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TED LUCKI - MAN OF THE YEAR

OTHER PAPERS HAD THE NEWS FIRST BUT WE'VE GOT THE MAN.

By its very nature Belle Terre attracts artistic and talented people and as in all communities with all this wealth of talent, ideas and egos clash. His Honor Ted Lucki handles it all with good humor and panache. **He is a gem!**

The Port Times Record of December 25th named Ted Lucki their Man of the Year 2008 for many of his community efforts in Port Jefferson and Suffolk county, but also for his motivating force behind the 75th Anniversary of Belle Terre, the reconstruction of the Belle Terre wall and the entrance gates.



Notices and Notes

OWNER OF BELLE TERRE SAVES THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND THE CIA IS BORN

History Lecture by Nancy Orth

Fri., March 27, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Belle Terre Community Center, 55 Cliff Road, Belle Terre

2009 Spring Trash Collection Week of April 26th

Bagged leaves and bundled branches will be picked up but must be kept separate from the household trash as they are picked up by a different truck. Twigs, Branches and Yard debris should be bundled and tied into bundles that are no more than 4 feet long.

In a separate pile, large household items such as mattresses, furniture, appliances, and other household goods can be placed at the curb.

Appliances should be empty and doors removed for safety. Time to clean the basement!

All items should be at the curb by Sunday night. Maggios will only come through each street one time during the week of April 26th, so if you miss the pick up, they will not come back.



CABANAS

There are spaces on the beach for additional cabanas. Cabanas are bought or built by the resident.

The Village charges a \$200.00 fee every year and if anyone is interested please contact Sheila Knapp for further information. 473 0212.

Our condolences to the families and friends of

**Ellen Casals-Ariet and
Charlotte Paskin**

For the loss of their loved ones.

Football Sunday



On Sunday January 18, the Belle Terre Community Association sponsored the 4th Annual football Sunday. Once a year, the BTCA gathers together to enjoy the football playoffs. Although our local NY teams were not playing, we had a turnout of over 50 Belle Terre residents. The BTCA served hot dogs, chips, dips, deserts, sodas and beer.



We were greatly pleased to have the first chili cook-off, with Dave 'Mad Dog' McAnaney competing against Linda 'The Lovely' Poirier for the best chili. The judge decided that since they were both so good, it was a first place tie. Everybody enjoyed both chilis immensely -- especially the chili dogs!



We were scheduled to watch only the first play-off game ending at 6PM. However, we were all having so much fun, we decided to extend the event to the watch the second playoff game also.

To cap things off, one of our Belle Terre attendees, Caroline Engelhardt, bought enough pizza for everyone attending. The event was a great success and we left close to 11PM.

The BTCA sponsors these complimentary events to promote community spirit and involvement. Watch for the next BTCA event and please join us.

Ken Weiss



The Golden Step

By Lucio Costanzo

It was in New York City 1959, in the late spring. Stephanie's girlfriend Carol was planning a sweet 16 birthday party. "I know this guy named Lucio and I want you to come to my party as his date," she said. "I'll show you who he is and introduce him to you at the bus stop after school." Lucio planned to meet Stephanie at her home and walk the four blocks to her girlfriend's house. Lucio was too embarrassed to hold Stephanie's hand on the walk home even after having a great time together at the party.



As soon as the music on the back patio started Stephanie and Lucio got up and started dancing. Dancing the Lindy they twirled multiple turns and kicked their shoes to the sky. They had never danced together before, and neither one was aware of how good their partner was going to be. This was their dance, the first of a lifetime of paired moves.

Lucio and Stephanie dated after that sweet 16 party. By the time they started college they became great friends. Dance became one of the themes that led them around New York City to find bands in Manhattan's lesser known, more affordable clubs that could inspire their dancing. They fell in love both on and off the dance floor.

Soon after they became engaged to be married, they decided to enter the polka contest of the 1962 Harvest Moon Ball national dance competition held in New York City. Unlike today, dancers competed in specific dances. Stephanie decided to teach Lucio a dance he didn't know, the polka.

They entered the polka division. She made their costumes and rented the appropriate boots for the semi-finals and then Stephanie made interpretive costumes when, to their surprise, they placed in the national finals. They invited all their friends and relatives to watch them dance in Madison Square Garden. With thousands of people witnessing their dance skill they jumped and spun around the dance floor smiling and enjoying every move.

The fame of dancing in Madison Square Garden, even though they didn't win the first prize, led to many organizations to hire them to dance for various events. They became local celebrities in New Jersey and New York.

Following their marriage in 1964 they raised a family of four children and put their dance "careers" on hold. Meanwhile Lucio taught high school mathematics, and Stephanie continued her art career by teaching part time and privately.

In the early 80's an acquaintance at a local parish dance asked them to show him and his partner some dance moves and a new idea was born. He encouraged them to find a venue to teach the dancing that they did so well. Continuing education, colleges, elementary, junior and senior high schools, libraries, museums and a host of other private organizations began hiring the couple to perform and to teach dance. Word of mouth helped them to spread their joy of dancing. Their calendar is dance full. From ballroom to latin to folk dance and wedding-preparation dance, Stephanie and Lucio fulfilled their passion to dance the night away.

This coming June they will be celebrating 45 years of marriage but it's been 50 years that they have been dance partners, their golden anniversary.



Photo by Robert A. Kelly

The summer session of ballroom dancing is scheduled for Fridays, July 10, 17, 24 & 31, August 7 & 14 from 7:30 to 9 PM.



