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**Reminder to Vote –**  
**Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 65**  
**South Drive**

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**Happy Thanks-**  
**giving One & All!**

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## Plandome Heights Salutes PATV at 25!

Did you know that for years, the Village of Plandome Heights has been represented on the Board of Public Access Television (PATV)? With much gratitude, we thank the efforts of Trustee Silva ('Aida') Ferman in representing Plandome Heights' interests on the PATV Board year-after-year. Aida tells us that next month, PATV celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. As with any relationship, reaching a 25-year milestone affords a great opportunity to reflect upon the achievements and impact that Public Access TV has had on the Village of Plandome Heights over these many years. PATV has made and continues to make a difference and contribute to our quality of life, enhancing the lives of our community in so many ways. Its programming plays an integral part in the enrichment of our community. It is no surprise that PATV has been awarded not one but two national Alliance for Community media awards for Overall Excellence in Public Access in the last 5 years.

PATV programs represent diverse ethnic and cultural opinions, and promote a wide spectrum of interests including educational, literary, and civic programming and a youth-oriented magazine program. The wonderful **Veterans Project** allows the viewer to listen to veterans describe their experiences, to reminisce and to heal. The **Women in Technology** program helps bring women from our communities together to produce innovative television programs. In the **New Playwrights** series, one is exposed to one-act plays written by emerging

playwrights and performed by theatre actors. The weekly **Teen Video Club** meets at PATV on Thursday afternoons from 4-6pm, and welcomes all teen village residents to join. PATV brings community events, such as the Memorial Day Parade and high school graduation, right into people's living rooms!

A long list of Plandome Heights residents have been and remain very involved with PATV over the years. We are very proud of them all and highlight some of the many contributions below:

- Former Mayor John Keitz served on the PATV Board for years and helped to facilitate programming with the American Legion
- Phyllis Sternemann and Pam Parker have produced and hosted numerous Women in Technology programs, with Pam's most recent interview of our area's Senator Craig Johnson of the 7<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District of the State of New York



Senator Craig Johnson, Pam Parker (seated) and PATV crew for "Women in Technology"

To get more information and to get involved, check out the PATV website at [www.patv.org](http://www.patv.org)

## PATV, continued at 25

- Former Trustee Rocky Pacent and former Mayor George Ferman both played valuable roles on the PATV Board, with George getting PATV furniture for the facility and also using his contacts to provide access to locations for programming. And now George's widow, Trustee Aida Ferman, continues to support PATV today.
- Elaine Canton was an early member of Women in Technology. Her outreach helped establish the group and make it the success it has become.
- World-renowned author David Paterson highlighted the Manhasset Arts & Cultural Center as part of an interview
- Nicole Sternemann – the youngest PATV producer from VPH -- produced an award-winning program about Easter Eggs



*Phyllis Sternemann and her daughter Nicole, winning 1st place award for their video "Ukrainian Easter Eggs" from Northeast Region of the Alliance for Community Media in Nov. 2008. The category was Instructional videos.*

- And most recently there have been interviews of Veterans Charles Knuth, Larry Day, Lawrence Kaplan and Frederick ('Bert') Grosselfinger. Charlie, Larry, Lawrence and Bert were all recently interviewed to discuss their World War II experiences.



*Above: Our own World War II Veterans Frederick ('Bert') Grosselfinger and Dr. Lawrence Kaplan, at PATV's recording and sound studio.*

*Below: Our own World War II Veterans Larry Day and Charlie Knuth flank PATV's Executive Director, Shirley Ann Bruno.*



The cable television system is used as a means of dialogue and community development. The mission of PATV is to provide a broad, public forum reaching into the homes of residents of member villages. For Plandome Heights, PATV has achieved its objective and we hope it will continue to do its good work, so vital to our community, over the next 25 years!

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***Falling Leaves! Reminder that all leaves should be swept away from the storm drains near your homes. Leaves clog the drains, causing water build-up on the street, OR, they go down the drain and end up in our Bay. Plandome Heights is a member of the Manhasset Bay Protection Committee and we all must do our small but critical part to keep our Bay clean.***

***Thank you for your help! Kids can get their free “fishy” pens – just come to the village office and say ‘you helped keep our Bay clean’.***

## **“Board Ed 101”: Planning Board**

As with any incorporated village in New York, Plandome Heights embodies “home rule” as the single most important aspect of local government. We’ve been reading a lot in the daily press these days regarding “home rule”. Practically speaking, home rule means that resident taxpayers are empowered to elect their neighbors to manage their village on a day-to-day basis. The electorate votes only for Mayor and Trustees. Members of all other Boards are appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Board of Trustees, unless there is a vacancy which may be filled by the Mayor directly.

Five Boards serve VPH; each is unique in its purpose and acts independently:

- Board of Trustees
- Zoning and Appeals Board
- Architectural Review Board
- Planning Board
- Technology Advisory Board

Over a year ago, we promised that in each seasonal newsletter we would highlight one of the Boards that serve the Village of Plandome Heights. The Fall Newsletter focuses on the last in this series, the Planning Board.

