

***THE BRONX CLUB OF  
VEGAS VALLEY  
NEWSLETTER  
January/February 2012***



***Zoborowski Mansion, Claremont Park.  
(See reference in Newsletter.)***

***See our website at <http://bronx.xadar.com> to contact us, review past newsletters, and get information about current/upcoming activities or 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://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 or pictures 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](mailto:cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com)***

### **WEBSITE ADDITION:**

***There is a new link on our website. It is located right under the picture of The Bronx Zoo. It reads, "Send an RSVP response," or just click on the following link <http://bronx.xadar.com/respond.php>***

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

***January 15, 2012 - your hosts are the Blonder's and the Steins. This will be similar to the November 2010 survey event. You will see pilot programs of new television series and be asked to give your opinion of them. Location is Television City in the MGM Grand Casino, 3600 Las Vegas Boulevard, South. Television City is located at the end of Studio Walk and is affiliated with the CBS television network.***

***NOTE: This event will start at 1:00 PM. You need to be there at 12:30 PM.***

***Tickets are free, but we need to have an exact count no later than January 7, 2012. Lunch will follow at Wolfgang Puck in the MGM Grand Casino. [WOLFGANG PUCK BAR AND GRILL :: LAS VEGAS RESTAURANT](#). Please respond by January 7, to [janhost.bronxclub@xadar.com](mailto:janhost.bronxclub@xadar.com), if you need a ride, please contact Susan or Harriet when you respond and they will try to arrange one for you.***

***February 19, 2012 – your hosts are Les and Sue Braun. The event will start at 6:00 pm. Location of the event is Mimi's Café on Fort Apache near Charleston Boulevard. As always, you will receive separate checks. Our guest speaker is Corey Levitan a journalist specializing in tongue-in-cheek humor. He has written for Playboy, the New York Post, and the Daily Breeze in Torrance, CA. He recently had a column in the Las Vegas Review Journal.***

**He is married and the dad of a baby girl. The Nevada Press Association named Corey Levitan the best local columnist in the state in October 2011. He is now a columnist for David Magazine. They are lucky to have him.**

**When he was working at the Las Vegas Review Journal, he wrote a column called "Fear and Loafing." In order to get a story, he performed all manner of weird jobs and he definitely had experiences outside his comfort zone. In his column, he described the escapades he experienced when he went under cover. Some of his jobs were washing windows at the top of the Stratosphere, dancing in a gay bar as a go-go dancer, and assisting while a midwife delivered a baby. How far do you think he will go in order to get a story? Please respond to [febhost.bronxclub@xadar.com](mailto:febhost.bronxclub@xadar.com) no later than February 15.**

**March 18, 2012 – Your hosts for the evening are Larry and Leslie Schoenberg. The event will be at 6:00 pm. You will receive individual checks. Our guests will be one of Metro's finest K-9 team. We will have a handler and his two K-9 partners come to the meeting to show you how the handlers train their partners.**

**It is very interesting and something I have been involved with since 2000. The event will be held at New York Pizza and Pasta, 2400 S. Jones at the corner of Sahara, 871-1159, following is their menu. [New York Pizza & Pasta – Las Vegas | Delivery & Takeout – Online Menu](#) I want to make you aware that if the team is called to an assignment then they will not be able to be with us. This is a working team and when duty calls, they have to go. Please RSVP: [marhost.bronxclub@xadar.com](mailto:marhost.bronxclub@xadar.com), no later than March 13, 2012.**

## **PLEASE NOTE**

**If you would be interested in keeping The Bronx Club of Vegas Valley going, please let us know.**

**We need hosts for May through November of 2012. Please respond to [cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com](mailto:cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com).**

**Sue and I only can do so much; everyone needs do his or her part. All you need to do is contact a restaurant and find someone or something that you would enjoy to share with the group.**



