

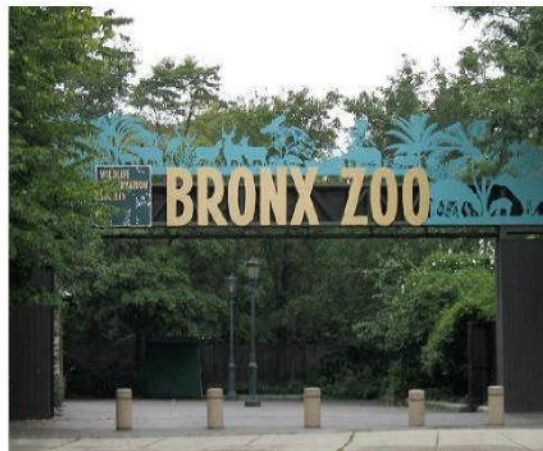
THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY MAY NEWSLETTER



Yankee Stadium



The Loews Paradise



Entrance to The Bronx Zoo

For more information about the Bronx Club of Vegas Valley, <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.

WEBMASTERS' ADDRESS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next General Meeting will be on May 19, at the Claim Jumper. See the invite in the Newsletter as well as on the website. Our guest is Peggy Thompson. Her music bio follows. She has been our guest before and is back by "popular demand".

Peggy Thompson. Musical Biography

Peggy (Hoppenrath) Thompson is a musician currently living in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Thompson got her start in music at a very early age. Her grandmother, Helen (Moore) McKenna, was a 1924 Miss America contestant who sang in the Municipal Opera in St. Louis. Along with her grandmother and her mother, Kay (McKenna) Hoppenrath, the three ladies began performing together for local functions, family get-togethers and at nursing homes when Peggy was just 5 years old.

Peggy began piano lessons at age 5 and guitar shortly thereafter. She was hired professionally for her first wedding gig at the young age of 13. She has actively taught both piano and guitar for the past 40 years.

Peggy was a runner-up at age 16 for the Miss Teenage Illinois Pageant in 1975, with her talent being guitar and vocals. She

performed in Naperville, Illinois at the Municipal Band Shell for the Summer Music Series in the Park in the late 70's. She also had starring roles in various theatrical musical productions during her high school years at Naperville Central High School. Peggy also performed for the Lisle Park District Summer Music Fest in the early 1980's.

In the early 80's, Peggy was the lead vocalist and keyboard player for two bands, Taji and Coyote's Bluff. Then Peggy formed a band which frequently performed in the Chicago area. The band, called C.O.P. (Choice of Potato), still performs in the Chicago area, and Peggy is a guest vocalist when she is in Chicago.

From 1979 through 1985, Peggy was the vocal director for the Renewal Notes, a senior citizen based performing group in Bolingbrook, Illinois. They were the headline act at the Illinois State Fair for four years during her tenure as director.

Peggy has performed in Las Vegas at the Aladdin with David Pomeranz, the singer/songwriter who wrote most of Barry Manilow's hits including "I Write the Songs" and "Tryin' to Get the Feelin' Again", as well as performing at the Morgan-Wixson Theater in Santa Monica with Mr. Pomeranz.

Peggy currently performs for various charities in the Las Vegas area. She has been the headline act for the Nathan Edelsen Hospice Care Center fundraiser for the past six years in Pahrump, Nevada. She also performs for Spirit Therapies events throughout the year. She is at the ready when it comes to charities and volunteers her musical talents as her way of giving back to the community. She frequents group homes, nursing homes, and hospitals to perform for patients. She performed the National Anthem at a Las Vegas 51's game in 2012 and will do so again in the summer of 2013.

Peggy also still actively performs for weddings in Las Vegas as well as local events.



**THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY
INVITATION TO OUR MAY EVENT**

WHERE: *Our May event will be held at the [Claim Jumper](#) restaurant, 1100 S. Fort Apache. The phone number is 243-8751.*

WHEN: *May 19, 2013, at 6:00 PM*

HOSTS: *Sue Braun and Leslie Schoenberg*

RSVP: *Send an [EZ RSVP RESPONSE](#), or an email to mayhost.bronxclub@xadar.com, by May 15.*

NOTES: *Our guest is Peggy Thompson. Peggy sings 50s and 60s genre pop music while playing the guitar. We have been fortunate to have her entertain us in the past and are looking forward to seeing her again.*

As always there will be a \$2.00 event charge.



THE BRONX CLUB OF VEGAS VALLEY LADIES LUNCH INVITATION

WHERE: ***BRIO Tivoli Village, 420 South Rampart, Suite
180, Telephone 433-1233***

WHEN: ***MAY 16, 2013 at 12:30 pm***

HOST: ***RITA ORT***

WEBSITE: ***www.brioitalian.com/tivoli_village.html***

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

The following pictures were contributed by Sue Braun and text by Leslie Schoenberg.



