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## Union Demands DOE Payroll Data

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

Following up on a promise CSA President Ernest Logan made at the CSA 45th Educational Leadership Conference, the union has asked the DOE for a copy of its current management pay plan.



President Logan

CSA filed the request on Nov. 17, and DOE officials said they would respond by Dec. 29.

During his annual address at the Nov. 7 Conference, Mr. Logan said, "I want them to open their books. Show me all the

people that work there, where they are and how much they make ... I want to see what's happening with the DOE."

Mr. Logan said that school leaders, who are still reeling from the last round of budget cuts, have the right to know that all the fat has been trimmed from the management hierarchy at Tweed before the next budget cuts are implemented.

"You have a right to know that you really do have most of the money in your schools. If school dollars can be saved by cutting administrative costs, we want that to happen before we cut anything else at the school level," he explained.

The request was made under the state's Freedom of Information Law, commonly referred to as a FOIL request. The public has the right to request and inspect any documents or records maintained by an agency and deemed available to the public. (Certain documents are deemed undisclosable.) The city had five days to respond to the initial request, and did so by notifying the union that it would respond by Dec. 29.

## Day Care Complaint Goes To State Board

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

CSA has filed an unfair labor practice complaint with the NYS Employment Relations Board concerning the stalled Day Care contract negotiations. The complaint was filed Dec 2.

The union has filed the charges against the city and the Day Care Council (DCC). The crux of the complaint is that the city is the true employer of CSA's Day Care Directors and Assistant Day Care Directors because the city provides the funding to those centers and is in charge of contract negotiations. The Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Labor Relations, and not the Day Care Council, also handle the talks, as anyone who has been present during talks can see and hear.

In the complaint, CSA summarizes the problem: "DCC has engaged in surface bargaining with CSA under the premise that they have no control over the funding for the contract. The City, as the "funding partner" with DCC, has failed to negotiate in



YURIDIA PEÑA

■ Arlene Edwards-Hammond, Early Childhood Director, spoke about the importance of communicating with lawmakers.

good faith." CSA has been trying to move negotiations along since the last contract

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### Your Rights

## When Schools Are Shut Down

- Stay On Payroll
- Keep Health Benefits
- Accrue Time Toward Pension



■ Jamaica High: One of many to close.

BY BOB REICH

"Our school is closing."  
"Our school is being phased out."

Frightening words I am certain. And words some of you have heard recently after the city's latest announcements last month that it will close a number of schools including Jamaica High School and W.H. Maxwell Career and Technical Education High School. Mayor Bloomberg has closed nearly 100 schools since he took over the school system in 2002, and more announcements are expected.

It is important, in the event that your school closes, to know that you have rights and that CSA has fought to protect you. To that end, if you hear your school is closing – through official channels rather than the rumor mill – the following applies:

1. Throughout the phase-out period, the Principal determines who is excessed from the school. Excessing is in order of seniority in license. In elementary and middle schools, all supervisors hold the same license and thus determining the excessing order is obvious. In high schools, supervisors are licensed in different areas. The Principal determines which license areas are excessed first and then excesses within seniority within that license.

2. If you are excessed, you are placed in the Excess Pool and will be assigned to a position by Human Resources as an excessed supervisor.

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## 'Meet and Greet' Party



ANNE SILVERSTEIN

■ CSA Executive Vice President Peter McNally hosted the CSA President's Club Reception on Dec. 16 at the Water Street Restaurant and Lounge in Dumbo. About 235 President's Club members attended. More photos and story on Page 3.

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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

# When You Have To Cut Through The Bone

Are School Principals Really Like CEOs? By Ernest A. Logan

In recent years, we've been told that NYC Principals and other school leaders have become so empowered that they might as well be CEOs or other high-ranking officers of their schools. In the old days, when the economy got shaky, the Chancellor advised district offices what to slash. Today, budget decisions are allegedly in the hands of Principals and they're the ones who take the heat about what gets cut first and which children get hit hardest. But the truth is that many of the decisions are dictated by the DOE and you're left holding the bag as some of you did when the number of school aides was recently reduced. It may have seemed great to be empowered in good times, but it may not be so great when times are bad.

Here's a New Year's resolution: I've been speaking up against budget cuts in schools and I'm not going to stop. You spent all summer dealing with city cuts. Some of you were hit so hard, you threw yourself on the Chancellor's mercy with budget appeals before you could open in September. This month, you will be hit with another projected 1.5 percent city cut and in April with a projected 4 percent state cut. As I write this in mid-December, the Governor has just announced a hold on school aid to keep the state solvent till the New Year. Many of you have cut to the bone and now need to figure out how to cut through the bone while maintaining high standards for students.

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It could get worse. Partly because of global competition, President Obama is making a colossal investment in education. President Sarkozy is trying to do something similar in France as is Prime Minister Hatoyama in Japan. Yet while our federal government is pouring cash into education, states are drowning in so much red ink from the '08 banking crisis that they can only use the President's dollars to backfill holes. These are dollars he



sent our way for only two years. The third year might be a lot uglier.

Whether you're in an affluent, middle class or poor district, you're dreading the cuts to come. Ultimately, your most impoverished students – mainly minority youngsters, who are the emerging American majority – will suffer most. Their parents won't be able to provide them with tutors and cultural opportunities outside of class. If they are in districts that are economically disadvantaged, parent associations won't be able to hold auctions and fairs to pay for "extras."

Extras aren't extra, of course. They're our lifeblood: Cultural subjects and sports help children become better people and keep many of them in school. Tutoring for regular course work, Advanced Placement (AP) tests and the SAT determine where students go to college or if they go at all. Part of the lifeblood is also the support services, offered by guidance counselors and social workers, that keep kids straight so that serious harm doesn't befall them. In the worst of times, this could be considered an "extra," too.

If you have part-time teachers for gym or cultural subjects like music, poetry, painting, theater – the arts that have humanized us

since the dawn of civilization – you soon may have to let them go. If you're in an elementary school or

middle school or a small high school without PSAL funding, you may have to give up the after-school athletic instructors who help those children fight obesity and illness and sometimes discover a true talent for sports. If a guidance counselor retires or moves to another town, will your first choice be to find a replacement? If after-school instructors teach your intervention programs, could you get stuck foregoing remediation for your struggling youngsters and college-prep for the more advanced? You might even have to question whether you can offer AP classes during the day if class size soars above the number that works for AP.

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In these fiercely challenging times, we all want to work with the Chancellor to find solutions. No question we want him to cut consultants and contracts at Tweed before anything is cut elsewhere. We also want to work with elected officials and the rich and powerful, many of whom send their children to private schools, and convince them to make sure that funding for public education never gets cut. Slighting public education won't ever benefit society, democracy or capitalism. To emphasize that succinctly, I'll quote New York Times columnist Bob Herbert, who called our crisis in education "the greatest national security crisis." He also said, "If America is to maintain its leadership position in the world and provide a first-rate quality of life for its citizens here at home, the educational achievement of American youngsters across the board needs to be ratcheted way up."



### Closing the Gap

YURIDIA PEÑA

■ On Dec. 7, CSA President Ernest Logan moderated the first of a series of panels entitled "Closing the Achievement Gap" sponsored by the NYC DOE Division of Teaching and Learning. The first one was held at St. Francis College in Brooklyn. The panel was followed by a presentation by Ronald E. Walker, Executive Director of the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color.

# 'Meet and Greet' Party Honors President's Club Members



ANNE SILVERSTEIN

■ PS/IS 288, D-21, Brooklyn was well represented. Above, from left, Assistant Principals JoAnn Trani, Denise Lambert, Diane Martinez and Principal Joelene-Lynette Kinard.

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

CSA hosted a holiday party for CSA President's Club members to thank them for their political involvement and to introduce them to recently elected City Council members. About 235 in-service and retiree members attended the Dec. 16 affair at the Water Street Restaurant and Lounge, Dumbo, Brooklyn.

In attendance were City Councilmen Ydanis Rodriguez and James Sanders Jr., and City Council members-elect Danny Dromm, Karen Koslowitz, Debi Rose, Stephen Levin, Jimmy Van Bramer and Brad Lander.

Executive Vice President Peter McNally thanked the union's guests for their past political activity and urged them to continue their work in 2010.

President's Club members are those who contribute \$8 or more a pay check to CSA's PAC.

## Helping To Fight the Legislative Battles



■ Above left: From left, Principal Eloise Messineo, Principal Ben Shuldiner and CSA Assistant Director Joanne Frank. Dr. Messineo is the Principal of Louis Brandeis High School, Manhattan. Mr. Shuldiner is the Principal of the High School for Public Service, Brooklyn. Above right, Martin Fiasconaro, Principal, Brooklyn Studio Secondary School and Nancy Baldwin, Assistant Principal Organization, Science Skills Center High School, Brooklyn.



■ Willisteen Moore, Day Care Director of the Grant Day Care Center, Manhattan, and City Councilman-elect Daniel Dromm hadn't seen each other in 25 years when they worked together at Grant DCC. Mr. Dromm was the Assistant Director and Ms. Moore was a kindergarten teacher. When Mr. Dromm left, Ms. Moore was promoted.

## COMING EVENTS

Events are at CSA's Brooklyn headquarters, 16 Court Street, unless otherwise noted.

**JAN. 6, 4:30 PM: CSA District Chairs**

**JAN. 7, 10 AM: Retiree Chapter Advisory Committee**

**JAN. 7, 4 PM: NYCESPA Executive Board**

**JAN. 11, 4:30 PM: Education Administrators Association**

**JAN. 12, 5 PM: ABENY Executive Committee/ Executive Board**

**JAN. 14, 5 PM: CSA Latino Caucus**

**JAN. 20, 5 PM: CSA Executive Board**

**JAN. 21, 4:30 PM: Irish Committee, Department of Education**

**JAN. 25, 4 PM: NYCESPA Executive Board**

**JAN. 26, 4 PM: Pre-Retirement Workshop**

**JAN. 28, 9 AM: Retiree Chapter Executive Board**

Please check with the event organizer to confirm times and dates.

## ABENY to Hold Student Essay Contest

The Association of Black Educators of NY will honor the winners of its annual *Bridge from Africa* essay contest on Feb 6 at 1 p.m. at the Cadman Plaza Library in Brooklyn Heights. For information, contact Aletta Seales at sealesad@aol.com.

In other news, Principals of every public elementary, middle and high school are invited to select a student who has demonstrated outstanding brotherhood and service for the ABENY Human Service Certificate. The deadline for submission of names is March 30. ABENY also offers scholarships to NYC public school seniors. The deadline for applications is April 30. For information, contact Dr. Sheilah Bobo at (917) 412-9099.

ABENY's next membership meeting will take place on Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Bedford Stuyvesant YMCA. For information, contact President Mellouise Murdaugh, at (917) 971-7162.

## CSA Sponsors 5th 'Teaching & Learning' Event

BY YURIDIA PEÑA

CSA is again a major sponsor of the 5th Annual Teaching and Learning Celebration on March 5 and 6 at the Hilton NY hosted by Thirteen/WNET and WLIW21.

Highlights of the two-day conference include a plenary session led by Arne Duncan, US Secretary of Education. Discussing early childhood education will be Lisa Henson, CEO of The Jim Henson Company, creators of Sesame Street, PBS Kids and other television shows for children.

The Executive Leadership Institute will return as well, and will present two workshops. And for the first time, the New York State School Administrators Consortium (NYSSAC) will sponsor an event. In addition, as with last year when 160 CSA retirees volunteered at the Conference, CSA expects a similar enthusiastic turnout from the Retiree Chapter this year. **(For information about volunteering, contact the Retiree Chapter at (718) 625-3434.)**

Another highlight of the conference is the Chase Multimedia in the Classroom Award Competition. The 10

winning schools are honored during a special ceremony. Recipients receive a check for \$1,000, a trophy, a banner with the name of the student(s), the teacher(s) and the school. Each school also receives 10 passes to the Teaching and Learning Celebration. School projects are based on collaborations between teacher(s) and students that demonstrate how a school integrates technology in the classroom. The competition is open to all K-12 teachers and their students in public and non-public schools.

For information on the competition, visit [www.thirteencelebration.org](http://www.thirteencelebration.org).

