

THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011



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See our website at <http://bronx.xadar.com> to contact us, review past newsletters, get information about current activities and anything else you would want to know about our Club.

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 Leslie or Sue at the following website address: <http://www.bronx.xadar.com/contactus.php>. You can also check out our website to get any information about the Club and the upcoming events: <http://bronx.xadar.com>

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 following address: cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13, 6:00, The Memphis BBQ, 1401 S. Rainbow Ave., 254-0520; diverse new menu selections available ranging from \$10. -\$13. It looks like the restaurant is closed. The catering and banquet facilities are open in the back.

Please note: This event is the 2nd Sunday of the month not the 3rd as usual, because of Thanksgiving. Ken and Rochelle will host this month's event, which is a Trivial Pursuit Challenge. There will be three teams and great prizes awarded. As always, we will get separate checks. Please RSVP no later than Thursday November 10 to Rochelle or Ken at, NovHost.bronxclub@xadar.com . Two dollars will be collected at the door, to cover the cost of prizes. Please RSVP so that we can guarantee you a seat for the games.

December 17th – 11:30 am. We will be having our second Annual Potluck Holiday Brunch at the home of Les and Sue Braun. For directions to the Braun home, please contact Les, Sue or Leslie at DecHost.bronxclub@xadar.com. We will forward email directions to you. Les, Sue, and I, will host the party.

Please note: This is on Saturday not Sunday.

Please respond by December 13 to Sue or Leslie at DecHost.bronxclub@xadar.com. 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 good too. Since we only need so much of one type of dish, you may be asked to bring something other than your first choice. Please bring copies of your recipe to share with others. We are having a White Elephant Auction. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped gender less gift costing about \$7.00-\$10.00. Only those bringing a gift may participate. There will be a \$2.00 charge per person to cover the cost of coffee, tea, soft drinks, paper goods and incidentals.

PLEASE NOTE:

We need hosts for February through December 2012. Please contact Leslie, or Sue at cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com telling us that you would like to participate in the growth of The Bronx Club by hosting an event.

DeWitt Clinton High School

The first (and hopefully not the last) Southern and Central Arizona DWC Alumni Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Location will be in Scottsdale or Tempe and is planned from 11am-3pm. NV and CA, DWC alums who want to make the trip are welcome. For more info contact me via e-mail lewaaronson@ca.rr.com or call 310-836-9260.

A 55 year reunion of the Class of 1957 is planned in conjunction with the 115th annual DWC reception/dinner. This will be Thursday, May 24, 2012, at the Marina Del Rey restaurant in DA Bronx. For more information, please contact me at the above email address.

The link below is for Dewitt Clinton alumni.

<http://cityroom.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/07/21/dewitt-clintons-remarkable-alumni>

The Bronx as we knew it from the 1950's.

THE BRONX THAT I REMEMBER sent in by Bernardine Zaben

- 1. The subway and bus were only a thin dime to ride.***
- 2. Schools were the showcase for the whole country.***
- 3. There were no drugs (almost none).***
- 4. There was very little pornography.***
- 5. There were no divorces, few one parent families, and 'out-of-wedlock' events were kept quiet.***
- 6. There was respect for teachers and older people in general.***
- 7. There was almost no violence.***
- 8. The theme of the music of the times, even when it became rock and roll, was love not anger.***
- 9. People made a living and, rich or poor, all knew how to have a good time no matter their status.***
- 10. A great day was going to Orchard Beach, Tibbett's Brook or City Island.***
- 11. Hanging out on Fordham Rd., Pelham Pkwy, Allerton Ave., Mosholu Parkway or Claremont Park.***
- 12. There was Shorehaven and Freedomland, for a while anyway. In addition, Cascades Pool on Jerome Avenue.***
- 13. There was no better hot dog than at Gorman's on Fordham and Valentine Ave. Or, at any local Jewish deli too.***
- 14. The games: King/Queen, curb & stoopball, stickball and punch ball played with 'Spalding's' and Pennsy Pinkies.***
- 15. The fruit man, the tool sharpener "knives and scissors!", the junk man "I cash clothes!", the Knish man, hot jellied marshmallow man, Bungalow Bar, Good Humor, and the fruit man with his horse and wagon.***

16. Only place for pizza was Arthur Ave. and every neighborhood had the best egg creams. However, if you were lucky, you went to Krum's, or the Wedge Inn.

