

NOVEMBER 2011 NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH



AWARDED TO DOREEN WOHL AND THE VOLUNTEERS OF
WESTSIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER

for creating a customer-cooperative supermarket where customers shop for their food, and for providing a one-stop social service program that is a gateway to hundreds of other programs and empowers customers to find solutions.



Stephanie Astacio, Senior Intern, Green Life; Arnold Fung, Senior Intern, Green Life; A.J. Rathman-Noonan, Principal, Urban Assembly School for Green; Kim Wickers, Horticultural Director Theodore Roosevelt Park; Peter Wright, President Friends of Roosevelt Park, Inc.

Awarded to The Friends of Roosevelt Park and to The Urban Assembly School for Green Careers, for their GreenLife internship program.

GreenLife is a 7 year old internship program in Roosevelt Park for local high school students, most of whom come from minority groups. In carrying out closely-supervised projects, the interns not only learn the fundamentals of horticulture, but, more important, they gain real-time experience in building job readiness skills which are critical for entry-level success in whatever careers they may pursue.

David Reich

April 2011 CB7

Neighbor of the Month Award



David Reich



David Reich, Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg

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In Recognition of his contributions as president and treasurer of the West 102 and 103 Block Association, and for helping to organize *Bloomingtondale Aging In Place*, a program that emphasizes neighbors helping neighbors as they grow older in their long-time homes.

- Long-time resident of Westchester, employed by IBM in Research Department.
- Moved to Upper West Side about 12 years ago (1999).
- Immediately joined the West 102 and 103 Block Association and became active in the community. Served as Treasurer and President.
- A couple of years ago, along with Hannah Rubin, head of the West 104th Street Block Association, he organized Bloomingtondale Aging In Place, a program emphasizing neighbors helping neighbors as they grow older in their long-time homes. It has been an outstanding example of how to develop a neighborhood group, and to keep it growing.
- He maintains his activity in the Block Association, and will be serving again as Treasurer.

- Long history of personally helping neighbors, whether with their computers or getting them to agencies which can give them help in other areas.
- Makes sure he leaves time for gardening in the back of his building, and seeing his daughters and grandchildren who live in California.
- Has a workshop in his apartment where he has made wooden toys for those grandchildren.
- Enjoys getting around New York City and being involved in what's going on.

Acceptance of CB7 recognition as Neighbor of the Month for April, 2011

David L. Reich

April 5, 2011

Thank you, Chairman Wymore and the members of Community Board 7, for this recognition. It is particularly meaningful to me because you all know very well what it means to be a volunteer concerned with improving conditions for your fellow residents.

Before I moved to the Upper West Side about twelve years ago, I lived in a small town in Westchester. When I was about to leave, a person on my street said she was sorry to see me go. "You were such a good neighbor," she said. "We never knew you were there!" Then I arrived on W. 102nd St. where I was welcomed into the W. 102nd & 103rd Streets Block Association, asked to take on a few tasks and I offered to help with the Newsletter. I thank the members of the Block Association for their warmth and generosity.

There is a great reservoir of good will in this community that is waiting to be tapped. About three years ago, Hanna Rubin, then the president of the W. 104th St. Block Association, and I started to organize what has become Bloomingdale Aging in Place. With the participation of many others, we realized that there are among us vulnerable seniors in need of simple assistance that could be provided by their neighbors. BAiP offers ways for people to connect so that the provision and acceptance of help becomes a natural and neighborly thing to do.

Again, thank you very much for this award.