# The Grievance Corner | Bob Reich

## An Overview of Your Role and Responsibilities



The proper role of Principals and other supervisors.

It is important to understand your role within the school community and within the administrative cabinet. Principals, Assistant Principals, Supervisors and Education Administrators provide the educational leadership within the school system, yet each has a specific role and rights.

Within a school, the administrative team consists of the Principal, Assistant Principal and any Supervisors of... or Education Administrators that the Principal has included. When this team meets, team members should be free to share ideas and thoughts and respect one another, but when the meeting ends there is one voice.

### Roles and Responsibilities

Our collective bargaining agreement clearly relieves CSA members from lunch duty. Administrators are not required to do "lunch duty" but they can be expected to supervise those on lunch-room assignment. Your role is to ensure that staff is performing their responsibilities and that student safety is ensured.

Principals and Assistant Principals are master teachers and should conduct timely and supportive observations of all staff. Be certain to make a priority observing those who are new to your school and those who are probationary (particularly if they

are due to complete probation during the school year) but leave enough time to observe, yes, those who are tenured.

CSA members who are Principals and Assistant Principals have a work day of seven hours and 15 minutes exclusive of lunch. Your lunch is equal to a period in your school.

All CSA members should review the collective bargaining agreement to make sure you are receiving the correct salary. Be especially cognizant of when you should receive your longevity payments as the Department of Education does not always remember to do this in a timely manner. (After reviewing the contract, if

you still have questions about salary, do not hesitate to contact CSA.)

Wherever you are in your career, CSA provides every member with free pension consultations. You are entitled to three during your supervisory career with no more than one in any calendar year. Contact the Membership Department at [membership@csa-nyc.org](mailto:membership@csa-nyc.org) and obtain a voucher to see a pension consultant who can help you plan for your future.

Being certified in your license area is crucial. If you have advanced from a teaching position to a supervisory one and have either let your teaching certification expire or have failed to make it permanent, that can affect your continued employment as a supervisor as well as your right to revert to your last appointed position.

On that topic, if you do not meet the terms for certification as a supervisor you can also lose your position. Do you have a certification issue or question? Check with the state or with the HR Connect Partner who works with your site. Related questions to certification can be addressed to us at CSA. New certification requirements include 150 hours of professional development every five years. The DOE will soon issue a memorandum on this topic. Remember – you can lose your license if you do not take the appropriate courses.

Questions not asked are questions that may haunt you in the future. Do not hesitate to contact me at [bob@csa-nyc.org](mailto:bob@csa-nyc.org) with any issues or concerns.

### CLIP THIS ARTICLE

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## Letters

### CSA Conference: Hospitable, Educational and a Good Time for All

The following letter was sent to CSA President Ernest Logan. A similar letter was sent to RC Chair Neil Lefkowitz.

**Dear Ernie:** Thank you for presenting me CSA's Leadership in Government Award at your Conference [on Nov. 7]. It is a great honor to be recognized by your organization, and I appreciated the opportunity to speak with the members of your Retiree Chapter at their morning meeting.

I am grateful for your kindness and support, and I look forward to working with CSA to maintain and strengthen NYC's educational system.

—THOMAS P. DiNAPOLI  
NYS Comptroller

**To the Editor:** I have been a CSA member since late August 1988. During that time I have attended nearly every convention. This year's convention was by far the best.

The plenary session and workshops were rewarding. I was able to network with many of the vendors with whom I do business in making my school a better place for students and teachers. However, the most rewarding aspect of this year's convention was as follows. As the CSA Chair for District 19, I purchased a table. The CSA members and teachers from my school who were in attendance are still raving about their experience at the convention and are eagerly looking forward to next year's convention. But what was most special was that on the Monday after the convention, as I visited their classrooms, I witnessed the implementation of the data and strategies that they brought back to the school from the workshops that they attended. Because of this, I too am looking forward to next year's convention as a means of furthering the success of my school.

—JOSEPH A. COSTA  
Principal  
IS 218, D-19,  
Brooklyn



ANNE SILVERSTEIN

■ NYS Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli with CSA retirees. From left, Dee-Dee Goidel, Mr. DiNapoli, Pat DeMeo, Retiree Chapter Chair Neil Lefkowitz and Retiree Chapter Director Gary Goldstein.

(Mr. Costa is the District Chair for CSA in District 19.)

## Member UPDATE

### Excerpts From Weekly E-Mail "Blasts" to Members

#### Programming Issues Cause Problems at TRS

On Dec. 11, TRS notified CSA that due to computer programming issues, TRS is unable to separate non-UFT participants in the Tax-Deferred Annuity plan (TDA) from UFT participants in the plan. Therefore, all TDA participants will temporarily see their interest rate drop to 7 percent effective Dec. 11. However, TRS has assured CSA that the problem will be rectified within three months and all non-UFT participants' interest rates will revert to 8.25 percent and participants will be made whole.

#### CSA Establishes Annuity Fund for Members

Last month, the final benefit from the current contract was established: A new annuity fund called the CSA Compensation Accrual Fund was created. Each year, \$708 will be deposited into the Fund for every in-service CSA DOE member who is on payroll on Dec. 9. The Fund will be administered by a Board of Trustees and a professional investment manager. The Trustees are CSA President Ernest Logan, CSA Executive Vice President Peter McNally, CSA First Vice President Randi Herman, CSA Advisory Committee member Sandy DiTrapani and CSA Executive Board member Debra Handler.

Each member's individual account

remains intact in the Fund for as long as the member remains in-service as a DOE employee. Members may withdraw funds only when they leave CSA. The future Fund Administrator will notify the members of the establishment of each account and send more detailed information.

#### 20 Year Pension Settlement Update

TRS expects to begin making payments on or around Feb. 5 in the final chapter of the 20 Year Pension settlement. In-service members' ITHP (Increased-Take-Home-Pay) accounts will be credited for January of this year. If you submitted a payment election form and that choice is not reflected on the postcard, contact the Settlement Hotline at (1-800) 295-4716.

#### Teachers' Retirement System

December 2009 Unit Values  
Diversified Equity: 51.621  
Stable-Value: 19.385  
International Equity: 9.100  
Inflation Protection: 9.999  
Socially Responsive Equity: 8.713

## Keeping Kids in School



■ CSA Executive Vice President Peter McNally, left, listens to Sterling Roberson of the UFT. Sitting next to him is Special Counsel Katherine A. Lemire, Judge Monica Drinane; and Superintendent Cami Anderson.

KARA KAISER/  
MILLER PHOTOGRAPHY

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

CSA Executive Vice President Peter McNally was among a host of educators and legal experts who gathered on Nov. 13 in the law offices of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom to discuss models for keeping kids in schools and out of the criminal justice system.

Former NYS Chief Judge Judith Kaye, who is now a lawyer at Skadden, Arps, opened the day's activities, and moderated the panel on which Mr. McNally sat. Judge Kaye is a member of the permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children.

The five-hour symposium entitled "Promoting School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court" featured several panels and an overview by education theorist Pedro Noguera.

Mr. McNally was a participant on a panel entitled "Opportunities and Challenges" with Sterling Roberson, the UFT's Director of Student Safety; Katherine A. Lemire, Special Counsel to the NYC Police Commissioner; Judge Monica Drinane, Family Court; and D-79 Superintendent Cami Anderson. The other two panels were entitled: "Models of School-Justice Partnerships" and "Perspectives from the NYC Schools" with Sue Finn, Principal of PS 169, Manhattan.

# Safeguarding Schools | Ray Garcia

## Setting the Tone From the First Day



Pointers to ensure safety through the school year.

The collecting, sharing and feedback of information on school-related incidents, crime and related quality-of-life issues is essential in maintaining a safe school environment and preventing incidents from escalating or even occurring.

The NYPD's Comp Stat accountability system has become an integral crime-fighting system that has gained national recognition. It can be summarized in one simple statement: "Collect, analyze, and map crime data and other essential performance measures on a regular basis, and hold NYPD managers accountable for their performance as measured by these data."

The four key Comp Stat strategies are:

- 1) Timely and accurate intelligence.
- 2) Effective tactics.
- 3) Rapid deployment of personnel and resources.
- 4) Relentless follow-up and assessment.

I can honestly say that this process is most effective when we get the cooperation of, not only NYPD managers, but everyone in the com-

munity including school staff who may know something that can lead to solving a crime or preventing a serious incident. Lately, we have been experiencing a different phenomenon where serious incidents, for the most part, have been prevented inside the schools but are occurring nearby. Some of the incidents may have started as minor disputes inside a school but have led to serious crimes outside.

The NYPD School Safety Managers have joined me in building our networking capabilities by attending school-based safety meetings. In these meetings, we try to build relationships so we can help school administrators identify and resolve any issues that can interfere with school safety. The periodic meetings create a higher level of accountability for all stakeholders including, but not limited to, the precinct school sergeant, the school safety supervisor, parent coordinator, Assistant Principal Security, UFT chapter chair, Children's First Network safety administrator, and parent and student representatives.

## Police Managers Available for Meetings

Here is a complete list of all of the NYPD Managers who can help you host safety meetings in your schools:

**Ramon F. Garcia Jr.**, Director (citywide)  
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Brooklyn/Queens/Staten Island  
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email: lkbaez@att.blackberry.net

**Audie Cruz**, Deputy Director,  
Bronx and Manhattan  
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**Gary Armstead**, Deputy Director  
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**Sherman Richards**, Bronx West  
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These managers can also share crime-related information concerning your schools or in the immediate vicinity. In addition, they can assist you in contacting the appropriate police units. Networking serves as a valuable strategy for getting a lead, gathering information, identifying issues and solving problems. As always, safety first!

## NATION Education

### RHODE ISLAND: Reform Plan

A new reform plan was recently unveiled to raise student proficiency, improve failing schools and teacher quality, and level the playing field between low- and middle-income students. State Education Commissioner Debora Gist said the plan stands, whether or not additional resources become available. The state is struggling to meet the needs of public schools now and anticipates losing federal stimulus money after next year. (The Providence Journal)

### KANSAS: Little Engineers

Derby school district is leading the nation in offering engineering classes in elementary school. *Project Lead the Way's* engineering curriculum was offered at three schools this year and one school will serve as a pilot program for a primary aerospace engineering lesson plan. It is hoped the classes will increase interest in math and science. (The Wichita Eagle)

### TEXAS: Texas Training

A preliminary study has shown that Texas schools of education are not doing a good job of training future teachers. The criteria for grading the programs included admission standards, course requirements, faculty quality, and teacher preparation in math and reading. Reportedly, schools were not asked whether they wished to participate. The study has come under fire from many college deans who pointed out that they meet rigorous state and national standards. (Houston Chronicle)

### ALABAMA: Reading Struggles

The recent results of the high school exit exam indicate that central Alabama students are struggling with reading. Of 367 public high schools, 130 failed or were determined to be borderline failing. Five out of seven Birmingham high schools failed and one received a borderline passing score. Reportedly one of the main issues for students is transience. A program known as *Read 180* has been implemented to help turn results around. (NBC13.com)

### LOUISIANA: Career Diplomas

Louisiana has instituted a new career diploma. As a result, the state has come under fire for reportedly lowering its standards for students who are not destined for a four-year college. State education leaders are working to ensure that the program has real value to students. About one-third of the 700,000 public school students do not graduate on time, according to recent data. Proponents of the diploma say it is meant to reduce the state's dropout rate. (Education Week)

— COMPILED BY  
CHRISTINE ALTMAN

## NATION

## Labor

## CALIFORNIA:

## Recovery Campaign

A rally call has been sounded by the San Francisco Labor Council to begin an organized labor campaign in support of economic recovery, jobs, and against the wars. The Council adopted a resolution that calls for labor to mobilize and march on Washington this spring, to demand that the wars be ended and that the cost savings be put towards jobs. (Workers Independent News)

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:

## Layoff Ruling

Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee received support from a Washington superior court judge in a case over layoffs. The union's contention was that Rhee hired too many young teachers over the summer, creating a situation that required later cuts. Cuts were based on performance as well as seniority; many veteran teachers were laid off. The layoffs are reportedly one reason for the lack of a contract. (Education Week)

## NEVADA:

## Teachers Flip

The Nevada State Education Association is working to change the law that is preventing Nevada from seeking "Race to the Top" funds. The state law does not allow for test scores to be used in evaluating teacher performance. The union was against changing the law but, with the political shift tying testing and teacher evaluation together, it has changed its position. "I'm a realist. The law is going to change..." said Ruben Murillo, President of the Clark County Education Association. (Las Vegas Sun)

## ILLINOIS:

## Supreme Grievance

The U.S. Supreme Court is hearing the case of M.L. Pope, one of five unionists who was fired by Union Pacific Railroad in 2000. The case involves whether the union had sufficient opportunity to defend Pope and the others as their grievances were thrown out without being heard by a federal panel. The union inadvertently excluded documents in submitting papers to the National Railroad Adjustment Board. The union was not given the chance to re-submit the materials. The case is expected to be settled this term. (Press Associates, Inc.)

