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CAMPAIGN REPORT

FUND RAISING - (Door-to-Door - Coin Boxes).

Under the capable guidance of Mrs. Joseph Gitter, Campaign Director, volunteers were enlisted, indoctrinated and dispatched with dramatic new materials to enlist public support through numerous small contributions. Mrs. Gitter had been warned by the experience of other organizations that 1960 was going to be a particularly difficult year for charitable causes. One after another they reported receipts far below those of last year. Aware of the situation but not dismayed, the Campaign Director simply said, "We must enroll more volunteers so that even if each one brings in less than last year the total will be as great or greater."

In addition to a new brochure which effectively tells the story of retarded children and the part AHRC plays in their habilitation, Mrs. Gitter designed a new canister for placement in shops. The new coin collector is of tin, and therefore opaque, and it has the advantage of taking up very little room (a boon to shopkeepers who need every inch of space) while it yields nothing in appeal value.

The Port of New York Authority collection, another of Mrs. Gitter's enterprises, starts Monday, Nov. 28th and continues through Dec. 10th. To combat the slowdown that has taken place in all non-profit endeavors, the AHRC volunteers who man the booth at the Terminal will work even harder - if that's possible.

PUBLICITY

12TH ANNUAL DRIVE CONTINUING

The campaign, which started

officially on Oct. 11th, was heralded with a message from Mayor Wagner proclaiming "Retarded Children's Week," and widespread placement (in newspapers including the World-Telegram) of a photograph of Mary Martin and the poster girl, little Kitty Deeley; announcements all day and most of the night on radio and TV; subways and busses displayed 4,000 car cards; the A & P distributed 300 large posters in front window space; department stores all along Fifth Ave., Madison Ave., 57th St., and 34th St. displayed posters in their windows or on the main floor of the store; while six major department stores created special windows. The barrage of publicity was followed by an army of 5,000 volunteers ringing their neighbors' doorbells and asking for contributions.

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY DIVISION:

Under the supervision of Mrs. Yvonne Sterling, the Commerce and Industry Division enlisted a new Chairman, Bernard P. Champon, President of L. A. Champon & Co. Inc. Honorary Chairmen are Lee H. Bristol, Jr., Director Public Relations, Bristol-Myers Prods. Div., Sam Cook Digges, Ex. Vice-Pres., CBS Films, Inc., and James J. Harris, Pres. Guest Pac Corp., last year's Chairman. Co-Chairmen are S. Irene Johns, Pres. S. Irene Johns, Inc., and Philip F. Swart, Vice-Pres. Morgan Guarantee Trust Co.

Mr. Champon is planning to raise \$75,000 this year. The campaign started with a generous contribution by Mr. David

Official Campaign Photograph



Mary Martin and Kitty Deeley, poster girl

Racusin, General Manager of the Barbizon Plaza Hotel. Mr. Racusin gave the committee a sendoff cocktail party on Oct. 19th.

At the party, Dr. Zuckerman, Executive Director of AHRC, spoke movingly of "Retardation in Depth." He told the guests of the importance of the problem - the horrible statistics of its incidence, the progress that has been made and the needs, especially financial, that must be met. He detailed the reasons behind the giving of grants, the operation

of the Training Center and Workshop, and the many other AHRC facilities and services.

When Mr. Harris was called on he covered last year's campaign and explained the urgency of continuity of effort in collecting funds for this cause. "You'd be surprised how much a few phone calls can bring in," he said. "After all we must realize that with 30 out of every thousand born afflicted, even though there are none in my family, according

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Walton High School Presents \$2100 to AHRC

October 5th is a day that will long be remembered with deserved pride by 2500 Walton High School girls, and AHRC. In the absence of President George G. Hirsch and Executive Director George Zuckerman, who were attending the National Convention at Minneapolis that day, Senator William Conklin, a member of the Board of Directors, and the Director of Public Relations for AHRC attended the Assembly to accept and witness the check presentation.

The Walton girls conducted the Assembly after a brief introduction by Principal Marion Heffernan. Miss Cayre Jungerman, Fund Raising Committee Chairman, presented the Guests of Honor. SENATOR CONKLIN SPOKE FOR PRECISELY FIVE MINUTES. Simply, directly, he used the third person to describe to the girls the shocking experience that befell an average businessman when he was called to a hospital to assist his wife after she had been told that their son was retarded. The Senator



Left to right: Donna Goral, Judy Schneider, State Senator William T. Conklin, Cayre Jungerman, Roberta Recht.

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Dr. George Zuckerman, Executive Director.

Dr. Zuckerman's Column

The 1960 campaign is sailing on under a full head of steam, powered by a corps of five thousand dedicated women who have volunteered their services to help retarded children.

It is hard to find adequate words to thank them, this selfless unpaid army, for taking on the often-frustrating though always-rewarding job of alerting their neighbors, friends and strangers to the terrible problem that confronts a large proportion of our population. Some of the volunteers have only an impersonal knowledge of the dread affliction - yet they ring door bells, cite statistics and appeal to the heart and conscience of others. They plead, yes they even beg for a small sum.