17. There were many local theaters, where every Saturday afternoon you could see many cartoons, a newsreel and a double-feature film show for 15-20 cents! Later 25 cents! In addition, do not forget the Lowe's Paradise, Valentine, RKO Fordham, Globe, Devon, Ascot, Lido, Pelham, Allerton and many, many more!

18. City Island had the best seafood restaurants and fishing all the time.

19. Big eating and coffee hangouts: TeePee diner, Baychester Diner, Chock Full O' Nuts, the 167th St. & 161st St. Cafeterias, the Red Apple Rest, the Adventurer's Inn with foot long franks for a quarter (with as much mustard and sauerkraut as you could pile on), Carroll's and many, many more!!

20. Everybody knew all of the high schools in The Bronx.

21. Fordham Road stores all had their own ornate glitz as far as style goes. And so did those on 170th, 161st, 167th Streets, Tremont, Burnside, the Grand Concourse and all of the rest!!

22. There were many great delicatessens in the 50's, but very few remain today. The best? Everyone had their own! Mine were: The Walton Deli, 170th Street, Beletz Bros. on Tremont, Epstein's on Jerome and Gun Hill and Schweller's on Jerome and Mosholu. Their food was from Heaven!

23. Tuxedo and Zaro's were the great bakeries ... I loved the chocolate butter cream with the almonds on the side. And the Black and Whites, Charlotte Rousses! Did you forget about Butter Flake, Snow Flake, The Garden, Winters, and ALL of the other LOCAL BAKERIES! Where are they all now?

24. There were no fast food restaurants in the 50's and a hamburger tasted like a hamburger. Sorry, forgot White Castle (13 cents each!), Carroll's in Yonkers, and Weston's.

25. There were the dances at the Bronx House and Mosholu Center, Mt. Eden Jewish Center, Concourse Y, Poe Park on Wednesday evenings Winter Garden and the Concourse Plaza .

26. Big night clubs in The Bronx were Dominico's, Jokers Wild and the Tender Trap; a couple of dumps on Jerome Avenue, where you could listen to "blue" singer Belle Barth ("A Trip Around the World is Not a Cruise").

27. How could anyone forget all the pool halls: Penguin Lounge, Cue Lounge, Nat's on Burnside and so many more on Allerton and Lydig Aves. And all the major streets in your neighborhood!!

28. Knishes were great at B & G's on Allerton or at Schweller's on Jerome and Mosholu. On the other hand, at ANY corner deli you went into, anywhere, at any time!

29. People in The Bronx took pride in owning a Chevy in the 50's; there was nothing better than General Motors then. The cars would run and run and run, no problems. Well, perhaps a few! Do not forget Ford, Chrysler, Plymouth, Buick, Hudson, Nash, Studebaker and those other guys, like the Edsel!

30. You bought sour pickles right out of the barrel for a nickel and they were delicious. By 1960, they cost a whole quarter. Anyone remember Moishe's, or Jack's Appetizing, on Allerton, 170th, Jerome Ave. & Mosholu!

31. The New York Yankees of course, were and still are, considered the best in baseball. Remember the New York Giants at the Polo Grounds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field?

32. You come from the Bronx but do not realize you have an "accent."

33. You played many games as kids. Depending on whether you were a boy or a girl, you could play: Ringoleveo, Johnny on the Pony, Hide and Seek, Red light, Green light, Simon Sez, kick the can, war, hit the penny, jump rope, double-dutch, A-My Name Is, box ball, box baseball, dodge ball, catch a fly, cans up, running bases, iron tag, skelly, tops, hand ball, stoop ball, slap ball, whiffle ball, relay races, softball, baseball, punch ball, stick ball, basketball, horse, around the world, foul shooting, knockout, arm wrestling, Indian wrestling, fire escape basketball. Then there were card games like canasta, casino, hearts, pinochle, war and the unhappy game of 52-card pickup.

34. You hung out on people's stoops, or at the different parks and parkways, the local pizza parlor, hamburger joints (Express), your own courtyard, etc.

35. You learned how to dance at some girl's backyard or house.

36. You roller-skated at Fordham skating rink in skates with wooden wheels. You had roller-skates at home with metal wheels for use on the sidewalks, and you needed a skate key to tighten them around your shoes. Those metal wheels on concrete were deafening!

37. The big sneaker brands were PF Flyers, U.S. Keds and Converse.

38. The guys wore Chino pants with a little strap & buckle in the rear and the girls wore long wide dresses. Remember gray wool skirts with pink felt poodles on them? The poodles had rhinestone eyes. Moreover, men's & guy's 3-button collars had that third button there in the back!