***Cross County Track Meet, Van Cortlandt Park, the Bronx  
November 22, 1947, New York City Parks Photo Archive.***



***Bronx Victory Memorial Restoration, Pelham Bay Park, the Bronx  
July 1943, New York City Parks Photo Archive.***

***This month we will review the Parks Department and the  
History connected with it.***



***The opening of PS 21, 225<sup>th</sup> Street and White Plains Road,  
September 24, 1943.***

***Highlights of the Parks collection include images of Mayor Fiorello La Guardia and Parks Commissioner Robert Moses at the opening of Orchard Beach in 1936, pictures of Bronx playgrounds from the early 20th century and photos of Hispanic Day at Yankee Stadium in 1972. An invitation to the 1899 Bronx Zoo opening, war medals recently unearthed from the time capsule in the Bronx Victory Memorial and a marble statue from the destroyed Zoborowski Mansion will be on display.***

***Most of the photos are from the New York City Parks Photo Archive, with additional images on loan from the Bronx County Historical Society. The exhibition is curated by, Jonathan Kuhn, Director of Art & Antiquities.***

***The Bronx parks system is both a success story and a work in progress. In the 1870s, the area that is now New York City's northernmost borough was a sparsely populated terrain of varied topography and much***



*natural beauty, known as the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Wards and including part of lower Westchester County. Early in the decade esteemed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted helped design a network of parks and parkways to conform to the existing features, but his plan was never realized.*

*In 1881, journalist and reformer John Mullaly also recognized the scenic potential and "marked [natural] diversity" of this region, far beyond its few scattered parks and village greens. Anticipating further annexation and massive population growth, he formed the city's first open-space advocacy organization, the New York Park Association. The Association argued that nearly 4,000 acres above the Harlem River should be seized immediately as parkland, since they required little improvement and their acquisition would dramatically increase the value of adjacent properties. The Association helped secure State legislation in 1883 to establish six large parks and three broad parkways. Political wrangling slowed the process, but on December 12, 1888, Bronx, Claremont, Crotona, St. Mary's, Van Cortlandt and Pelham Bay Parks, as well as Crotona, Mosholu and Bronx-Pelham Parkways, were vested to the City of New York. These new holdings quintupled the City's green space overnight.*



*Resources were scarce at first, but in the 1890s, the now-famous zoo and botanical garden were chartered in Bronx Park, and the nation's first municipal golf course opened at Van Cortlandt Park.*

*By 1902, the city had acquired St. James, Poe, Cedar, Rose Hill and Echo Parks; historic Drake Cemetery was incorporated in 1909 and the Seton estate ceded to the City in 1914. Macomb's Dam Park opened in 1899, with tennis courts, baseball fields and a track, and eight Bronx playgrounds were built in 1914.*



*Starting in 1934, Parks Commissioner Robert Moses directed a major overhaul and expansion of the Bronx parks. In his first six years, he tripled the number of playgrounds in the borough.*

***In 1936, the man-made crescent-shaped Orchard Beach opened, as did the mammoth pool at Crotona Park. In 1951, St. Mary's Park became home to the City's first post-war recreation center. Soundview and Ferry Point Park rose upon landfill. The new Henry Hudson Parkway (1938) and Major Deegan Expressway (1955) linked parks but, alas, also bisected them.***



***In the late 1960s, with greater community input, pools and vest pocket parks were built where needed, and parks programming embraced the contemporary arts scene and a broader ethnic mix. Today more than 130 dedicated citizens' organizations have formed partnerships with government to revive long-neglected amenities like the Bronx River, and to reinvigorate local parks, playgrounds and community gardens. Parks' own efforts have included wetlands preservation, reforestation and species reintroduction.***

***Though the borough has long been saddled with a reputation for urban decay, the reality is that a full quarter of its acreage is parkland, much of it bucolic, and filled with unique attractions from Edgar Allen Poe's last home and the lavishly carved Heinrich Heine Fountain to legendary Yankee Stadium. The foresight of park proponents such as Mullaly helped ensure that the borough, whose population is now more than 15 times what it was in 1888, would truly be a land of greener pastures.***

