

***THE BRONX CLUB OF
VEGAS VALLEY
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2010***



Leap Frog on a Bronx Street

If you require any information concerning the Club, know of anyone interested in joining, or have any ideas for upcoming events, please contact Leslie Schoenberg ls1166@aol.com, house 838-3560, cell 702-513-2553. In addition, I am also Newsletter Editor. If you have, any articles about The Bronx that you would like to have put in the Newsletter, please forward them to me at the above email address.

Club Co-Chair is Sue Braun, suefromtustin@yahoo.com, 360-2232.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 17th –Our meeting will be at Memphis Championship Barbecue, 1401 South Rainbow Boulevard, their website - [Memphis Championship Barbecue Menu](#). Event hosts: Sue and Les Braun. Please respond to suefromtustin@yahoo.com, 360-2232. Responses must be in by October 12. The meeting starts promptly at 6:00 pm. You can order from the menu. The restaurant will issue separate checks, including gratuity. Our guest speaker will be Jon Ralston, who hosts a daily public affairs show on KSNV Channel 3 called Face to Face with Jon Ralston. As of now, Jon will speak to us before dinner. We will collect \$1.00 at the door to cover Mr. Ralston's expense.

Following is a short biography.

Jon Ralston hails from Buffalo, NY. He received a B.A. in English from Cornell University in 1981 and a M.A. in Journalism from the University of Michigan in 1983.

Jon Ralston



Jon came to Las Vegas in 1984 as a night reporter for the Las Vegas Review-Journal. He later covered general assignment and county government before becoming a political reporter in 1986. Jon became a full-time political columnist in January 1989.

Jon began publishing The Ralston Report, a statewide political newsletter, in January 1993. Until late 1999, he was freelancing columns to the Review Journal and doing commentary for Channel 8. In July 1998, he began a daily newsletter sent by e-mail to subscribers.

November 14th – Location: Television City in the MGM Casino, 3600 Las Vegas Boulevard, South. Television City is located at the end of Studio Walk and is affiliated with the CBS television network. Your hosts are Susan and Allen Blonder. NOTE: This event will start at 1:00 pm. Tickets are free, but we need to have an exact count no later than November 7, 2010. Lunch will follow at Wolfgang Puck in the MGM Casino. [WOLFGANG PUCK BAR AND GRILL :: LAS VEGAS RESTAURANT](#). Please respond by November 7, to Susan or Allen at 395-6878, or Leslie Schoenberg at ls1s1166@aol.com, 838-3560. If you need a ride, please call Susan or Allen and they will try to arrange one for you.

December 19th – The Bronx Club will be having a potluck holiday brunch starting at 11:00, at the home of Les and Sue Braun, 11021 Cherwell Court, Las Vegas. Les, Sue, Larry and Leslie Schoenberg will host the party. Directions – the house is behind Costco at the 215 and W. Charleston. From the 215, turn east towards the Strip, make a left on Pavilion Center. Drive pass the park behind Costco. Turn left into the very first housing development 'Manorwood.' This street is called Maryville. Then, make an immediate left on Runbridge, continue on Runbridge for one block. It curves and becomes Salford. Continue one block and make the first right on Napatree then a sharp left on Cherwell Court. We are up the block on the left. 11021 Cherwell Court. Please respond by December 13 to Les or Sue at 360-2232, suefromtustin@yahoo.com, or Leslie at ls1s1166@aol.com, 838-3560. When you respond, please let us know which of your favorite dishes you would like to bring. It should serve 10-12 and if needed can be reheated, not cooked when you arrive at the Braun's. Cold dishes such as salads and fruits are also needed. Since we only need so much of one type of dish, you may be asked to bring something other than your first choice. We would like to make this a "The Bronx Memories" Brunch so please bring your yearbooks, pictures you may have from The Bronx and your memories. There will be a \$2.00 charge per person to cover the cost of coffee, tea, soft drinks, paper goods and incidentals.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIVING CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH.

