

*THE BRONX CLUB OF
VEGAS VALLEY
NEWSLETTER*

JULY 2011



If you require any information concerning the Club, know of anyone interested in joining, or have ideas for upcoming events you would like to host, please contact me Leslie Schoenberg, 838-3560, ls1166@aol.com, or Sue Braun, suefromtustin@yahoo.com cell 510-7788. In addition, I am also the 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.

Upcoming events:

July 17, this month's hosts are Ron and Sandy Scher. The event will be held at Mimi's Café, 1121 S. Fort Apache at Charleston, 6:00 PM 702-341-0365. Separate checks including gratuity will be issued. We will have as our guest speaker, Mr. Leon Goldstein, who was born in British occupied Palestine, which is now Israel, prior to Palestine becoming the Independent Nation of Israel. At the age of 17, he was a member of a group of Freedom Fighters known as the Haganah. We will also have Mrs. Goldstein as our guest to share some of her experiences with us. They have many interesting stories to tell us. We will collect \$2.00 to cover

expenses. The last day to respond to Ron and Sandy (rmscher@cox.net) 655-3019, is July 12.

August 20, this evening's event will be hosted The Blonder's. We will be attending Spring Mountain Ranch Theatre's production of "Fiddler on the Roof." Tickets and a chair are \$13.00 per person. Since by the time you receive this Newsletter, the time to order them with the group has passed. Please know the tickets can be ordered on the Internet or by calling UNLV. Even though you did not order them with the Club, if you call Susan 395-6878 for all information, including dinner, arrival time etc, she will save room for you so you can eat and sit with the rest of the members. Tickets are available at the door for a higher price. There is no charge for parking.

September 18, Leslie Schoenberg will host our event. The event will be at 6:00 pm and held at Cathay House, www.cathayhouselv.com, 5300 Spring Mountain Rd., #107, 876-3838. The last day to respond is September 13. As always, we will have separate checks and there will be a \$2.00 cover charge for our guest expense.

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Our guest speaker this month will be Michael Green, PhD., Professor of the History of Las Vegas at Community College of Southern NV. He will tell us about "early" Vegas to what Vegas has grown to today. He is bringing his Father with him since his Dad grew up in The Bronx.

October 16 –The Braun's will be hosting this month's event at a restaurant to be determined. Details will follow in next month's Newsletter. Their guest speaker will be a first responder. More details to follow.

November 13 – Please note that this is the 2nd Sunday of the month not the 3rd as usual. This is because of Thanksgiving. Ken and Rochelle Goodman and Denise and Steve Needleman will host this month's event.

December 18 – We are having a holiday party similar to the one we had last year. It will again be at the home of The Braun's. The event is being co-hosted by The Schoenberg's. I will forward additional information in future Newsletters.

PLEASE NOTE:

We need hosts for January to December 2012. Please contact me if you would like to participate in the growth of The Bronx Club by hosting an event.

We want to celebrate the following member's birthday.

Harvey Kaplan	July 1	Betty Albala	July 4
Marty Robinson	July 27		

We want to celebrate the following member's anniversaries.

Gene and Doris Berns,	July 3,	their 65 Anniversary
Norm and Margie Karp,	July 6,	their 42 Anniversary
Gene and Sue Alesevich,	July 19,	their 43 Anniversary
Joel and Jane Niedelman,	July 19,	their 19 Anniversary

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Please make note:

The next Ladies lunch will be on October 6. The restaurant will be announced in the August Newsletter. Please call Susan Blonder to respond or if you have, any questions (702) 395-6878.

Trivia questions

- 1. Who signed the Declaration of Independence from New York?**
- 2. What year did the original Yankee Stadium open, date and who did the Yankees play.**
- 3. Can you name the first Indian Tribe that lived along The Bronx River? What did they call The Bronx River?**

The following was submitted by Bernardine Zaben.

Thanks Bernardine.

New York Street Games The Bronx

Check out this site. You must click on this, as it is, case sensitive.

youtube.com/watch?v=tC3M2WNU23U

This month and next, I will feature some of the historical buildings located in The Bronx and tell you about their history and the history of The Bronx.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY



Fordham University was founded in 1841 as St. John's College by the Right Reverend John Hughes, Coadjutor-Bishop (later Archbishop) of New York on Rose Hill Manor in the village of Fordham, then part of Westchester County. In 1948, Bishop Hughes allowed the Society of Jesus to assume administration of the College. The Jesuit administration officially changed the college's name to Fordham University in 1907 and, in 1969; the board of trustees was reorganized to include a majority of non-clergy members. Since then Fordham University has remained "an independent university in the Jesuit tradition." Today, the main campus is still located on Rose Hill, but the University has expanded internationally to include campuses in Manhattan, Westchester County, Armonk, New York, and a Graduate School of Business in Beijing, China.

