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A happy, healthy 2011 to all our friends & neighbors!
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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS

January 2011

There is NO January Meeting!

Holiday Party 2010

The 2010 BBC Holiday Party was a high-spirited success. More than 100 Villagers — including 25 children — joined together to celebrate. Thanks to all who contributed to make this evening so special: **Tom Burrows** (Santa's special helper), **Kathy Donaldson**, whose brownies were as divine as she is, our Assemblymember, **Deborah Glick**, who stepped in and made a heaping tray of baked beans, **Melinda Holm**, greeter *extraordinaire*, **Terri Howell**, **Diane Levine**, **Dora Nyffenegger**, miraculous creator of wondrous pies and cookies, **Larry Selman** (Santa's all-time favorite helper), **Holly Shaw**, **Diane Wildowsky**, empress of the sausage roll (and special thanks to Diane, who persuaded Mrs. Claus — Diane's twin sister — to attend with hubby, Santa.

Thanks to those elves who collected raffle prizes: **Kathy Donaldson**, **Melinda Holm**, **Dora Nyffenegger**, **Larry Selman**, and **Rhea Vadher**. Special, special thanks to **Dennis Karr**, who stalwartly played piano over the din as we sang, usually off-key. And very special appreciation to our junior BBCer's who chose the carols and helped lead the singing. And thanks to **Al E. Gator and his Puppet Theater**, a BBC tradition that brought delight to Villagers of all ages, with high-stepping marionettes and puppeteering lessons! See ya later (next year!), Al E. Gator!

Flash! Mrs. Claus just called — she reports that “when she asked the children if they had all sent their letters to Santa, they responded in unison that they had sent emails and two children proudly announced that Santa had emailed back. Another child, while waiting

his turn to speak with Santa, looked at Mrs. Claus and asked “Who are you?” “I'm Mrs. Claus,” she answered. Eyeing her up and down, he then asked her: “How did you get here?” “On Santa's sleigh, of course,” she replied. A bit skeptical, he then continued the interrogation: “How long did it take?” Thinking for a moment, she replied: “About an hour — it's a direct route from the North Pole to New York City, you know.” Still giving her that skeptical look, he then asked, “Where's the sleigh?” As she ushered him toward Santa, she told Santa that this young man wanted to know where the sleigh was. “Out back! Do you know how hard it is parking a sleigh in New York City??!!” And with that, the conversation turned to lists, requests, and concerns about who Mrs. Claus is and how she got there vanished.” A real New York kid!

Heartfelt thanks from **Dale Belli**, of The Urban Life-Source Connection, to the many BBCers who contributed so many useful items to the PWA Holiday Project, which works with over 28 hospitals, hospices, and outpatient programs. Dale & Company wrapped and gave out thousands of gifts, including the BBC's donations of clothes, blankets, knitted items, stuffed animals, and toiletries. Thank YOU, Dale, for all that you do!

And more special thanks to honorary BBCers **Gary Parker and Lisa Kiel**, of NYU, who generously donated many items from NYU for our raffle prizes (everything left over was donated by the BBC to Dale Belli's PWA Holiday Project).

Finally, much gratitude to the many local merchants and eateries that generously donated raffle prizes. A complete listing of these good neighbors is found below. We recommend them to BBC members and encourage their patronage:

Beasty Feast (630 Hudson St.); **Blind Tiger** (281 Bleecker St.); **Caliente Cab Co.** (61 7th Ave. So.); **Century Copy** (381 Broome St.); **Corner Bistro** (331 W. 4th