The Plandome Heights Planning Board consists of five members - whose terms are staggered (see biographies which follow below). Applicants come before the Planning Board to get rulings on matters concerning subdivisions.

Our Village code indicates that no parcel of land shall be subdivided to create one or more new lots, nor shall the lot lines of existing lots be altered unless approved by the Planning Board in conformity with rules and regulations established by

resolution of the Board of Trustees and in accordance with New York State Village Law.

The Planning Board meets on an as-needed basis to make rulings as to the above, but also on those rare occasions when VPH boundaries may be affected. The most recent example of such a transaction was last year when Nassau County transferred its maintenance responsibilities for Plandome Pond Park to the Town of North Hempstead. The Plandome Heights Planning Board's approval was required for that transfer to be legal, since Plandome Pond Park bordered our Village.

Members hold staggered five-year terms. Current membership, terms and biographies are highlighted below:

### ***Marion Endrizzi, Chairman, 2013***

Marion has lived in Plandome Heights for over 35 years with her husband John and where they raised their daughter Suzanne. From the beginning, she has been very active in Community affairs starting with her service on the Executive Board of the SCA, as well as on the Board of the Community Fund. She is a charter member of the Plandome Heights Women's Club and currently serves on the Board.

Marion has been involved with Village government since the mid-1980s. She founded the Alliance Party in order to address certain infrastructure and fiscal issues of concern to Village residents. She was appointed and served as the Village Clerk in 1986-7. She was elected as a Village Trustee and served for 14 years in that capacity.

**The description of the Planning Board is the last in the "Board Ed 101" series, as it completes the write-ups on all five boards. From time to time, we will address other aspects of "home rule" in future editions of Village Newsletters.**

## **Planning, continued**

As a Trustee, Marion was an early advocate for Village beautification initiating and overseeing the on-going Village Tree Planting Program which has resulted in the planting of over 200 new and replacement trees on the Village right of way. She initiated a cooperative alliance with the NC 6<sup>th</sup> Precinct's Problem Oriented Police (POP) Team to provide more timely and effective assistance on matters affecting the Village. She served as Chair of the Village's By-Law Codification Committee. She Co-Chaired the Village's successful 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance in 1999. She served as Village Mayor in 2005/2006. As Mayor, in response to frequent black/brownouts she worked with LIPA officials to have the electrical infrastructure updated throughout the Village.

In 1999, she initiated an on-going program with the NC Department of Health and the Department of Public Works to test and monitor mosquito breeding sites in VPH in connection with the West Nile Virus problem which has been responsible for a number of deaths in Nassau County. She has recently been appointed by Legislator Judi Bosworth to be on her NC West Nile Virus Committee. Since ownership of Plandome Pond Park was transferred from NC to the TNH, she has been overseeing the Village's interests and has been working with TNH officials for the restoration and beautification of the Park.

She has recently received commendations from both the Nassau County Legislature and the NY Conference of Mayors for her years of service to the Community. At the present time, she is a member of the newly reactivated VPH Civic Association and attends monthly

Greater Manhasset Civic Association meetings.

### **Mary Oleske, Deputy Chair, 2013**

Mary served as Chairman of the Planning Board from 2003-2008 when she was re-appointed as a member. She is currently the Deputy Bureau Chief of the State Litigation Bureau of the Attorney General's Office. She has been with the Attorney General's Office for 14 years. She has been an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, an Administrative Law Judge for the Environmental Control Bureau for the City of New York and has had her own practice.

Mary holds a Bachelor's Degree from Fordham University, Master's Degree from NYU and a Law Degree from St. John's University.

Mary and her husband Michael moved to Plandome Heights 19 years ago with their children Timothy, Paul and Alexandra.

### **Elaine Canton, Member, 2010**

Elaine was appointed to the Planning Board in 2006. She has been a Treasury Management Sales Consultant in Commercial Banking for over 20 years and is currently a Vice President at the fourth largest bank in the country. She holds a degree in English from Skidmore College and has completed graduate level courses in finance.

Elaine is a life-long resident of Manhasset, having grown up in Flower Hill. Drawn to the character and quaintness of the neighborhood, she and her husband Rocky Pacent moved to Bay Driveway 15 years ago with their daughter Paige.

**All Village Newsletters are posted under "News and Events" link on the website, at [www.plandomeheights-ny.gov](http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov)**

## **Planning, continued**

### **Roxanne Fitzig, Member, 2011**

Roxanne has served on the Planning Board since 2005. She moved to Plandome Heights in 1993 with her husband and two children. After graduating from Marymount Manhattan College she worked in the Fashion Industry as a buyer for Associated Dry Goods (the corporate office of Lord and Taylor) and AMC/Federated Stores. Currently she is a private fashion consultant.

Roxanne has always been an active volunteer in the community and the Manhasset Schools. She was the president of The Plandome Heights Women's Club during 1998-2000. Now she is in charge of the PHWC "Caring Cooks" program, whose goal is to provide neighbors with meals in time of need.

