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A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2012
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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS
THERE IS NO JANUARY MEETING!

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!

And Become a BBC Tree Hugger!!

Our 120 street trees give our neighborhood its special country village feel. But our trees, and the maintenance of our treepits, take an enormous financial commitment. In 2011, the BBC spent \$2,885 on the pruning and spraying of our trees, and nearly \$14,000 on fall and spring plantings (including paying our crack professional gardener, **Tyler Redmond**, who plants, cleans and maintains our treepits), and \$1,800 for graffiti removal and painting. When you renew your membership, please consider becoming a BBC Tree Hugger and making a donation for the care and maintenance of our trees and treepits. You will be thanked many times over on summer days by shade and cooling breezes afforded by our trees, and the beauty of flowers always blooming in our treepits.



Holiday Party 2011

The 2011 BBC Holiday Party was a high-spirited success. Nearly 90 Villagers (including 22 children!) joined together to celebrate. Thanks to all who contributed to make this evening so special: **Tom Burrows** (Santa's

alter ego), "**Bad Elf**" **Leslie Sharpe**, **Kathy Donaldson**, whose brownies were simply divine, **Melinda Holm**, who brought the gift of brussel sprouts, **Alice Elliott**, who organized the feast and served the sumptuous food so graciously, **Terri Howell**, as always, who did EVERYTHING!, **Joy Hornung**, who flew in on a snowy owl from the North Pole to "man" the front door, **Dora Nyffenegger**, who baked her wondrous pies and cookies, **Larry Selman** (Santa's all-time favorite helper), who greeted revelers downstairs, **Holly Shaw** and **Russell Horton**, who decorated divinely, **Diane Wildowsky**, Queen of the Quiche (and special thanks to Diane's twin sister, Mrs. Claus!, who appeared at our party with Santa, and special, special thanks to Diane's Good Elf sister, Ellen, for all her help at the dessert table).

And thanks to those elves who collected raffle prizes: **Kathy Donaldson**, **Melinda Holm**, and **Dora Nyffenegger**. Special, special thanks to Lucy Gallher, who stalwartly played piano over the din as we sang off-key. And very special thanks to the Music School's own Jason, who chose the carols and led the singing with his gorgeous tenor voice. 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! Santa just called – he reports that little **Diego Nieves** caught him at the Holiday Party as he was departing for his sleigh to ask "How do reindeer fly?" Santa's pushy Bad Elf, who was lurking nearby, responded that the reindeer eat special corn that only grows in the snow of the North Pole. Santa, patient as ever, added that "we have special greenhouses up there to grow our magic corn too."

Santa also went on to tell Diego that "it's dark up there, but the Northern Lights make the corn grow." "What's the Northern Lights?" asked Diego. Santa told him that they are magical colored lights that fill

the northern sky. When Diego asked Santa “Could I eat the corn and fly?,” Santa warned him that the magic corn is “only for the reindeer. If anyone else eats it, there’s always trouble.” As an example of what can happen, he pointed to his Bad Elf, who was rudely making faces throughout this entire conversation, and said, “If you eat the corn and you’re not a reindeer, like my elf did, then you become very, very bad indeed . . .”



Heartfelt thanks from **Dale Belli**, of The Urban LifeSource 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, and toiletries. Thank YOU, Dale, for all that you do!

And more special thanks to honorary BBCer **Lisa Kail**, of NYU, who generously donated items from NYU for our raffle prizes (everything left over was donated by the BBC to Dale Belli’s PWA Holiday Project). And thanks to our intrepid **Assemblymember Deborah Glick**, who donated “Love the Village” t-shirts for our raffle, and also to the PWA Holiday Project.

Finally, thanks 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:

- American Museum of Natural History
(Central Park West at 79th St.);
- Beasty Feast (630 Hudson St.);
- Caliente Cab Co. (61 Seventh Ave. So.);
- Century Copy (381 Broome St.);
- Cherry Lane Theater (38 Commerce St.);
- D’Agostino Supermarkets;
- Fiacco’s Pork Store (260 Bleecker St.);
- Film Forum;
- Gaetano’s Cucina Italiana (143 Christopher St.);
- Garber’s Hardware (710 Greenwich St.);
- Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.);
- Housing Works (245 W. 10th St.);
- IFC Center (323 6th Ave.);
- Integral Yoga (229 W. 13th St.);
- John’s Pizzeria (278 Bleecker St.);
- May Mung Flowers (501 Hudson St.);
- Myers of Keswick (634 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).

News from Neighbors

The Cherry Lane Theatre (38 Commerce St.) presents, in the Studio, *Him*, a straight comedy about an “in the closet” movie star. Written and directed by **Clifford Streit**. Through January 6.

And, also in the Studio, *Do You Know Me?*, by **Mina Samuels**. Directed by **Lisa Chess**. A one-woman, one-act play about memory, loss and identity. A woman who has lost her short-term memory tries to get ready to take her daughter to school, but cannot hang onto the moment. January 18 & 19 at 7:00 PM. For more information, **212.989.2020; info@cherrylanetheatre.org**.

Be sure to mark your calendars for The West Village Chorale’s winter concert, “The Choir Supernal,” which will take place on Sunday, January 22, 2012, at 4:00 PM, at Judson Memorial Church, 55 Washington Square South. For **more information, go to www.westvillagechorale.org**.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

Evelyn Lauria danced at a hotel nightclub in the Catskills in her 20s, turning her passion into a teaching career that has lasted for many decades. Now 77, she’s spent the last 20 years producing performances by senior citizens in the Village. Lauria and about a dozen members of the over 60 set stepped, kicked and crooned their way through a holiday variety show at Greenwich House’s Senior Center on the Square on December 14. A crowd of about 30 people watched the show at 20 Washington Square North, The Caring Community. Between classes and lunches, the Senior Center on the Square serves about 250 people a day, center director Laura Marceca said. *from DNA Info*

The Community Action Alliance on NYU 2031 (CAAN) will hold a public information and advocacy forum in early January – hopefully the first week. For more information (date and location) go to www.caan2031.org or on Facebook CAAN 2031. Community board will explain the ULURP process and then advocacy strategy will be discussed.