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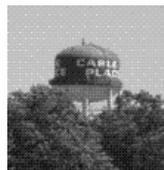
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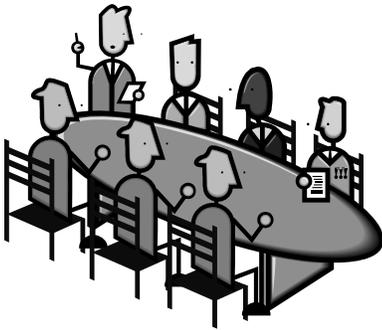
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- *CPEF Islander Fundraiser 3/22/2013*
- *CPCA General Meeting for April 4/17/2013*

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**CPCA
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MEETING**

**Next
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is March
20th @ 8:00PM
HS North Cafe**



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Glenn Olsen



March 2013 President's Message

I would like to thank all those that came to our February General Meeting on Feb. 27th. I was pleased that the Civic Association could be the vehicle where members of the community continue to be informed on various topics.

Thanks to Superintendent David Flatley who explained the vote on improvements to our schools. Much thanks to the Facilities Committee, made up of your neighbors, who devoted their time and talents to choose the projects being considered.

The renovation of the old Albraco property on Westbury was very interesting. While there is no guarantee that the owner will be able to develop the property as shown, it was a breath of fresh air that an eye sore on Westbury Ave. may be transformed. For those that could not attend, a presentation was made to utilize the existing structure in developing a restaurant and retail space with parking.

Again, thanks to the Mayor Scott Strauss and the Village of Mineola, Councilwomen Viviana Russell and the Town to North Hempstead and Legislator Richard Nicoletto and Nassau County for coming together on the flooding remediation of the Bruce Terrace area. Their presentations gave me new insight into the huge undertaking these local governments came together to solve.

Our March meeting on March 20th is all about you. We want you to tell us what can be improved in the community and any ideas you have. So if the ball field is in need of repair or illegal housing is your concern, come on down and let us know!



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Forty two people attended the meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance opened the meeting at 8:12 PM.

The main speakers were the new owner of the old Albraco property, Mr. John Nicholis who owns JGN Construction Corp. The new architectural rendering were shown. Used for manufacturing, it has been abandoned for 30 years. Two small areas of mercury contamination were not removed, but capped with cement. They claimed it is too far down to dig out, but now it will not leach down. Four retail units are planned, including a restaurant with 33 parking spaces. They are requesting a variance for 30 more spaces. The structurally sound original building is being used and it will be 2 stories. Planned buffering with landscaping along the rear of the property is planned as it abuts private homes. The property is 350 feet wide and two driveways are planned. Total indoor square footage is 12,000. They also need a variance for conditional use as the eatery has over 80 seats. Questions from residents were about garbage storage, rodent problems, noise and the kind of restaurant planned. The owners lawyer, Ms. Andrea Tsoukalas, said they have no businesses interested yet, but it is all in the preliminary stages.

Next was Superintendent Mr. Michael Flatley who presented a proposal for a School Board referendum. From the recommendation of their 2003 Facilities Committee the capital improvement fund was authorized by the public in 2008. Since then prudent business practices have saved almost seven million in this fund. Thus no borrowing, or bond, is needed. A public vote is needed to go forward, which will be on Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 in the Library. Projects being considered are a new playground at Rushmore School, roof repairs at Cherry Lane School, and upgrades to district-wide security systems. Also renovation of the High School Auditorium Lobby and main entrance and the library, are listed.

Updates on the Flood Remediation Project included Mineola Mayor Scott Strauss. It should be done by May and the new recharge basin will be fenced in. The new sump will be on Mineola Ave. on the old Motor Parkway. Drainage pipes have increased from 18" wide to 30" wide. Bruce Terrace will soon be done and repaved. Then Dow Ave. will get new piping that will go under Westbury Ave. This issue has taken 30 years to fix. Legislator Richard Nicoletto reminds us that Senator Jack Martins (former Mineola Mayor) jump started the project with 2.4 million. The Nassau County job will be awarded in March, all to capture more flood water from the Mineola side. Total completion will be by summer.

Homewood Suites hotel on Westbury Ave. will open in two months. After many years of neighbors complaints, Code Enforcement is finally addressing the decrepit house at #112 Asbury Ave. An illegal horse trailer was removed, and illegal garbage addressed. Notice has been given to clean up the property, or the Town will come and do it, and bill the absent property owner.

Next meeting is on March 20th, 2013.

That is also the first day of Spring – so Happy Springtime.

Respectfully submitted by,

Priscilla Bauerschmidt, CPCA Recording Secretary

2012—2013
CIVIC ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE

September.....	12th (CPHS)
October.....	17th (CPHS)
November.....	14th (CPHS)
December.....	No Meeting
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February.....	27th (CPHS)
March.....	20th (CPHS)
April.....	17th (CPHS)
May.....	15th (CPHS)

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Financial Corner

By John E. Hommel



What Is an IRA Rollover?