From 1670, the land that later became the neighborhood of Morrisania was from the estate of the Morris Family and was originally part of Westchester County. In 1790, Lewis Morris, owner of the estate and signer of the Declaration of Independence, proposed this land as the site of the federal capital. Morrisania was sparsely populated until 1840, when Gouverneur Morris Jr., son of the famous congressional delegate and grandson of Lewis allowed a railroad to be built across the property. In 1846, a division of the town of Westchester created a new town, called West Farms. In 1848, Gouverneur Morris sold the land next to the rail line for the development of the town called Morrisania Village. In 1855, the town of Morrisania was created from part of West Farms, Pelham, Yonkers and Eastchester along the rail line. The political center was the original 1840 village.

By the late 1860's it was generally assumed that the towns on the mainland would be annexed by New York City as it expanded northward. In 1868, Morrisania numbered its streets to make them conform to those of the city, and in the following year the municipal parks department was given control of the bridges over the Harlem River and the streets leading to them.



St. Augustine Church built 1895.

Morrisania, Kingsbridge and West Farms were annexed to the City of New York by the legislature in 1874. These were all west of the Bronx River. This area was known as the Annexed District. Before this point, the City of New York consisted solely of Manhattan. In 1888, the 3rd Avenue elevated line was extended to 132nd Street, precipitating the most rapid growth The Bronx had ever seen. Morris High School was the first public high school in The Bronx, and was opened in 1897.

City Island is a small island approximately 1.5 miles long by .5 mile wide. At one time, it was part of Pelham, Westchester County.

The Siwanoy band of Lenape Indians originally inhabited the island. In 1642 English settlers led by Anne Hutchinson, seeking religious freedom, settled in an area nearby on the river now known as the Hutchinson River. In 1954, the area became part of the estate bought by English nobleman Thomas Pell.

After changing hands several times, in 1761 the island at that time known as Minefer's Island was bought by Benjamin Palmer. There were only a few homes and farms on the island and had a population of about 1,000 people. Palmer had the vision of developing the island into a port, which could rival that of New York. He knew that ships heading north and south passed City Island using Long Island Sound as a safe inshore waterway. He envisioned shipyards and stores that would cater to the ships. He had the island mapped out with different areas designated as shipyards, docks, businesses, farms, houses, schools, houses of worship, streets and access routes. Mr. Palmer appealed to the British Crown and received a patent covering the ownership of waterfront properties 400' out from the high tide mark under water and around the perimeter of the Island. The patent was known as the "Palmer Grant" and was unique to City Island. It has been contested in court many times but the grant has always been upheld. Palmer also changed the name of the island from Minefer's Island to City Island in anticipation of things to come. His vision never materialized. The American Revolution halted all progress, and the war depleted the capital of Mr. Palmer and his investors. It would be 60 years before the island started to be developed again. Eventually shipbuilders, Hell-Gate Pilots and oystermen arrived to introduce these industries.

City Island, a part of The Bronx, is located at the extreme western end of Long Island Sound, south of Pelham Bay and east of Eastchester Bay. There is a body of water between City Island and a smaller uninhabited island named Hart Island known as City Island Harbor.

**WE WANT TO WISH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAPPINESS
ON THEIR SPECIAL OCCASION.**

BIRTHDAY

Donna Alper October 3

Arleen Spiegel Lasky October 7

Joel Markowitz October 19

Jo-Ann Geller October 11

David Pearlstein October 23

GET WELL CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT TO:

Arleen Lasky

Myrna Weidenfield

CONDOLENCES

**As you all probably know by now, The Bronx lost one of it's well known
native sons in the passing of Tony Curtis. We send condolences to his
family.**

**Look for our new website in the next few weeks.
More details to follow in next month's Newsletters.**

Answers to last month's trivia questions –

**Cover Picture – Hub of 3rd Avenue at 149th Street, Melrose, Willis and
Westchester Avenues.**

Cars –

- 1- 16**
- 2- Thunderbird**
- 3- Powerglide**
- 4- Oldsmobile**
- 5- Nash Kelvinator car Co.**
- 6- Ford Skyliner**
- 7- Buick**

- 8- The Packard**
- 9- a) Lincoln b) Chrysler**
- c) Edsel d) Buick**
- 10- Hudson**
- 11- 1957**
- 12- A retractable top**
- 13- Continental Mark II**

Our October meeting was held at Levy's Bagels and Deli. The food was very good and the company even better. Our guest speaker, Jill Hanlon, Esq., gave a very informative talk on Estate Planning, Trusts, Guardianship, Health Directives, and various other legal matters of interest to our members.



