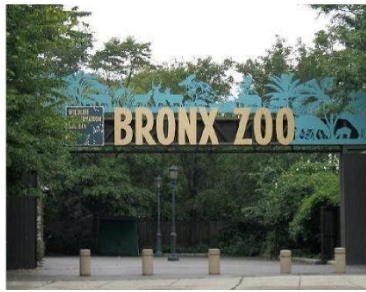


The Loews Paradise



***Entrance to the
Bronx Zoo***



Yankee Stadium

THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY

APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

***For more information about the Bronx Club of Vegas Valley, go to
<http://bronx.xadar.com>***

If you require any information about the Club, know of anyone interested in joining, or have ideas for upcoming events you would like to host, please contact me at cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com.

I am also the Newsletter Editor. If you have any articles or pictures about The Bronx that you would like to share and have put in the Newsletter, please forward them to me at the following: cochair.bronxclub@xadar.com.

WEBMASTER'S ADDRESS:

Any questions about the website, please contact the webmaster at: webmaster.bronxclub@xadar.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A very brief description of each of the upcoming events follows. The turnaround time is very limited so please answer as soon as you receive the invitation.

The next upcoming event for the Ladies Lunch group is on April 18th. There has been an invitation sent out and a copy of one in the Newsletter.

The next upcoming event for The Club is the General Meeting on April 21st. See more about this in our General Meeting Invitation and a copy following in the Newsletter.

Remember, all invitations are also available for viewing and downloading on our [website](#).

On Thursday April 25th, we will be taking a tour of the USO Facility at McCarran Airport. To those of you who have already responded to the email, further details will be sent out as soon as possible. If you have decided to join us and have not responded, please do so now so that you can be added to the list. Here's how.

If possible, respond to the original email with the tour information. If the email can't be found, please use this [Contact-Us](#) form from our website. For MESSAGE TYPE check Information, for TOPIC select Events, and type USO facility tour and the number of members accompanying you in the COMMENTS box. Complete the form with your name, email address, and phone number, then click the Submit Comments button at the bottom. We'll get back to you with the details.

THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY LADIES LUNCH INVITATION



WHERE: ***YARD HOUSE AT RED ROCK CASINO
11011 W. Charleston Blvd.
Telephone # 363-9273***

WHEN: ***APRIL 18, 2013 AT 12:30 pm***

HOST: ***RITA ORT***

WEBSITE: ***<http://www.yardhouse.com/NV/las-vegas-restaurant-red-rock-resort/>***

RSVP: ***Email to ladies.bronxclub@xadar.com,
or Call Rita at 242-8924.***

THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY INVITATION TO OUR APRIL EVENT



WHERE: *Our April event will be held at The Claim Jumper Restaurant, 1100 S. Fort Apache. Their phone number is 243-8751.*

WHEN: *April 21, 2013, at 6:00 PM*

HOSTS: *Sue Braun and Leslie Schoenberg*

RSVP: *Send a EZ RSVP RESPONSE, or an email to aprhost.bronxclub@xadar.com, by April 16.*

NOTES: *Our guest speaker is Mayor Pro Tem Stavros S. Anthony. To read more about his past accomplishments go to the following site: www.lasvegasnevada.gov/government/councilman_anthony.htm
As always there will be a \$2.00 event charge.*

Members Celebrating Birthdays in April:

<i>David Selman</i>	<i>April 5</i>
<i>David Einhorn</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Murray Goldman</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>David Bluth</i>	<i>April 24</i>

Answers to Questions about New York

The Bronx Monorail



George Grantham Bain Collection, Library of Congress

By [MICHAEL POLLAK](#)

Published: March 1, 2013

Q. I heard there used to be a monorail running out to City Island. Whatever happened to it?

A. In Broadway terms, it bombed.

Inventors proposed a number of monorails in New York City and elsewhere in the 19th century, some of them highly fanciful and most of them never built or used only in test runs on short stretches. They couldn't get financing or permission to operate, or they couldn't overcome design flaws.

The two-mile monorail to City Island in the Bronx, which began its short life in 1910, was the first in the city to actually go into commercial service, followed much later by a monorail at the 1964-65 World's Fair. It was also the only monorail in the nation at the time.

It consisted of a single cigar-shape orange car, optimistically named the Flying Lady by its promoters, running on a single rail, with two overhead rails providing electric power and added balance. The New York Times described the car this way:

"Each end points down to a nose like a collie's, and the shabbiness of the one car gives the appearance of some ancient and unknown form of vehicle which might have been used in prehistoric days and which has been unearthed and pressed into service against its will."

The track ran across City Island Bridge from the Bartow station of the Harlem River branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The trip to City Island took 40 minutes by horse or car; the monorail would require three to five minutes, its officers declared.

The Pelham Bay Park and City Island Monoroad Company got its franchise from the old Board of Estimate in 1908. The company spent much of the next two years obtaining financial backing. With little work done and the franchise set to expire on July 4, 1910, construction began in earnest only that May. The companies got a 10-day extension and spent early July testing the car, letting a few passengers ride free.

For its inaugural run on July 16, several hundred passengers, eager for City Island's summer delights, rushed off the commuter train and tried to crowd into the monorail's 75-foot-long car, which had a normal capacity of 40. At the controls was its inventor, Howard Hansel Tunis, who frantically signaled the conductor to fend off the mob. With about 100 aboard, he started for City Island, eventually moving about 20 miles an hour.

"Everything was all right until we entered the third curve," Mr. Tunis said from his bed at home later that day. Under the car's weight, the ties of the cheaply built, uncemented roadbed sank several inches into the loose dirt. The car lost contact with the upper rails, swayed and tipped on its side against a stanchion, which, fortunately for the screaming passengers, bent but did not snap. A worse disaster was averted because the accident occurred 100 yards from the company's power house, where an alert engineer saw the car tilt over and immediately cut off the electricity. Only one passenger was reported seriously injured. (Eugenia Tunis, 6, the inventor's daughter, bruised her face.)