***The March issue will have information about specific parks in The Bronx.***

## **PLEASE NOTE**

***There will be no Newsletter in February. I am going out of town and will not be home until January 31<sup>st</sup>. PLEASE MAKE SURE you can access the website <http://bronx.xadar.com> so you have information on the upcoming events.***

***We should be back on schedule in time for March 2012.***

***Some trivia fun for all.***

**"Doo Wop" Test**

1. When did "Little Suzie" finally wake up?
  - (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
  - (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
  - (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
  
2. "Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?
  - (a) Rebel Without A Cause
  - (b) Blackboard Jungle
  - (c) The Wild Ones
  
3. What is missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Angel
  - (b) Mother
  - (c) Worm
  
4. "I found my thrill . . ." where?
  - (a) Kansas City
  - (b) Heartbreak Hotel
  - (c) Blueberry Hill
  
5. "Please turn on your magic beam, \_\_\_\_\_ bring me a dream,":
  - (a) Mr. Sandman
  - (b) Earth Angel
  - (c) Dream Lover
  
6. For which label did Elvis Presley first record?
  - (a) Atlantic
  - (b) RCA
  - (c) Sun
  
7. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?
  - (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown
  - (b) Charlie Brown
  - (c) Buster Brown
  
8. In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife, was named:
  - (a) MacHeath
  - (b) MacCloud
  - (c) MacNamara



- 9. Name the song with "A-wop bop a-loo bop a-lop bam boom."**  
(a) Good Golly, Miss Molly  
(b) Be-Bop-A-Lula  
(c) Tutti Frutti
- 10. Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock And Roll"?**  
(a) Dick Clark  
(b) Wolfman Jack  
(c) Alan Freed
- 11. In 1957, he left the music business to become a preacher:**  
(a) Little Richard  
(b) Frankie Lymon  
(c) Tony Orlando
- 12. Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" is written to what star?**  
(a) Brenda Lee  
(b) Connie Francis  
(c) Annette Funicello
- 13. The Everly Brothers were.**  
(a) Pete and Dick  
(b) Don and Phil  
(c) Bob and Bill
- 14. The Big Bopper's real name was:**  
(a) Jiles P. Richardson  
(b) Roy Harold Scherer Jr.  
(c) Marion Michael Morrison
- 15. In 1959, Berry Gordy, Jr., started a small record company called...**  
(a) Decca  
(b) Cameo  
(c) Motown
- 16. Edd Brynes had a hit with "Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb". What TV show was he on?**  
(a) 77 Sunset Strip  
(b) Hawaiian Eye  
(c) Surfside Six

**17. In 1960 Bobby Darin married:**

- (a) Carol Lynley**
- (b) Sandra Dee**
- (c) Natalie Wood**

**18.. They were a one hit wonder with "Book Of Love":**

- (a) The Penguins**
- (b) The Monotones**
- (c) The Moonglows**

**19.. The Everly Brothers sang a song called "Till I \_\_\_\_\_ You."**

- (a) Loved**
- (b) Kissed**
- (c) Met**

**20. Chuck Berry sang "Oh, \_\_\_\_\_, why can't you be true?"**

- (a) Suzie Q**
- (b) Peggy Sue**
- (c) Maybelline**

**21. "Wooly \_\_\_\_\_"**

- (a) Mammouth**
- (b) Bully**
- (c) Pully**

**22. "I'm like a one-eyed cat . . . ."**

- (a) can't go into town no more**
- (b) sleepin' on a cold hard floor**
- (c) peepin' in a seafood store**

**23. "Sometimes I wonder what I'm gonna do, "**

- (a) cause there ain't no answer for a life without booze**
- (b) cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues**
- (c) cause my car's gassed up and I'm ready to cruise**

