Dear Ladies of Brandeis,

Ruth and I hope that you are enjoying a pleasant and mild winter in Staten Island. We would like to wish you and yours a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

This is the last letter I will be writing to you as president of our chapter, so I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that it has been an honor and privilege to serve in that capacity. I know I speak for Ruth in this instance.

Now that the North/South Luncheons are in the past, a special thanks go out to the ladies who worked so hard to make them the wonderfully successful events they were. In the South, Lenore Berman and Phyllis Levine deserve special acknowledgment and in the North, special acknowledgment goes to Fay Schiff and Laura Kessler. Words cannot fully express how much we appreciate their efforts.

In the future, two events which were quite enjoyable by all who attended and successful, are in the works. There will be another High Tea at the Old Bermuda Inn. The other event is the wine and painting party at Pinot Palette. In the case of Pinot Palette, we would like to know how many of you would be interested before the arrangements are made. If you are interested in this event, please let Ruth or me know.

We look forward to seeing you in the spring. Until then, please take care of yourselves and be well.

Sincerely,

Louise Grollman

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At our last Open Board Meeting, the following ladies volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee for new board members for 2017 Officers:
Kathy Polese (kpolese4@verizon.net), Sharon Gordon (sharongordon10@gmail.com) and Faye Schiff (layszoo@aol.com).

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can reach Kathy at 718-605-8536.

MEMBERSHIP

It was a pleasure meeting our new members at the Open Board Meeting in January. I would like to thank all our members who have gotten their friends to join our wonderful organization. Our Open Board Meetings can be attended by all members. If you know anyone who would like to be a member, call me at 917 518-1155 and I will send them all the pertinent information. Una Mackler
North Luncheon
Fay Schiff and Laura Kessler

Forty-one Northern Brave Hearts met at Max's Es-Ca on January 18th for lunch, listen and laughter. Everyone enjoyed time to talk and catch up with old acquaintances or make new friends; the larger number of attendees allowed for both.

Co-hostess, Laura Kessler, introduced David Frankel, who entertained us with memories of old radio and television shows. His knowledge of the history of communications plus a bit of lifestyle from “back when” brought smiles, laughs and personal chatter.

Following a fresh house salad, Max gave us five entree choices. I saw many plates of the grilled salmon, but Laura and I both enjoyed the oracchietti with chicken, sundried tomatoes and broccoli. His tiramisu was a yummy finish to the meal.

If Florida gets too hot, join us next year!

Education Conference in Hyderabad, India

In December 2016, our own Carole Parker accepted an invitation to be the keynote speaker at an Education Conference in Hyderabad, India. There were teachers, school administrators and high school and college students in attendance; all of whom are involved with ham radio in their schools. Carole is recognized as an expert in the teaching of ham radio and gets young people from all over the world to give presentations at her Youth Forums at conventions worldwide. In the spirit of volunteerism of our Brandeis group, she works as a volunteer with youngsters and technology education. Carole is the recipient of 7 international awards.
PROJECT HOSPITALITY  
Eileen Bernstein

Hi Ladies, Happy and Healthy New Year to all of you up North and to all of you down South. Thanks to all who attended the Poor People’s Dinner. It was a very special evening. I hope to see more members at this event next year.

I will let you know when we receive a date for the Project Hospitality “Spring” Luncheon. Enjoy and stay well.


FILM CLUB  
Fran Freeman

We will continue to have a Film Club the first Wednesday of each month. Notices will be e-mailed listing the name and time of the movie. We will discuss the movie at the Golden Dove Diner, 3281 Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, 10312.

As Fran Freeman is in Florida till the spring, Linda Bacal enjoys filling in. We had a large turnout January 5 at the Atrium for La La Land. Happily, the film received 14 awards at the Golden Globes. Our February films of Patriots Day or Hidden Figures should bring a large turnout as well. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

Please let Linda know if you plan to attend the February and/or March Film Club at the Atrium at 917-215-9695. Call Fran Freeman for the spring Film Club at 718-948-1320 or lennie1000@aol.com

DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group will continue on a limited basis for the time being. Also, we will be meeting at Z One on Richmond Ave. We look forward to having interesting and lively discussions on topics ranging from current events, ethics, morality, relationships, short stories or any number of topics of interest to our very interesting and intelligent members. We would love to have your input for future topics. I hope I have piqued your interest to join us at our meetings. I think we will have a lot to discuss this year.