EDGAR ALLEN POE HOUSE



Edgar Allan Poe originally moved to New York in 1844, to seek more international recognition, but his wife, Virginia, fell ill and Poe, his wife, and mother-in-law, Maria Clemm, moved to The Bronx to take advantage of the fresh country air. From 1846-1849, Poe lived in a small wooden farmhouse that once had unobstructed views of The Bronx hills to Long Island. Here the acclaimed American writer wrote works such as "Annabel Lee," "The Bells," and "Eureka." The Bronx County Historical Society, who has maintained the Edgar Allan Poe Cottage since 1975, restored the home to its original appearance. Visitors can schedule a tour of the Poe Cottage and walk through the 19th Century home furnished with authentic furniture, including Poe's wife's deathbed and his rocking chair.

Woodlawn Cemetery



As Manhattan's cemeteries filled with centuries of the city's dead, New Yorkers looked to the vast countryside in The Bronx as an easily accessible location for a new burial ground. Established in 1863, Woodlawn Cemetery was located along the train line from Grand Central Station and advertised as being "only thirty minutes from Manhattan." The cemetery was originally intended to be a "rural cemetery" -- highly landscaped and filled with sculpture and other artwork. The trustees soon adopted a "landscape-lawn plan" that promoted open spaces, prohibited fences, and encouraged families to build centerpiece memorials surrounded by footstones.

Many of the nation's most famous designers, architects, and artists designed Woodlawn's memorials, mausoleums, and manicured landscapes. Today the 400-acre cemetery provides burial space 300,000 individuals including Irving Berlin, Miles Davis, Celia Cruz, Fiorello LaGuardia, Joseph Pulitzer, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Madame C.J. Walker, The Jason Gould family, and the Frank Winfield Woolworth family.

Arthur Avenue



The neighborhood began when Italian immigrants fresh out of Ellis Island, settled in the Belmont Community, in the Fordham section of the Bronx. Many new immigrants made their living by working and selling products from pushcarts, most often food items. The days of the pushcart have passed but there is still an abundance of restaurants, butchers, bakeries, and cafes lining the streets. There is even an indoor market filled with Italian specialties.

Montefiore Medical Center



In 1884, leaders of New York's Jewish community founded Montefiore with the purpose of building a "care facility for patients with tuberculosis and other chronic illnesses." It was named after Sir Moses Montefiore, a prominent philanthropist of late 19th century. The Medical Center led the way in tuberculosis research, diagnosis, and treatment and developed the first cardiac pacemaker. Montefiore has since become a pioneer in community medicine. They have departments in social services, home health care, and social medicine. Montefiore's many medical departments and community activities make the institution the largest employer in The Bronx.

Loew's Paradise Theatre



Completed in 1914, the Grand Concourse was built as the main thoroughfare to the borough's rapidly expanding factories and neighborhoods. Modeled after Paris, France's Champs-Élysées, it extended four and a half miles through the center of the West Bronx from Mott Avenue and 138th Street to Mosholu Parkway near Van Cortlandt Park. The Fordham Road/Grand Concourse intersection quickly became The Bronx's commercial center displaying the latest architectural styles on tree-lined avenues. In 1929, Loews built the \$4 million Paradise Theater on the Grand Concourse, just south of Fordham Road. The theater seated 4,000 and had a baroque Źcor that displayed a dark blue ceiling with small lights to resemble stars and simulated clouds blown across the ceiling by machine. The Paradise Theater was closed in 1994. The theatre re-opened in October 2005 as the Paradise Theater. It hosted special concerts and cultural events. Like much of The Bronx, the Grand Concourse experienced decline during the 1970s and 1980s, however, few of the building were razed. For that reason, the concourse is still lined with many of its original Art Deco buildings

On a personal note, this is where Larry and I went on our first date, November 14, 1959. We saw "A Hole in the Head" with Frank Sinatra.

Continued in next month's edition.