WINIFRED ARMSTRONG DECEMBER 2010 NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH AWARD

Winifred Armstrong describes herself as in her "archives mode", and perhaps a good way to describe her career is to mention where her archives and those of a number of the organizations in which she has played a role are going:

The Kennedy Library has six boxes of her records and an oral history of her work on Africa, developing the Peace Corps idea, and housing for the then new African diplomats that she did for Senator John F. Kennedy before he was elected President;

The Schomburg Library has 30 boxes of her materials from other work on Africa mainly in the 60's and 70's;

Pace Law Library has 6 boxes of Win's work as an environmental economist and planner to get the U.S. involved in the early international environmental work of UNEP and the OECD in the 70's;

The files of the U.S. branch of The Other Economic Summit (TOES), an organization that ran an alternate summit to the G-7, is among those housed at Temple University, which has a special collection of U.S. organizations which have challenged traditional economic and political ideas;

The Park West Village Tenants' Association files are now being indexed at NYU;

And the Society for International Development, in whose New York Chapter Win was active for thirty years, recently wrote Win to thank her for preserving the history of the ideas that form the "intellectual capital" of their work.

Fine, you may say, but what has she done for the neighborhood?

Win's initial relationship with Community Board 7 began in the 1980's, when she worked with Elizabeth Starkey, Doris Rosenblum and others in reshaping the New York City Charter to include more representation and input from community boards. She was a member of CB7 1990-91, and very involved in the restructuring of the original Riverside South project. She resigned in 1991 as she was going overseas, but has worked ever since with Board staff and members on many projects. One thing Win particularly wanted mentioned was her appreciation of the Land Use Committee's submission last year of a PWVTA letter to the Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination asking that the environmental review criteria used by the City for many public projects be extended to private projects such as the Park West Village expansion.

And our Neighborhood History is better known and better appreciated thanks to the efforts of Win and a still growing group of upper west side history buffs. Starting in 2000, when Win was casually asked by a fellow resident of Park West Village if anyone knew its history, she responded by bringing together those who knew it. That interest in the wider neighborhood's history grew and spread, and the Park West Neighborhood History Group was formed and since has established a Special Collection of Neighborhood History at the Bloomingdale branch of the New York Public Library on 100th Street with materials from over 100 churches, schools, and organizations from 86th to 110th Street. PWNHG works with the BID to offer walks, and organizes talks. (Some of the events: the history of the Youth Hostel, how the alternate ideas of Robert Moses and Jane Jacobs are playing out in upper west side history, and on Joan of Arc's 599th birthday about the story of her statue at 93rd Street and Broadway.) The Group's work in both preserving and extending the history of our neighborhood has been recognized throughout the City – for example, in judging NYC History Day school projects, in contributing to exhibits at Columbia and elsewhere, and in awards from city and state organizations.

We in Community Board 7 are proud to be part of making that history. Moreover, we thank Win and her colleagues in the Park West Neighborhood History Group for collecting, preserving, and extending that history.

SAM KATZ SPECIAL NEIGHBOR OF THE UPPER WEST SIDE RECOGNITION, JULY 6, 2010



Sam Katz

(L to R) Mel Wymore, Marc Glazer, Sam Katz, Ian Alterman

Community Board 7 thanks you for your many years of faithful service to the Upper West Side. Your presiding over the 20th Precinct Council meetings has helped foster effective communications between the Police Department and their neighbors, residents and their businesses. Your work has helped to set a standard for developing successful working relationships.

Keeping the community meeting with local law enforcement creates an opportunity for members and the police to share information that helps everyone. When alerted by neighbors of a potential problem developing, the police are often able to stop it long before it becomes a bigger issue. Precinct Council Meetings are a vital part of community involvement. We support the Council's initiatives and we thank Sam Katz for her long time commitment and all of her tireless efforts on our behalf. You have really made a difference. Wishing you well.

May 2010 Neighbor of the Month, Bill Telepan.



In recognition of Bill Telepan for his superb work in bringing healthy food and healthy eating to our children and for his unflagging support for local, seasonal and delicious food in the public schools.

April 2010 West Side Neighbor of the Month



Batya Lewton and Madeleine Polayes; Miki Fiegel, Mel Wymore, Batya, Madeleine, Gale Brewer, Jerry Nadler

This month's neighbor of the month recognition goes to [Batya Lewton](#) and [Madeleine Polayes](#) for their indefatigable spirit in working to insure generations of west siders a better and more livable neighborhood. Link on their names for an in depth history of their accomplishments.