St.); **D'Agostino Supermarkets**; **Fiacco's Pork Store** (260 Bleecker St.); **Film Forum**; **Gaetano's Cucina Italiana** (143 Christopher St.); **Greenwich House Music School** (46 Barrow); **Grey Dog's Coffee** (33 Carmine); **Housing Works** (245 W. 10th St.); **IFC Center** (323 6th Ave.); **Integral Yoga** (229 W. 13th St.); **John's Pizzeria** (278 Bleecker); **John's of Bleecker St.**; **May Mung Flowers** (501 Hudson St.); **Myers of Keswick** (634 Hudson); **New Golden Greetings** (464 Hudson St.); **New York University Bookstore**; **The Path Café** (131 Christopher St.); **Pet's Kitchen** (116 Christopher St.); **Romp Family Christmas Trees on Jane Street**; **Sea Grape Wine Shop** (512 Hudson St.); **Seagull Haircutters** (240 W. 10th St.); **St. Luke's Thrift Shop** (487 Hudson St.); **West Village Chorale** (487 Hudson).

Thanks 81 Bedford St. Neighbors!

For many years, the BBC and **Tyler Redman**, our resident gardener, have been blessed with plant and equipment storage facilities made available by our neighbors at 81 Bedford St. Our streets would be far less green without their help and we thank them for it. Tyler and neighbors managed to complete our autumn plantings prior to the snows. Our tree guards will be overflowing with Spring flowers thanks to this cooperative community spirit.

THOMAS PAINE UPDATE

Our Assemblymember Deborah Glick and State Senator Tom Duane are gearing up for the introduction of a bill honoring Tom Paine's January 29 birthday. When the Governor signs the bill, New York State will join 11 other states that have already passed such legislation. (VA, VT, RI, FL, NH, NEB, MASS, DEL, MO, MAINE and OR) Because Paine lived and died here in Greenwich Village, it's long overdue that New York State join the list. It's not an easy process, but we could not be better positioned for success with Deborah and Tom at the helm. (Know anybody in NJ and PA interested in such a project? Paine also lived in both states! Contact: Bob Oliver @ billlavelle@hotmail.com.)

RE-UP YOUR BBC MEMBERSHIP!

It's time to renew your membership in the BBC (see enclosed flyer) for only \$15 (CHEAP!). Be the first on your block to renew—in the convenient enclosed envelope. Thanks to all

NEWS FROM NEIGHBORS

The Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.) presents *Ensemble Helacious*, as part of its 25th anniversary season of North River Mu-

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sic, on Thursday, Jan 20, 8PM in the Renee Weiler Concert Hall. Ensemble Helacious will perform the premiere of "Untitled Number Nine," a study in the generation, propagation, and emotional reception of sound, specifically written for GHMS's Renee Weiler Concert Hall, and the acclaimed "MC 5," inspired by the musical spirit of the legendary Detroit-based rock band of the same name. Founded by **Frank Wigglesworth** in 1985, GHMS's North River Music is one of New York City's first concert series devoted to new and experimental music. Admission is payable at the door from 7:30 PM and costs \$15 general; \$10 for students and seniors. For more information, call 212.242.4770; or go to the GHMS website, www.gharts.org.

The Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation will host, on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6:30- 8 PM, at Jefferson Market Library, 425 Ave. of the Americas,

"The Villagers," Book Reading; on Tues., Jan. 18, 6:30-8 PM, at Cooper Union, Rose Auditorium (41 Cooper Square),

"When Architecture Could Fashion a Nation: A Lecture on the Architecture of McKim, Mead & White by Professor Momette Broderick"; on Thursday, Jan. 27, 6:30-8 PM, at Third Street Music School Settlement (235 East 11th St.),

"A History of East Village Row Houses: A Panel Discussion." All events are free; reservations are required, 212.475.9585, x 35; rsvp@gvshp.org.

The West Village Chorale's winter concert, *Alter Egos*, will take place on Sunday, January 30th at 4 PM at Judson Memorial Church (Meeting Room, 55 Washington Square South) and feature Bach sounding romantic and Mozart sounding dark and intense. You will hear marvelously spiritual creations by Copland and Tchaikovsky; a serene work by Beethoven; and a NYC premiere of the WVC's own Artistic Director, Michael Conley's, composition "Immortal Beloved." For more information, go to www.westvillagechorale.org.