Other volunteers have the heart-breaking problem in their own families; and they prove their determination to erase this terrible affliction from future generations by soliciting contributions even though they are aware that help may come too late for the retardate in their own family.

In my opinion these women are deserving of a somewhat brighter halo and a higher place in the firmament than almost any other group. Theirs is often a distasteful job. Preceded by many other calls from charitable causes, treated with scant courtesy or even open suspicion, these courageous women rise above discouragement to continue on their self-appointed rounds. The only reward they seek is the right to the knowledge that they have played an important part in helping an unfortunate to some of his basic rights - an education that will equip him to fulfill his maximum potential - training that will enable him to become wholly or semi-independent financially - and happiness through companionship with others who share his disability.

The volunteers who serve retarded children have a right to a look at the ledger. Credits - A new project every year since an annual campaign was first undertaken. A promise of more and expanded services to come. Debits - a debt of heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer. Thank you and God Bless You.



EDITORIAL

"Moving Day" at the Training Center and Sheltered Workshop marks a plateau from which AHRC can look down with pride, and up with confidence. This is the second time we have had to move in order to keep up with the pressing demand for larger space to accommodate more trainees. What started out in small quarters in Brooklyn as a tentative effort to test whether or not vocational training could be effective in rehabilitating retarded young adults who had never worked before, has succeeded beyond the warmest hopes of those who instigated the project. It has snowballed like an avalanche into more than 100 Workshops situated all over the country, patterned after the pilot operation set up by the New York City Chapter of AHRC.

In congratulating ourselves on this, our latest achievement, a move that will enable us to service 40% more trainees than we did at 27th St., we must never lose sight of the ultimate goal - a Training Center and Sheltered Workshop with a building of its own, one with space enough to contain all the young people who could benefit from vocational training.

WNYC Devotes 15 Minutes to AHRC

Jay Jones, interviewer for WNYC and Jack Tobias, Clinical psychiatrist for AHRC, were heard over WNYC in a 15 minute interview dealing with retardation and how AHRC proposes to meet the problem.



Jay Jones, interviewer for WNYC and Jack Tobias, Clinical psychologist for AHRC. Photo by Mildred Stagg

The discussion dealt with the concrete projects maintained by the Association, and how each contributes to the welfare of the retardate, his family and the

community. The Training Center and Sheltered Workshop was described in some detail to give listeners an idea of the physical setup as well as the type of work done there, and the effect on the trainees.

In addition to information about the various programs of AHRC, the interview brought out some of the economic facts of life that are so little known. The closing speech by Mr. Tobias was, "According to Surgeon General Burney, if proper facilities can be developed, more than 84% of the retarded can become contributing members of society. We are far from the goal of adequate services for the retarded, but through the continued work of our Association, each year we are trying to make available more and better facilities, to meet their needs as future self-supporting citizens."

The interview was written by the Director of Public Relations. Copies may be obtained by writing to Mildred Stagg, AHRC, 200 Park Avenue South, New York 3, N.Y.

Flushing League for the Retarded, Inc. to 170 Members in 3 Years

The Flushing Committee for the Retarded, Inc. is a mere three years old; but it's as lusty an infant auxiliary as you are likely to find. Just ten young women, neighbors all, whose knowledge of retardation for the most part was hearsay not personal involvement, got together at the home of one of them to form the Committee.

As parents of normal children, many of them felt that their own good fortune obligated them to help less fortunate children to achieve some measure of productive self-expression and happiness. Since they were parents of normal children, for the most part, they called in experts to assist them to formalize a group of friendly neighbors into an organization with the legal right to raise funds to help retarded children, whose special care they had taken upon themselves.

The experts they called in were well chosen - George Hirsch, current President of the N.Y.C. Chapter of AHRC, Jerry Weingold, now Executive Director of New York State's AHRC, and Mrs. Walter E. Kraus, now Donor Chairman and Member of the Board of Directors.

Let's take a look at the organization three years later. The 170 members can not meet at one another's houses. No house is big enough - so they meet at Electchester in Flushing, on the 4th Monday of the month in the evening. After a short business meeting, there is a program followed by refreshments. Interesting speakers, films, and entertainment have kept attendance as well as enthusiasm at a consistently high level.

This group of dedicated women has done more than raise funds to help retarded children. Their example has aroused sympathy and understanding for the retarded among their families and friends. For instance, Mrs. Sarah Adler, First Vice President in charge of fund raising, not only dreams up fund raising schemes and puts them into operation, but she inspired her son, Ira, in company with Jerry Melnick, the son of the President, to serve as a councilor at Derry Downs Summer Camp for the retarded and emotionally disturbed. Jerry has become so interested in his mother's charitable work that he plans to study clinical psychology with a view to working with the retarded after he graduates from Fairleigh Dickinson Law School.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Senator Conklin,

On behalf of the Walton General Organization I would like to thank you for coming to our assembly last week, and for your heartwarming talk. You enriched our understanding of the problems of mental retardation and strengthened our desire to help in any way we can.

We are very happy in the thought that our contribution for the mentally retarded will aid in bringing about progress in this field. I know that, because of your inspiring message, we will always have a greater awareness of the importance of helping in this work.