## NEW YORK:

## CUNY Strike

CUNY staff members at the New York Research Foundation are poised to strike over salary and health care benefits. The foundation is a nonprofit that handles sponsored research at the University. Staff members say management is using the economy as an excuse to offer lower increases. (www.insidehighered.com)

— COMPILED BY  
CHRISTINE ALTMAN

# What Happens to You When Schools Close?

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"An excess supervisor who is unable to secure a regular position may be placed in an alternative supervisory position established by the Chancellor in another school or office within the district (borough for high schools)," says the CSA contract.

3. If you locate a position within the same district that you were in, you are placed in the position without a C-30 process.

4. If you locate a position in a district other than the one you were just in, you must go through the C-30.

5. If you take a position as an interim

acting supervisor pending the C-30 and are not selected, the system deems you an appointed supervisor in excess and you again revert to the excess pool.

6. The collective bargaining agreement ensures that those in excess or those placed in an alternative assignment will be credited for all seniority and salary.

7. When the school is finally closed, any supervisor(s) remaining in the building is (are) deemed in excess. The placement procedures outlined above then apply.

8. Important: If you are an interim acting supervisor – and have never been appointed as a supervisor – when your build-

ing is closed, you do not have a right to be placed in the excess pool as a supervisor.

I urge you to follow this advice:

- Do not listen to rumors.
- Do not panic and retire.
- Do not resign.

Call your field director or central CSA, and get the correct information as to your rights.

Never forget: The excessing rules ensure that appointed supervisors will be placed, will continue to accrue time towards seniority and pension and, most important, will continue to be paid and have health benefits.

## Day Care Complaint Goes to State Board

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expired on June 30, 2006, to no avail; the city has cancelled numerous collective bargaining sessions, the last of which was scheduled for Dec. 15. CSA General Counsel Bruce K. Bryant amended the complaint to include that cancellation. In a Dec. 10 letter to the state, Mr. Bryant wrote, "...the cancellation was in whole or in part motivated by CSA's filing of the charge. The foregoing constitutes a continued pattern of bad faith bargaining ..."

In the body of the complaint, the union says, "On March 21, 2007, CSA made five proposals to the DCC for modifications to the expired agreement. One proposal was

rejected and the response to the two economic proposals was that it was a "City issue", insofar as most of the funding to operate the covered Day Care Centers is provided by [NYC]. The import of the response was that DCC was not authorized to respond to the proposals because the City controlled the negotiations."

On Dec. 9, CSA President Ernest Logan addressed dozens of Day Care administrators at Goddard-Riverside Day Care Center in Manhattan. Mr. Logan gave a brief history of early childhood education in NYC and the battles Day Care Centers face today.

"You can't compete against the voucher. You can't compete against auntie having



Bruce Bryant

three kids in the house," he said. He encouraged members to get organized: "Its time for a change. It is time we do something for our children," he said.

Mr. Logan aired his frustrations about the contract negotiations with the city and Day Care Council, "Every time we have a date,

they cancel," he said.

CSA staff member Yuridia Peña contributed to this report.

## Political Agenda | Noah Franklin

### Crunch Time for Budget Cuts in early 2010



**'We believe that the DOE must restore mandated funding for arts education for all NYC schools.'**

—ERNEST LOGAN

As 2009 drew to a close, CSA was working at the state level to oppose midyear education budget cuts and, at the city level, to support restoration of a dedicated funding stream for arts education in NYC.

#### Midyear Budget Cuts

In a letter-writing campaign aligned with other labor unions and education advocacy groups, CSA President Ernest Logan sent messages to NYS lawmakers urging them to resist further cuts to schools, as proposed by Gov. David Paterson in his Deficit Reduction Plan.

In his Nov. 30 letter, Mr. Logan said, "CSA strongly opposes the proposed cuts to education." He explained that, "If these (new) cuts are enacted, school leaders will be forced to increase class size; eliminate essential subjects in the arts and other areas; eliminate enrichment programs; and ultimately, reduce more support staff ..."

On Dec. 2, the state legislature passed budget bills without the education cuts sought by Mr. Paterson, and Mr. Paterson has said he will sign those bills despite his belief that the cuts were not deep enough.

#### Advocating for the Arts

On Nov. 23, Mr. Logan submitted testimony to a NY City Council hearing on arts education. In it, he said, "While CSA believes that Principals need a large measure of autonomy over the way they run their schools, we believe that the DOE must restore mandated funding for arts education for all NYC schools, in much the same way as it was mandated in the Project ARTS initiative."

Project ARTS was a dedicated funding stream from the DOE, introduced in the late 1990s and eliminated in 2007.

Mr. Logan continued, saying "With budget decisions now made at the school level, the midyear budget cuts and deeper cuts planned for next year will back most school leaders against the wall once again: they are likely to feel forced to scale back arts programs even further in order to focus on mandated subjects..."

He suggested that City Council members should take action to, "...create a dedicated funding line with budget allocations for schools to prevent more declines in arts education and capitalize on the benefits of arts education for children."

At present, 33 of the 51 members of the City Council have co-

sponsored Resolution 837, which calls for such a restoration of dedicated funding.

#### Looking Ahead

Here's a run-down of some issues CSA will follow in early 2010 on the city, state and federal levels:

- Mayor Michael Bloomberg has ordered the DOE to cut 1.5 percent of its budget for this fiscal year and another 4 percent next year.
- Gov. Paterson has unilaterally withheld some education funding for this fiscal year. The question remains whether this will become a permanent cut.
- The recently passed state budget legislation borrows against future revenues. This may remove money from next year's education budget.
- The state legislature is considering a bill to remove the charter school cap and allow student test scores to be factored into teacher evaluations.
- The US Senate is expected to pass legislation that would strengthen early childhood education through new early learning challenge grants.

# Complete Retiree SPRING PROGRAM

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*Four Pages: A Complete Listing of Cultural and Educational Events*

Dear Colleagues:

As we offer another stimulating Educational/Cultural program, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and unwavering support for the committee members and our three team leaders: Michael Ebenstein, Marty Smith and Emerson Spry.

The sophisticated offerings coupled with superb management skills on the part of the organizers and event leaders assure continued growth and success for this outstanding service provided to our members. Enjoy the offerings!

Fraternally,  
Gary Goldstein  
Director CSA Retiree Chapter

Dear Retiree Members:

The Retiree Chapter's Educational/Cultural Program has come a long way since its inception five years ago. Building on the strong foundation that Martin Smith and the RSSA's Social and Cultural Committee had achieved prior to its merger with the Chapter, the Educational/Cultural Program of the Retiree Chapter now runs upwards of 70 events per year. Each semester, hundreds of our fellow members and their guests take part in a wide range of activities from golf classes in Queens to Art Gallery walks in Manhattan. Each semester, our program continues to evolve and develop as the membership helps the Educational/Cultural Committee direct its course. As always, your input is important and we look forward to seeing you at our events.

Sincerely yours,  
Michael Ebenstein  
CSA Retiree Chapter Educational/Cultural Coordinator

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## CLASSES

### SP10C1 Book Club

**Instructor:** Erica Shatz-Spry  
**Location:** 16 Court St., 7th fl., Rm. 711  
**Dates:** Tuesdays, 3/2, 3/23, 4/13, 5/4  
**Time:** 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$25, non-member \$30  
**Limited:** 12 participants

The Retiree Chapter Book Club provides its members with a social element as well as an intellectual one. Our members share good company while pursuing a shared cultural interest. This model has worked in the past, and we'll continue it this spring. Participants will again meet for four sessions. The first selection is *Lacuna* by Barbara Kingsolver. Please read the book prior to the first meeting. Future selections will be decided by the group as a whole.

### SP10C2 Knitting and Crocheting – Learn, Review, Share

**Instructor:** Vera Julia Gordon  
**Location:** 16 Court St., 7th fl., Rm. 711  
**Dates:** Tuesdays: 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27  
**Time:** 10 am to 12:30 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$25, non-member \$30  
**Limited:** 15 participants

Members new to knitting and crocheting, those who are experienced, and those who have that special project with which they need help will benefit from this class. This will also provide a setting

for those who enjoy knitting and want to spend a few hours with those having a similar interest. Please bring the following items to the first class: knitting needles (size 7 or 8), a crochet hook ("F" or "G"), and worsted yarn. An instruction book may be purchased – at an additional cost – for those new to the class or to knitting.

### SP10C3 Golf T, P, S

**Instructor:** Bob Guido, Brian Gerowitz  
**Location:** North Shore Towers, Grand Central Parkway, Floral Park, NY  
**Dates:** Wednesdays: 4/7, 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

**Time:** Section 1 meets from 10 am to 11:30 am and Section 2 meets from 11:30 am to 1 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$140, non-member \$145  
**Limited:** 8 participants per session  
Robert Guido and Brian Gerowitz are PGA professionals who work at the North Shore Towers Golf Club. For this class/clinic, we will follow the theme from last semester which was "Course

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Play". With the small size of the group, Bob and Brian can personalize instruction for the participants even though everyone may not be at the same playing level.

**Please note:** If we have sufficient numbers, we will run two sections as listed above. Section one will be filled first and then we will fill Section 2.

### SP10C4 Opera Retrospective

**Instructor:** Ron Attivissimo  
**Location:** 16 Court St., 4th fl., Rm E  
**Dates:** Mondays 4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10

**Time:** 10 am to 12:30 pm

**Fee:** Member \$40, non-member \$45

**Limited:** 15 participants

This class will function as an opera retrospective featuring arias, duets, trios, scenes, yesterday's great divas as well as today's great stars. As we progress through the sessions, the current performances in NYC will be addressed as well. The group will listen to and compare singers performing the same arias and duets. Libretti and translations will be provided. Join Ron each week for 2 1/2 hours of delightful music and conversation featuring the world's greatest singers.

### SP10C5 Digital Camera

**Instructor:** Leonard Fagen  
**Location:** 16 Court St., 4th fl., Rm. E  
**Day/Dates:** Mondays, 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 6/7

**Time:** 1 pm to 3 pm

**Fee:** Member \$47, non-member \$52

**Limited:** 10 participants

Learn to use a digital camera, take better photographs and work with a simple computer photo program. During the first two weeks, we'll discuss digital cameras and photographic composition. During the last three weeks, participants will learn a simple computer photo program. During the five-week session, we'll also discuss the various computer programs, photographic papers and computer accessories available, as well as how to upload photos to an online service. You need a good working knowledge of computers for this class.



■ Marty Smith, who is usually behind the camera, smiles for the lens during the Chapter's Sept. 10 trip to Yankee Stadium. Mr. Smith is one of the coordinators of the Educational/Cultural Program.

## FILM AND DINING CLUBS

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Film and Dining Clubs have been set up in a similar fashion. We do not have a fee for either club. When registering, provide us with an e-mail address or telephone number. **Anyone who registered last semester does not need to register again. You are already in the system.**

Once you are a registered member, you will be placed on the club's contact list. **Members of both clubs may bring one guest without restrictions.** Our goal for both clubs is to involve as many members as possible.

Once we know the size of these clubs, we will create procedures to ensure we are providing everyone with equal access.

### SP10C6 Brooklyn Film Club

**CSA Leaders:** Mark Kaufman, Lois Honig  
**Location:** Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn, or other downtown Brooklyn theater locations.

