

# New York Public Library Retirees Association Newsletter

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## TOWARD AN AGE-FRIENDLY NEW YORK CITY

We felt instant identification with our speaker, Cyril Brosnan, a friendly 81-year-old retiree who uses a cane. He was eager to tell us about his part in the New York

Academy of Medicine's survey of New York seniors, which resulted in the publication of "Toward an Age-Friendly New York City: A Findings Report, Fall 2008." Many of us



received a copy of the report, but those who didn't may find it online at our website. (See below).

Cyril Brosnan's continuing outreach to seniors supports several of the goals in the report, including communication, civil participation & employment, and social participation. Brosnan works for the Academy of Medicine under the ReServe program that connects experienced retired professionals with compensated service.

The Age-Friendly New York City project is part of a World Health Organization program involving more than thirty cities worldwide. The Academy of Medicine sought and received the support of the Mayor and City Council before beginning the survey, and the City's Department of Aging is actively involved in developing and implementing the program. There is a link to the Mayor's response to the survey on our website. (See below).

Mr. Brosnan told us that the Academy report is anecdotal, not scientifically rigorous. Seniors at meetings were asked, "Do you like NYC?" and "Can you tell us if there are any shortcomings in services in the City?" While answers revealed a high level of satisfaction with living in the City, safety, the high cost of living, lack of affordable services, and poverty were major concerns. Safety issues ranged from crossing streets to fear of being a crime victim. Seniors expressed approval of the

variety of transportation options existing in New York City but pointed out that not all transportation is available to or suitable for use by seniors.

Brosnan said that although we NYPL retirees are literate and active, many seniors are not. Isolation is a problem for many, especially when they don't know about available services that can make a difference in their lives. After 9/11 there was a newspaper article about police and visiting nurses finding several thousand people, most of them elderly, living in single room occupancy buildings on Chambers Street. These people had no telephones and only a hot plate for cooking. They were afraid to leave their rooms because of what they might find when they came back.

Senior centers, begun in the mid-seventies, have been a way to end senior isolation. The City is examining what senior centers are and should be, especially in the future when the population of those over 65 reaches 40%.

Brosnan complimented librarians and libraries for providing a friendly community for seniors. He said we retirees should also reach out individually to form communities. We can change our own lives and the lives of others in ways that don't cost money. He mentioned the OATS program that teaches computer skills to senior, [www.oatsny.org](http://www.oatsny.org).

When Brosnan asked for our input, Brigid Cahalan asked him to elaborate on safety



concerns. Were these scams, crossing streets, or other problems? Brosnan replied that these concerns included ATM problems, availability of benches, and the helpfulness and courtesy of employees on buses, subways, and Access-A-Ride. He has witnessed this interaction while watching people being delivered to the dialysis center at Broadway and 92nd Street. After a personal EMS experience following an injury, Mr. Brosnan became more aware than ever of the need for compassionate care.

Among the comments made by NYPL retirees were that too many services for seniors end on Fridays at 5 PM, that the new large taxis are difficult to get in and out of, particularly for those who are short or have knee problems, and that advertising in the city and subways is

all about young people. It was also noted that often the only way to learn about available programs is through a health worker or social worker. Our speaker recommended calling the Department for the Aging to find out about particular services. He noted that, unfortunately, SCRIE, Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption program, and the food stamp distribution program are underutilized. One retiree told of an effort to develop vertical villages in New York City buildings. Another mentioned the resources of FRIA, an organization that deals with issues of long term care in New York City.

In answer to a question about where the elderly can find help filling out forms, Brosnan said many senior centers will assist.



Also, One Stop Senior Services at 747 Amsterdam Avenue provides drop-in services, and neighborhood offices of elected officials or the borough president can help.

Discussion more specific to NYPL revolved around whether staff shortages would limit the Library's outreach to seniors and retirees. One retiree asked how she could get in touch with two former employees. It was suggested that she write a letter and take it the Human Resources Department for addressing and mailing.

Our speaker said we need to be "squeaky wheels." By advocacy and participation, we can go beyond the limits of money and resources to become instruments for change.