If you leave a job, retire or your employer changes retirement plan options you might want to transfer the money you've invested in one or more employer-sponsored retirement plans to an individual retirement account (IRA). An IRA rollover is an effective way to keep your money accumulating tax deferred.

Using an IRA rollover, you transfer your retirement savings to an account at a private institution and invest the funds. To preserve the tax-deferred status of retirement savings, the funds must be deposited in the IRA within 60 days of withdrawal from an employer's plan. To avoid potential penalties and a 20% federal income tax withholding from your former employer, you should arrange for a direct, institution-to-institution transfer.

You are able to roll over funds from an employer-sponsored plan to a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA. Everyone is eligible for a Roth IRA rollover as there is no income limits (although income limits still apply to contributions to a Roth IRA). Keep in mind that ordinary income taxes are owed on all amounts rolled over to a Roth IRA.

An IRA can be tailored to your particular needs and goals and can incorporate a variety of investment vehicles, as opposed to the limited number of options available in many employer-

sponsored retirement plans. In addition, tax-deferred retirement savings from multiple employers can later be consolidated.

Over time, IRA rollovers may make it easier to manage your retirement savings by consolidating your holdings in one place. This can help cut down on paperwork and give you greater control over the management of your retirement assets.

Distributions from traditional IRAs are taxed as ordinary income and may be subject to an additional 10% federal income tax penalty if taken prior to reaching age 59½. You must begin taking required minimum distributions from a traditional IRA each year after you turn age 70½.

Qualified distributions from a Roth IRA are free of federal income tax (under current tax laws) but may be subject to state, local, and alternative minimum taxes. To qualify for a tax-free and penalty-free withdrawal of earnings, a Roth IRA must meet the five-year holding requirement, and the distribution must take place after age 59½ or due to death, disability, or a first-time home purchase (\$10,000 lifetime maximum). The mandatory distribution rules that apply to traditional IRAs do not apply to original Roth IRA owners; however, Roth IRA beneficiaries must take mandatory distributions.

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SENIOR CITIZENS

By John T. Heslin



The 20th anniversary of the Senior Center groundbreaking was celebrated on February 26th with guest speakers Town Clerk Leslie Gross and David Mammina. Dave was the Vice President of the Civic Association in 1993 and was instrumental in the building of the center. After a few short speeches, a pizza party was enjoyed by nearly 100 seniors.

We welcome new members, Pat Iglesias, Laura Heller, Kathy and John Lally, and Donald Simmons. Our 49th year as a club begins this March. We already have 141 members and always welcome more. Please call me at 997-7271 for any information.

The new year started off with two sell out affairs – the International Buffet and a trip to Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway. Upcoming trips include a BBQ at Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, NY on June 13th, a Christmas Show at Westchester Theater on November 20th, and the Seniors' Christmas/Holiday Party at the Westbury Manor on December 5th.

Looking ahead to 2014, we have our 50th anniversary celebration on March 27th, and the Christmas/Holiday Party on December 4th – both at the Westbury Manor.

Congratulations go to Marvin Levine on the birth of his first great-granddaughter, Madeleine.

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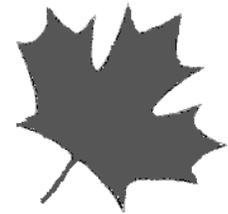
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EYE OF THE HURRICANE

By Bob Greco



John Hommel read my February article regarding the increased amount of commercial traffic in Carle Place. Just wanted to let me know that he has been in contact on several occasions with the Third Precinct about this and have asked them to add patrols in the area. He was referred to and spoke with the precinct's POP squad, which is the group that monitors this type of situation. They had stated that they would put some cars in the area to monitor the situation, and I did see them sitting on the side streets off of Cherry Lane a few times.

The problem with the traffic on Westbury Ave is a more difficult task, as that street is accessible to commercial traffic, and it seems more and more are using it to cut through from Glen Cove Road to Old Country Road. John is in the process of asking a representative to come to one of our CP Civic meetings so we can voice our concerns and get an idea as to what they can do to help us! Two weeks ago, he followed a truck from Curtis Ave. all the way up Cherry Lane to Jericho and then into Old Westbury. He got the license plate number and took pictures, but when he called the precinct he was told that they couldn't do anything because they were not there to witness it themselves!!

I grew up on Glen Cove Road, starting in 1953. Asbury Ave. came straight to Glen Cove Road. There was no Meadowbrook Parkway. I rode my bike to Rushmore School and all my Carle Place playgrounds.

Construction of the Meadowbrook State Parkway began in 1932, initially from Jones Beach to Merrick Rd. In 1935 it was extended to the Southern State Parkway. In the 1950's Robert Moses considered an expressway between Freeport and Roslyn, but after great opposition he decided on a plan to connect to the Northern State Parkway in Carle Place.

The Meadowbrook Parkway was completed in 1956, and my biking days up Asbury Ave. were over. I was forced to go way over to Westbury Ave. which was longer and more inconvenient. Don't try this at home, but I would sometimes cross the Meadowbrook, hop the fence at Jamaica Blvd., pick up Tommy Brown and Bob Schmidt and walk the direct route to school up 12th Street unless the State Police sent me back.

So let me get this straight. Carle Place is one mile square. Yet, it contains Westbury Ave. which is the world's largest truck stop and has an entire Parkway running through it.

With all of the above, we need a toll booth in the eye of the hurricane.

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IT'S THE LAW
By Francis X. Moroney, Esq.



There have been (and continue to be) numerous articles aimed at senior citizens about how to use all legal means to qualify for nursing care in the waning years of life. These issues and the cost of end of life care have resulted in many changes that should give us all pause for thought and move us to plan earlier in life to ensure that we do not saddle our families with the medical costs that can sap resources from the living healthy members of our families.

In that vein, over the past 7 years federal, state and local governments, in an effort to reform Medicaid, have tightened the rules for eligibility for Medicaid benefits for home care and nursing home care.

I have written many articles about those rules in *The Froghorn* and will not restate those rules in this article. But I want to point out that when the Social Service agencies deny an elderly person Medicaid benefits there are other administrative and judicial means to appeal such an adverse decision.

Briefly, if the Department of Social Services social worker denies an application the applicant has the right to a "fair hearing" challenging the denial. The hearing officer receives evidence and decides if the agency properly denied the application. If the decision is upheld, another appeal may be taken to the NYS Supreme Court, a trial court, challenging the decision as arbitrary and capricious. Even if this fails there are also appeals to appellate courts to overturn an adverse decision

from a trial court.

In context, these cases usually revolve around transfers of assets by way of gifts or for no value received. Value received means you must have gotten something in return for the money or assets transferred. One such case decided about a year ago.

The case I refer to involved the denial of benefits for nursing home benefits. That matter went through the entire process described above and an upstate appellate court upheld the denial of benefits.

The facts involved a woman who applied for Medicaid after being admitted to a nursing home, after a fall in her home. She had transferred assets to a friend immediately before entering the nursing home. The bank accounts involved were joint accounts with the friend against which checks were written and withdrawals made by the friend.

In order for such a transfer to be permitted without penalty, the Medicaid applicant had to prove eligibility and overcome the presumption that such a transfer was made for a reason other than to qualify for Medicaid benefits. In this case she did not and hence she remained liable for more than one and one-half years of nursing home payments.

There were obvious reasons for denying this application, but the point I wish to make is that if you plan early, you do not need to "crisis" plan later on. Since the look back period and other factors for eligibility are more strictly scrutinized and enforced, people in their 50's and 60's (and certainly in their 70's) should consider making plans to avoid the impoverishment rules.

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Donald Bain, a member of the Carle Place community for many years, is an author and ghostwriter, having written over 115 books in his 40-year career. A graduate of Purdue University, he is the recipient of many writing awards. Bain is a professional jazz musician as well as a writer. He is married to Renée Paley-Bain, who is also a writer. They have two daughters, Laurie Bain Wilson (who is also a writer and author) and Pamela Bain Shippee (who is a teacher). The Bain family lived in our community and attended our schools. Donald is probably most famous for writing the book "Coffee, Tea or Me," which was made into a movie, and our schools and community enjoyed his T.V. appearance on "To Tell the Truth." He is also the writer of dozens of episodes of "Murder She Wrote." All is chronicled in his 2006 autobiography, "Murder HE Wrote: A Successful Writer's Life."

I do not know what makes a great author. Is it nature or nurture? Is it taught through the teaching of writing in our schools? Or is it inspired through life experiences? I know I first wrote in the Carle Place High School newspaper in the 9th grade. I know I was blessed to have Charlotte Palmer and Bernie McCabe as my high school English teachers in the late 1950's. I know I had teachers, coaches, family and community members reading my work and cheering for me in the stands. I know the writers mentioned above and many more from our schools and community. So I think I do know the formula for developing creative writers. The answer lies with the people.

Better schools and better communities provide a nurturing environment where written expression is cultivated in an atmosphere which encourages, supports and provides opportunities for artistic growth. Better schools and better communities are a fertile ground for wit and wisdom. The pedagogical techniques may differ through the years but it is always the people who make the difference, no matter what the age. It is the students, parents, teachers, and community members who care that make the difference. They are the people who come together on behalf of children who make a difference, every day, in better schools and better communities.



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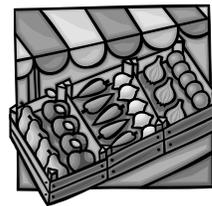


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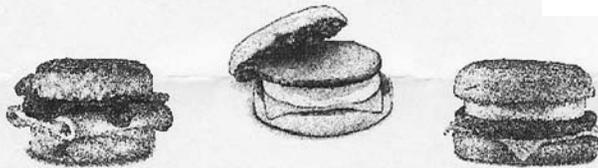
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