inform neighborhood residents and to introduce them to the services provided by BAiP.

In March, the subject was “What’s my Stuff Worth” with panelists from two New York City auction houses taking on the questions people have when they are paring down lifelong collections or acquisitions that no longer fit with their current lifestyles. A full house at the Marseilles Community Room heard the lively speakers George Lowry, chairman of Swann Auction Galleries, and Michael Capo, president of Capo Auction Fine Art and Antiques, discuss how things are valued, how they are sold, and how the auction process works. Audience members raised interesting and unexpected questions about memorabilia and family heirlooms.

More recently, in May, Livia Yanowicz, a geriatric care manager with a background in banking, and attorney Mariann Perseo, who is familiar to BAiP audiences, addressed the need to plan for management of one’s finances in the event of illness or incapacitation. They discussed ways of getting bills paid on time and various kinds of bank accounts and legal documents that allow a designated person to manage another’s bank and investment assets.

The Marseilles Residence Community Room has also been the venue for the start of a series of occasional movie showings organized by Sharon Waskow and Gary Dennis under the auspices of BAiP with the generous cooperation of Marseilles manager Joann Vargas and executive director Laura Jervis of the West Side Federation of Senior and Supportive Housing. The films, selected by Gary, owner of the departed Movie Place video rental shop, have a New York City theme.

The first in the series was *Sweet Smell of Success* a well-known, gritty portrayal of a Walter Winchell-like character starring Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis. The second, with a cast of mostly amateur actors, was *The Plot Against Harry*, about a small-time Jewish gangster turned warm-hearted family man. The showings are free with an introduction by Gary before each film and a discussion with the audience afterward.

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Selected Summer Activities in Riverside Park

**Riverside Clay Tennis Association
on the Lawn at the 97th Street Tennis Courts**
(Rain date: following Sunday. Check rcta.info)

Saturday, June 9, 7 p.m. Bassist Ron McClure and his ensemble	Jazz
Saturday, June 23, 7 p.m. Gotham Winds, classical woodwind ensemble	Classical
Saturday, June 30, 7 p.m. Dave Glasser Quartet	Jazz
Saturday, July 7, 7 p.m. Musica Bella Orchestra full 35+ piece ensemble	Classical
Saturday, July 14, 7 p.m. The Atwaters/Ed Baker	Rock and Blues
Saturday, July 21, 7 p.m. Efendi: music of Turkey, Armenia, Israel, Greece	Middle Eastern
Saturday, July 28, 7 p.m. Dartmouth Boys	Bluegrass, Honkytonk
Saturday, August 11, 7 p.m. Los Hermanos Cintron	Flamenco
Saturday, August 18, 7 p.m. Steve Tarshish and his Instrumental Trio	Jazz, folk, blues, rock

**Kayaking on the Hudson
W. 72nd St. at the Hudson River
Saturdays and Sundays, May 19 to Oct. 7**
Join the Downtown Boathouse for 20-minute instructional paddles, and explore the Hudson River first-hand. Please wear a bathing suit or shorts and a T-shirt and know how to swim.

**Tai Chi in Riverside Park
Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (W. 89th St.)**
Every Sunday: May 6 – Aug. 26, 8-9 a.m.
Join Silvana Pizzuti to learn and practice Tai Chi, a slow moving martial art with health benefits for all fitness levels.

**Children's Performance Series
Pier 1 at 70th Street**
Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. (for kids up to age 7)

July 12 Baze and his Silly Friends
July 19 Bash the Trash
July 26 Erin Lee and the Up Past Bedtime Band
Aug. 2 Rockasaurus Rex
Aug. 9 Funkey Monkeys

**Amplified Sundays - Free Concerts
Pier 1 at 70th Street
Sundays, 7-9 p.m.**

July 8	Soul Understated featuring Mavis "SWAN" Poole playing experimental/Jazz/Soul music.
July 15	Jose Conde, "Cuban music good for dancing and thinking." - <i>NY Times</i>
July 22	Shenandoah and the Night, dreamy, noir-ish pop sound counter-balanced by bursts of joy and infectious energy.
July 29	Art Lillard's Heavenly Big Band playing brand-new music that's tuneful and fun to dance to.

