BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO.8 UPDATE OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE/POETRY SLAM

Held on May 4, 2017 at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace Bronx, New York 10463

The 5th Annual Poetry Slam held at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center went great! There were 12 contestants this year. It was well represented by the community centers. Of course, there is always more room for improvement for next year. The Poetry Slam can be viewed on YouTube. Just search for Bronx Youth Poetry Slam 2017 Full video or look under Destructive World Gaming as well. The winners this year were Duly Rosenberg taking first place. Second place went to Arron Torres and third place went to Odelia Fried. Log on to see and hear their great pieces. The Event was also covered by the Riverdale Press. Special thanks to Luke the MC. Advocate of Wordz introduced the judge's, contestants and how the rules went. They were great. The streaming expert, Richard, who put everything on YouTube and all of the judge's for being a part of this awesome event.

The Annual Neighborhood Day hosted by KBHCC, had a great turn out on May 6. Lots of activities for the kids - including face painting and a bouncy house. This was all FREE for the community.

On May 9, the Bronx Community Board No.8 honored the Yankee award winners. Each winner received a monetary gift of \$750 and tickets to a Yankees game! The winners were Vallery Rosa, Taiz V. Luciano, Samantha Vargas, Eriselis Pizarro and Edgardo Marrero. Pictures of the winners with the Youth Committee Chair and Community Board Chair are available. Special thanks to the Vice Chair, James Santiago and Community Board member Rita Pochter Lowe for helping out.

The Youth Chairman is working on the final touches of the Youth Committee Resource Guide. Everyone will be kept updated on when it will be released. The Youth Committee Chair is working on some upcoming events which include a Basketball Clinic in June. Details will be given at the next meeting. Also the Van Cortlandt Golf Event is scheduled for July 19. So far the Knights Football League is going well. We will have more information at the June meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th. Location and time will be made available to everyone by the Youth Chairman.

The Youth Chairmen would like to thank all of his board members for their support and collaboration on all of the events.