An Unexpected Guest

On February 14, 2009 a wedding was performed in Belle Terre. It was a wonderful event. It was our first wedding in five years. It was my first wedding in the “Justice of the Peace” role.

I can perform a civil wedding ceremony, although the former Mayor, Vinnie Bove never taught me how to perform this solemn role.

I was a little nervous but it seems that all went well. The bride and groom were happy and everyone had a great time. After the

wedding I took off the “Mayor Robe” and my daughter noticed two letters embroidered on the inside, below the clothing manufacturer tag. There was a one inch “V B” embroidered in the robe.

My daughter asked what that meant. My first reaction was a little sarcastic. I said “V B” stands for Very Big, indicating the size of the robe. My daughter said “no way. It probably means Village of Belle Terre.” My wife Lori now said, “No, you are both wrong- VB means Vinnie Bove. This was his robe!”

I smiled and said “I think we are all correct.” I miss VB and I know he was here at the wedding.

Thank you V.B.

President of NYCOM

Mayor Gary Vegliante was instrumental in the creation of the Village of West Hampton Dunes in November of 1993. He was elected its Mayor in March of 1994 in the Village’s first election, and has since been re-elected four times. His current term runs until the year 2012.

Mayor Vegliante moved to Belle Terre, with his wife Claire and two children Gary and Colette in August 1995. He received his Masters Degree in Education from Long Island University.

Mayor Vegliante has been featured in many national and local publications regarding a variety of municipal issues, including but not limited to municipal creation, coastal management including public access, endangered species management, municipal electric & gas utilities. He is a strong advocate of Municipal Home Rule and has been involved in a series of successful landmark Federal and State lawsuits protecting the rights of Village Sovereignty and Constituent’s Advocacy.

Mayor Vegliante is a past president of Suffolk County Village Officials Association (SCVOA), Tri-County Village Association, and

sits the first Vice President of the New York Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

Gary A. Vegliante will be installed as the



President of NYCOM (New York Conference of Mayors) for its 100th year anniversary on June 29 2009, in Saratoga Springs, NY. It is an honor for him to have been selected to serve as President of such an esteemed organization.



BTCA Pancake Breakfast

On the 1st of March, we enjoyed a pancake breakfast organized expertly by Joe Camarda for the Belle Terre Community Association.



FUN & FOOD FOR EVERYONE.



Go Play, Me Hearties!

Our kiddies have a new apparatus to play on in the park. A pirate ship was generously donated by the new owner of 6 Beach Road, Donna Ercolano.

We thank her very much.



Contributory Items

This is your newspaper, to keep you all in touch with the village activities and resident's news.

If you have any stories, photographs or information that you think will be worth sharing with your neighbors, please let us know, by phoning Pat at 473 4801, or by e-mailing patstock@optonline.net.

Ken Weiss has included copies of past Belle Terre News Letters on the Village Website at www.belleterre.us. and these may give you ideas of the sort of items that can be published.

Museum Exhibit

We were happy to visit the New Britain Museum of Modern Art to see one of their latest acquisitions hung prominently on the ground floor.

The exhibit was an "ethnic" American flag made by our daughter as one of a series that is being currently exhibited around New York to show the cultural diversity of America.

Pat & Roy Stockdale



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Belle Terre Islands

Shirley's cup-winning island (below) and other islands.



VILLAGE DIRECTORY

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MAYOR.....	Ted Lucki	331-4907	Zoning Board of Appeals	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Deputy Mayor.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212	Assessor.....	Ronald Matuza	928-0020
Trustee.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245	Beach Comm.....	Sheila Knapp	473-0212
Trustee.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686	Building Comm.....	Grant Geelan	473-6245
Trustee.....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028	Conservation Comm....	Dave McAnaney	928-0020
Clerk-Treasurer.....	Joanne Raso	928-0020	Constable Comm.....	Bob Sandak	474-8686
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer	Louise Smit	928-0020	Chief Constable.....	Robert Walker	928-5785
Village Attorney.....	Eileen A. Powers	727-8250	Fire Marshall	James Makarius Jr.	774-3706
Village Justice.....	Charles Russo	265-7200	Historian.....	Nancy Orth	473-1078
Court Clerk.....	Elaine Freda	473-5105	Parks Commissioner....	Joanne Cornell-May	473-3028
Planning Board.....	Vincent DeStefano	928-0020	Parks Commission:..	Joanne Cornell-May, Sheila Knapp, & Myron Ledbetter	
Building Inspector.....	Cathy Evans-Masci	928-0020	Road Commissioner...	William Raso	928-0020
Technology Advisor.....	Ken Weiss	928-0020	Youth Program Comm ...	Francoise Schachner	928-0020
			Newsletter.....	Pat & Roy Stockdale	473-4801

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETINGS: Third Tuesday of every month unless otherwise posted.
VILLAGE CLERK: 928-0020 * FAX 928-7971. **PASSPORT AGENT HOURS:** Call Office.
VILLAGE WEBSITE: www.belleterre.us **VILLAGE E-MAIL:** btvillageoffice@gmail.com
JUSTICE COURT CLERK: Call 473-5105 to leave message for call-back appt.
NOTARY PUBLIC: Call office. **RECYCLABLES REFUSE PICK-UP:** Alternate Wednesdays.
1.CURBY: Glass, Metal, Plastics (1) & (2). **2.** Newspapers, Cardboard (flattened and tied).



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