Construction of the Bronx River Parkway

The Bronx River Parkway (also known as the Bronx Parkway) is a 19.12-mile long parkway in downstate New York. It is named for the nearby Bronx River, which it parallels. The southern terminus of the parkway is at Story Avenue near Bruckner Expressway in the Bronx neighborhood of Soundview. The northern terminus is at the Kensico Circle in North Castle, Westchester County, where the parkway connects to the Taconic State Parkway and, via a short connector, New York State Route 22 (NY 22). Within the Bronx, the parkway is

maintained by the New York State Department of Transportation and is designated New York State Route 907H, an unsigned reference route. In Westchester County, the parkway is maintained by the Westchester County Department of Public Works and is designated unsigned County Route 9987 (CR 9987). Most of the exits on the parkway, including the traffic light-controlled intersections in Westchester County, have interchange numbers. The term "Bronx River Parkway" originally referred to the Bronx River Reservation, New York's first linear park, of which the road is a portion, from the Bronx–Westchester county line to Kensico Dam Plaza. Current usage of the term confines it to the roadway, but extends it to the portion which now continues southward beyond the Reservation.



The New York Times Photo Collection

Yankee Stadium 1923 – Opening Year

Yankee Stadium was a stadium located in The South Bronx in New York City, in the U.S. state of New York. It was the home ballpark of the New York Yankees, one of the city's Major League Baseball (MLB) franchises, from 1923 to 1973 and from 1976 to 2008. The

stadium hosted 6,581 Yankees regular season home games during its 85-year history. It was also the former home of the New York Giants football team. The stadium's nickname, "The House That Ruth Built", is believed to be derived from Babe Ruth, the iconic baseball superstar whose prime years coincided with the stadium's opening and the beginning of the Yankees' winning history. In 2008 a new Stadium was constructed and the old one was not demolished until 2010.

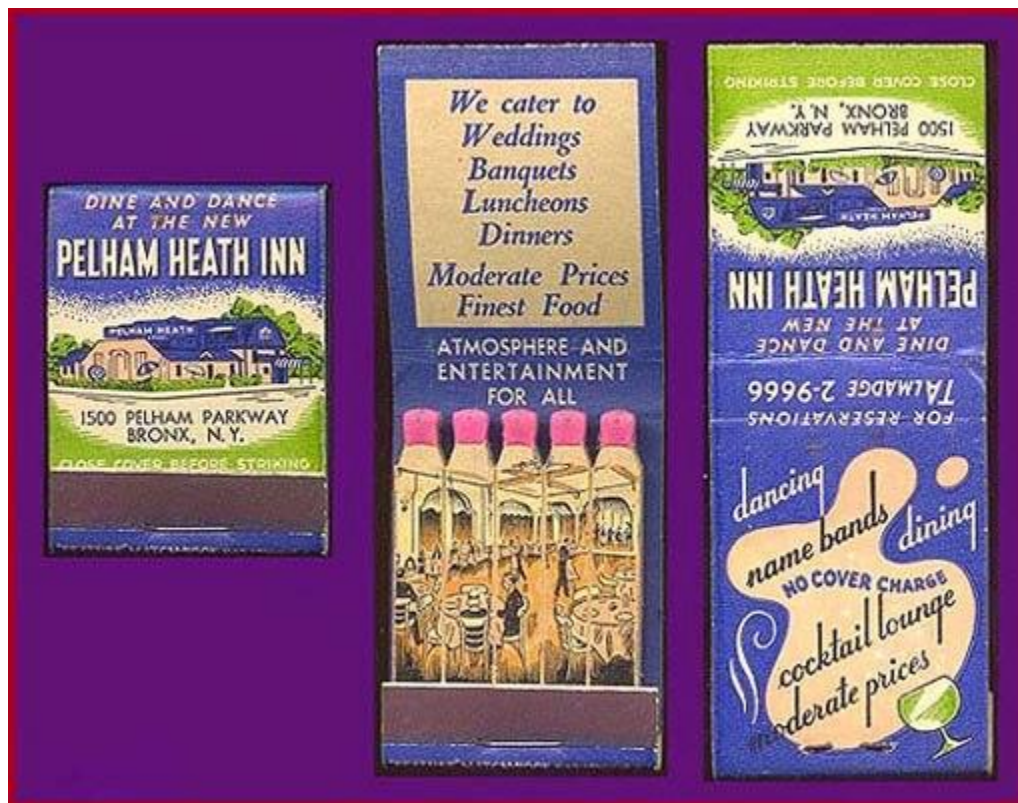


Third Avenue El – Gun Hill Road

The IRT Third Avenue Line, commonly known as the Third Avenue El, was an elevated railway in Manhattan and the Bronx, New York City. Originally operated by an independent railway company, it was acquired by the Interborough Rapid Transit Company (IRT) and eventually became part of the New York subway system.

The first segments of the line opened in Manhattan in 1878. Service in Manhattan was phased out in the early 1950s and closed completely in 1955, and ended in the Bronx in 1973.

The Third Avenue El was the last elevated line to operate in Manhattan, and was a frequent backdrop for movies filmed in the city. Service on the Second, Sixth and Ninth Avenue El lines was terminated in 1942, 1938, and 1940, respectively.



Pelham Heath Inn, 1500 Pelham Parkway, Matchbook



Inside of the Pelham Heath Inn.



**Pelham Heath Inn Orchestra featuring
One Night Stand with Billie Rodgers 1944**

Pelham Heath Inn

At the junction of Eastchester Road and Pelham Parkway South was the famous nightclub, The Pelham Heath Inn. Top bands played here and were broadcast from coast to coast. The inn closed in 1952. Aging in America now stands on that site.

May Birthdays

May 14 – Ed Ort

May 21 – Sandy Scher

May Anniversaries

Idele and Harvey Kaplan, May 27, 35 years

Phyllis and David Selman, May 29, 55 years.

Due to equipment malfunction, there are no pictures of our April meeting.