March 2010 West Side Neighbor of the Month



This month's neighbor of the month is Mr. Orlando Valencia, in grateful recognition of his generous spirit and vital contributions to three senior citizen centers and the West 75th St Block Association.



February 2010 West Side Neighbor of the Month



This month, CB7 applauds Charlotte Ford, founder of the Park West Community Network! The network enables neighbors to help each other through a simple service exchange program. Using a notebook located in the building lobby, neighbors can communicate their requests to receive service (dog walking, plant watering, medicine pick-ups, etc.) as well as their availability to provide service. The program was so successful in Charlotte's building, it expanded to many of the buildings in the Park West Village. Charlotte's innovation has improved the quality of life for all, especially the growing number of elderly residents who appreciate the support of their neighbors.

December 2009 CB7 Neighbor of the Month



Community Board 7 – Monthly Community Service Award Testimonial
by Congregation Rodeph Sholom for
Joanna Kapner

Among its many spiritual and educational experiences and programs, Congregation Rodeph Sholom's mission statement concludes with the words: We seek to enrich the lives of our members, contribute to the continuance and vitality of the Jewish people, and Tikkun Olam - to help "repair the world." As a long time synagogue member and honorary Trustee, Joanna Kapner exemplifies Congregation Rodeph Sholom's mission.

Joanna's involvement in the synagogue is dedicated and far-reaching. She is the treasurer of Congregation Rodeph Sholom's Sisterhood, and thus responsible for helping share some of the synagogue's resources with organizations dedicated to women's rights and Jewish women in particular. However, Joanna is most associated with two of the synagogue's flagship social action projects. Heading up its Project Moving On program, affiliated with Women in Need, Inc., Joanna and her committee of volunteers has helped countless women and families who move from shelters into permanent housing. Under Joanna's direction the synagogue community provides these women with some basic items they need to start in a new home, including kitchen supplies and some toys for the children.

In addition to these commitments, Joanna stepped in as Chair of the synagogue's Food Drive about two years ago. Each year she manages donations of over \$50,000, and ensures their distribution to various service providers around New York City, including Dorot, WEME, Urban Pathways, and the West Side Campaign Against Hunger. Based on her involvement through the Rodeph Sholom Food Drive, Joanna also sits on the board of the West Side Campaign Against Hunger.

In a congregation committed to social justice and social action, Joanna exemplifies these values in her active, dedicated service. She is most worthy of an award dedicated to community service from Community Board 7.

WEST SIDE NEIGHBOR OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2009



Angela Miller

Last month, CB7 introduced the “West Side Neighbor of the Month” recognition. Each month, we will be honoring a West Sider who volunteers time and energy to help others and improve life in our community.

November’s “Neighbor” is Angela Miller, a resident of Amsterdam Houses for seven years. Angela wanted to get involved in serving her community and became active in the Amsterdam Houses tenants’ association. From this, she learned about the inactive tenant patrol.

Crime reduction and increased safety are priorities for Amsterdam Houses residents. The tenant patrol, which is encouraged in all NYCHA developments, is a major way to achieve these goals. The tenant patrol is made up of residents who volunteer to staff a table in their building’s lobby and provide security. NYPD and NYCHA management support the volunteers.

Angela reinstated the tenant patrol. From coverage in a few buildings, it has grown to close to half of the 24 buildings in the development. With Angela’s leadership, and the support of community groups like West Side Crime Prevention and CB7, we are confident that all of the Amsterdam Houses buildings will soon have complete security coverage.

Please let us know your nominee for “Neighbor of the Month”. Send your recommendation to office@cb7.org. Each month, a “Neighbor” will be introduced and recognized at our full board meeting and their story will be posted on our web site.