Our guest speaker, Jill Hanlon, Esq.



Susan Blonder, Chair of the newly formed Women's Lunch Group telling members about the first meeting on October 7, 1:00 pm, at Mimi's Café on Fort Apache Road, just south of Charleston. If you would like to attend, please call Susan at 395-6878, or email me at ls1s1166@aol.com.



Members listening to Ms. Hanlon explain legal options available to them.



All had a delicious dinner.



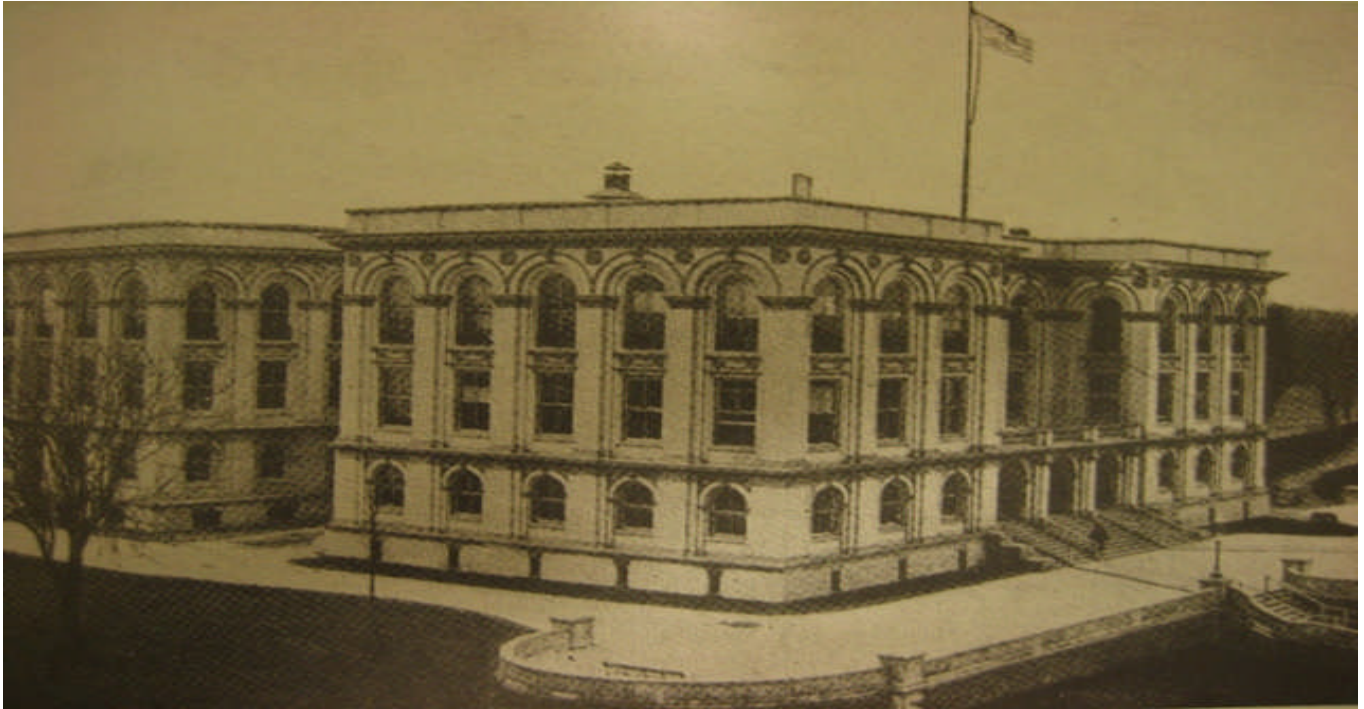
***Co-Chair Sue Braun inviting members to the October event.
In the background are Jill Hanlon and Co-Chair Leslie Schoenberg.***

MONTHLY TRIVIA

- 1. What two catchers won baseballs coveted MVP award three times during the 1950's?***
- 2. Who were the only two baseball players to hit over 50 home runs in a single season during the 1950's?***
- 3. Which quarterback set a NFL record by passing for 554 yards against The New York Yankees on 9/28/51?***



Can you tell me where this is located?



This building was located in Crotona Park at Third and Tremont Avenues.



Located at the northern end of Highbridge's main street – can you name it?