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A happy and healthy 2014
to all our friends and neighbors!
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BBC NEWS AND VIEWS
JANUARY 2014

There is NO January Meeting!

Our next upcoming meetings will be Wednesday, February 6 and Wednesday, April 3. Speakers will be announced. Meetings are usually held the 1st Wednesday of the month. (Greenwich House Music School, 46 Barrow Street. 6:30 pm. refreshments, 7:00 pm meeting.)

Re-up Your BBC Membership!
See the convenient enclosed envelope
and be the first to renew.

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 tree-pits, take an enormous financial commitment. In 2013, the BBC spent funds on pruning and spraying of our trees, fall and spring plantings (including paying our crack professional gardener, **Tyler Redmond**, who plants, cleans and maintains our tree-pits), tree guards, does graffiti removal and painting (*see membership flyer for details*). 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 tree-pits. You will be thanked many times over on summer days by shade and cooling breezes afforded by our trees as well as the beauty of flowers ever blooming in our tree-pits.

Holiday Party 2013

The 2013 BBC Holiday Party was a high-spirited success. Despite snowy weather, nearly 90 Villagers (including 20 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**, **MC Kathy Donaldson**, **Terri Howell**, who dispensed libations, **Joy Hornung**, who flew in on a snowy owl from the North Pole to "man" the front door, **Anne Marie Paolucci** who organized the feast and served the sumptuous food so graciously, **Dora Nyffenegger**, who baked her wondrous pies and cookies, **Holly Shaw**, who decorated the tree divinely, **Diane Wildowsky**, who baked some wonderful brownies. Many special thanks to the elves that helped set up and clean up after the party- **Christina Kepple**, **Brian Delate**, and **Alice Elliott**, and thanks to those elves who collected raffle prizes: **Kathy Donaldson**, **Dora Nyffenegger**, and **Dr. Stan Simbonis**. Special, special thanks to **Lucy Gallagher**, who played piano and coordinated with the Music School's own **Jaison**, to conduct the caroling. 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!**

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).

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 strongly encourage their patronage: **Caliente Cab Co. (61 7th Ave. So.); Century Copy (511 Ave. of Americas); Cherry Lane Theater (38 Commerce St.); Clarkson Restaurant (225 Varick); D'Agostino Supermarkets; Doma na Rohu (27 1/2 Morton St.);**

Gaetano's Cucina Italiana (143 Christopher St.); Golden Greetings (464 Hudson St.); Golden Wok (159 Christopher St.); Greenwich House Music School (46 Barrow St.); Greenwich Locksmiths (56 7th Ave. So.); Gristedes Supermarkets; Housing Works (245 W. 10th St.); John's Pizzeria (278 Bleecker St.); May Mung Flowers (501 Hudson St.); Milk and Cookies (19 Commerce St.); New York University Bookstore; Pet's Kitchen (116 Christopher St.); Petite Abeille (466 Hudson 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 (239 Thompson St.)

BBC Fair Update:

From **Stacey Miller** our crafts coordinator
 The BBC Fine Arts and Fine Craft Show is May 17 this year. We have already received a number of applications and we have only been open since January 1. If any of you want to be in the show, please apply, and if you have friends or family who are artists please invite them to our show as well. The application is on entrythingy.com. You can contact me at staceybbc@gmail.com, if you need more info. We are looking forward to a fun and prosperous show. Hope to see you all there.

News from Neighbors

BBCer **Dr. Stan Simbonis** had a conference room dedicated in his name at his alma mater Yale School of Medicine. This dedication took place in October 2013. BBC applauds this wonderful event.

BBCer **Cheryl Brock** is having a solo exhibit this January through February at the James Beard Foundations Greenhouse Gallery on West 12th Street. This comes as the result of a large commission for new still-life drawings of food. Big congratulations to our Cheryl.

Neighborhood Notes & Notables

The initial plans for a Peter Sampton-designed mixed-used condominium building at 130 Seventh Avenue South were met with staunch opposition from the community at both the community board and Landmarks Commission levels. In fact, so many people offered public testimony at a Landmarks hearing back in July that the Commission was forced to adjourn for the day and give their opinions on the building at a later date. On that later date **Commissioner Margery Perlmutter** said, "This project isn't anywhere yet,"

She noted that the glass balconies and penthouse, despite being made out of the same materials, were speaking "different languages." **Commissioner Michael Goldblum** called the building "not appropriate for the district," and, taking it a step further, compared the designs to "an industrial loft that has been added to in the '80s." **Commissioner Joan Gerber** didn't even want to comment on the designs as the presentation neglected to adequately show the rear facade of the building. "The next presentation has to be a little more precise bringing us around the building," she said, adding, "the penthouse is much too tall." *from Curbed.*

After several months, the developer is ready to submit new plans and has reached out to concerned neighbors prior to being heard by CB2. It's a good move, but the new design is unlikely to impress the locals unless there has been a drastic reduction in height and scale.

When **Pete Wells** dropped his surprise four-star review of Sushi Nakazawa (23 Commerce Street), every sushi obsessive in this city tried to make a reservation. The Nakazawa team sends word that the restaurant is adding Monday night service. That means that starting next Monday, January 6, the acclaimed restaurant from sushi master **Daisuke Nakazawa** and restaurateur **Alessandro Borgognone** will be open seven days a week. Reservations are available on the restaurant's site and by calling 212-924-2212 . Eat local... if you can score a table. *from Eater*



Photo of the Rudin Project (St. Vincent's Hospital) by West 11th Street resident, Carl Stein.