**On the Past Events page of our website, [www.nyplra.org](http://www.nyplra.org), you will find links to:**

The New York Academy of Medicine  
"Toward an Age-Friendly New York City: A Findings Report" (76 pages)

Mayor's Office Press Release  
"Mayor Bloomberg, Speaker Quinn and the New York Academy of Medicine Unveil Blueprint to Enhance City's Livability for Older New Yorkers" (7 pages)

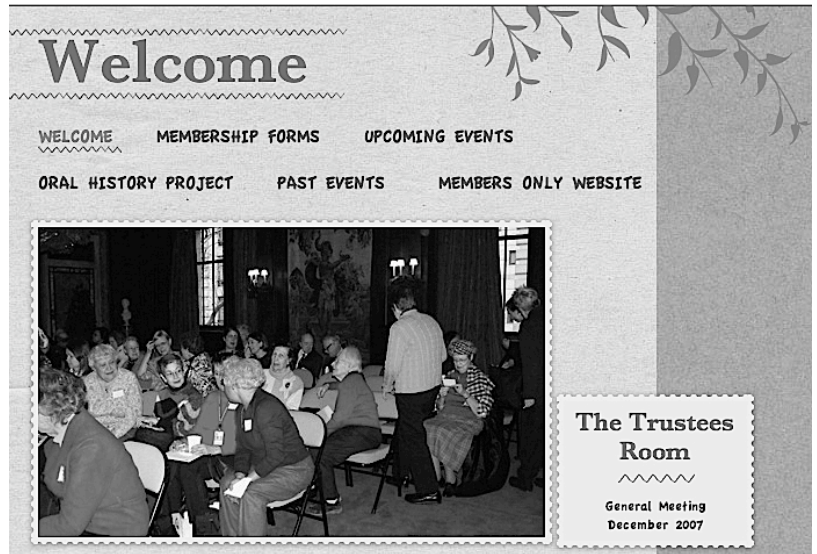
Office of the Mayor  
"Age-Friendly NYC: Enhancing Our City's Livability for Older New Yorkers" (131 pages)





## TRY OUR NEW WEBSITES

On the right is the “Welcome” page, the first page of our public website. You can visit it by typing the web address, [www.nyplra.org](http://www.nyplra.org), which uses the initials of our organization, NYPL Retirees Association. Click on “Upcoming Events” at the top of the Welcome page or on any of the other links. If you click on the “Members Only Website” link, you will find out how to get to our special private website.



### The Public Website

### The Members Only Website



On the left is the “Welcome” page of the Members Only website. We can use this website to share our photos, look at past newsletters, and discuss any subject that interest us. To use the Members Only website, follow the instructions on the “Members Only Website” page of the public website.

## NOTES FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Lately, we are told, everyone needs to have a cell phone and be computer savvy. Just walk down the street; isn't everyone carrying a cell phone? The news media is full of articles about twittering or tweeting and about Facebook. Everyone has a website: doctors, lawyers, businesses, and restaurants. And many people are shocked if **you** don't have a computer or cell phone.

Well, some things can be easier when you have a computer, for example writing an article for this newsletter. And cell phones are almost a necessity now. But when these devices don't work correctly, it can be awful. And I sometimes feel overwhelmed, having this computer staring at me, when my thoughts won't come.

That's when I get up and think of more pleasant things. The other day I thought "books, libraries, and museums!" My husband and I recently visited Chicago with a group of friends who were interested in these things, too. Our trip was wonderful and exciting, and we didn't need computers or cell phones to enjoy the pleasures of reading and viewing materials such as rare books, manuscripts, maps, and other artifacts.

Our first stop was the famous Adler Planetarium, which offers dazzling planetarium shows and specializes in scientific instruments and materials. There we saw many of the very earliest astrolabes

and telescopes. Among the early scientific books and manuscripts was a beautifully preserved 1627 signed copy of *Tabulae Rudolphinae* by the early astronomer, Johannes Kepler.

At our next stop, the Field Museum of Natural History, we saw James Audubon's original drawings for *The Birds of America* as well as William Jackson Hooker's famous book, *Exotic Flora*. The latter contains beautifully hand-water-colored exotic plant illustrations. We also saw "Sue," the largest, most complete and best preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex yet discovered. That was exciting!

The next day we were off early to The Newberry Library, an independent research library that is open and available to anyone who wants to borrow books for reading or do research in the extensive collections. The Newberry has 1.5 million books in addition to other materials, such as maps, music and manuscripts. We were able to visit the conservation department, where two woman conservators demonstrated how very carefully and painstakingly they had preserved a 16<sup>th</sup> century hand-drawn parchment map of the Mediterranean Sea. This fragile and important item was being readied to send out on loan for a museum exhibition, causing the two conservators great concern. Can you imagine having a job like that?

After a great lunch – I forgot to mention we were also having fun eating Chicago style deep-dish pizza and hot dogs, too – we went to the University of Chicago Library Research



Center, where we saw Gertrude Stein's "Narration," notes on a series of lectures she gave at the University in 1935, as well Saul Bellow's papers. We also viewed a very rare inscribed copy of Herman Melville's *The Whale* (*Moby Dick*), 1851.

Surrounded by likeminded tourists, we also thoroughly enjoyed many other adventures in Chicago. But, you know, it was a lot like anyplace else in the world today; everybody was still talking and taking pictures on cell phones, or using the well-placed computers that all museums and libraries now provide. But it was really relaxing to be away from my computer and to be surrounded by some of the simplest, but best, things in the world: books, libraries, and museums.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter, and, remember, please keep in touch.

Becky Eakins Koppelman & the Executive Committee Members

October 18, 2009




**President Becky Koppelman  
with speaker Cyril Brosnan**

# THE SEPARATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Many experienced New York Public Library employees retired this year. Those who participated in the Special Incentive Program retired with additional years added to their total years worked, as well as up to six months of salary.

The flyer below is from the party given by Local 1930.

An article in the September DC 37 *Public Employee Press* is titled, "Buyouts help stop New York Public Library layoffs." The article states that the City budget cuts could have resulted in layoffs of 465 union and nonunion employees. City Council budget restorations and the large number of employees taking the buyout saved union jobs. Local 1930 President Carol Thomas said "protecting coworkers was a motivating factor for a number of SIP participants." The Local held a Cocktail SIP Party to honor 120 "special important people" who took the buyout.



## Thank you, SIPpers

### August 12, 2009

### *Special Important People*



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## THE NEW YORK LIBRARY CLUB

The New York Library Club was founded by Melvil Dewey and eleven other metropolitan area librarians in June of 1885. Dewey and the first Club president, Richard Rogers Bowker, saw a need for an informal forum of librarians and interested parties from related fields. Early meetings included discussions of library policies and procedures, new collections, and preservation concerns. Many view the founding of The Club as a seminal event in the establishment of librarianship as a professional discipline. The Club's archives

are held in the Manuscripts and Archives Division of the NYPL's Humanities & Social Sciences Library. This extensive collection of materials includes correspondence, minutes of meetings, financial records, photographs, and printed ephemera. Today, the Club continues its active role as a network of area librarians and related professionals. It awards an annual scholarship to a library and information science graduate student in a local school's program. Club events are held in various venues, bringing together members and colleagues to showcase the variety and unique characteristics of the libraries in our city. Membership forms are on our website. Membership forms are on The Club's website, [www.nylibraryclub.org](http://www.nylibraryclub.org)



**At the Aquarium in Coney Island**

## RETIREEE NEWS

### LUIS ALCALA

As Dondi was forever saying in that old saccharin comic strip: “Goshes!!” I renewed my membership for 3 years! I would have plunked down a C-note for a life’s worth, but the actuarial tables are against me.

My CD collection keeps growing: mainly classical vocal and jazz, including as many “live” performances as I can find. The original recordings date from 1890 to the present day. Most are serious musical performances punctuated with oddball items such as Tchaikovsky whistling a few notes into the recording horn at a friend’s house in January of 1890. A shy fellow was he: no spoken words, just a whistle.

### DAVID BEASLEY

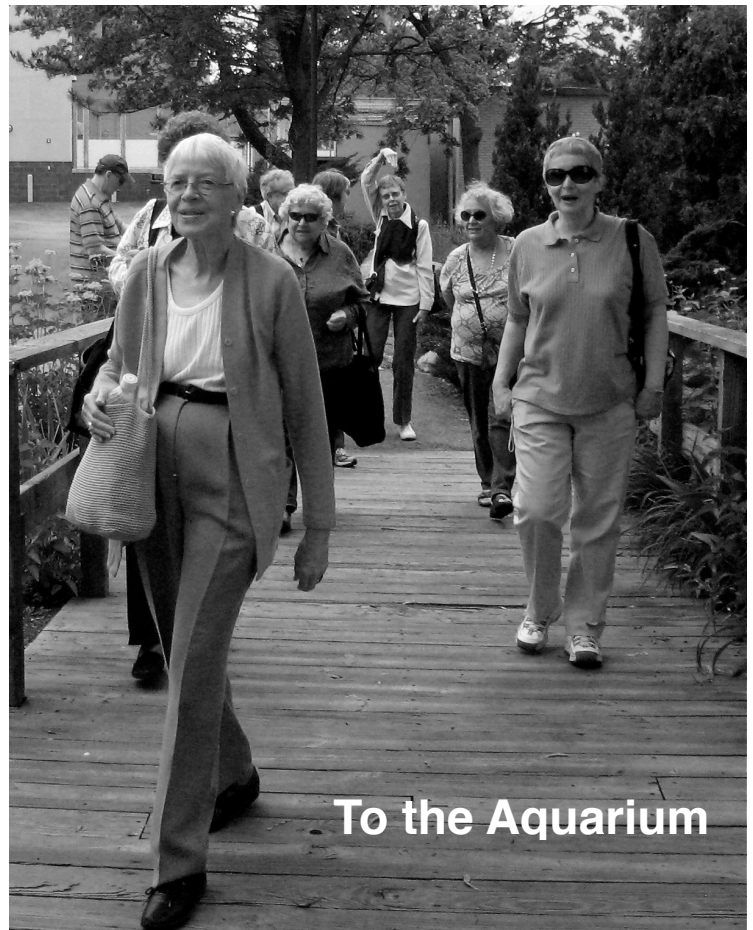
I am writing and publishing books and giving talks to historical, genealogical and other interested societies on those books. Please see my website: [www.kwic.com/davus](http://www.kwic.com/davus). My detective novels featuring The New York Public Library still sell regularly. Michelle and I will take a cruise through the Black Sea and Mediterranean this coming fall. I play squash and tennis and hope to teach tennis to my two eldest grandchildren this spring.

Very sorry to see that Juan Camine died. He retired as a cataloger in the Research Libraries some years ago. We met for hundreds of coffee breaks throughout the years. His bohemian days in the Phillipines

fascinated me when he spoke of them. He was a good photographer and I used his photos of me on the backs of *Who Really Invented the Automobile?* and *The Grand Conspiracy, a New York Library Mystery Novel*. He was a good and gentle man.

### POLLY BOOKHOUT

Last year I took my furthest trip, a trip to the Caucasus countries: Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Armenia. You can see some of my Azerbaijan photos by following a link from our Members Only page. Hunter classes are another important part of my days. Two friends and I were lucky last semester to be part of an honors class reading *Don Quixote*. I’ve persuaded several friends to see the movie,





*Horse Boy*. All of them have raved about it. If you get a chance to see it when it comes out in DVD, you'll find it very worthwhile and very moving. I don't twitter or text-message, but I did put a couple of things up on You Tube.

Our NYPL Retiree evening with the Cyclones wasn't just a baseball game. This was a Coney Island, far Brooklyn, festival. When batters weren't batting the crowd clapped, cheered and sang, children played in the aisles, seniors gossiped, teenagers mingled, children competed in games, cheerleaders danced, advertisers flung gift packages down on the crowd, the billboard displayed biographies of the players and the names of sponsoring organizations, including, we saw proudly, The New York Public Library Retirees Association. And then fireworks ended an extraordinary evening.

CAROL V. BREHENY

I am still taking painting and photography classes with occasional segues into calligraphy and drawing. Recently, my brother told me to concentrate on one discipline, while an 85-year-old 67th Street patron said to me, "Do it all!" I'm doing the best I can. This winter I volunteered to be our co-op's librarian with a collection of 400 circulating about ten items per week. That's just enough library for me now.

ANGELA CALDERELLA

I am newly retired, and it still feels like I'm on vacation. Next week, Vinny and I will be in Disney World. (If it's good enough for Super Bowl winners, it's good enough for me!) But come September when the children are back in school, and I don't have to deal with them, then I'll feel retired!!!



My #1 hobby is reading!!! followed closely by knitting, cross-stitching, gardening and walking. I am looking forward to going back to the gym. I am very interested in learning how to quilt. And I plan to keep working on my storytelling skills. That should keep me busy for a while!

#### WENDY A. CALDIERO

I'm enjoying my work on the Afton Free Library Board of Trustees. We just had a great program there. I'm working with the 6th grade reading teacher and Starr Latronica of the Four Counties Library System. We had a book discussion for six lively 6th graders of Stephanie Tolan's *Surviving the Applewhites*. As a part of the program, we had a conference call with Stephanie Tolan with lots of questions and interaction.

#### MICHAEL CALVANO

I retired from my position as Chief of Photographic Services at the NYPL Research Libraries after nearly 40 years of service, 1949-1989. For five years after that, I indulged my interest and longtime hobby working on Long Island at Hicks Nursery, one of the oldest garden centers in the country. Following that, my wife Margaret (we met at NYPL in 1956) received an offer to work as an Information Center Director in the DC area, requiring a move to MD. We are now both retired and live in the lovely state capital city of Annapolis. This historical city of 50,000, home to the US Naval Academy and to St. John's College (established 1696), provides many opportunities for interesting activities. Many accomplished artists have made their home here, some as resident artists at Maryland Hall for the Arts, while others exhibit their works in the numerous art galleries. We feel fortunate to have serendipitously "dropped anchor" here.





(Annapolis is known as the sailing capital of the world, though we have never sailed. A ferry is more our style.)

#### WILLIAM COAKLEY

My partner of 48 years, Robin Prising, died in December. As the author of his memoir of childhood and war *Manila, Goodbye*, he appeared on the Library's television and radio programs, on the latter with Lydia La Fleur, whom he admired as a person and a librarian. The book won the 1976 Christophe Award and was one of the specially featured books in that year's *Books for the Teenage*.

#### EMILY COHEN

Since retiring I've appeared in an off-off Broadway play, volunteered at the Information Booth at the Staten Island Ferry, and become involved with Toastmasters.

#### BERYL EBER

July 31, 2009 will be my last day of work at NYPL after 42 1/2 years of service. I am looking forward to the next phase of my life and plan to enjoy the opportunities New York City has to offer. Exploring my possibilities!

#### BONNIE FARRIER

In 1965 Mr. Roziewski interviewed me. We had a quick chat about the New York City Ballet Company. He told me a little about Donnell where I was assigned and said, "You won't last three months."

#### ESTELLE FRIEDMAN

This year has been very busy. We went to Norway; see attached photo. We visited Ibsen's house in Oslo and attended a piano recital of Grieg's music in Grieg's house near Bergen. In February, I was in Israel. Every year at that time there is a lecture series in my husband's name held around the time he arrived in Israel when he escaped from Europe. What with going to concerts, belonging to the Gilbert & Sullivan Society, taking classes, and above all, meeting with



Estelle Friedman

friends, life is busy and I hope will continue to be.

CAROLYN E. GIBSON

I love to read and to travel. I worked for NYPL for fifteen years. Fourteen were wonderful. I met many nice people and made several friends. I enjoyed seeing many nice patrons and seeing all the new books. I enjoyed seeing and processing the new children's books, too.

MARSHA HOWARD

I'm still at Poets House and looking forward to retiring again! Hoping to continue to do some projects and consulting, budgets permitting. We continue, weather permitting, to go upstate on weekends, and I look forward to spring gardening, but not summer weeding. I'm now keeping in touch with many NYPL "grads," the excellent younger staff who came and went, through Facebook. It's a bit addictive, but fun! I look forward to a time when I can actually attend Association programs.

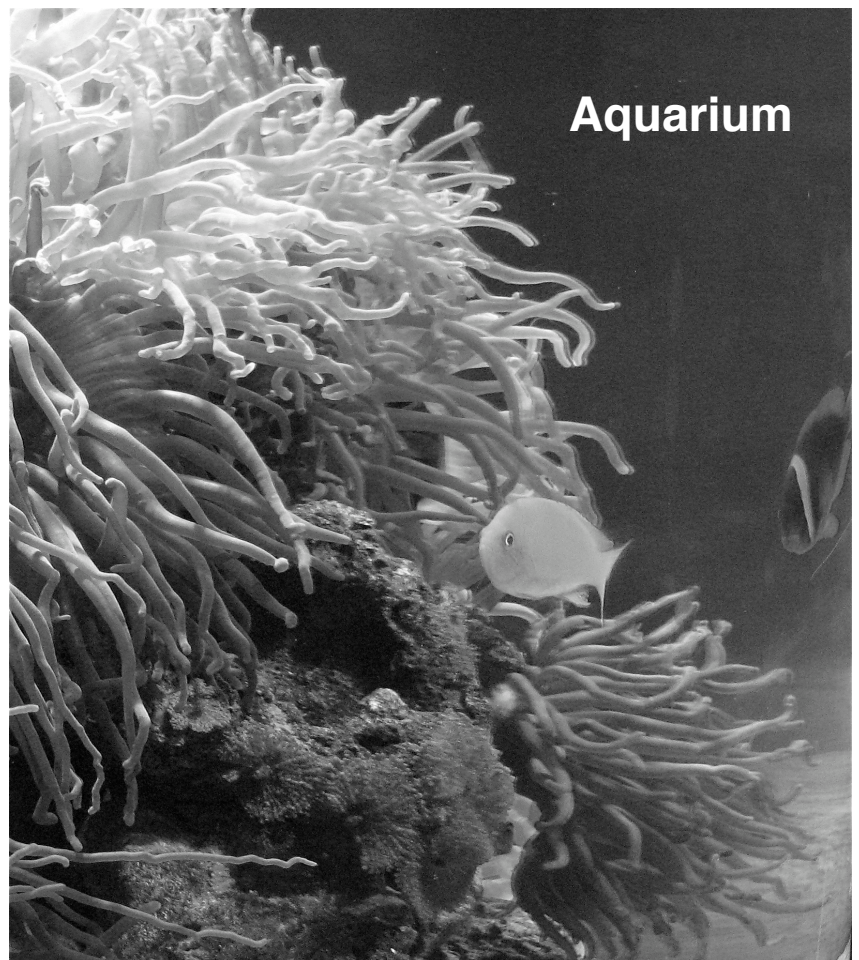
JESSIE LEE JOHNSON

This year I continued my usual pursuits: exercise class, bike riding, attending classical music concerts, the Met and Dicapo opera, with frequent visits to botanical gardens, zoos, and museums. There were a few nearby excursions including the wonderful Culinary Institute of America, two miles from Hyde Park. It occupies the spacious grounds of a former Jesuit seminary. As you

approach, delicious aromas pervade the air. We had a tour of the extensive facilities and a fabulous lunch in one of their five restaurants. Last book read: *Mrs. Astor Regrets*, a rather depressing read focusing on the near past, whereas *The Last Mrs. Astor* covered the entire life. I extracted small nuggets, e.g., Brooke lived one block east of my apartment with the "love of her life," Buddie Marshall, and one block north with Vincent. That's New York.

WOL SUE LEE

I have had several trips planned, completed and enjoyed. In March, my high school alumni group, the EWA Alumnae Association, had a 3-day conference in NJ. At





the conclusion some 60+ of us took a week-long cruise to the Bahamas on Norwegian cruise ship.

Then in early April, there was a family ski/snowboard vacation in Park City, Utah. We haven't seen our three grandchildren living in La Jolla since last Christmas. It is always great fun to spend time with them. In July, back to California for Ellie's "Dol," a milestone traditional celebration of the first birthday, presenting various foods and an assortment of objects for her to pick, which fortells her future. She wore her two beautiful Hanbok, Korean dresses—her own and her mother's 40-some-year-old one. In September, we had an extended family reunion in Rochester and celebrated the other grandfather's 80th birthday and went to a Buffalo Bills game. Our grandchildren's cousin plays an offensive position for the Bills. In October, I took a tour to Turkey for two weeks and enjoyed the Turkish cuisine,

exploring the Holy places, shopping at the Grand Bazaar, etc.

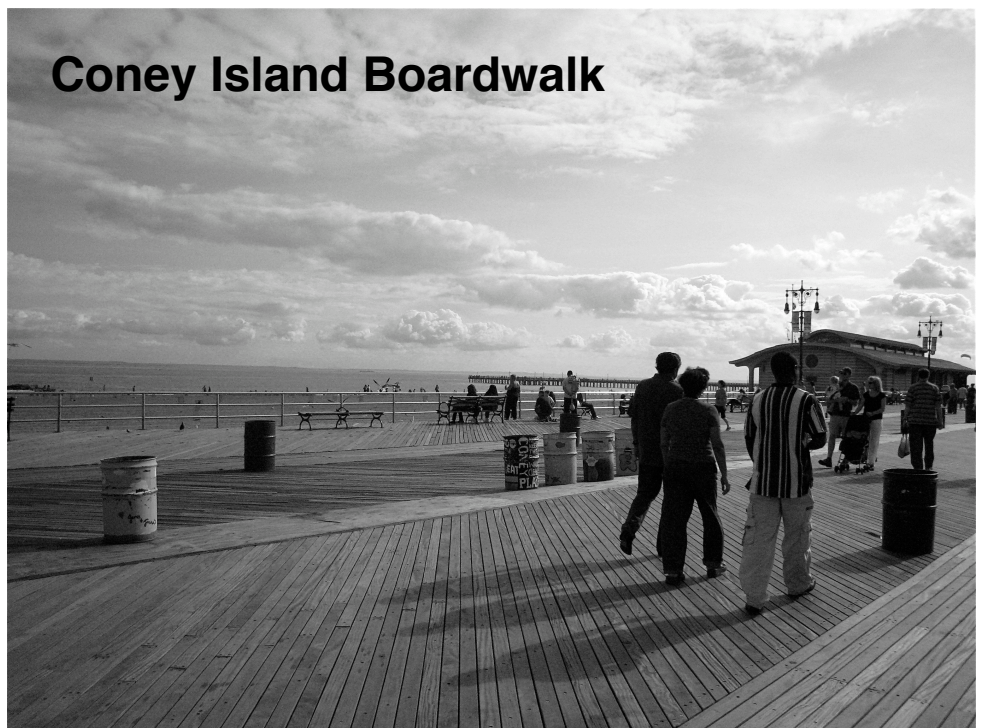
I can't believe it has been well over a year since I retired. It is so relaxing and stress free. I highly recommend it, although I do miss the people I met and worked with for so many years.

I also go to the gym on a regular basis and take zumba dance class which is tons of fun and keeps me fit(?) so I can chase my grandchildren.

ANN MOCK

On March 3, 2009, my first grandchild was born, Aidan Thomas Mock.

## Coney Island Boardwalk



## JEAN PETERSON

I took the SIP to save jobs. I will be working with DC 37 Retirees Association on pension, health and Social Security issues.

## ERMA BONNIE PHELPS

Hi Friends! I love these annual get-togethers. I've always yearned to say out loud how grateful I'll always be to God and my good friend Miriam Fleischer (deceased) for my job at NYPL. I happily report this granny has become one of the biggest goof-offs in Harlem. I'm keeping up with my naps, children, church, choir, outreach and such. I have more faith, courage (had a gentle encounter with cancer), and made new friends. My kids are loving and crazy. I still love writing. I'm almost 80. Life is beautiful.

## PAULINE RESTUCCIA

It was a peaceful year. My husband retired from being a treasurer in our Senior Citizen Committee. We have a membership of 250 members. He was very well-liked and they enjoyed his report and his weekly jokes before each report. He got three Certificate of Appreciations from the Club, Town Superior and Public Servants. We now have a little more leisure time.

## ROBERT SHEEHAN

I made it to Yucatan again this winter and hope for Italy in the fall.

## PATRICIA SMITH

We had a lot of snow this winter. I'm looking forward to spring really and finally arriving. We had snow on March 29.