**Let's Dance!
on the 70th Street Pier Plaza**
Sundays: June 3, 10, 17, 24, 6-9 p.m.
Learn to dance to the salsa, cha-cha, and bachata led by teachers from the Piel Canela Dance & Music School.

**10th Annual West Side County Fair
Riverside Park South from W. 68th to W. 72nd St.
Sunday, Sept. 9, 1-6 p.m.**
Enjoy a little country right here in Manhattan with carnival rides, games, music, square dancing, sideshow performers, a petting zoo, greenmarket, and more!
Visit the "Green Acre" environmental corner to find hands-on activities for kids where they can learn about environmental awareness, green living, and animal care.

**GlobeSonic DJ Dance Party
on the 70th Street Pier Plaza**
Saturday, June 16, 2:30-10:30 p.m.
Join hundreds of partygoers at our GlobeSonic on the Hudson open-air summer dance party and dance the night away.

**Movies Under the Stars (Bicycles!)
Pier 1 at 70th Street
Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m.**

July 11 *Cinema Paradiso* (1988)
July 18 *Flying Scotsman* (2006)
July 25 *Quicksilver* (1986)
Aug. 1 *Amelie* (2001)
Aug. 8 *Pee Wee's Big Adventure* (1985)
Aug. 15 *Triplets of Belleville* (2003)

For further information on events in Riverside Park, see the Riverside Park Fund's website at riversideparkfund.org or call (212) 870-3070. For information on 70th St. Pier events, call 311 or go to nyc.gov/parks/soh.

Double the Trouble: Con Ed Repairs W. 102nd St. Gas Leak, Refurbishes Cooling System on High-voltage WEA Line

By Caitlin Hawke

Echoing an uncannily similar one-two punch that occurred in September 2004 (see December 2004 newsletter, vol. 34, no. 4, page 2), two unrelated events have brought Consolidated Edison work crews to our neighborhood.

The first occurred on the afternoon of April 23 when an 855 West End Ave. resident reported a gas odor. Con Ed immediately deployed its gas emergency crews and, with the help of detection equipment, first located the leak on the north side of W. 102nd St. about 50 feet west of West End Ave. under a parked car. They called in a tow truck to remove the car but then found there was no gas line on that side of the street.

Further investigation led them to the south side of the street where they opened a small patch of macadam. After several hours of jack-hammering and work that went late into the evening, Con Ed's crews were able to repair the joint in the gas main that was the source. It turned out that a broken electric conduit had conveyed the gas from the south side to the north side, leading to the original detection error. According to Tricia Ryan, an associate specialist in Con Ed's Manhattan Public Affairs office, the workmen "put a band around the joint and filled it with a special epoxy to stop the leak." By the end of May, crews were expected to return to

We all know the distinctive smell reminiscent of rotten eggs and rightly associate it with natural gas. So what should residents and building staff do if they smell gas outdoors? Act fast and call 911 or call Con Ed directly at 1-800-75-CONED. If you detect a strong gas odor in your apartment, do not remain inside; leave quickly and call 911 or the Con Ed number above. For additional information, see Con Ed's downloadable gas safety brochure at tinyurl.com/d3zkoz and visit their web page, which displays a video about gas safety, at tinyurl.com/d44ryqb.

check on the repair. Ms. Ryan reports that the cause was not due to any specific incident but rather to normal wear and tear on system parts.

The second event is ongoing; it is the planned refurbishment of a two-block section of the cooling system that surrounds the 345,000-volt transmission line that runs through a pipe under West End Ave. originating at the Sprain Brook substation near Yonkers in Westchester. Con Ed uses oil to insulate and cool the transmission line, and readers will recall that last December there was an oil leak on this line in front of 890 West End Ave. According to Pat Richardi, Manager of Con Ed's Manhattan

Public Affairs office, rather than make spot repairs to the section between W. 103rd and W. 105th Sts., Con Edison planned this upgrade to prevent future leaks and to affirmatively refurbish the cooling system.

