

Welcome

9A Kieran and Adeline Burke. *The Burkes own a company that manages amusement and water parks across the US.*

What a Summer!

Record high temperatures without much rain, no hurricanes, (so far) and no façade work interrupting our peace and quiet or the use of our rooftop terrace. Our summer started this year in April, with a few 90+ degree days, and it just kept rolling. It appears that the 90 degree days are done for this year, but hopefully more beautiful fall weather is ahead. Plenty of time to go upstairs and enjoy the views from our rooftop aerie.

Building Manager

Our attentive Building Manager, Janice Keller-McDowall, has been on medical leave. We expect her back in mid to late October. Meanwhile, Isah Ibrahim of Tudor Realty has been attending to the issues of the building including approval for renovations etc. His phone is 212 557-3600 and his email is isahi@tudorrealty.com.

Reminders

- > Remember to set your clock back one hour the weekend of November 4 – this is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detector.
- > For rental of storage lockers in our basement, please contact Cristian Covaci.
- > If you have plumbing drips, drop in and see Cristian or send him an email at super@201west16.org

2012 Annual Meeting

For the first time in five years there was a quorum of shareholders at the meeting, or represented by proxy. Shareholders present heard Marvin Schwartz, our CPA, review our financial statement and heard several Board members review progress over the past year. The Board reviewed the effect of the sharp increases in NYC real estate tax on our budget, and our annual protest of same. The review also included a few ideas on how the building will be able to meet the challenge of the 2015 cutoff for use of #6 fuel oil.

There were seven candidates for the seven Board positions open. In accordance with the by-laws of the coop the seven candidates were elected by acclamation. The Board caucused briefly after the meeting for the purpose of appointing officers, which remain unchanged from last year.

Charles Sullivan	12B	President, Co-Treasurer
Ed Lewis	17E	Vice President, Co-Treasurer
Fred Rossetter	17A	Vice President
Jeff Billark	19A	Vice President
Rob Innes	18C	Vice President
Barbara Brazong	3C	Secretary
Clara Diaz	T.E.I.	Sponsor Representative

Some numbers to keep handy:

Medical Emergency	911
Robbery, Theft, Assault	911
Fire – any fire	911
Flood/water damage: Cristian Covaci	212-255-2544 or ring his doorbell @ 2B
Non-Life Threatening NYC Business	311
Cable TV: Verizon	800-VERIZON
Time Warner	212-358-0900
Telephone	800-VERIZON
New York Times Delivery	800 NY TIMES
Pet Emergencies Fifth Ave. Vet. Specialist, 1 W 15th	212-924-3311
Animal Medical Center, 510 E 62d	212-838-7053
Smoker Quit Line	311

More Reminders

- > Remember to NEATLY stack your recyclables on the floor by the garbage chute without blocking the stairs. Building staff collects these 2 or 3 times each day, but any materials that block the stairs can be a hazard to neighbors using the stairs, especially in an emergency.
- > The building provides free pest control services twice a month. If you would like your apartment treated, see Cristian or email him at super@201west16.org.
- > Please do not store any items including furniture, bikes, or baby carriages in the halls. Bicycles must have a home in the basement and baby carriages and all other property must be stored in your apartment.
- > If you are smoker, please be considerate and note that smoke cannot travel to any of the public areas in our building or to any other apartments.

Life at 201 in the 1930s

In a building as old as ours, it's natural to sometimes wonder who may have lived in our apartments many years ago and what their lives were like. The Census Bureau recently released to the public detailed data from the census interviews of 1940. This was the first census that included our then 11-year-old building, which operated as a rental.

On April 2, 1940, census taker Josephine Blanck visited 201 to interview each resident of the building. With a flowing fountain pen, she recorded their names, ages, occupations, rents, and salaries. She did not note their apartment numbers, but one can make some guesses based on the order she followed in filling out her forms and the rents charged. For example, the first people she spoke to were building super Richard Bunch and his wife Katherine. They were both 28 years old in 1940 and had an infant son. Despite reporting a yearly salary of only \$2,000, Bunch reported working 72 hours a week. Presumably there were a lot of repairs even back then. The Bunch Family, who perhaps got an employee discount, paid \$42.50/month for their apartment.

Only one other apartment, that of Jean Eisner, 36, had a lower rent, listed at \$40. Most other rents were grouped in the \$50 range (presumably the studios), the \$80 range (1 bedrooms), and the \$110 range (2 bedrooms). The highest rent in the building, a whopping \$170, was paid by renowned labor leader David Dubinsky, who resided in the penthouse for many years. Dubinsky, who listed his profession as "President," ran the influential International Ladies' Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) and once even graced the cover of Time Magazine as one of labor's titans. Unlike most of the building's residents, he did not divulge his income, instead reporting only "over \$5,000 per year." The census taker apparently knew better than to press for more details.

A glance at the salaries and professions of other residents shows a wide range of disciplines. Henry Moritz, 76, was a liquor wholesaler making \$1,560 per year. Janet Cohen, 23, a cabaret pianist, reported no income at all, but seemed to do OK by splitting her \$73 rent with roommates (or "partners" as they were usually then listed). Other professions represented at 201 included engineer (\$4,500/year), medical technician (\$1,740/year), restaurant manager (\$2,000/year), and 26-year-old "photography model" Geneva Coventry, who would not list an income but noted that her professional name was "Josephine Stevens." She lived alone in what was no doubt a swank \$75/month pad. Interested in more? Check out <http://1940census.archives.gov> on the web. Our building's enumeration district is 31-279.