She was the Manhasset HS Class Representative for 2005 and 2006 and worked on the Junior and Senior Proms, the Senior Banquet, the Yearbook and Senior Frolic. Also Roxanne enjoys working with the Manhasset Women's Coalition Against Breast Cancer. She was their Chairperson for the 2007 "Ladies Night Out", a dinner attended by over 450 women to raise money for research in the fight against breast cancer.

### **James Madison, Member, 2014**

Jim has been a member of the Planning Board since 1999 and is currently serving a third appointment. He lives on 78 Bournedale Road South. ■

## **Pigeons & Feral Cats**

Many of you noticed some increased activities with pigeons and cats recently.

All residents are reminded that feeding pigeons and cats causes numerous problems including an increase in the feral cat population as well as attraction of other rodents.

Please be mindful of this and help us keep contain the problem. ■

## **Welcome Newcomers!**

The Village welcomes two more families to our community!

- Gerard ("Jerry") and Gina Love moved to 3 Willow Court from Port Washington where they lived for 12 years. The Loves have three children -- Michael (22) Erin (10) and Matthew (7).
- Hugo and Tina Cheung have finished renovating 136 Bay Driveway and are now fully moved into their new home, along with their son, Arnold, aged 5, and daughter, Rachel who will turn 2 years old in November and looks forward to celebrating in their new home! ■

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## Dollars & Sense

Trustee Ken Riscica reports that the annual financial audit of the Village's financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2009 has been completed by independent accounting firm for Plandome Heights. The final audited results were slightly better than previously expected.

## Emergency Management News

Developing an Emergency Management Plan for the Village of Plandome Heights is currently underway in order to help our community in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

As the newly appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for our Village, Bart Giusto and your entire Board sincerely hope that his services will never be needed!

However, along with Deputy Mayor Solomon and others, we are meeting with the Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County and the Port Washington Office of Emergency Management to coordinate our efforts to help you ensure your own health and safety in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event.

Having served Plandome Heights as Trustee and Deputy Mayor, Bart has been a village resident for twenty years. He shares our concerns and emphasizes what we all should know by now: being prepared for any emergency condition is everyone's responsibility.

Bart requests your cooperation. If

Trustee Riscica also reports that the financial report for the first fiscal quarter ended August 31, 2009 shows that our operations are in-line with our budget. So we are off to a good start to the Village's new fiscal year. ■

any of you has an interest in volunteering your services, we all would appreciate your devotion to our community. Whether you are a doctor, dentist, counselor, social worker, educator, or just plain willing to chip in, Bart would like to gather a list of volunteers that we can call upon to brainstorm and be available when circumstances demand all hands on deck.

In addition, if you or a family member have any special medical needs, use oxygen tanks or are aware of any extraordinary information that could potentially be critical in an emergency situation, please let us know so we may inform First Responders. The best way to communicate is by email at [emergency@plandomeheights-ny.gov](mailto:emergency@plandomeheights-ny.gov) or contact the village office at 516-627-1136, and Bart will get back to you. In addition, for notification purposes, please "subscribe" on the bottom of the website home page <http://www.plandomeheights-ny.gov>. As Bart says, "We are a great community, and want to always stay that way -- even in an emergency situation." ■

**\*The new Kids' Corner hopes to feature journalistic entries from VPH kids aged 17 or younger on a regular basis, but only one article can be featured per Newsletter Edition.**

**Graphics are optional, and the child's parents must approve the article.**

**Please send submissions of fewer than 200 words to [newsletter@plandomeheights-ny.gov](mailto:newsletter@plandomeheights-ny.gov)**

## **Plandome Pond Park Update**

The Town of North Hempstead has made significant improvements to the Plandome Pond Park although it now appears that the installation of benches may need to wait until Spring 2010, as well as the repair of the broken split rail fences along the Webster Ave bridge and on the Bournedale South entrance to the park. The village is grateful to Marion Endrizzi for her continued monitoring of the situation at the Park and liaison with Town of North Hempstead park officials. Marion has asked us to relay following reminders from park officials to

village residents who visit Plandome Pond Park:

- Please do not hit golf balls by or near the pond, as the balls clog the pond drain
- Dog owners must pick up their dog droppings
- Waste receptacles are placed at the park for regular garbage, not dog droppings
- Dogs must be leashed at all times
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## **Kids' Corner\***

*"Cruising with Chrissy", by Chrissy Maccaro*

Hi, my name is Chrissy Maccaro. I am a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Manhasset Middle School. I have lived in Plandome Heights all my life. This summer I went on a Disney Cruise.



*Chrissy on Deck*

The Disney Magic is a beautiful ship. Its home port is in Cape Canaveral, Florida. My vacation began when we boarded the ship at the Disney terminal and the crewmember who greeted us announced our family to everyone in the main lobby. I enjoyed everything about the cruise. The activities they have are great; the ports we visited were a lot of fun. Our cruise was a western Caribbean cruise. The ports we visited were Key West, Grand Cayman, Cozumel, Mexico, and the Bahamas. I meet many interesting people on my cruise. Some were passengers on the cruise, others were "cast members" (that's what Disney calls the people who work at Disney), and others lived in the places we visited. It was really an amazing experience. Vacation is fun, but it was also great to come home to Plandome Heights!

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