**Date:** Will vary

**Time:** Will vary

**Fee:** Free registration for members. All participants are responsible for purchasing film tickets.

**Limited:** 20 participants

This club has been created to provide social opportunities for members to explore both classic and recently released film productions in a cordial and intellectual environment with their fellow colleagues. After each film offering, the group will meet to discuss the film. **Anyone who registered last semester need not register again. You are already in the system and are registered for the spring semester.** Welcome back!

### SP10C7 Dining Club

**CSA Leaders:** Stanley Wilson, Harriet Cohen, Barbetta Krinsky  
**Location:** Will vary according to member interests

**Dates:** Will vary – We will offer three dining opportunities this semester

**Time:** Mainly lunch – around 2 pm

**Fee:** Free registration for members. All participants will be responsible for the costs of their lunch. Prices will vary depending upon the restaurant.

**Limited:** 15 participants. This club has been created to provide members an opportunity to explore new dining experiences in a social setting.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We expect the minimum cost for each event to be at least \$35. This excludes the cost of beverages.

**Anyone who registered last semester need not register again. You are already in the system and are registered for the spring semester so welcome back!**

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# COMPLETE RC SPRING PROGRAM



■ **Last year's popular events** Above, a detail from Flushing Town Hall, the stepping off point for the Queens Jazz Trail trip on April 23, 2009, that explored the neighborhoods where jazz greats Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Billie Holiday and others lived. Above right, the Retiree Chapter's digital camera class continues to be a good draw. This spring, the class will be taught by Leonard Fagen. Bottom right, cold weather did not keep in these intrepid walkers during a walking trip through Williamsburg in the fall of 2008. Justin Ferate was the guide. Photos of trip by Marty Smith.

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## THEATER CLUB

### SP10C8 Theater Club

**CSA Leader:** Stanley Wilson  
**Location:** 400 E. 56th St. Apt 8M, Manhattan

**Dates:** First session:

Wed., May 26

Theater performances:

June 1 or 2;

June 8 or 9,

June 15 or 16

**Time:** First session: 2 pm to 4 pm

**Fee:** Member \$15, non-member \$20

**Limited:** 11 participants

This club will function the way the book club does. After attending a theater performance, we will meet in a local coffee shop to discuss what makes the show enjoyable. We'll explore character development, plot, playwright style, set design, set lighting, staging and music. The first session will be at Stanley Wilson's home. Future sessions will meet at the theater, with follow up at a local shop as stated above.

Shows will be either Wednesday matinees or Tuesday evenings at 7 pm. (See dates below.)

Once you are registered for this club, you are responsible for paying for the set of three tickets. **Please bring a blank check to the first meeting.**

## LECTURES/SEMINARS

### SP10L1 UN Lecture T, P, S

**Presenter:** UN Lecturer, TBA

**CSA Leader:** Emerson Spry

**Location:** 1st Ave. and 46th St., Manhattan (United Nations Visitor's Entrance)

**Date:** Friday, March 12

**Time:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Fee:** Member \$10, non-member \$15

**Limited:** 25 participants

Do you enjoy keeping up with world events and political machinations across the globe? The world today is a challenging place with many dangerous flash points. Join us as we return to the United Nations for a special private briefing about a major endeavor of the United Nations Peace Keeping Department. **Due to security, please be sure to arrive for check-in at 9:45 am and bring an appropriate government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license.)**

### SP10L2 Identity Theft

**Presenter:** NY State Assistant Attorney General

**CSA Leader:** Emerson Spry

**Location:** 48 Wall St., Manhattan

**Day/Date:** Monday, March 22

**Time:** Tour at 10:30 am; lecture at noon

**Fee:** Members are free and are welcome to bring spouses.

**Limited:** 50 participants

Identity theft has become the fastest growing crime in the US and around the world. Hear first-hand from a staff member from the NYS Attorney General's office about what a private individual can do to protect him or herself. The seminar presentation will last about 45 minutes to one hour with a Q&A period to follow.

### SP10L3 Museum of Modern Art Docent Tour and Lecture - Monet's Water Lilies T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Emerson Spry

**Location:** 11 West 53rd St., Manhattan

**Date:** Wed., March 24

**Time:** Tour - 9:30 am to 10:30 am;

Lecture - 10:30 am to 11:30 am

**Fee:** Member \$15, non-member \$20

**Limited:** 25 participants

For the first time in the Museum's new building, MoMA presents an exhibit featuring the full group of Claude Monet's famous paintings produced late in the artist's life. These paintings hold a special status with the Museum's audience. Much like MoMA's Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Sculpture Garden, they provide a modern oasis in the center of midtown Manhattan. These works will be complemented by two loans of related paintings. Join the Chapter on a docent-led tour of the exhibit followed by a lecture. This should be a wonderful morning.

### SP10L4 Metropolitan Museum of Art Lecture and Docent Tour - Modern Artists T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Emerson Spry

**Location:** 1000 Fifth Ave. at 82nd St., Manhattan

**Date:** Tues., May 11

**Time:** Lecture from 10 am to 11 am;

Tour from 11 am to 12 pm

**Fee:** Member \$10, non-member \$15

**Limited:** 25 participants

Spend a special day at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Join the Retiree Chapter for a docent-led tour and a lecture on modern artists of the 20th century. Discover the innovative, avant-garde and the abstract with works by Matisse, Picasso, Pollack and Rosenquist as well as other artists who defined the last 110 years in the art world.

## TRIPS/WALKING TOURS

### SP10T1 Behind the Scenes at the Waldorf Astoria T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Stanley Wilson

**Location:** Oscar's, 50th St. and Lexington Ave., Manhattan

**Date:** Wed., March 17

**Time:** Lunch, 11:30 am to 1 pm;

Tour 1 pm to 2 pm

**Fee:** Member \$54, non-member \$59

**Limited:** 40 participants

Our visit to this world-famous landmark begins with a sumptuous buffet lunch in the Waldorf's Oscar's American Brasserie. Following lunch, a docent will take us around the building, providing insight as well as tidbits about the hotel.

### SP10T2 Behind the Scenes at the New York Stock Exchange T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Michael Ebenstein

**Location:** 11 Wall St., Manhattan.

Exact meeting location will be provided prior to the event.

**Date:** Thurs., March 18

**Time:** 8:30 am to about 10:30 am

**Fee:** Members only, \$5

**Limited:** 25 participants

The New York Stock Exchange has been largely closed to visitors since 9/11. This semester, we have secured permission to do a behind-the-scenes tour of the Exchange. We will partake in some simple refreshments prior to walking down to the Exchange floor to take part in the opening bell ritual. Afterwards, we will be escorted around the floor and given insights into the comings and goings of the Exchange. Leaving the floor, we will continue with a brief tour of the Exchange building itself. **Due to security, please make sure you arrive on time. Be sure to bring an appropriate government-issued photo ID (i.e. driver's license.)**

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MARTIN SMITH

■ An overnight trip to Connecticut was a resounding success. The Sept. 12-13 offering took members to two Yale Art Museums and a cruise around the Thimble Islands. Participants stayed overnight in New Haven and had dinner together at Scozzi's Italian Restaurant.

## **SP10T3 City Hall and Tweed Building T, P, S**

**CSA Leader:** Jeannie Tarantino  
**Location:** Park Row and Beekman St., Manhattan

**Date:** Tues., April 13  
**Time:** 10:30 am to 12 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$5, non-member \$10  
**Limited:** 20 participants

Join us for a 1 1/2-hour docent-led tour of City Hall and the Tweed building. In City Hall, we will visit the rotunda, the NY City Council Room and the governor's room. The tour of the Tweed building includes the conference room and the Lichtenstein sculpture. We will meet at the City Hall security gate at Park Row. Please be prompt. We are required to enter together with our reservation/confirmation letter. Afterward, join us for a Dutch treat lunch at a local restaurant. Fee does not include lunch.

## **SP10T4 Apollo Theater Tour and Sylvia's Restaurant T, P**

**CSA Leader:** Lucie Elio  
**Location:** 253 W. 125th St., Manhattan  
**Date:** Tues., April 20

**Time:** 11 am to 12 pm (Lunch follows)  
**Fee:** Member \$44, non-member \$49 (Fee includes lunch at Sylvia's)  
**Limited:** 25 participants

Join us as we visit this historic and legendary theater. The Apollo Theater director will be our guide for this special occasion. As we tour the facility, Billy Mitchell will disclose little-known facts about the theater and those who have performed there. Afterwards, we will lunch at Sylvia's Restaurant. The cost of lunch is included in the fee.

## **SP10T5 French Culinary Institute, Tour and Lunch**

**CSA Leader:** Harriet Cohen  
**Location:** 462 Broadway, Manhattan, The L'Ecole Restaurant

**Date:** Thurs., April 29  
**Time:** 11 am to 2 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$50, non-member \$55  
**Limited:** 25 participants

From Zagat's to the Michelin guide to the former *Gourmet* Magazine everyone raves about the French Culinary School's restaurant L'Ecole. Join the Retiree Chapter as we visit the French Culinary Institute for a tour of the facility and a sumptuous lunch. Please note that this fee will cover the tour as well as the lunch and coffee or tea, but not alcoholic beverages.

## **SP10T6 Walking Tour of Greenwich Village T, P, S**

**Tour Guide:** Barry Feldman  
**CSA Leader:** Emerson Spry  
**Location:** Outside the subway stop at Christopher St., Sheridan Square, and 7th Ave. S., Manhattan

**Date:** Wed., May 5  
**Time:** 10 am to 12:30 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$15, non-member \$20  
**Limited:** 25 participants

This historic district of New York evokes the eclectic character of the city. Venerable architecture abuts glass skin contemporary residences. Quiet mews behind graceful iron gates contrast with the public life of Washington Square. Some of the sites we will visit include: McDougal Alley, Washington Square, site of the Triangle Factory Fire, Judson Memorial Church, St. Luke-in-the-Fields, and Literary Walk. Finish the day with a Dutch treat lunch at a local restaurant. The fee does not include lunch.

## **F09T7 Behind the Scenes at Yankee Stadium T, P, S**

**CSA Leaders:** Harriett Fortson, John Oricchio

**Location:** Yankee Stadium, East 161st St. and River Ave., Bronx

**Date:** Fri. May 7, or Thurs., May 13  
**Time:** 11 am to 12 pm

**Fee:** Member \$13, non-member \$18  
**Limited:** 30 participants

We have been able to arrange to revisit the year-old Yankee Stadium. Join us for a 45-minute tour. We will visit the museum, dugout, batting cages, dressing room and the new historic monument park. Afterwards, join us for a Dutch treat lunch in one of the stadium restaurants. The fee does not include lunch. **PLEASE NOTE:** As of publication time, we were unable to secure an exact date. May 7, is our primary date. If there is a problem, May 13 is the back-up date.

## **SP10T8 A Food Walking Tour in Astoria, Queens T, P, S**

**Tour Guide:** Susan Birnbaum

**CSA Leader:** Mark Kaufman

**Location:** Meet at 30th Ave. and 31st St., Astoria, Queens

**Date:** Wed., May 12

**Time:** 10 am to about 11:30 am

**Fee:** Member \$40, non-member \$45  
**Limited:** 25 participants

The diversity of ethnic neighborhoods helps to make New York City a very exciting place to live or visit. Join the Retiree Chapter for its very first Food Walkabout. Travel around the world in about 90 minutes (more or less) as we taste our way along some of the most diverse streets in NYC. Today, Astoria is home to piano makers and film studios. Our tour will concentrate on Astoria's international diversity through a tasting experience. Our tastings will include foods from four continents: spinach pie, South American sweet bread, pizza, middle eastern pastry, special hot dog from Chile, Greek pastry, olives, feta cheese and, if available, some homemade gelato. We will end at Bohemian Hall where everyone can purchase a beer on their own or some Czech food.