The work involves carefully removing the pavement above the transmission line pipes as well as the soil, sand, and fill around the pipes to a depth of one to two feet below the pipes. A one-block section of pipe can be thus uncovered for inspection and repair but it must be supported from underneath every twenty feet or so to prevent its collapse. OSHA rules require shoring of the cut to provide sufficient protection for the workers against a possible cave-in.

That's the purpose of the large 4" x 8" planks that have been installed vertically along the sides of the trench. The excavation started during the unusually pleasant and dry mid-May weather, but then some heavy rains came along and pumps had to be brought in to clear the accumulated water from the work area.

Depending on temperatures and contingencies on the system, Con Ed crews will be working until approximately mid-July (the original notices, posted on trees, said May 21) on the two-block section of West End Ave. While their city permit allows them to work seven days a week, Con Ed plans a Monday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., schedule.



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Photo: Terence Hanrahan

On a perfect morning, bargain-hunters began their searching on W. 103rd St.



Photo: David L. Reich

Meredith Millich smiles broadly after her winning raffle ticket was drawn.



Photo: Ozzie Alfonso

The art of perennial vendor Alan Brandwein attracts a potential customer.

The Block Association Thanks the Generous Donors to the 2012 Yard Sale!

Silent Auction

- **Academy Floral
Anthony Bellov (gift basket)
- **Bank Street Bookstore
- **Book Culture
- **Café du Soleil
Hedy Campbell (cookies)
Camille Colon (baby blanket)
- **Festival Chamber Music Society

- **Henry's
Laura & Terence Hanrahan
- **Indus Valley
Leave It To Lisa
- **Lynn Cushman
- **Martin Brothers
- **Metro Diner
- **MP Fitness NYC
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- **PicNic - Bistro d'Alsace
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- **Silver Moon Bakery
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- **Wine in November
- **Yarntopia

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Hedy Campbell
Camille Colon
Kerstin Hasenpusch and Peter Feldman

Our bakers: David van Buskirk, Hedy Campbell, Adrienne Carter, Susan Dessel, Deborah Lott, Sue Maderer, David Reich, and Betty Russell.

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performs four to six concerts a year at health care centers and other venues.

After working in the garment district for more than 35 years, Sue Maderer changed directions and became a professional organizer specializing in financials and bookkeeping. With Dorothy O'Hanlon, she will serve as Block Association co-treasurer. As part

of that job, she will manage the Quicken and Access databases. Sue operated her own business and was bookkeeper and office manager for a small law firm. She has been the treasurer for two non-profit organizations so we're fortunate to have her expertise on the board. A neighborhood resident for 32 years, Sue enjoys traveling, playing bridge, exercising, and reading.

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Openings and Closings: ♦♦In the March issue, we reported several additions to the empty retail space on Broadway. Some of them still remain empty but several new establishments have opened or will be opening soon. Perhaps the most long-awaited is the revival of the **Metro** on the east side of Broadway between W. 99th and W. 100th Sts. as a movie theater with five screens and food and drink service during the movies. The project of **Alamo Drafthouse Cinema** is expected to open in 2013. ♦♦**West Side Market's** new location on the west side of Broadway, in the former **Duane Reade** and **Subway** spaces, between W. 97th and W. 98th Sts. had its grand opening a few weeks ago with portions of a large sheet cake and other food samples offered to shoppers and passersby. ♦♦On the northwest corner of Broadway and W. 101st St., **Variazioni**, offers a "unique, exceptional assortment of women's fashion garments" according to its website. The storefront is certainly eye-catching: more Madison Ave. than Upper West Side but then the neighborhood has always been open to new design if it isn't architecturally out of scale with its surroundings. ♦♦The space previously occupied by a grocery store on the west side of Broadway between W. 98th and W. 99th Sts. has been gutted and is now being refitted for ... another **Variazioni** shop, which is expected to open by early July. This one will be twice as large as the one at W. 101st St. and will carry a somewhat different selection of merchandise. ♦♦Speaking of architecturally out of scale, the **Ariel East** and **West** buildings have had empty retail space on their ground floors since they opened to residents several years ago. Ariel East is still empty and Ariel West finally acquired a serious tenant in about two-thirds of its space when **Urban**