39. In the 50's rock and roll started big teen styles for the first time.

40. Everyone went to a Bar Mitzvah even if you were not Jewish.

41. Everyone took their date to Orchard Beach for swimming or the submarine races or the NYU Bronx Campus overlooking the river.

42. There were 3 main nationalities in The Bronx in the 50's: Italians, Irish and Jews. Then there was a sprinkling of everyone else.

43. The Bronx, was the only borough that wasn't an island and everything was downtown, even Manhattan.

44. In the Bronx, a fire hydrant is a "johnny pump."

45. Rides on a truck came to your neighborhood to give little kids a ride for a dime. The best one was "The Whip," which spun you around a track. You got a little prize when you got off, sometimes a folding paper fan, sometimes a straw tube that you inserted two fingers into, that tightened as you tried to pull your fingers out again (Chinese Handcuffs).

46. As a kid, you hit people with water balloons from atop a building, you shot linoleum projectiles from a carpet gun, you shot dried peas from pea shooters, and you shot paperclips at people with a rubber band. Today, you'd probably be arrested for that on weapons possession.

47. You shopped at EJ Korvettes, Robert Hall, Woolworth's, Alexander's, A&S. Barney's was Barney's Boys Town back then, and not a luxury store. You bought your shoes at National, Miles, A S Beck, Thom McAn, Florsheim, London, Coward, Chandlers who had beautiful matching handbags. And how about Lafayette Electronics and Johns Bargain Stores?

49. Everybody lived near, and shopped at, a local candy store and grocery store. They added up your bill on a brown paper bag, with a pencil, or put it down in a book, to be paid later.

50. No malls here, only the local places. Who needed malls with all that we had.

51. Bagel stores start popping up everywhere in the 60's.

52. Went to Jahn's Ice Cream Parlor with a big group and had the Kitchen Sink. If it was your birthday (you had to bring your birth certificate), you could get a sundae free. Do not forget Krum's.

53. Everybody knew of somebody who was a "connected guy."

54. We used the word "swell" that is passé today.

55. In the summer, we all waited for the Good Humor, Bungalow Bar, Mister Softee or Freezer Fresh man to come into our neighborhood to buy ice cream. In the early to mid 50's, the Good Humor man pushed a cart instead of driving a truck. Remember the bells? A pop was 10-15 cents. A large cup was 15 cents; a small cup was a dime. A sundae -- remember licking the chocolate off the back of the cardboard top? -- was a quarter.

56. Many of us would sneak cigarettes and hide them when we got home.

57. When we talked about "the city", we meant Manhattan.

58. The Mets in the 60's became our substitute for the Dodgers and Giants if you were a National League person.

59. In the 60's, we were ready to drive and hit the nightlife scene. With the car came the girls.

60. We are all in a select club because we have roots in The Bronx.

The following members are celebrating November birthdays:

<i>Paul Heaney</i>	<i>November 1</i>
<i>Leslie Schoenberg</i>	<i>November 7</i>
<i>Bill Abramson</i>	<i>November 7</i>
<i>Susan Blonder</i>	<i>November 12</i>
<i>Margie Abelson</i>	<i>November 15</i>
<i>Ronelle Botwinik</i>	<i>November 17</i>
<i>Norm Karp</i>	<i>November 25</i>
<i>Doris Bluth</i>	<i>November 30</i>

Anniversary in November:

Susan and Allen Blonder will be celebrating their 49th anniversary on November 25.

The Bronx Club of Vegas Valley Women's Group

Thanks to Susan Blonder, the Women's Group had a very successful October meeting at the Cheesecake Factory in Boca Park. There were 12 women at the meeting and everyone enjoyed good conversation and a delicious meal.

Check out the invitation below for the November meeting:



THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY LADIES CLUB NOVEMBER INVITATION

WHERE: ***The Feast Buffet at Red Rock***

WHEN: ***Thursday, November 3, 10:00 AM***

Host: ***Susan Blonder***

RSVP: ***395-6878***

NOTES: ***Come join us for a delicious lunch and good company.***

If you find you cannot make it on the day of the brunch, please call Leslie at 513-2553 to let her know of your change of plans.