We are very grateful for your visit to our school.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Wittenberg
G.O. President

14 1/2 year old Ruth Melnick's contribution was the slogan adopted by the Flushing Committee - "Help Us Help the Retarded." Mrs. Africk's daughter, Shelley, inaugurated a Junior League last year to help the retarded.



Mrs. Hyman Melnick, President, Flushing Committee for the Retarded.

Photo by Mildred Stagg

A fine unique project that the Flushing Committee undertook last year was a social group program for retarded adolescents, 12 to 14 years old. This age has been neglected in the past; and it is one of the most difficult for normal children and retarded alike. The AHRC screened the youngsters to select those who could benefit most from the experience; then hired a professional group leader. Meetings were held at Electchester. EACH RETARDED ADOLESCENT WAS PICKED UP AT HIS HOME BY A MEMBER OF THE FLUSHING COMMITTEE AND DELIVERED BACK SAFELY! In addition to supporting the project, the Flushing Committee supplied refreshments; while two members served at every meeting as assistants to the group leader.

This social group hadn't yet started its program when Mrs. Melnick was interviewed. She said that many of the youngsters and their mothers had called her to ask when meetings would begin. They had looked forward all week to these Wednesday meetings. At the last meeting of the season, every child brought his parents, an unheard of representation. One of the group acted as Mistress of Ceremonies. "When she welcomed the parents, I got goose

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See Splendid Spectacular SPARTACUS

The Manhattan Division of AHRC offers members something really great for early in the New Year. "Spartacus" opened with such acclaim as has seldom greeted a motion picture spectacular. Archer Winsten of the New York Post wrote "It is in the same giant class as 'Ben Hur' and superior in wit, romance and characterization. To all who had anything to do with this, congratulations!" If you missed out on "Ben Hur" last year and want to get in on this fun evening for the benefit of retarded children, hurry - hurry. Send your order to Mrs. Laura Lesser, 430 East 20th St., New York City. Tickets are \$3.00 each - the date is Thursday evening, Jan. 12th, 1961 - the place, the DeMille Theatre, 47th St. at 7th Avenue.

Bronx

Even during the summer, Bronx members met and planned to insure an eventful 1960-61 season. At a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Thelma Kotek, the first Borough function - a Card and Mah Jongg Party was planned for Oct. 18th at the Park Terrace . . . Mrs. Claire Bega and Mrs. Rose DeFabio were appointed Co-Chairmen . . . To them we offer deep bow of appreciation for their wonderful work. To indefatigable Mrs. Jean Katz, a heartfelt thank-you for efficient handling of the refreshments. To ALL members and friends who helped make it an outstanding social and financial success; but especially to the merchants, businessmen, members and friends who contributed so generously - bless you all.

Meetings:

Over one hundred members and friends heeded the call to order by Mrs. Sylvia Schachter, Borough Chairman, at the Wedgewood Room of the Concourse Plaza Hotel. The first meeting featured Professor Louis Rosenzweig, a dynamic speaker and longtime friend of AHRC. He covered the field of retardation from birth through life, and outlined plans which we hope will materialize in the near future.



Sister Marion Francis with Nancy Quintana, who made her first communion on May 21, 1960.

Manhattan

Manhattan took off early in the race for its goal - an exciting season for 1960-61. Co-Chairmen Mrs. Betty Pendler and Mrs. Estelle Weinberg believe in beginning at the beginning so they organized a "Let's Get Acquainted" meeting early in Sept. Members related their children's summer experiences. Mrs. Joyce Neumann told of Susan's work at the Occupation Day Center and Mrs. Esther Ashkenas related Alan's reaction to his first camping experience at the AHRC Day Camp program. VP Cyril Weinberg welcomed the group, and a warm friendly atmosphere prevailed . . . Within ten minutes the hat sale that was featured was all over - with not a hat left to sell . . .

The Oct. 27th meeting had Dr. George Jervis, Research Director of Letchworth Village acting as "The Answer Man." Instead of making a formal speech, Dr. Jervis felt he could be more helpful by answering questions and just talking to parents. How right he was! Even while the coffee poured forth during the refreshment period, questions poured forth from parents, and answers from Dr. Jervis. As midnight neared, someone suggested that Dr. Jervis must be tired and should be excused; but he insisted that he would answer questions as long as parents had questions to ask . . .

SUNDAYS:
Mrs. Pendler is also resuming the "Sunday Nursery" she ran at

Square Dance for non-Squares: Circle Jan. 28th on your calendar!" The Bronx is running its first annual Barn Dance and Family Nite at the Patterson Training Center on the Bronx Campus of N.Y.U. Music, entertainment and games by Puite Pete, greatest caller this side of the Rockies. Games, dances, community sings and bargains galore at the country store. Sheriff Brown will enforce the rules! Obey or shuffle off to the town jail. For the lovely Miss who visits Marryin' Sam most often there will be an equally lovely surprise. Admission is a tiny \$1 per person. Members, friends and young adults in AHRC projects are urged to participate in the fun-packed evening. Co-Chairmen are Murray Safran and Teresa Harris . . . Get Well Wishes: To Mrs. Rose Liberman, