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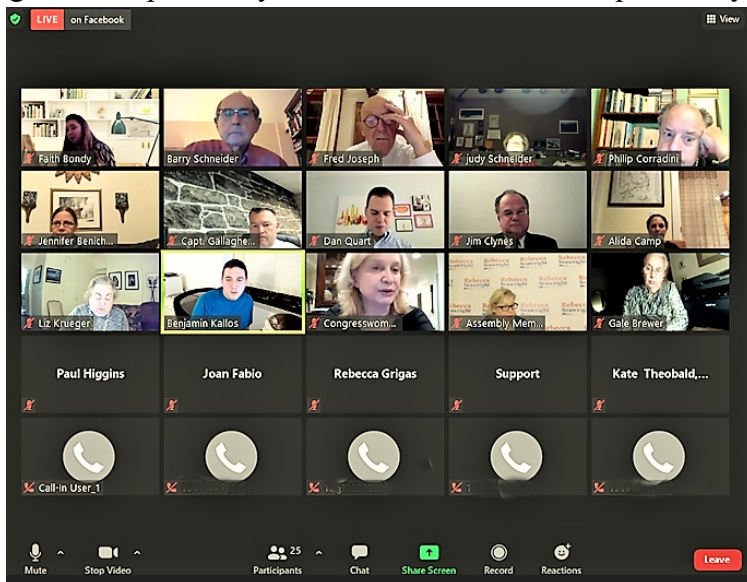
[Late Fall 2020]

esna 2020 VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

ONE TIME ONLY! *We hope*

Covid-19 could not stop ESNA' 29th Annual Meeting! Not to be defeated, we held our annual meeting virtually on Facebook and all of our elected officials rallied to make the meeting a *zooming* success. If you missed it, watch it at <https://www.facebook.com/esnanyc/videos/854020338678507> President Barry Schneider reminded everyone of how difficult these last eight months have been for us but most especially for our small businesses. That's why it is so important, he said, for all of us to frequent our local businesses, the restaurants and the local health care providers who need our patronage as never before. And that message also clearly came from our local elected officials and our guest speaker, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer.

In addition to calling for support for community businesses, Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney covered how important voting and participating at all levels of government is. State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright urged members to get behind plans they want to introduce to revamp the early



voting procedures which had been implemented for the first time in New York and which with huge delays did not go as smoothly as it should have. State Assemblymember Dan Quart and Councilmembers Ben Kallos and Keith Powers focused on the challenges created by Covid 19 –for parents and schools, for transit, for senior centers, for food banks and for all social service providers.

Gail Brewer continued saying that ESNA has always been at the forefront of advocating for quality of life in the East 60s but with the lingering coronavirus threats, government must now step in to go beyond quality of life issues to take on survival of life issues. While there is a wonderful working relationship between the 19th Precinct and the ESNA community, a herculean effort has to get underway citywide to have police and community working together. There is a need for creative ideas in utilizing empty hotels and for coming up with programs to compensate for cuts to the city's budget. These concepts, Borough President Brewer said, require community, real estate interests and government working together to find creative solutions. Upon closing her remarks, Barry Schneider presented her with ESNA's Community Spirit Award for her years of dedicated service to the community. Thanking him, the Borough President said that ESNA understands better than most what is needed to make a community - it is through citizen participation and collaboration efforts.

After dispensing with the business requirements of the annual meeting to elect directors and present financials, Barry went into everyone's anticipated segment of the meeting –The Map –with his description of what's going on in the neighborhood. (The Map accompanies this newsletter.) But the good things that go on in the neighborhood, he said, could not happen without the dedication of neighborhood volunteers like Will Sanchez who must be commended for his outstanding effort on behalf of the 2020 Census, tirelessly tracking down residents in building after building since an individual not counted is a loss of \$4,000 in federal funds to New York & \$7000 for a family of 2 or more. Barry also gave a special shout out to the health care workers in our community who have performed so heroically during the Covid-19 pandemic. In closing, Barry thanked everyone involved in making this virtual meeting a reality.

- Joan Fabio

New Members

Ella Baker PTA

317 East 67th Street (1st-2nd)

212-717-8809

email: ellabakerpta@gmail.com

The mission of the Ella Baker School PTA, in partnership with teachers and school administration, is to ensure our students learn through a social justice lens, and that they and their families have the community support they need to thrive.

Gazit Horizons, Inc.

70 East 55th Street (Park & Madison)

212-600-2930

Gazit Horizons invests in larger properties with mixed-use potential and looks for unique opportunities to uncover value through diversity of use, as well as redevelopment and proactive asset management. They recently announced that The Home Depot will be the new tenant at the Bed, Bath & BEYOND location.

Le Pain Quotidien

861 Lexington Avenue (Cor. 65th)

646-762-2209

The Daily Bread bakery-restaurant is an international chain serving bakery fare, healthful salads, handmade breads and organic drinks for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mobile ordering available on GrubHub, Seamless & Door Dash. Open daily: Mon.-Fri. 7:30 am - 5:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. 8:30 am - 5:30 pm.

Operational Change Due to Pandemic

Bentley Hotel

500 East 62 Street (Cor. York)

212-644-6000

Not accepting reservations until Covid-19 conditions have been resolved.

Newly Relocated

Rita's Coif

209 East 59th Street (2nd-3rd)

917-232-8774 email: meritatomcini@gmail.com.

Our seasoned stylists specialize in custom cuts and colors for each client individually. Appointments are available by phone. Open: Wed.-Sat. 10 am - 6 pm.



ESNA's Annual Carol Sing and Toy Drive Cancelled.*

Due to the current pandemic guidelines, we regret that we will not be gathering at TD Bank at 1st Avenue and E. 67th Street as we have been doing for the past many, many years. However, in the spirit of the holiday season, ESNA is donating Gift Cards to the parents of the patients at the Pediatric Unit of the NY-Presbyterian Hospital on E. 68th Street.

We are eagerly looking forward to next year when we will once again welcome our members to a gala holiday sing led by The Jolly Holiday Singers at TD Bank.

**And yes, our Annual Fall Clothing Drive has also been cancelled for this year.*

We wish all a safe and Happy Holiday!



If you would like another ESNA Face Mask, we will be pleased to send it along. If you would like masks for family members, please let us know at info@esna.com or 212 713-5926.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Please Print)

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. No. _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Day: _____ Evening: _____

Email _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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| • Co-op/Condo Owner | \$25.00 |
| • Senior Co-op/Condo Owner (65+) | \$20.00 |
| • Renter | \$15.00 |
| • Senior Renter (65+) | \$12.00 |
| • Townhouse Owner | \$50.00 |
| • Commercial/Business/Professional | \$50.00 |

Membership Dues Enclosed \$ _____

Contribution Enclosed \$ _____