Outfitters came in. The remaining third hosted a sequence of popup stores selling Halloween costumes or off-price clothing. From December of last year through March, **Patagonia** gave it a try but then closed up shop with a thank-you note in the window. Now **Sleepy's**, "the mattress professionals" has moved in with a large illuminated sign above the entrance though not much interior decoration on the selling floor. There had been a Sleepy's on the second floor of the building on the northwest corner of Broadway and W. 97th St. where the dog grooming shop **Dog Days of New York** is now located. The Sleepy's on the east side of Broadway between W. 108th and W. 109th Sts. will remain in operation. ♦♦Shortly after **Mamá Mexico** closed on the southeast corner of Broadway and W. 102nd St., signs went up heralding the arrival of a new Mexican restaurant, **Maria Bonita**, in the same space. With a smaller but similar menu and the addition of some steak and grill items, the new restaurant is now open in the same colorful decor that Mamá Mexico left behind. ♦♦A new Indian restaurant, **Amla**, is about to open, on the west side of Broadway between W. 105th and W. 106th Sts. in the space of a previous Indian restaurant, **Calcutta**, that suddenly departed many months ago. Shekar, the managing partner, says they will be grinding their spices daily and will feature southern Indian items on the menu. ♦♦**Best Copy**, formerly on W. 103rd St., just east of Broadway, is now in operation on the northeast corner of W. 101st St. and Broadway. They offer the usual copy services plus Internet access and FedEx and DHL shipping services. ♦♦The seven-store New York City pet supplies chain, **Pet Central**, has opened another branch on the west side of Broadway between W. 100th and W. 101st Sts. in the space

that had been a card and party supplies store. ♦♦There have also been a few new closings in the neighborhood, the most significant, at least in size, being the barely one-year-old **Associated MegaMarket** on Amsterdam Ave. at W. 99th St. You didn't know it was there? Perhaps the lack of a noticeable storefront and only minimal signage led to the demise of the very large basement supermarket and the small Internet café on the ground floor above it. The original **Associated Supermarket** on the southeast corner of Amsterdam Ave. and W. 97th St. continues its operation in crowded quarters. ♦♦**Nails and More**, a nail salon on the east side of Broadway between W. 98th and W. 99th Sts. has closed. A sign announces that "Susan and Shira" have left and hope the "new management" would continue to serve their customers. However, there is no sign of activity on the premises. ♦♦**Strawberry's**, the women's clothing chain, is closing its store on the west side of Broadway between W. 102nd and W. 103rd Sts. at the end of June.

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NYS Court Draws New Congressional Districts

The 2010 United States census showed that New York State had lost population relative to the rest of the country since the previous census in 2000. As a result, it was necessary to redraw congressional district lines so that the state would have 27 districts rather than the current 29.

When the Democrats and Republicans in Albany could not agree on a redistricting plan for New York because each party wanted to save "its" districts and wanted to draw those districts around the residences of favored incumbents, the job fell to the Eastern District federal court. Judge Roanne Mann was appointed to create the new map and she retained Columbia University Law Professor Nathaniel Persily, who happens to live near the Block Association, to assist in drawing the plan.

The result is that Block Association members will no longer be able to vote for or against Charlie Rangel but instead will have the opportunity, this November, to vote for Jerrold Nadler or one of his opponents. The new district, District 10, will take effect in January, 2013. It encompasses the west side of Manhattan from W. 122nd St. south to the tip of Manhattan, a narrow corridor in western Brooklyn, and a large portion of southwestern Brooklyn.