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114th Pct. Community Council Hosts Fellowship Breakfast *Community Activists Honored During the Event*

Ann Buehler, Ann Bruno, Antonio Meloni and Rosemarie Poveromo were each presented with a President's Volunteer Service Award during a this year's 114th Precinct Fellowship Breakfast at Riccardo's hosted by the 114th Precinct Community Council on April 20, 2005. Citing their years of leadership and volunteer work in the community, Civ-OP President James D. Pollock, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown, Deputy Chief James Hall and Inspector David Barrere teamed up to present all four worthy recipients with the award. These four community activists were honored for the following reasons:

Ann Buehler has been with the Variety Boys & Girls Club since 1952, and was there when they first opened their doors in 1955. Ms. Buehler started with the Variety Boys Club (later the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens) as a volunteer in 1952 helping to raise funds for a safe place for kids to play. She later became the first female Director of a Boys Club out of 1500 clubs. She is still active today with the Club as a Board Member and Director Emeritus. She also has been volunteering her time at "Variety - The Children's Charity Annual Telethon and Radiothon" for the last 15 years. Ms. Buehler has received Presidential recognition before - a citation from President Truman for her volunteer work during World War II.

Ann Bruno was born in Astoria, living on Crescent Street for more than 60 years. She is married to retired Fire Captain Fred Bruno, Sr. for 57 years and has 3 sons and six grandchildren. From 1954-1964 Ann was an officer in the Rosary Society of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church where she is still very active. She volunteered many hours at the Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens from 1956 to 1974. She is an active member of the Astoria Civic Association since 1972. Has been a member of the 114th Precinct Community Council where she has held the position of President for the last 15 years.

Antonio Meloni has resided in Astoria since 1965. He is married since 1983 and has two children. Tony is the founder and Executive Director of the New York Anti-Crime Agency since 1984 - a multifaceted crime prevention agency. He also is supervisor of the "Second Chance Task Force", a community service based anti-graffiti group since 1991. He is a member and former President of the Astoria -LIC Kiwanis Club since 1982, and is a member of Community Board #1 Queens and Chair of Board Public Safety Committee since 1990.

Rosemarie Poveromo is the founder and President of the United Community Civic Association also known as "UCCA" for the last 15 years. Rosemarie has been the force behind several important community events including the Annual Community Health Fair and the Annual 9/11 Memorial Candlelight Ceremony at McManus Memorial Park. She also serves as a Community Liaison for Assemblyman Michael Gianaris,



Photo By Edwin Cadiz

Photo Left to Right: 114th Precinct Inspector David Barrere, Patrol Borough Queens North Deputy Chief James Hall, Antonio Meloni, Ann Brune, Rosemarie Poveromo, Ann Beuhler, Councilma Peter Valone, Jr. and 114th Civ-OP President James Pollock

Annual Community Health Fair Held

Co-Sponsors The Mount Sinai Hospital and the United Community Civic Association held their Annual Community Health Fair* in the St. Francis of Assisi Church schoolyard on Saturday, June 4, 2005 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Civ-OP members were surprised by the many booths and services afforded those who visited the event. Attendees could have their blood pressure taken, check their blood glucose and cholesterol levels, find out what their bone density was, and be given a back and neck massage. There were booths for stress management counseling foot health, vision screening, healthy summer eating tips and nutrition, and so many others! The New York Power Authority was there to give demonstrations with their Hybrid Electric car. The New York Department of Corrections and New York Power Authority generously provided refreshments and condiments.



Many people took advantage of the free services at the Annual Community Health Fair.



Barbara Baiardi stopped to pose for a picture with one of the clowns providing youthful entertainment.

Many booths had giveaways and literature. All in all, the day provided participants with some pretty essential services for free and helped to increase the community's awareness of important health issues. We strongly urge anyone who has never attended before to make an effort to go



L-r: Civ-OP members C.A. Guzy, B. Baiardi, J. Pollock, S. Osmon and M. Catinella

next year. You won't be sorry you did!

* The event was made possible in part by funding from Assemblymember Mike Gianaris and Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney

Many thanks to F. DiGeso, M.J. Klis, S. Xikis Carp, B. Baiardi, J. DiPietro, G. Gesker F. Parlatore, Jr., and Jim & Barbara Pollock for going out for three nights in a row to hang "No Parking" signs for the 5-Borough Bike Tour. Signs had to be in place for the entire run in this area which included 21 Street from Queens Plaza North to Ditmars Blvd.; Vernon Blvd. From 31 Avenue to Queens Plaza North; 31 Avenue from 14 Street to Vernon Blvd; 14 Street from 41 Avenue to Astoria Park South; and Shore Blvd. From Ditmars Blvd. to Astoria Park South. That's a lot of impressive leg work!



Graffiti Clean-ups Update

If you happen to notice some parts of the community looking cleaner these days, it might be one of the numerous areas cleaned up and maintained by 114th Civ-OP, Inc. In general, we don't clean just one building, we like to clean whole blocks at a time. And, we like to restore the area back to as close to its original state before being marred by graffiti. With that in mind, pictures speak louder than words, so have a look at a few of the many pictures taken during our cleanups!



Jim Pollock prepares the power washer for six hours of work on 34 Avenue between 41 and 43 Streets on June 11, 2005.



Susan Hengler applies the graffiti cleaner .



Before shot of cleaners on corner of 42 Street & 34 Avenue



After shot of the same cleaners on 42 Street & 34 Avenue



The Variety Boys & Girls Club of Queens got a clean bill of health on June 5, 2005.



Carol-Ann Guzy and Susan Hengler took out some time for comic relief in the 95 degree plus heat.

Hazardous Catch Basin Update

As previously reported in our last issue, the catch basin on 21 Avenue and 49 Street was pretty dangerous - especially for young children. We are happy to report that it has been repaired. Members of 114th Civ-OP, Inc. make every effort to identify these areas and report them to the



Photo by C.A. Guzy

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). When the DEP visits the location they determine if any pipes have been damaged and repair them if needed. They then notify city contractors to repair the broken or sunken-in areas.



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Civ-OP Seeking to Increase VIN Etching Efforts

In an effort to reach out to other neighborhoods, members of 114th Civ-OP, Inc. teamed up with the Ravenswood Residents Association and PSA 9 Housing Police on Saturday, May 21, 2005. Motorists who stopped by to participate in the organization's fund raising Car Wash on 21 Street off 36 Avenue, also were treated to free VIN Etching and bicycle registration. A total of 33 vehicles were VIN etched and 6 bikes were registered.



L-R: Stella Xikis Carp records vehicle information for receipt while PSA 9 Det. Melvin Rodriguez applies stencils to glass



Ravenswood Residents Association President Carol Wilkinson (center) and group members hold up sign to attract customers.

In addition, 114th Civ-OP members provided free VIN Etching services to a Korean Church's congregation on Skillman Avenue between 40 and 41 Streets on May 15, 2005. Parishioners lined up to register their vehicles before and after Sunday services from 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM. A total of 60 vehicles were VIN Etched.



Parishioners lined up before and after services to take advantage of the free VIN Etching service.



Civ-OP members Susan Hengler and Louise Neal write down information needed to process vehicles.



114th Precinct
presents
CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS



RESIDENTIAL SECURITY SURVEY:

A Crime Prevention Specialist, from the precinct, can visit your home or apartment and conduct a security survey. All security devices, locks, windows, doors and alarms are checked thoroughly to determine their effectiveness. A confidential report in writing, with recommendations to improve security of the premises, is provided by the police officer after the survey is complete.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION:

The Precinct will make available an electric etching tool to mark valuable property in your home with the owner's social security number followed by the letters "NYC". The tool is loaned for a three-day period. The program provides registration forms and distinctive decals for posting on doors and windows.

GLASS VIN ETCHING:

Glass etching is a chemical process that permanently etches the VIN number onto all glass windows of your auto. Some of the advantages of this program are: it helps to deter auto crime by reducing the value of the car to a thief, it helps identify stolen parts in salvage yards and many insurance companies offer discounts for this program when completed by the Police Department.

C.A.T. PROGRAM (COMBAT AUTO THEFT)

This program is done by attaching a C.A.T. sticker to the rear window of your auto. The owner signs an authorization form, which allows the Police Department to stop your auto during the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. If you are out and are stopped, you just need to show proper identification.

COMMUTER C.A.T.:

This program is specifically for those residents who commute and leave their auto parked for the day. This is the same as the C.A.T. Program (see above) except the hours that your vehicle may be stopped are from 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.

H.E.A.T. (HELP END AUTO THEFT)

This is a new, citywide volunteer program to combat auto theft. In order to participate, you must be:

- A New York City resident
- A registered owner of a motor vehicle
- Above the age of 40 years old



When you register for this program, two (2) decals are placed on your vehicle. The decals inform the police that anyone driving the vehicle under the age of 25 is doing so without the owners consent. It authorizes the police to stop and check your vehicle. H.E.A.T. is in effect 24 hours a day.