After more work was done improving the roadbed, service resumed and continued into 1913 — but at low speeds, and subject to cancellation in strong winds. Enthusiasm for the monorail never returned. By 1914, it was gone.

Q. A young friend of mine who takes Batman seriously tells me the Caped Crusader was born in the Bronx. True?

A. Not only true, but one of the subjects of "[Living in Sequence](#)," an exhibition of comic book artwork was at the Poe Park Visitor Center at 2640 Grand Concourse in the Bronx. In a statement, the parks department said, "This vibrant collection of Bronx artists pays homage to the strong ties between Poe Park and the history of comics."

According to the department, Batman's creators, Bob Kane and Bill Finger, thought up the series in 1939 during an hour spent in Poe Park, which includes the recently restored home of Edgar Allan Poe. They were soon joined in their collaboration by another artist, Jerry Robinson, who rented an apartment near Mr. Kane's Grand

Concourse home. Other characters like Robin and the Joker followed.

"In time, Poe's stories would provide key story lines for some of Batman's adventures, and in 2003 the superhero and Poe teamed up to solve mysteries in the comic mini-series 'Batman: Nevermore,' " the parks department said.

ALL THREE OF THESE ARTICLES, above and below were contributed by Sue Braun.

The massive Christopher Columbus High School building, renamed the Christopher Columbus Educational Campus, has been divided into small schools in an effort to improve attendance, graduation rates and safety. Columbus was once a massive high school serving roughly 4,500 students. In 2004, the Department of Education (DOE) reduced Columbus's size to a population of 1,600 students as small schools opened in the building. Now has 1,204 students enrolled.



How well do you remember the commerce of Pelham Parkway?

The Pelham Parkway Commercial Establishment Nostalgia Quiz 1955-1970

- 1.) Bakeries: Name the 3 major bakeries in Pelham Parkway (south side)
- 2.) Italian Restaurants – I remember the Allegro Inn on the north side but what was the name of the one on the south side just doors down from the southeast IRT entrance.
- 3.) Pharmacies – Buy low – where? Which one was on the diagonally opposite corner and where was it originally situated. Where was the Parkway pharmacy?
- 4.) Can you name 4 kosher delis on the south side? Which one was owned by Hy and Eli? Which one closed after making its customers ill?
- 5.) What was the name of that Glatt kosher place near Lydig and Wallace?
- 6.) What was the name of the short lived fast food Chinese place that also had an ugly red and green reconditioned Mr. Softee type truck which toured the neighborhood selling Chow Mein in edible cups?
- 7.) What women's clothing store moved from Pelham Parkway to Fort Lee, New Jersey?
- 8.) First pizzeria in Pelham Parkway (hint – think of an Italian city). Joey DeLuca from Bronx Park East was one of its first employees.
- 9.) Lou _____ owned a stationery and toy store on Lydig between WPRd and Cruger where just about everyone got their school supplies.
- 10.) Next to Lou's store was Hong Wo, a Chinese restaurant. What was the other Chinese restaurant on White Plain's Road?
- 11.) Ben's sold hardware and housewares on Lydig. Who did the same on WP Rd?
- 12.) What was the name of the appliance store near the southwest corner of PP and WPRd? What was that name associated with by the 1990's?

- 13.) Who had a fitness place almost opposite the Pelham theatre?
- 14.) What did Max Anshen sell and where was he located?
- 15.) What was the name of the newsstand at the foot of the southeast steps to the el? Had a big cigar and pipe business as well as magazines and newspapers.
- 16.) Chock Full O' Nuts ran a coffee shop on the southeast corner of PP and WPR for years. What was there before that?
- 17.) What were the names of the two Greek diners on the west side of WPR?
- 18.) What was the name of the camera store on WPRd?
- 19.) Before "dollar" stores were popular there was _____ on Lydig near Cruger?
- 20.) Where was H and H luncheonette? Where was C and L luncheonette (whose name was emblazoned on the sidewalk in front of the store).
- 21.) What were the names of the supermarkets located on White Plains Road between Maran and Brady and between Holland and Wallace on the north side of Lydig respectively? And, the one on Pelham Parkway?
- 22.) Where were three barbershops located in Pelham Parkway?
- 23.) Where were two dairy stores (cheese, eggs, etc.) and the bagel place?
- 24.) 60's teens hung out on summer nights in front of _____?
- 25.) Which bus lines serviced our neighborhood?
- 26.) Candy stores in Pelham Parkway – Name some locations?
- 27.) What stores were located in the apartment building at the corner of Bronx Park East and Brady before they converted those stores into apartments?
- 28.) Where was the library in the 50's?
- 29.) What did Harry Chester sell on WPR?
- 30.) Where in Pelham Parkway did you go to get blinds, shades, radiator covers, glass tops, and picture frames?

We had our March 17th meeting at the Claim Jumper Restaurant. Dan Roberts was our guest and the event was hosted by Mike and Ronnie Sander. Following are some pictures of the event.



Dan Roberts of Vegas Voice



Dan with Club Co-Chair Sue Braun



Founding "Mother" Sue Alesevich, hubby Gene and Club Co-chair Leslie Schoenberg



Dan speaking to our members and Ellen Held listening.



Our event hosts, the Sanders, Co-chairs Leslie and Sue and our evenings guest, Dan Roberts.



Saying hello left to right the Merem's, the Karp's, the Alesevich's, the Selman's, Milton Rosen, JoAnn Geller, The Blonder's and on the far right, the Kaplan's.



Greg Abbott meeting with our guest, Dan.