## **CHELSEA ART GALLERY TOURS**

The Art Gallery Tours with Tina Weintraub have been successful for many semesters now. Join Ms. Weintraub and explore the Chelsea art scene. This year, weather permitting, we will visit four galleries and tour the High Line, the new public park built on an abandoned stretch of elevated railroad. For your convenience, we have two tour dates because this event has proved to be so popular. Please choose only one day. After each tour, we'll gather over lunch, which is included in the fee, to continue our discussions. **T, P, S**

## **SP10T9 Chelsea Art Gallery Tour 1**

**Tour Guide:** Tina Weintraub

**CSA Leader:** Marty Smith

**Location:** TBA

**Date:** Tues., May 18

**Time:** 11 am to about 3 pm

**Fee:** Member \$50, non-member \$55

**Limited:** 13 participants

## **SP10T10 Chelsea Gallery Tour 2**

**Tour Guide:** Tina Weintraub

**CSA Leader:** Barbetta Krinsky

**Location:** TBA

**Date:** Thurs., May 20

**Time:** 11 am to about 3 pm

**Fee:** Member \$50, non-member \$55

**Limited:** 13 participants

## **SP10T11 Woodlawn Cemetery T, P, S**

**Guides:** Susan Olsen, Woodlawn's Director of Historical Services or Brian Sahd, Executive Director of the Friends of Woodlawn Cemetery

**CSA Leader:** Lucie Elio

**Location:** Webster Ave. and E. 233rd St., Bronx. Meet at the Jerome Avenue cemetery entrance. This is the last stop on the #4 subway line. Free parking inside the cemetery entrance.

**Date:** Wed., May 19

**Time:** 10:30 pm to 12 pm

**Fee:** Member \$10, non-member \$15

**Limited:** 25 participants

Woodlawn Cemetery may be one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the world. Established in 1863, the cemetery is 400 acres of rolling lawns, spectacular trees and impressive memorials designed by many of the nation's most accomplished artists and architects. It is located just 30 minutes from Manhattan, and just below Westchester County. The Woodlawn Cemetery is accessible by railroad, subway and primary roadways. Join us for a docent-led overview of the cemetery followed by a Dutch treat lunch at the Rambling House restaurant. The fee does not include lunch.

## **SP10T12 Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden T, P, S**

**CSA Leader:** Lois Honig, Carol Dougherty

**Location:** 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island. Free Parking at East Gate next to Music Hall

**Date:** Tues., May 25

**Time:** 11 am to 1 pm

**Fee:** Member \$14, non-member \$19

**Limited:** 25 participants

Join the Retiree Chapter as we visit the Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Gardens. This is one of New York City's most unique architectural complexes and historical landscapes. There will be a docent tour of: the Neuhaus Center for Contemporary Art, the Music Hall, Neptune's Fountains, the Veteran's Memorial Hall, the Chinese Scholars Garden and the new Tuscan Garden. Following the tour, we will have a Dutch treat lunch at Tug's Restaurant across the street from the Snug Harbor grounds. The fee does not include lunch.

## **SP10T13 NY's Parisian Upper West Side and Roerich Museum T, P, S**

**CSA Leader:** Stanley Wilson

**Location:** 105th St. and Broadway in Strauss Park, Manhattan

**Date:** Thurs., May 27

**Time:** 1 pm to 4 pm

**Fee:** Member \$18, non-member \$23

**Limited:** 25 participants

Join tour leader Justin Ferate and discover the Parisian treasures of the Upper West Side. The Riverside-West 105th Street Historic District is an exquisite Beaux Arts neighborhood with what must surely be some of the most imposing developer-built structures in all of NYC. Elegant limestone mansions boast mansard roofs, carved pediments, fluted Ionic columns and scallop-shell arches. Then we visit the Nicholas Roerich Museum. Nicholas Roerich, a Russian painter, explored the mythic origins, natural beauty and spiritual strivings of humanity. We'll continue the tour ending at the Hungarian Pastry Shop near the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine. We'll eat lunch - Dutch treat - prior to our walk at TOAST, a restaurant on Broadway. The fee does not include lunch.

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### SP10T14 Humes Japanese Stroll Garden T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Mark Kaufman  
**Location:** Dogwood Lane, Locust Valley, L. I.  
**Date:** Thurs., June 3  
**Time:** 10 am to 11:30 am  
**Fee:** Member \$15, non-member \$20  
**Limited:** 25 participants  
The John P. Hume Japanese Stroll Garden was created for Ambassador and Mrs. John P. Humes in 1960. This four-acre Japanese garden was inspired by the aesthetic of its deciduous woodland context. A sense of discovery is engendered by the serpentine paths that traverse hillside terrain allowing the garden experience to unfold one step at a time. The garden features native and Asian plants, including an extensive use of moss and bamboo. Join the Retiree Chapter as we tour this special garden that is being supported and preserved by the Garden Conservancy. Our visit will encompass a docent-led tour of the garden to be followed by a Japanese tea ceremony demonstration.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** This garden is on a hilly site, with some paths having uneven walkways. There are also numerous steps throughout the area. Proper walking shoes are a must.

### SP10T15 Guggenheim Museum and Lunch T, P, S

**CSA Leader:** Harriet Cohen  
**Location:** 1071 5th Ave. (at 89th St.), Manhattan  
**Date:** Mon., June 14  
**Time:** 11 am to 1:30 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$45; non-member \$50  
**Limited:** 20 participants  
In every city, certain venues are iconic. The Guggenheim Museum is one of these in NYC. Join us for a docent-led tour that will include some of the museum's highlights as well as their special exhibit: *Haunted: Contemporary Photography*. The exhibition examines the myriad ways photographic imagery is incorporated into recent practice. In the process, it underscores the unique power of reproductive media while documenting a widespread contemporary obsession, both collective and individual, with accessing the past. Afterward, we will lunch in the new Guggenheim dining facility. Lunch is included in the price.

#### KEY TO SYMBOLS:

- T TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE MAILED
- P PARKING TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE
- S THIS EVENT IS SOMEWHAT STRENUOUS

### OVERNIGHT

#### SP10T16 Overnight To Outstanding Attractions in New Jersey

**CSA Leader:** Barbetta Krinsky  
**Location:** New Jersey overnight  
**Dates:** Sat./Sun., June 26 and June 27  
**Fee:** Member \$27, non-member \$32  
**Limited:** 15 participants  
**Times:** *Saturday:* 10 am to 12:30 pm The Glenmont Estate and Thomas Edison National Historical Park and Laboratories, West Orange, NJ (self-tour audio guides); 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Thomas Edison Museum, Edison, NJ State Park. (Docent-led tour); Check-in at Clarion Hotel Palmer Inn, Princeton by 6 p.m.  
*Sunday:* 10 am to 11:15 am Johnson Grounds for Sculpture Park (docent-led tour); 11:15 am to 1 pm. You'll have time for lunch before the docent-led tour of Nassau Hall and the Art Museum, Princeton University, 2:15 pm to 3:30 pm.  
The Clarion Hotel Palmer Inn offers non-smoking rooms, two double beds, HBO, free wireless, clock radio, hair dryer, hot buffet breakfast and free parking. Our group rate for each hotel room is \$155.24 inclusive of taxes and gratuities. Some of us will gather for a Dutch treat dinner at a nearby restaurant on Saturday evening. Approximate cost: Around \$35 per person. We will send

you a registration packet with detailed information. Each registrant is responsible for his or her own hotel registration. We will provide the special code needed for your group rate registration.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** The fee above covers all admissions and docent tours. All other costs including food and hotel charges must be covered by you.

#### SP10T17 NYC Evening Harbor Dinner Cruise

**CSA Leader:** John Oricchio  
**Location:** 1 World's Fair Marina, Pier One (Details to follow.)  
**Date:** Tues., June 29  
**Time:** 6 pm to 11 pm  
**Fee:** Member \$75, non-member \$80  
**Limited:** 40 participants  
The Association of Assistant Principals has chartered a cruise boat for the evening of June 29 and has offered the Educational/Cultural Program an opportunity to join our colleagues on this cruise. Because the AAP has sufficient numbers this will be a private cruise, giving us the opportunity to meet-and-greet our colleagues still working in the city's schools. The ship will cruise the East River to the Statue of Liberty and then return to its port around 11 pm. The cruise will offer buffet dining, an open bar, a DJ and dancing. The dress code will be casual. Members as well as their guests will be registered together.

## What You Need To Know To Register

### GENERAL PROCEDURES

1. Only CSA Retiree Chapter members and spousal members will be registered during the period of time up to Thursday, February 11, 2010. Guest registrations received prior to February 11, 2010, will be placed on a waiting list until February 12, 2010. After February 12, 2010, all registrations will be on a first come first served basis.
2. Please note: Members can choose to either register by mail or online. **Guests may only register by mail.** The online system will not allow guest registrations.
3. If you are put on a wait list, and a cancellation occurs in a particular event, the Retiree Office will contact you and ask your permission to place you on the registered list. No such change in your registration status will be made without contacting you and getting your approval.
4. Individual members will be placed in programs in the order in which their registrations are received.
5. Members may register for any or all of the program events. **All events are to be placed on one form.** However, it is important that **each registrant must complete a separate registration form.** If you intend to register by mail, make additional copies of the registration form as needed. Copies of the various registration forms can be found on the CSA website [www.csa-nyc.org](http://www.csa-nyc.org) under the Retiree Chapter heading in the "Upcoming Events" section.
6. In the case of too few registrants for an offering, the CSA Retiree Chapter reserves the right to cancel the program with full refunds.

### MAIL-IN PROCEDURES

1. Your original registration form will be returned with a notation of either "Registered or "Waiting List". The turn-around time for registration should be no more than three weeks. If you do not receive notification within this time period you should call the Retiree Office at (718) 625-3434 and speak to Michael, Marty or Emerson.
2. For Educational/Cultural events you must submit a separate check for each event you wish to attend. For example, if you wish to register for five events you must complete one form but submit five separate checks. This will be the same process if you are completing a registration for your spouse or for a guest. Starting this term, once we are sure that an event will run, checks will be deposited for those who are registered. For those on the wait list, their checks will be held. For wait list people, if you do not attend an event your check will be marked VOID and returned after the event runs.
3. All checks are to be made payable to CSA Retiree Chapter and mailed to: CSA Retiree Chapter, Attn: Educational/Cultural Committee, 16 Court Street, Brooklyn, NY 11241-1003.
4. Cancellation policy for all events is shown below.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

1. Online Registration can be done by logging onto the Retiree section on the CSA website ([www.csa-nyc.org](http://www.csa-nyc.org)) and following the prompts on the website.
2. Once you finish the process of registering, notification of whether you are registered or placed

on a wait list will be done automatically through the program's online email system.

3. Please note that all rules and procedures listed above for general and mail-in registration will prevail for online registration.
4. Once you have completed this process, your credit card will be charged for those events for which you are registered. The system will not charge your card for events where you are wait-listed.
5. When you finish the registration process, you must make sure to print Your Registration Record. It will be your only copy of your registration.
6. Cancellation policy for all events is shown below.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

1. For either mail-in or online registrations of all Educational/Cultural events, refunds will be given for program cancellations made up to a month prior to the date of the event. For cancellations less than a month prior to the event, refunds will only be issued if we can fill your slot from the waiting list. There will be no exceptions. **All cancellations must be in writing or by email.** Call the Chapter office at (718) 625-3434 if you have questions.
2. All refunds will be processed only after the event has been concluded.
3. In the case of mail-in registrations, checks will be voided and returned to the registrant.
4. In the case of online registrants, refunds will be activated through your credit card.

## Travel Desk

GARY GOLDSTEIN

# High Spirits on the High Seas



■ The CSA Travel Desk took a cruise on the *Caribbean Princess* during October. The ship sailed from Brooklyn to San Juan, Puerto Rico, with stops in Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua and St. Thomas. The Travel Desk returns to the Caribbean in February. Details, see below.

ELEANOR GOLDSTEIN

For more information about these programs, contact Gary Goldstein, [ggoldstein@csa-nyc.org](mailto:ggoldstein@csa-nyc.org).

### President's Week Caribbean Sail

Feb. 13-20, 2010

Sail on *The Pearl*, Norwegian Cruise Line's newest masterpiece. Informality with elegance sets the tone. We depart Feb. 13 from Miami and sail to Samana, St. Thomas, Tortola and Great Stirrup Cay returning to New York from Florida on Feb. 20. **RATES include roundtrip air fare from New York to Florida:** Inside, \$1,249 per person, double occupancy; window, \$1,449; balcony, \$1,649; mini-suite, \$1,849. Add \$216 per person for port and government charges. Optional insurance is available. (Visit [www.ncl.com](http://www.ncl.com) to view the vessel.)