C.A.T. – COMMUTER C.A.T. – H.E.A.T. PROGRAMS ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS TO STOP YOUR VEHICLE DURING THOSE HOURS AND FOR THOSE AGES STATED FOR EACH PROGRAM. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE VEHICLE IS STOLEN. OFFICERS WILL, HOWEVER, TAKE THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS GENERALLY TAKEN TO ENSURE OFFICER SAFETY WHEN APPROACHING A POTENTIALLY STOLEN AUTO.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION:

A Police Officer will etch a serial number into the frame of your bicycle. This number will be kept on file at the Precinct. This information will help identify your bicycle if it is lost or stolen.

ALL PROGRAMS LISTED ABOVE ARE FREE OF CHARGE!

For more information, please contact the 114th Precinct Crime Prevention Officers at (718) 626-9324 – or, mail in your request to: 114th Precinct, 34-16 Astoria Blvd., Astoria, New York 11103, Attention: Crime Prevention Officer Robert Bueche

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Check all you are interested in:

___ VIN ETCHING ___ C.A.T. ___ COMMUTER C.A.T. ___ H.E.A.T.

___ BICYCLE REGISTRATION ___ OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

___ SECURITY SURVEY

SAVE KITTY FOUNDATION



Some of "The Lucky Ones" from the Save Kitty website.

In the last issue of the *Patrollers' Quarterly* we informed you about a special group of volunteers who rescue stray cats and kittens from the streets of Astoria. They trap the feral cats and spay and neuter

them to prevent future litters of unwanted kittens that add to the problem of unwanted and stray animals in our area. They also find homes for the adoptable ones. Brenda Chiarello and her associates now have a website you can visit. To find out more about their new organization and to see how you can help, simply go to: www.savekitty.com. They have several wonderful adult cats and kittens up for adoption that you can view at the site. All are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and in good health. And don't forget to keep them in mind if you have a stray cat problem in your neighborhood!

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Join 114th Civ-OP Today!

Join the growing number of people in your neighborhood who want to do something about the quality of life in their community. Become active in your community cleaning up graffiti, helping out at VIN etching events, or participating in neighborhood street and foot patrols. Work closely with your local Police to correct problems in your neighborhood. **We need more people so we can do more!** Call (718) 728-8763 to find out how you can join 114th Civ-OP, Inc. today!

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STATISTICS SHOW THAT LESS THAN 1% OF ALL VEHICLES SPORTING NYPD PROGRAM DECALS ARE STOLEN!

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**PATROLLERS' HOURS
(04/01/ - 06/30/05)**

Barbara Baiardi	37.5 hrs.
Peter Cassulis	26 hrs.
Maria Catinella	38.5 hrs.
Francine DiGesio	10 hrs.
Georgia Gesker	7 hrs.
Carol-Ann E. Guzy	25 hrs.
Susan Hengler	31 hrs.
Mary Jane Klis	2 hrs.
Barbara Lorinz	8 hrs.
Manthos Manthos	9.5 hrs.
Louise Neal	28.5 hrs.
Samuel Osmon	51 hrs.
Frank Parlatore, Jr.	2 hrs.
Barbara A. Pollock	126 hrs.
James Pollock	139 hrs.
Stella Xikis	6 hrs.

**114th Civ-OP, Inc. Report Card
(April 1 -June 30, 2005)**

Patrols	14
Hours	547
Miles	173
Street Lights	171
Graffiti Clean-ups	10
VIN Etching Events	6
# of VINs	157
Incidents	2



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Barbara A. Pollock - April 24
- Barbara Lorinz - April 26
- Mary Jane Klis - May 19
- Maria Catinella - May 20
- Frank Parlatore, Jr. - June 2

In Fondest Memory Of ...

Bill Yada



Members of 114th Civ-OP, Inc. were deeply saddened by the passing of their very good friend and fellow member Bill Yada on May 15, 2005. He was a quiet man, but always found the time to volunteer in his community. He had a special talent for directing traffic and creating a smooth flow of cars – especially during our VIN Etching events in COSTCO's parking lot on Vernon Blvd. & Broadway in Long Island City. He loved volunteering during Astoria Civic Association's Annual Bike Race doing bicycle registration, filling tires with air, and keeping the track clear for riders.

Bill also was a pro at carving wood. He spent many tedious hours creating unique clocks and plaques used for gifts and raffles by local organizations. He notably created the "Bulldog Award" last year for Civ-OP member Samuel Osmon in honor of his relentless efforts in rounding up customers for VIN Etching at every event. Sam stated that it is by far the most cherished award he has ever received because it came from one of his peers. Bill even carved a Civ-OP logo out of wood for the Patrol which hangs in our Headquarters. There is no doubt that Bill will be forgotten any time soon.