I'm busy with my house, garden, church and friends. I am a member of two Red Hat groups. It keeps me busy. The only excitement lately was a fall, or rather a crashing, on my driveway in early February and fracturing my right wrist. Of course, I am right handed. I am going through therapy to strengthen and stretch the wrist. I will need to have more strength to pull weeds, etc.

## ZAHARA STRESSEL, PhD

My book *Snow Friends: Hungarian Jewish women in an airplane factory, Markkleeberg, Germany* was published by Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 2009.

## LEONARD VIGGIANO

I just came back from a trip to Israel. Ellen and I were on an ecumenical pilgrimage tour. It was great! Our hearts go out to the staff at NYPL. The financial picture doesn't look good. Having lived through the budget cuts of 1975, we can only imagine the cuts for the near future.

## VIRGINIA WARNER

I have recently signed up for a computer program to bring me up to date with the new technology. There are ten of us in the class. I am the oldest, by far, in the group.



Also, recently I signed up to join The Red Hat Society. Our two pet projects are to raise money to send packages to a group of soldiers in Afghanistan. We have also adopted a canine group of special dogs serving in Afghanistan. The great grandchildren continue to be my special blessing. Because of them, I can deal with all my meds, tests, and doctors.

## CORA I. WILMOT

In 2004, we sold our big old house and bought a small cottage in an Adult Care Community, still in Mt. Vernon. Downsizing was hard but friends helped and the freedom from property responsibilities is wonderful. On doctors' orders, I've had to give up outside commitments, but I still go to Lincoln School one morning a week to tutor two kindergarten children who have not had any pre-school experience and are light-years behind their classmates.

While Vincent (dementia) is in Day Care or with an Aide, I am free to go on local trips or ferry the two of us to doctor's appointments. Your outings sound wonderful, but there is always a conflicting appointment, and night driving any distance is pretty much a thing of the past. Our son calls every evening and comes up from Maryland at least once a month. Life is good fun for the Wilmots!

## NEW MEMBERS

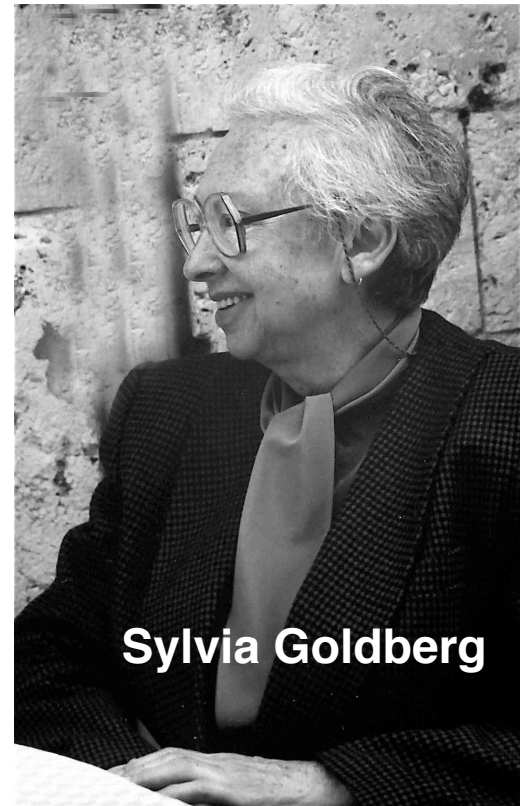
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Marie Zwanziger

## SYLVIA GOLDBERG

Sylvia Goldberg, NYPL Retiree passed away on July 21, 2009. She worked in the library for more than 40 years.

Born in Belgium, she immigrated to the U.S. with her family to escape persecution by the Nazis. She was hired by the library in the late 1950s; she worked in the Donnell World Languages Department (formerly Donnell Foreign Language Library) for most of her employment. She served as a multi-language specialist, fluent in French, Hebrew, Dutch, Spanish, Swedish and Afrikaans. She was well-respected and loved by all her colleagues and many readers. She retired in 2007.



## PASSINGS

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Catherine Ballarene  
Charles Benson  
Elena Bivona  
Shirley Campbell  
Albert Cesarski  
Frances Costas  
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Sylvia Goldberg  
Arrotho Jones  
Helen Levine  
Irene Maramorosch  
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