**24.. "They often call me Speedo, but my real name is ...."**

- (a) Mr. Earl**
- (b) Jackie Pearl**
- (c) Milton Berle**

**25. "You're my Fanny and nobody else's."**

- (a) girl**
- (b) butt**
- (c) love**

**26. "I want you to play with my. "**

- (a) heart**
- (b) dreams**
- (c) ding a ling**

**27. "Be Bop A Lula ...."**

- (a) she's got the rabies**
- (b) she's my baby.**
- (c) she loves me, maybe**

**28. "Fine Love, Fine Kissing ..."**

- (a) right here**
- (b) fifty cents**
- (c) just for you**

**29. "He wore black denim trousers and . . ."**

- (a) a pink carnation**
- (b) pink leotards**
- (c) motorcycle boots**

**30. "I got a gal named..."**

- (a) Jenny Zamboni**
- (b) Gerri Mahoney**
- (c) Boney Maroney**

## **Answers:**

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1. (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
2. (b) Blackboard Jungle
3. (a) Angel
4. (c) Blueberry Hill
5. (a) Mr. Sandman
6. (c) Sun
7. (b) Charlie Brown
8. (a) Mac Heath
9. (c) Tutti Fruitti
10. (c) Alan Freed
11. (a) Little Richard
12. (c) Annette Funicello
13. (b) Don and Phil
14. (a) Jiles P. Richardson
15. (c) Motown
16. (a) 77 Sunset Strip
17. (b) Sandra Dee
18. (b) The Monotones
19. (b) Kissed
20. (c) Maybelline
21. (b) Bully
22. (c) peepin' in a sea food store
23. (b) cause there ain't no cure for the summertime blues
24. (a) Mr. Earl
25. (b) butt
26. (c) ding a ling
27. (b) she's my baby
28. (a) right here
29. (c) motorcycle boots
30. (c) Boney Maroney

## ***January and February Birthdays***

<b><i>Edith Einhorn</i></b>	<b><i>January 2</i></b>
<b><i>Ed Saltzman</i></b>	<b><i>January 13</i></b>
<b><i>Larry Schoenberg</i></b>	<b><i>January 21</i></b>
<b><i>Susan Braun</i></b>	<b><i>January 22</i></b>

<b><i>Bob Seskin</i></b>	<b><i>February 4</i></b>
<b><i>Greg Abbott</i></b>	<b><i>February 6</i></b>
<b><i>Joan Weiss</i></b>	<b><i>February 7</i></b>
<b><i>Barbara Wald</i></b>	<b><i>February 9</i></b>
<b><i>Michele Stern</i></b>	<b><i>February 12</i></b>
<b><i>Irene Weiss</i></b>	<b><i>February 23</i></b>

## ***January Anniversaries***

<b><i>Leslie and Larry Schoenberg</i></b>	<b><i>January 1</i></b>	<b><i>46 years</i></b>
<b><i>Ken and Rochelle Goodman</i></b>	<b><i>January 28</i></b>	<b><i>32 years</i></b>

***There are no February Anniversaries.***



## ***December 17, 2011 Second Annual Club Holiday Brunch***

***I want to thank Les and Sue Braun for hosting our second Annual "The Bronx Club of Vegas Valley Holiday Brunch." They were the perfect Host and Hostess setting up everything for our comfort and then taking it down again. There were 28 members at the Brunch, each bringing food to share. There were a bunch of good cooks in attendance the food was very good. In addition, Les and Sue suggested having a "White Elephant Auction", which was a lot of fun for all. Mark your calendars for Saturday December 15, 2012 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bronx Club Brunch. I have it on good word that there will be another club Brunch that day. The following pictures were taken during the "White Elephant Auction." Thanks to Les for the last picture.***



***Left to right – Our hostess Sue Braun, Irene Weiss,  
Allen Blonder, Michelle and Ken Stern, Rob and Harriet  
Stein.***



***Our host Les Braun, Ron Scher, Dave and Phyllis  
Sedman and in the back, Sandy Scher.***



***Members Rita Ort and Barbara Wald.***





***Members Susan Blonder, Carol and Rob Seskin  
Dave Wald.***



***Co-chair Leslie Schoenberg telling members of  
upcoming events, next to her Rita Ort.***