### A South American Dream Cruise

March 13 - 28, 2010

Fly from NYC to Santiago, Chile, on March 13. Sail March 14 from Valparaiso on Celebrity's *Infinity* to La Serena, Arica, Chile, Manta, Ecuador, transit the Panama Canal, Cristobal, Panama, Cartagena, Colombia and disembark in Fort Lauderdale for the return flight to NYC. **RATES include cruise amenities and airfare:** Inside, \$2,574 per person; window, \$2,749; balcony, \$3,279; balcony with concierge, \$3,649. Suites, triple, singles available upon request. Optional insurance is available. Add \$298 port and government charges.

### Alaska By Land and By Sea

July 16-23, 2010

A brand new program! Alaska by land and sea, if you so desire. We're offering a seven-day cruise through magnificent scenery, but we're also offering a four-day land trip prior to the cruise for those who want a longer visit to our 49th state.

The four-day "add on" bus tour runs from July 12-16 to Denali Park, Fairbanks and Anchorage. Then we'll head down to Seward where we'll board Celebrity's *Millennium* on July 16 to Skagway, Icy Strait Point, Ketchikan, Juneau, and the Hubbard Glacier. You will disembark in Vancouver for the return flight.

**Cruise only, and airfare:** Inside cabin, \$2,098; window, \$2,449; balcony, \$2,998. **Cruise, land tour and airfare:** Inside, \$2,999; window, \$3,398; balcony, \$3,948. Add \$200 to balcony rate for concierge service. Add \$198 for port and government charges. Optional insurance is available.

### Trains of the Colorado Rockies

Aug. 14 - Aug. 22, 2010

Ride aboard the famous Durango and Silverton narrow gauge Silver Railroad through the San Juan Mountains. Journey on the world's highest cog railroad to Pike's Peak. Then spend two nights in Durango re-living the excitement of the old west. **ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES include airfare.** \$2,399 per person based on double occupancy. For an itinerary, email Gary Goldstein at [ggoldstein@csa-nyc.org](mailto:ggoldstein@csa-nyc.org).

### Mediterranean Cruise via Spain

Aug. 21-29, 2010

Another brand-new offering to the sunny climes of the Mediterranean. We'll fly from NYC on Aug. 21 to Barcelona where we board Royal Caribbean's *Voyager of the Seas* the next day. We'll sail to Naples (Capri), Rome, Florence, Nice, Marseilles and return to NY from Barcelona on Aug. 29. *Voyager* offers fine dining, a major shopping arcade, ice skating shows and skating, and rock-climbing. (See website for details at [www.royalcaribbean.com](http://www.royalcaribbean.com).) An option for those who would like to spend some time in Barcelona: For \$575 per person, you'll arrive on Aug. 20 for a two-night pre-cruise stay.

**RATES, including airfare, have been reduced by \$350 for a limited time:** Inside cabin, \$2,599; window, \$2,899; balcony, \$3,199; junior suite, \$3,799. Add \$198 for port and government charges. Optional insurance available.

### Sail to Canada and New England

Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2010

Take a cab to the port of Brooklyn and board the magnificent *Caribbean Princess* on Sept. 25, 2010. We'll sail to Newport, Boston, Bar Harbor, St. John and Halifax. We'll return to Brooklyn on Oct. 2. These rates are for early bookings and will not last. Your deposit will guarantee the rate! **RATES (for dou-**



**ble room):** Inside, \$899 per person; window, \$1,169; balcony, \$1,479; mini-suite, \$1,749 (best value!) Add \$108 port and government charges per person. Optional insurance.

### The Orient

2011

It's never too early to save big bucks and travel in luxury and visit the jewels of the orient! Join us in Hong Kong on March 29, 2011, as we board the elegant *Azamara Quest* and sail S.E. Asia to Hue (Vietnam), Ho Chi Minh City and Sihanoukville (Cambodia), Bangkok and Singapore. This regal vessel holds only 650 passengers and provides excellence throughout.

Rates below include cruise, taxes, and port charges. Air is not included as some of us will use points or purchase tickets to suit individual preferences. Inside, \$2,048 per person, double occupancy; window, \$2,349 per person, double occupancy; verandah, \$2,699 per person, double occupancy. A \$450 deposit per person holds your stateroom without penalty until 90 days prior to departure. If insurance is purchased you may cancel for medical reasons any time with full refund.

## In Memoriam

■ **GLORIA DUBOIS**, 56, passed away on Oct. 8, 2009. Ms. DuBois retired in 2008 as an Assistant Principal of PS 226, D-75. She is survived by her husband, Earl Connell. Condolences may be sent 94 Prusakowski Blvd., Parlin, NJ, 08859.

■ **AUREA "RUBI" LORANS**, 75, a former Principal, passed away in Scottsdale, AZ, on Oct. 4 after a seven-year battle with cancer. She retired in 2003 as Principal of CES 58, D-9, Bronx, after more than 30 years with the city's schools. Ms. Lorans consistently demonstrated support for CSA and worked diligently on behalf of her colleagues when she served as an Executive Board member. Condolences may be sent to her daughter, Roxanne Lorans, at 6111 E. Redbird Rd., Scottsdale, AZ, 85266.

■ **WILLIAM H. MAY**, 79, died on Aug. 10. He started teaching math in the late 1950s at New Utrecht High School, Brooklyn, where he remained for over a decade. Later in his career, he was a Research Associate at the central Board of Education, and retired in 1989 as Director of School Financial Aid. His wife, Diane May, retired in 1995 as an Education Administrator with the Office of Student Information Services. She met her husband when she was a social studies teacher at New Utrecht HS. Condolences may be sent to her at 140 Cadman Plaza W, Apt. 27G, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

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■ **IDA ROSENSPAN** died on Oct. 11, 2009. She is survived by her spouse, Sheldon Rosenspan, a retired Assistant Principal. Condolences may be sent to him at 23E Yorkshire Court, Leisure Village West, Manchester, NJ 08759.

■ **FRANCES SAVITZ**, 86, died on Oct. 8, 2009. She was the wife of Alex Savitz, a retired Principal from Staten Island. In 1987, Ms. Savitz retired as a school secretary of Susan Wagner High School, also on Staten Island, after 28 years of service. Condolences may be sent to the Savitz family at 121 Almond Rd., Freehold, NJ 07728.

■ **GEORGE SCHUMER**, 84, passed away on July 29. Mr. Schumer began teaching at PS 155, Brooklyn. For many years, he worked with emotionally disturbed children in the "600" schools. He retired as a Supervisor of Special Education, Brooklyn, and belonged to the South Florida Regional Unit. He is survived by his son, Brian. Condolences may be sent to George Schumer's sister, Sylvia Cooper, at 215 E. 79th St., Apt 5F, NY NY 10021.

## 25 Years Ago

(1985)

Before the state Senate Committee on Education, CSA President Ted Elsberg responded to UFT President Albert Shanker's public attacks on school administrators. Said Mr. Elsberg: "These senseless, divisive tactics come at a time when teaching and supervisory groups should be working together for higher salaries, public support of the schools and effective teaching performance." He publicly invited Mr. Shanker to join him in the effort for improving educational services and its professionals.



# The Welfare Fund | Douglas Hathaway, Ph.D

## You Must Notify the City of Changes in Life Status



Sometimes we have to walk your health enrollment papers to the DOE to get things done right!

**QUESTION:** I am a Principal. I had a baby 18 months ago and have tried four times through my payroll secretary to add her to my health plan to no avail. I am completely frustrated and don't know what else to do. Can you help me get my child covered?

**ANSWER:** Certainly. That's why we're here. You faxed us the paperwork – an enrollment form and birth certificate. A Welfare Fund staff member walked them across Court Street and waited until the DOE Health and Welfare staff member updated your records.

This highlights something I mention at every membership meeting, both for in-service and retired members. Whenever you have a change in your life status – having a baby, getting a divorce, marrying or registering a domestic partner – you MUST inform all the parties that maintain your records. That means filing the appropriate paperwork with a payroll secretary or human resources department and contacting the CSA Welfare Fund as well.

While you might think in this age of information technology that the Fund and the city's health plans routinely pass personal information back and forth, privacy regulations prohibit such an exchange. It is your responsibility to ensure that all parties are notified. We have developed relationships with staff at all the health plans and city agencies so that we can expedite things when necessary, but it is still your responsibility to initiate the status updates.

**QUESTION:** I am a retired Assistant Principal who turns 65 on Feb. 22. What happens to my GHI plan when I become Medicare eligible? What about Medicare Part D? I'm sure you've answered this

before, but I do not recall specifics. Could you answer it one more time?

**ANSWER:** I once joked that this was the second most popular question I am asked, after "Where is my check"? Over time, it has actually become the most popular question, so let's answer it again.

About three months before your 65th birthday, you will receive a mailing from the Social Security Administration and the city Office of Labor Relations. Social Security will offer you the opportunity to enroll in Medicare Part B. If you are retired and have no benefits elsewhere from a second job or through an employed spouse, you MUST accept Part B. Sign the enclosed ID card and send a copy to the NYC Office of Labor Relations, Medicare Premium Reimbursement, 40 Rector St., 3rd Floor, NY, NY 10006. The city will reimburse any payments you make over the base Medicare Part B deduction – \$96.40 a month in 2009 – in August of the following year, i.e., 2009's reimbursement will be mailed in August.

Your city-provided health plan will automatically become a Medicare supplemental

policy. Your prescription drug benefit will automatically become that health plan's Medicare Part D drug plan, eliminating the need to enroll in another drug plan. In fact, as the letter from the city indicates, enrolling in a different Medicare Part D plan could negatively impact your city coverage.

**The OLR letter mentions one item that does not apply to CSA retirees in GHI Senior Care.** The letter says that if you enroll in another Medicare Part D plan, you cannot participate in the city's optional rider, which includes drugs and 365 days of hospital care.

CSA retirees do not have to worry about this. Under a long-standing agreement with the city, the Retiree Welfare Fund pays the premium for this rider directly to the city on behalf of CSA retirees who are in the GHI Senior Care plan (Medicare supplement). This was arranged when the premium for the drug portion of the rider was close to \$180 per month causing many retirees to switch to a spouse's plan. While the premiums have dropped, we continue this practice as a service to our retirees.

### Pre-Retirement Workshops Scheduled

CSA has scheduled three workshops in January for members considering retirement this winter. We'll review city-provided retiree health benefits as well as Welfare Fund benefits. We'll also review the process for converting from in-service to retiree status. These workshops are aimed at Department of Education members only. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling the Welfare Fund at (718) 624-2600. As we usually have a waiting list, if you cannot attend your workshop, call the Welfare Fund as soon as possible to cancel so we may make your seat available. All workshops start promptly at 4 p.m.

- Jan. 26, CSA, 16 Court St., 4th floor large conference room, Brooklyn
- Jan. 21, MS 127, 1560 Purdy St., Room 216, Bronx
- Jan. 27, Queens Educational Leadership Center, PS 193, 152-20 11th Ave. Whitestone, NY 11357

## Annual Report:

# DAY CARE COUNCIL/CSA WELFARE FUND 2009

This is a summary of the annual report for the Day Care Council/CSA Welfare Fund, employer identification number 11-2504726, for the year ended June 30, 2009.

The annual report has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service, as required under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1984 (ERISA). The Board of Trustees of the Day Care Council/CSA Welfare Fund has committed itself to pay certain optical, dental and medical expenses and prescription drug claims incurred under the terms of the plan.

### Insurance Information

The plan has a Life Insurance Policy with Guardian to provide death benefits and prepaid dental programs provided by Dentcare. The total premiums paid for the year ended June 30, 2009 were \$19,672.

### Basic Financial Information

The value of plan assets, after subtracting liabilities of the plan, was \$1,298,775 as of June 30, 2009. During the plan year, the plan experi-

*You have the right to receive a complete statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan.*

enced a decrease in its net assets of \$8,322. During this plan year, the plan had total income of \$639,884 including employer contributions of \$513,573, retiree contributions of \$158,600 and losses from investments of \$36,642.

