

West 104th Street

BLOCK ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

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Champagne Brunch Honors Contributors

Consistent contributors to the block association were honored at a champagne brunch on February 11 at the Nicholas Roerich Museum. About 75 people came by to sip mimosas, partake in a delicious spread prepared by our board members, and meet new neighbors and catch up with old ones. A big THANK YOU to all our board members who helped create such a warm party on a very blustery day: Sheila Garden, Alex Grannis, Sid Herzfeld (and his wife Bruna), Barbara Bryan, John Johnston, Nancy Lian, and Marsha Tantleff. Special thanks to Mimi Schade who cheerfully worked on the unglamorous post-party clean-up.



Janko and Carol Rasic, Mimi Schade and Gil Tauber

By paying dues year after year to the block association, these contributors show how much they value a safe and beautiful block where neighbors get to know each other and feel part of a community beyond their immediate family. We would not have healthy trees, protective tree guards, colorful flowers, or a block guard without their financial commitment to the block association.

A community thrives and is healthiest when each member contributes to and participates actively in it. For some years I've been writing in this newsletter about the importance of every household contributing some amount, any amount, to the block association. Please help our community prosper by paying your dues. If possible, pay the suggested annual amount (\$100) now: it will ease our volunteer treasurer's job and help us plan the year's expenditures. Thank you—for being a neighbor and a contributing member of your block association.



Marco and Mia Veissid

Teresa Elwert, President

Earth Day Lobby Day Save the Date: Monday, April 23

By Estelle Kattelsohn

Last year's Earth Day Lobby Day drew more than 600 participants and led to the passage of several bills. A coalition of local, state and national environmental groups have come together to make this year's event the most successful yet. Hear from leading environment and government leaders and lobby for energy conservation, a moratorium on the planting of genetically modified seeds in NYS, Superfund/brown fields funding and cleanup, healthy school environments, urban/open space funding and asthma emergency room data collection. Call (518) 462-5526 for more information; www.envadvocates.org; e-mail: edid@envadvocates.org

Save the Date: Yard Sale 2001

Saturday, September 15, is the date for this year's Yard Sale. Our annual block party will feature lots of fun activities, not the least of which will be you selling your had-enough-of-it, don't-like-it-anymore, can't-believe-I-ever-fit-into-that stuff. So, keep stuffing your closet, September 15 will be here before you know it. Not wanting to wait that long, one of our neighbors asked about having a Virtual Yard Sale! Well, not a bad idea, and one that we're kicking around. If you'd like get in on this "e-Bay for West Siders," call Teresa Elwert at 866 4260.

Beautification Challenge Grant Status

Spring flower bulbs in our block's 20 tree gardens are beginning to poke through their winter blanket of soil, compost, and mulch. Here's the deal: earmark a contribution to the \$3,000 beautification budget between now and the end of April and an anonymous benefactor on the block will contribute \$500 once we reach \$2,500. We're a long way from our goal. So far, block residents have contributed a substantial amount.

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Teresa Gets Ode of Appreciation from Sheila Garden

The 104th St. Block Association Board honored President Teresa Elwert at a pot-luck dinner in January. Sheila Garden, Board member, presented the following tribute:

104th St. Block Association fame,
A mellifluous Manhattan refrain -
There's a special force (hidden)
To unveil identity is forbidden.

For many folks, older and younger,
Lucks pervasive deep hunger
For a flavor of warm, friendly communitas.
Seems like some "goodies" are provided by us.

Blinding urban uglies, some we've beautified.
Even the dogs are somewhat stupified
That their feces and urine are monitored.
Through the seasons, her skilled hands nurture the earth.
Such a joy to sniff and view trees and flowers give birth.

Her manifold organizational skills are boundless.
As for coveting praise - she's soundless.
Very astute about ferreting people for task(eds)
They seem so pleased to be ask(ed).

Lively, vigilant and very receptive,
Her communication skills are refreshingly connective.
Block Executive Board and other folks' idiosyncrasies
Invoke her utmost patience and people sensitivities.

Let's not forget to mention
Her diplomatic and enthusiastic attention
With just a dash of spice
But never anything but nice.

We're inspired by her indefatigable energy
Tapestried with creative synergy.
Endlessly replacing yard sale flyers
She won't allow the ripper to defy her.

Her variegated newsletter writings
Create a special "wealth"
Toward neighborhood cohesion and health.

We could go on and on
Drumming our congratulatory tom tom.
All exclaim TERESA!