We will send out email notices of the upcoming dates for the discussions. Generally, we will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We look forward to seeing you at these great activities sponsored by our chapter of BNC. You must email me Shelly at about five days before the event so I can prepare for the meeting.

The first discussion will take place on April 25 at Z One at 12:30 PM. I hope to see you there. A donation of $3 will be collected at each meeting. Net proceeds from these events will be earmarked for the Scholarship program.
BOOK CLUB
BY SHELLY BURKO

The Book club will meet at the Z One Diner, 1821 Richmond Avenue at 1:00 PM for lunch and discussion. As a rule, we meet the third Wednesday of the month. It is important to call several days in advance of the meeting so reservations and other considerations can be made at the restaurant and copies of the questions can be reproduced. Please email me at simmab@aol.com if you plan to attend a meeting. A donation of $3 for members and $4 for guests is collected at each meeting. The net proceeds from the meetings are earmarked for Catalyst for the Future in Support of Student Scholarships.

BOOKS FOR DISCUSSION

APRIL 19:

A MAN CALLED OVE BY FREDIK BACKMAN
This is a quirky debut novel about a grumpy yet loveable man whose world turns upside down.

MAY 17:

THE RENT COLLECTOR BY CAMRON WRIGHT
This book is about survival in harsh surroundings. But, it demonstrates that even in a dump in Cambodia-perhaps especially in a dump in Cambodia-everyone deserves a second chance.

JUNE 21:

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD BY COLSON WHITEHEAD
A magnificent tour de force chronicling a young slave's travels as she makes a desperate escape for freedom.

JULY 19:

LOVERS AT THE CHAMELEON CLUB, PARIS 1932 BY FRANCINE PROSE
A reader's review: "I could not put this book down. The writer's extraordinary descriptions of the era and the lives of the characters was extremely fascinating."

AUGUST 16:

NUTSHELL BY IAN MCEWAN
Told from a perspective unlike any other, an unborn baby boy, this is a classic tale of murder and deceit.
TRIPS - Spring and Summer 2017
Muriel Schlefeinstein
718 986-8368

Muriel’s trips book quickly so don’t delay if you would like to join. It is important to notify Muriel if you are unable to make a trip for which you have registered. We regret to advise that there are no refunds for trips if you cannot attend. If there is someone who would like to take your place, you would be reimbursed by that person. Muriel cannot issue a refund for you.

Event: Richmond town tour at 2 pm. Meet at museum. Lunch first at Casa Verde.
Date: April 21, 2017
Place: 338 Lighthouse Hill, Staten Island, NY 10306
Donation: $40, 12 o’clock lunch at Casa Verde, 3471 Richmond Road, S. I. 10306

Event: Good Housekeeping
Date: May 12, 2017, 11:30 am
Place: 11 West 53 Street, NY 10019
Donation: $10 Lunch on your own, suggest their cafeteria.

Event: Trinity Church at 2 pm
Date: June 19, 2017, 2 pm
Place: Lunch: Trinity Place at 12 pm, 115 Broadway, Entrance on Cedar Street
Donation: $45.

Event: Ellis Island, 10 am, Staten Island Ferry Terminal
Date: July 26, 2017
Place: Gigino, beautiful restaurant on the water at 20 Battery Park, eat 1:15 pm
Donation: $60

Event: Whitney Museum, 99 Gansvoort Street,(14 Street to Washington Avenue)
Date: August 24, 2017, 12 o’clock tour
Place: Lunch: 1:30 pm,
Donation: $62

Event: Edith Fabbri Mansion House
Date: September 12, 2017
Place: 7 East 95 Street, Manhattan
Donation: $10 tour

Event: Tea at Old Bermuda Inn
Date: TBA

Create a separate check for each trip made out to BNC. Write which trip it is for.
Send check to: Shelly Burko, 24 Ladd Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10312.
Name_________________________ Home Phone_________________________
Address_________________________ Cell Phone_________________________
Trip_________________________
E-mail_________________________