Plan expenses were \$648,206. These expenses included \$111,905 in administrative expenses and \$516,629 in benefits paid to participants and beneficiaries. In addition, \$75,200 was reserved for direct benefits payable.

### Know Your Rights

You have the right to receive a copy of the full annual report, or any part thereof, on request. These items are included in that report: an independent auditor's report and assets

held for investment.

To obtain a copy of the annual report, or any part thereof, contact the office of Dr. Douglas V. Hathaway, Administrator, Day Care Council, Council of School Supervisors and Administrators Welfare Fund, 16 Court St, 34th Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11241-1003. You may also call him at (718) 624-2600. The charge to cover copying costs is the actual cost of reproducing copies, but no more than 25 cents per page or any part thereof.

You also have the right to receive from the plan administrator, on request and at no charge, a statement of the assets and liabilities of the plan and accompanying notes, or a statement of income and expenses of the plan and accompanying notes, or both.

If you request a copy of the full annual report from the plan administrator, these two statements and accompanying notes will be included as a part of that report. The charge to cover copying costs given above does not include a charge for the copying of these portions of the report because these portions are furnished without charge.

### By Mail or In-Person

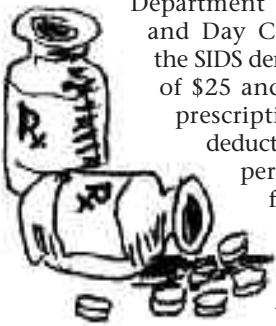
You have the right to examine the annual report at the main office of the plan at 16 Court St., Brooklyn, NY 11241-1003 and at the US Department of Labor in Washington DC., or to obtain a copy from the US Department of Labor upon payment of copying costs.

Requests to the Department of Labor should be addressed to: Public Disclosure Room, N4677 Pension/Welfare Benefits Programs US Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave. NW Washington, DC 20216

**Benefit**

# Health Plan Deductibles Will Reset in January

BY DR. DOUGLAS V. HATHAWAY



Various health plan deductibles reset on Jan. 1. For in-service Department of Education and Day Care members, the SIDS dental deductible of \$25 and the MEDCO prescription drug deductible of \$50 per person/\$150 per family reset. The 2010 deductions begin from the first dental visit or prescriptions purchased at a pharmacy in 2010.

For retirees who are eligible for Medicare, the Medicare Part B deductible will increase to \$155, up

from \$135 in 2009. The base social security deduction for Medicare Part-B remains \$96.40 per person per month since there is no Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in 2010.

For those whose Medicare-adjusted gross incomes (MAGI) are more than \$85,000 per individual or \$170,000 for couples, OR who first become eligible for Medicare in 2010 OR who are not yet collecting Social Security, the Medicare B premium begins at \$110.50 per person per month. (See table below for premiums by income and filing status.)

For those enrolled in the GHI Enhanced Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, the out-of-pocket limit in 2010 will increase to \$4,550 before catastrophic coverage kicks in. The pension deduction for this plan will increase to \$113 per person.

## Medicare B Premiums for Those 65 Before 2010

Individual Income	Joint Income	IRMAA* Amount	Total Monthly Premium
Less than or equal to \$85,000	Less than or equal to \$170,000	\$0.00	\$96.40
\$85,001 to \$107,000	\$170,001 to \$214,000	\$44.20	\$140.60
\$107,001 to \$160,000	\$214,001 to \$320,000	\$110.50	\$206.90
\$160,001 to \$214,000	\$320,001 to \$428,000	\$176.80	\$273.20
More than \$ 214,000	More than \$428,000	\$243.10	\$339.50

\*Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount

## Drug Co-Pay Waiver Saves Money For All

BY CSA STAFF

The CSA Welfare Fund and DCC/CSA Welfare Fund, in conjunction with MEDCO, are once again offering a promotion aimed at saving members money if they switch their prescriptions to a generic medication.

If you order a new prescription for a generic through MEDCO's mail-order program, the co-payments will be waived.

Last year's promotion saved thousands of dollars for members, and continues to save them money.

From July 1 through Sept. 30, 2009, 403 individuals converted 532 prescriptions to a generic or had a new prescription filled with a generic. (Converting a prescription calls for a new script from your doctor.)

Looking ahead, they will save, collectively speaking, more than \$39,000 this year in the form of lower co-payments, and the Welfare Fund will save more than \$30,000 by buying generics rather than the more expensive brand-names. During the past two years of this promotion, members have collectively saved more than \$100,000.

## Medicare Rules and Domestic Partners

BY CSA STAFF

The rules for Medicare vary depending upon whether you're married or are in a relationship with a duly-registered Domestic Partner.

CSA in-service and retired members are permitted to provide health benefits to a duly-registered Domestic Partner who, through his or her own employment, is not eligible for city-provided or Welfare Fund benefits.

Because the US government does not recognize Domestic Partners, once the Domestic Partner becomes Medicare-eligible, he or she may not receive benefits through the employed partner's plan. Rather, the Medicare-eligible Domestic Partner MUST enroll in Medicare Part B or face a penalty when he or she ultimately signs up.

The rule for married couples is a spouse, who becomes Medicare-eligible, can still be covered by the still-employed person's plan and not enroll in Medicare Part B until the still-employed person retires and files an SEP - Special Enrollment Period - form.) Questions? Contact the Welfare Fund at 718-624-2600.

**OBITUARIES**

# Denise Simone, Principal and Shakespeare Expert

BY YURIDIA PEÑA

"She inspired me every time I was in her classroom," wrote one student.

"She became more than just my Director, she became a friend," wrote another.

That's just two of the hundreds of comments made by grieving students on Facebook in response to the death of Denise Simone, 50, the Principal of New Explorers High School, who died on Oct. 22, 2009.

During her 29 years in the NYC school system, Ms. Simone inspired hundreds of

students and colleagues. She was known as a Shakespeare aficionado who loved the theatre and the arts. As a young adult, Ms. Simone was a stand-up comedian.

"Her laugh and her enthusiasm for teaching was contagious. I will truly miss her," wrote Nicole Colletti, a student

"She gave me my first journal, which inspired me to write more often and led to my writing for the school newspaper and eventually NYU," wrote another former student, Jasmine Garcia.

Ms. Simone received her BA in Education and MA in English from Brooklyn College. In 1980, she began her education career at Seward Park High School, Manhattan. She then taught English - her specialty was Shakespeare - at Leon M. Goldstein High School for the Sciences, Brooklyn, and at Susan E. Wagner High School, Staten Island. In 2007, she was appointed Principal of New Explorers High School, Bronx.

Ms. Simone is survived by her parents, Vincent and Evelyn Simone, and her brothers, John and Vincent. Condolences may be sent to the Simone family at 97 Yorkwood Dr., Brick, NJ, 08723.



Denise Simone, far right, with a student cast from a school production.

# Dr. Howard Hurwitz, 93, a CSA Founder, Fought Ethnic Surveys in 1970s

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

Dr. Howard L. Hurwitz, 93, a High School Principal, a syndicated columnist, an author, and one of the founders of CSA, died on Sept. 23. His work with the union included serving as the newsletter editor and one of the union's vice presidents during the union's early tumultuous decades.

Dr. Hurwitz also wrote 12 books including *The Last Angry Principal*, which told of his battles with the NYC Board of Education and his outrage with the permissive social mores he felt would be the downfall of schools and society.

One such fight became a cause célèbre after Dr. Hurwitz' suspended a student in March 1976. At the time, Dr. Hurwitz was Principal of Long Island City High School. After refusing to allow the student back into the building, Dr. Hurwitz earned the distinction of being the first high school Principal suspended by the Board of Education. Dr. Hurwitz slept in his office for several nights as his parent supporters closed the school and rallied outside in protest. Although the Board pursued him in court, Dr. Hurwitz - with CSA's support - won the right to return to his school. He retired shortly thereafter in September 1977.

During the same period, Dr. Hurwitz was embroiled in another controversy that concerned hundreds of Principals and other educators in the NYC public schools: the ethnic surveys of schools. CSA fought a protracted court battle against the government's right to conduct such surveys, and Dr. Hurwitz was among those school leaders who fought compliance with the Office of Civil Rights/US Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Ultimately,

the union, and Dr. Hurwitz, prevailed.

Dr. Hurwitz began his career in 1938 as a high school social studies teacher, became an Assistant Principal for 13 years at Manual Training and Jamaica High Schools, and became Principal of Long Island City High School in 1966. A graduate of Brooklyn College, he received his Ph.D in political science from Columbia University in 1943.



CSA FILE PHOTO  
Dr. Hurwitz

For many years, Dr. Hurwitz also wrote a twice-weekly column for a Queens' newspaper that was syndicated nationally. He was the President of the NYC Association of Teachers of Social Studies, the Administrative Assistants Association, and an adjunct associate professor of education at St. John's University. He served for three years in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Dr. Hurwitz, who was a polarizing figure for much of his life, later became the Chairman of the Conservative Family Defense Council, which battled the inclusion of the "Rainbow Curriculum" in schools. That curriculum portrayed non-traditional family units, including gay couples, as part of Main Street America.

Dr. Hurwitz also wrote about raising a developmentally disabled son in *Donald: A Man Who Remains A Boy* (1973). That son, Donald Hurwitz, who survives his father, worked at CSA for many years. Dr. Hurwitz' wife, Nettie, died in 2005.

# RETIREE Chapter

## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Neil Lefkowitz

## Keep Your Hands Off Our Health Insurance!



**The cost of our health insurance was part of our salary package and should be considered immutable.**

Last month, I visited the California and Arizona Units of our Chapter. Both groups shared their concerns with me about the rising cost of drugs as well as Mayor Bloomberg's threat that retirees should pay a portion of the health insurance premiums.

Our members out west said quite clearly what we all say: While we were working for the city, we agreed to give up larger salary increases for health insurance without premiums. In other words, health insurance was part of the compensation package and not a perk of employment.

CSA's policy is supportive of our position: no givebacks on health insurance for retirees.

As for drug costs, the biggest complaint concerns the dreaded "doughnut hole" created when Medicare Part D was implemented. Our members say that all too quickly, they fall into the hole – Medicare Part D ceases to pay anything after \$2,700 in drug bills and doesn't kick back in until drug bills mount to \$6,154. Of course, the reason we fall into the hole so quickly is because of the high cost of drugs.

I urge all Retiree Chapter members to do what I told our West Coast friends: Write to your US Senators and Congressmen. Tell them to allow Medicare to negotiate the price of non-generic drugs. Former RC Chair Irwin Shanes and I believe that if Medicare gets this power, the benefit will be two-fold:

- We will see a price reduction for non-generic drugs, and
- We will see a reduction in the number of retirees who fall into the doughnut hole.

### Political Involvement

The officers and I have been out in force urging our Unit leaders and Chapter members to become involved in political action and support those candidates who support the policies of the CSA. The officers and our political action committee members, led by Pat DeMeo and Dee-Dee Goidel, continue to attend fundraisers and meetings in support of these lawmakers and candidates even though Election Day seems far away. We are asking our local units throughout the area to do the same.

### Culture and Education

Our Cultural and Educational Committee has unveiled its new spring program and you'll find it in a special pull-out section in this issue. I hope that you will take advantage of the numerous course offerings. We have asked our out-of-state units to replicate some of these courses for the benefit of their members.

During this month, I will visit our Florida Units with members of the CSA leadership and Douglas Hathaway, the Welfare Fund Administrator. We'll provide them up-to-date information about benefits and programs offered through the Chapter.

## Make Mine Manhattan!

*Intimate Reception for New Members Offers Friendship, Information and Home-Made Cookies*

BY DEE-DEE GOIDEL

On Dec 2, the Manhattan Unit held a reception for newly retired CSA members who live in that borough. The meeting was an intimate gathering that introduced new members to the many activities and benefits available to them. Stanley H. Wilson, Unit Leader, explained the three-prong mission of a Unit, which is a microcosm of the central Chapter: political action, outreach/health matters and social activities.

The reception was held in the restored library of the Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School on East 15th Street. The founding Principal, Howard Friedman, one of our new retirees, arranged with the current principal, Michael Toise, to provide space for us.

As I entered the school I felt I had stepped into the turn of the 20th century. Mr. Friedman was the prime catalyst behind restoring the school to its former glory. It took 10 years, a lot of fund-raising and a lot of hard work.

The school was built in 1904 for girls from the neighborhood, most of them poor Jewish and Italian immigrants, whose parents did not want them attending a co-ed public school. In the early 1930s, the city bought the building and it became the Mabel Dean Bacon High School Annex.

During the latter part of the 20th century, the school fell into disrepair. In April 1989,



### A Big Shout of Thanks

CSA thanks Charlotte Schwartz and Sunny Spadaro who provided home-baked goodies for the reception. Terry Goldstein provided the wine, Connie Testa, the cheese and crackers and Stanley Wilson, the fruit. Gail Greene sent out the correspondence. Irma Schonhaut spoke about how important the Regional Unit has been in her life.

when Mr. Friedman started the school and became its first principal, he took on the challenge of restoring the building as well as modernizing it to accommodate the technology needed in future years.

The school's auditorium was completely restored including the woodwork, cast-iron and wood seats, and globe light fixtures. (He found a manufacturer of the molded iron portion of the seats and had them made to order but included a folding desk arm.)

The library is outfitted with computers and leather furniture so people can surf the Internet or curl up with a book. Books for all ages and reading levels fill the shelves.

The school is unique in another way as well. It's one of the few schools in the city that

will take students over the age of 17 either because they are immigrants or did not accrue enough credits in high school. Classes run from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., 6 days a week, year round, to accommodate working students. A non-profit arm of the school - Comprehensive Development Incorporated – provides academic help as well as medical, legal and housing services. Graduates receive a regular high school diploma or Regents diploma; no GEDs are awarded. Seventy percent of MCNDHS graduates are accepted to college. The school's success has been noted by educators; its model has been copied in other boroughs, around the country, and abroad.

*Yuridia Peña contributed to this story.*



YURIDIA PEÑA

■ Top: Howard Friedman, former Principal and new retiree. Top left: Assistant Principals Judy Horvay and Mark Testa. Bottom left, (left to right,) Assistant Principal James Reed, Principal Michael Toise and Assistant Principal Sam Hussey. Above, left, an identical replica of the original auditorium chairs. Right, restored woodwork in the library.

## Now, from the heart of NYC...



■ The Manhattan Regional Unit visited Radio City Music Hall on Dec. 4 for a backstage tour. Above, the group poses with a member of the Radio City Rockettes. (More on the Manhattan Unit's trip in Regional Briefs.)

# Registration Open for Spring Outreach Workshops

BY FELICE HANNAH

The Retiree Chapter's Outreach Program announces its spring offerings. These workshops have been well attended in the past, and well received by members. (The Outreach Program also visits Regional Units and makes presentations.)

The following workshops will all be held at CSA's Brooklyn headquarters, 16 Court St., 4th Floor large conference room, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To Register: Call Felice Hannah at (718) 625-3434. Please leave your name, telephone number and the workshop you want to attend. You may also email that information to Ms. Hannah at fhannah@csa-nyc.org.

### March 16, 2010

TOPIC: RC Welfare Fund Benefits for members, spouses and registered domestic partners.

PRESENTER: Dr. Douglas Hathaway, Administrator, CSA Welfare Fund

### April 29, 2010

TOPICS: CSA Retiree Welfare Fund reimbursement procedures/coordinating health insurance plans/Social Security

PRESENTERS: Sherri Tabachnick, Assistant Welfare Fund Administrator; Glenda Harry, Assistant Financial Director; Marisa Rodriguez, Office Claims Manager; Christie Pastor, Executive Claims Assistant; and Lindsay Haynes, Social Security Administration Representative

### May 4, 2010

TOPICS: Vision services/home health care services

PRESENTERS: Florence Klein, RC Executive Board Member; Maria Costa, Director, Foundation Fighting Blindness; Alberta Orr, Coordinator, NYC Coalition on Aging and Vision Services; James O'Neal, Director, Community Relations Visiting Nurses Services

### June 10, 2010

TOPICS: TRS retirement benefits, earnings after retirement, Passport Funds and related topics

PRESENTER: Donald Juliano, RC Assistant Treasurer



■ From left, Sherri Tabachnick, Glenda Harry and Christie Pastor of the CSA Welfare Fund will be among the presenters during an April 29 workshop on a number of topics. See above for details.

The CSA website now displays photographs from CSA and Retiree Chapter events. Visit the Photo Gallery page at [www.csa-nyc.org](http://www.csa-nyc.org).

## RC Regional Units

### SOUTH FLORIDA

Here are the meetings for 2010. **Jan. 10**, Health and Welfare meeting, noon at the Pompano Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th St., Pompano Beach; **Feb. 25**, Legislative update, noon, Pompano Civic Center; **March 5**, Health Fair, 1 p.m., South Civic Center, Delray Beach.

—BEN LEITNER

### STATEN ISLAND

We're still basking in the fun we had at our Annual Holiday Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn. Our next newsletter will have information about our March 2010 general membership meeting at the JCC, 1466 Manor Rd., as well as updates regarding issues important to us all.

—CHERYL OBEY

### SUNCOAST

Our two annual meetings will both be held at 12:30 p.m. at Marie's Italian Kitchen, 5767 Beneva Rd., Sarasota. The dates: Jan. 13 and on Feb. 26. We'll have speakers and good food. Questions? Call me at (941) 383-0408.

—MICHAEL NEMOYTIN

### LOWER HUDSON VALLEY

You will soon receive our newsletter and a membership form to use for joining our Unit for the first time, or rejoining. If you need more information, contact me at (914) 238-5266 or email me at Johnat26@aol.com. Our general membership meetings for 2010 will be on May 12 and June 9. The Executive Board will invite speakers to address topics of interest to all of us. Full details will follow.

—JOHN GENTILE

### BROOKLYN

We'll distribute the first issue of our Unit's newsletter Brooklyn Bytes later this month. The newsletter will contain meeting dates for 2010. Please remember to send in your Unit dues for 2010 in the amount of \$15. Make checks payable to CSA Retiree Chapter/Brooklyn Unit, and send to 16 Court St., 7th Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11241-1003. We are also excited about our Brooklyn Film Club which has had several meetings. If interested please contact the office, (718) 625-3434, or contact me by email: rejepsilon66@aol.com

—RON JONES

### ROCKLAND/ORANGE/BERGEN

The Unit held its first meeting of the school year on Oct. 29 to a full house. Our guest speaker was Assemblyman Ken Zebrowski, who supports our concerns and issues. A great time was had by all. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on April 13 at the Nanuet Library. Our speaker will be Dr. Douglas Hathaway, Welfare Fund Administrator.

—ARLENE SHAPIRO

### ARIZONA

Our December luncheon/conference accomplished its major goal: improving our alliance with the Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans, AFL-CIO. RC Chairman Neil Lefkowitz was there to explain the legislative goals of the Chapter thus helping the visiting AARA President and our members understand more clearly our mutual lobbying interests and efforts. We look forward to our March 10 luncheon/conference on Welfare Fund benefits.

—MAISHE LEVITAN

### PALM BEACH

We'll hold a health and welfare meeting on Jan. 11 at 1 pm at the South County Civic Center. On Feb. 24, we'll have an informational meeting at 10 am at Ben-venuto's Catering followed by our gala annual luncheon at noon. (Attendance at one event is not required for the other.) March 5, we'll host a health fair at the South County Civic Center and we have an all-day bus trip on March 17 to Coral Castle Capri. For more information, call me at (561)689-0255.

—ROSE BENNETT

### NEW JERSEY

We're looking into a trip to the theater, perhaps a matinee, as our Cultural Committee, chaired by Robyn Small, is seeking new venues. Our visit to the American Museum of Natural History and the Planetarium met with rave reviews. Next excursion: May 7, the Edison National Historic Museum.

—STEPHEN PORTER

### QUEENS

We held a successful meeting on Nov. 10. The speaker was our RC Outreach Coordinator Felice Hannah whose presentation, *Getting your Papers in Order*, was wonderful. We held a theater party at the same location on Dec. 10, to see *Rosa Loses Her Face*. Have a great New Year.

—JOSEPH ROSENBERG

### LONG ISLAND

Our "snow birds" have departed and we struggle to function without them. Our January newsletter has been distributed and we've planned a February membership meeting. We will have at least three trips this spring. Please accept our best wishes for a happy holiday season. For more information, communicate with Norman Watnick, (516) 747-6291; email address [normanwatnick@aol.com](mailto:normanwatnick@aol.com).

—NORMAN WATNICK

### MANHATTAN

On Dec. 4, 25 members toured Radio City Music Hall. (See photo, above.) We explored the beautifully restored art deco interiors and sunset-inspired auditorium, and visited the great stage with its hydraulic elevator system. We even chatted with one of the Rockettes! We plan several trips this spring, but would love to hear suggestions. Call me at (917) 692-2942 or email me a [shw29@verizon.net](mailto:shw29@verizon.net).

—STANLEY WILSON

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### Brooklyn (DIST. 13-23,32)

#### Promoting Health

The in-house Lutheran Medical Clinic at MS 136, D-15, and the New Jersey Nets celebrated their "Shoot for Better Health" kick-off event on Nov. 23. The Nets cheerleaders, and former NBA players Kerry Kittles and Darryl Dawkins, attended the event. The program, offered afterschool and during gym class, promotes good health habits.



■ Darryl Dawkins and Eric Sackler, Principal of MS 136, D-15, Brooklyn.

### Bronx (DIST. 7-12)

#### Kudos For a Great Culinary Program

Harry S. Truman High School recently received recognition from the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) certifying that the school's culinary arts program fulfills the requirement of the Institute's curriculum. "Our culinary arts students are some of the most successful students here at Truman High School," said Principal Sana Q. Nasser. Students are also eligible to receive \$500 for travel expenses to the Hyde Park campus of the Culinary Institute of America through the "Destination CIA" program.

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## Students Remember Pearl Harbor

BY ANNE SILVERSTEIN

On Dec. 7, the Staten Island School of Civic Leadership remembered the entry of the United States into World War II with a sixth-grade performance of a teacher written and directed production entitled "Pearl Harbor Remembered."

Principal Rose Kerr said that remembering the heroes of WWII was an important lesson for all students but especially for those at a school with the mission of civic involvement.



Rose Kerr

In addition to the play, the school invited WWII veterans to attend the performance and then speak to the students. Three members of the American Ex-Prisoners of War took turns talking and then answered questions.

William Lee Birch emphasized that many Americans immediately enlisted because they believed in what they were fighting for: the right to be free. Satiris "Sonny" Fassoulis told about his Greek parents, who came to the U.S. on their honeymoon and never went home. They instilled in him their love for this country, and he was proud to fight for it. His story was a little unusual because he was captured several times in Europe by Germans and Italians, managed to escape each time, and ended up serving in Asia. Remarkably, he escaped from the Japanese after only a few hours.

The three men told stories of battles, losing friends and being prisoners of war. Veteran Ted Khoury lost 70 pounds in prison, he said. "I dreamt about food. I could actually



■ WWII veterans William Lee Birch, Sonny Fassoulis and Ted Khoury.



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■ Three sixth-graders belted out "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy" as part of the commemoration.

smell it. I could taste it," he said. He survived on a little bread, a little soup and some "ersatz" coffee. He reminded the students that more than 400,000 Americans died during WWII and more than 670,000 were wounded.

Another veteran also attended the performance: Dennis Rosenwald, a Vietnam veteran who donated a flag to the school. He refused, however, to wear the title "hero" or have his picture taken. He pointed to the three older veterans and said, "They're the real heroes. It's their day."



■ SISCL is one of three schools inside the brand-new school building in Graniteville, right off the Staten Island Expressway.

### Queens (DIST. 24-30)

#### PS 99 Happily Cuts a Ribbon for Lab

PS 99, D-28, celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 30 when the school opened its new computer lab and multimedia center. The event also honored then City Council member Melinda Katz, in blue suit, who arranged for the funds for construction. The Principal is Paulette Foglio, in white blouse.