Notes to the Editor

A contribution in Memory of William Korff who recently passed away. He lived at 309 W. 104th St. for many years and was, along with his wife Muriel, a steadfast support of the Block Association. (from Carol Goodfriend)

An extra \$50 for your new planting. You guys work very hard. I so appreciate your energy and good will. (Stephen Paradis)

Thanks for making this such a great neighborhood. (Peter Robbins)

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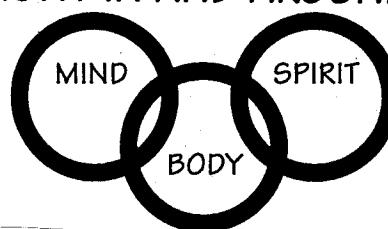
- 3/6 Cinema Italian Style.** Movies from 5 decades and a variety of styles. Tuesdays 3/6 to 5/22 at Symphony Space, 7 pm. Tickets \$9, seniors \$8, members \$5. Call 864-1414 for info.
- 3/9 A City of Neighborhoods: An architectural history of the Upper West Side.** Moderator: Carlo Lamagna, NYU Art Dept., with a panel of educators. Cooper-Hewitt Museum, 2 E 91 St., 6 - 9 pm. Free and open to the public. For more information call 849-8385. (A second lecture Community Building through Visual Literacy follows 3/16.)
- 3/10 Riverside Children's Concert Series,** Riverside Church Assembly Hall, 120 St. & RSD, 11 am. Tickets \$5 adults, \$2 children. Call 870-6722 for information.
- 3/11 Faculty Focus Concert, Brian Duford, Guitar,** Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 W 108 St., 3 pm. Free.
- 3/11 Rashomon** by the Pan Asian Repertory directed by Tisa Chang, with Special Event sponsored by the 104th & 102-3rd Block Assns. The production runs until 3/18. Call 505-5655.
- 3/15 Our Growing Park.** Charles McKinney, Park Administrator, gives an overview of Riverside Park's evolution and plans for its future. Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Dr., 7-8:30 pm. Free, but reservations are requested at 870-3070.
- 3/18 Washington National Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys,** Douglas Major, Director, performing at St. Michael's Church, 225 W. 99 St., 4 pm. Admission \$25, Students & Seniors \$10. Call 222-2700 for more information.
- 3/22 Songbook for a New Century, a collection of 16 composers and lyricists in songs examining the future.** Sponsored by the NY Festival of Song, artists include Steven Blier, pianist of 320 RSD. Kaye Playhouse at Hunter College, Lexington & 68 St. Tickets \$33. Call 772-4448.
- 3/23 Music Access Project, Student Recital,** Bloomingdale School of Music, 323 W 108 St. 7 pm. Free.
- 3/27 Our Beleaguered Trees.** Slide show and discussion of Dutch Elm Disease, anthracnose, the Asian Longhorned Beetle, and other diseases, by Greg Quinn. Presented by the Riverside Park Fund at Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Dr., 7-8:30 pm. Free, but reservations are requested at 870-3070.
- 4/5 Picturing New York: the City from Its Beginnings to the Present.** Gloria Deak presents an overview of New York's urban growth through her new book, available for purchase and signing at the end of the meeting. Presented by the Riverside Park Fund at Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Dr., 7-8:30 pm. Free, but reservations are requested at 870-3070.
- 4/7 Walking Tour led by Gil Tuber** (of 320 RSD) sponsored by the Columbus/Amsterdam BID, 11:00 am. Tickets \$5.00, call 666 for more information.
- 4/19-21 Barnard Dance.** Ballet and modern premiers established choreographers, as well as masterworks by Merce Cunningham, Jose Limon and Anna Sokolow. Miller Theater, Columbia, 116th St. & Broadway. Tickets \$10. Call 854-7799 for information.





- 4/21 Fourth Annual Straus Park Commemorative Celebration,** 11 am to 3 pm. Straus Park. (Rain date 4/22)
- 4/22 Annual English Handbell Festival,** 100 ringers from New York and surrounding states. 4 pm., preceded by a Carillon Recital at 3 pm and and Organ Recital at 3:30 pm. Riverside Church, 120 St. & RSD. Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and students. For tickets call 870-6784.
- 4/26 Myths and Legends.** The Claremont Ensemble 2001 plays Dances of Dionysus, David Noon, Sonnets to Orpheus, Richard Danielpour and Apollo, Igor Stravinsky. John C. Borden Auditorium, Manhattan School of Music, Broadway & 112 St., 8 pm. Free. Call 749-2802, x 429 for information.
- 4/27-28 Essentials of Jewishness: What Must We Keep and What Can We Live Without?** Professor Shaye Cohen discusses Judaism as a theology and a legal system. Temple Anshe Chesed, 251 W. 100 St. Call 865-0600 for more information.

January 2001 Treasurer's Report—By Sid Herzfeld

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INCOME		
Dues	1740.00	
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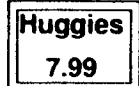
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