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BACK IN PERSON AND ALSO IN ABSENTIA

As President Barry Schneider planned to welcome everyone back to ESNA's in-person annual meeting after three years of virtual meetings, he got sidetracked. Accompanied by Judy Schneider, he ended up at New York Presbyterian with a medical

emergency. Barry is fine now and Nurse Judy is making sure that while they love our neighbor NY- Pres, they won't be visiting as inpatients any time soon. Barry and Judy not being at the



Joan Fabio

annual meeting threw a wrench into what the board had secretly planned for them. This year, the board had a *subplan* to start the meeting by presenting Barry with a long overdue thank you award and to present Judy with a similar thank you award because alongside every great man is a great woman who also deserves an award. Instead, the *sub rosa* plan was carried out *in absentia*. *I hope you are all now impressed with my mastery of Latin.* Board members Joan Fabio and Faith Bondy took on the role of running the meeting with Joan starting by presenting the Thank You Awards to Barry and Judy. For Barry it read "Special Thank You Award is Presented to Barry Schneider for his tireless efforts creating a spirit of neighborhood, promoting the goals of the community, and making ESNA The Beacon of the Upper East Side". For Judy "Special Thank You Award is Presented to Judy Schneider for her dedication in representing the interests of the community, providing a voice to support their vital issues and caring for the concerns for ESNA's members both collectively and individually."



Faith Bondy then asked ex-Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney to come to the podium and presented her with ESNA' 2023 Appreciation Award for her years of service to ESNA in, among other



Carolyn Maloney with Faith Bondy

things, securing federal funding for such things as the Second Avenue Subway. Council Member Keith Powers followed, thanking Ms. Maloney for all she had accomplished for not just his district but for the country as a whole. He spoke about recent and future Council legislative plans.



Keith Powers

Faith Bondy returned to the podium and introduced representatives of State Senator Liz Krueger, Assembly Member Alex Bores, Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and Councilmember Julie Menin and thanked them all for their service.

Guest Speaker Deputy Inspector William Gallagher was introduced by Joan Fabio as someone who has been in our district for some time, initially as Executive Officer of the 19th Precinct and, after various roles, returned to the 19th Precinct as Commanding Officer. He opened by conveying that his top priority is not just that people in the East Sixties **ARE** safe but to make sure they **FEEL** safe. He explained that all types of resources have been mobilized, some visible, some not, to ensure that any attempt at a hate crime is dealt with swiftly and severely. Special units have been formed to investigate such crimes and that any threat against anyone's religion will not be tolerated. While such hate events are top on the minds of everyone, Inspector Gallagher wanted to assure the public that the police continue to successfully fight and reduce acts of larceny and theft. He quoted statistics of lower crime rates



Deputy Inspector William Gallagher

and explained that small bands of thieves on mopeds had been robbing handbags and jewelry from pedestrians but when one of them was apprehended and jailed, members of the team were subsequently rounded up. The issue of organized theft from local stores continues to be a problem. Similarly bands of organized thieves target stores, particularly drug stores like Duane Reade, and quickly gather special items into large black bags. The police are trying to work with store owners to come up with ways to address this menace. And work they do. The average person has no idea of the dedication and effort put forth by the New York City Police Force –to be ready at a moment's notice to jump into service when a crisis occurs. The Inspector said that a gratitude of thanks is owed to each and every one of them. To questions raised from the floor, Gallagher responded with explanations of where the jurisdiction of the New York City Police starts and ends, which he acknowledged can frustrate people who think that the police can do something that unfortunately the law actually prevents them from doing.

After Inspector Gallagher concluded his remarks, Joan told the audience about the new ESNA Merchants Directory to be published by year end, the planned Holiday Sing event to be held on December 4 at TD Bank on 67th and First, and the continuing need for clothing for the migrants at the Bentley Hotel on York and 62nd, and then said that Faith would deliver the President's Report –What's New In the Neighborhood - normally given by Barry. Rising to the challenge, Faith covered construction and infrastructure activities that had been accomplished or were on the horizon. For full details on these projects, we invite you to see a recorded version of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association 2023 Annual Meeting by going to <https://bit.ly/ESNA2023>.

After thanking Faith for a most comprehensive summary of What's New in the Neighborhood, Joan was joined by Honorable James Clynes, Judge for the New York City Civil Court in New York, to present door prizes donated by Cork and Bottle, Primola Restaurant, Ritz Diner, Serendipity and Tony's di Napoli. And as for gifts, ESNA thanks 583 Park Avenue for providing such a wonderful venue for its first in-person annual meeting, since having to be virtual for the last three years due to Covid.

In closing, all were thanked for coming to the meeting and supporting ESNA. All wished Judy well and Barry a speedy recovery. As can be said, ESNA can only continue to be an advocate, an aide to our local merchants and "your voice" in city government if you, the ESNA members, continue to participate in person or at least virtually, even *in absentia*.

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- Joan Fabio

ESNA Welcomes These New Merchant Members

Learning Express Toys

1071 Third Ave (Cor. 63)
(212) 369-8697

Learning Express Toys NYC is a haven for young minds and playful hearts. Nestled in the heart of The Upper East Side, our store is a whimsical wonderland of educational toys and delightful games. With a curated selection of unique and high-quality products, we cater to children of all ages, sparking their creativity and fostering their love for learning through play. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff are always ready to assist you in finding the perfect toy to inspire imagination and curiosity. Visit us today! Open: Mon.-Sat. 10 am - 6 pm; Sun. 10 am - 5 pm.

Maya

1191 First Ave. (64/65)
212-585-1818

Enjoy modern Mexican cuisine at Maya. Serving dinner nightly along with daily happy hour and bottomless brunch every Saturday & Sunday. Come see why we've been named as one of the the Best Mexican Restaurants in Manhattan by The Michelin Guide. We look forward to welcoming you in. Open daily: Mon.-Thurs. 4 pm - 10 pm; Fri. 4 pm - 11 pm; Sat. 11:30 am - 11 pm; Sun. 11:30 am 9 pm.

Since there will not be an ESNA Clothing Drive this year, here are a number of not-for-profit organizations that are accepting gently used garments. Best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

The Bentley

500 East 62nd Street (at York)
Mon - Fri 9:00 to 5:00 / 212 644 6000

Goodwill Industries

1114 First Avenue (at 61st)
11:00 to 7:00 / 212 355 5206

Housing Works

1222 Second Avenue (at 64th)
11:00 to 7:00 / 646 975 5905

Samaritan' Closet

865 Madison (at 71st)
Sun-Thurs 9:00 to 4:30 / 212 774 4200