Pictures of some Bronx Schools

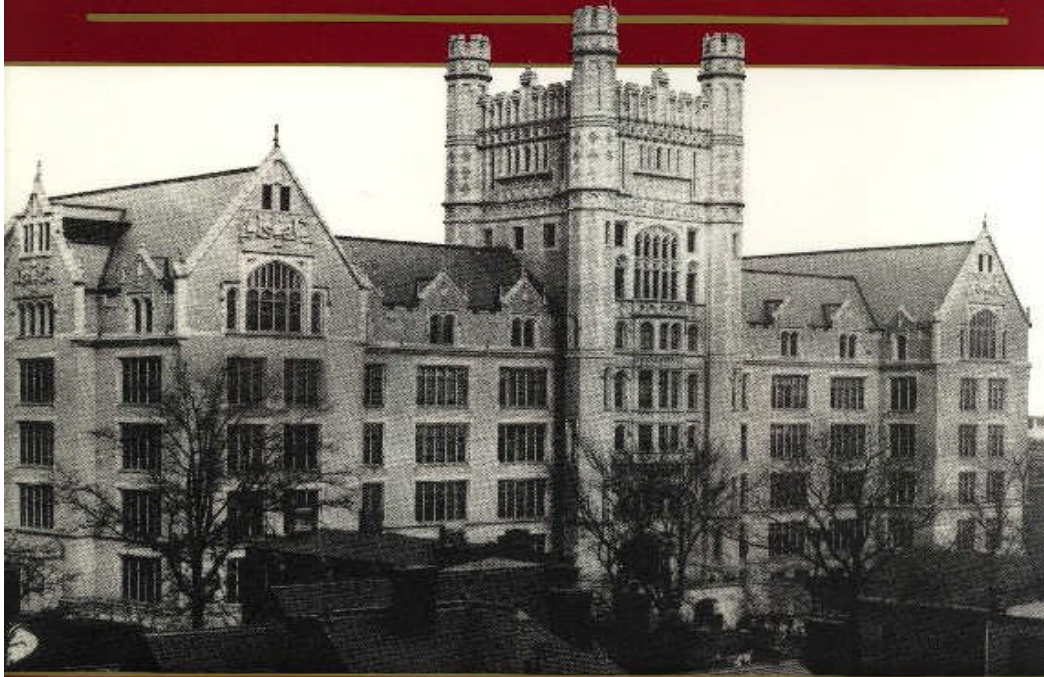


Walton High School



North entrance Walton High School

Morris High School and THE CREATION OF THE NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM



Gary Hermalyn

The history of a school is the story of a community and of the social issues that shape education. The creation of the New York City public high school system was the culmination of the major educational reform movement in the United States in the 19th century. "Morris High School and the Creation of the New York City Public High School System" is the first comprehensive history on the subject. Here is an engaging portrait of the city of Greater New York at a crucial turning point in the development of America's growing urban society. This unique work combines gripping narrative and descriptive detail, with scholarly probing research, and includes interviews with former students and faculty. Artistically designed, profusely illustrated with charming rare photos, reference tables, end notes, bibliography, and index. The reform movement reached its peak, in 1897, with the opening of The Bronx's Centerpiece of public education, Morris High School.



Monroe High School



Roosevelt High School

DeWitt Clinton High School



Sine Labore Nihil
(Without Work Nothing Is Accomplished)

Location

New York City (Bronx),
New York,
United States of America



Haaren Hall

William H. Taft High School



The Bronx High School of Science



Our September meeting was at The Cathay House in Chinatown. We had a wonderful speaker in Dr. Michael Green from CSN. He spoke about the early days of Las Vegas, those who made Vegas into what we now know of it and told us of his personal relationship with former mobster's children.



From left to right - Ed and Rita Ort, JoAnne Gellar and Martin Fessler, Margie and Norm Karp, Greg Abbott, Idele and Harvey Kaplan.



Dr. Green speaking to our group.



Front table – left to right – back of Leslie Schoenberg, Robert Green, Dr. Green’s Dad, Doris and Gene Berns, Rochelle and Ken Goodman.



Members listening to Dr. Green.

Our November meeting was at the IHOP. Our guest speaker was Terry Ravella. If you look into previous months of the Newsletter, (on our website) you will see his background, which is very impressive. His talk to us was as enjoyable as it was informative.



Left to right – Leslie Schoenberg, co-chair, Terry Ravella, Susan and Les Braun, our hosts for the evening and Norm Karp.



Members left to right – Gregg Abbott, Ron and Sandy Scher.



New members – Ellen and Robert Held.



Members enjoying the discussion with Terry.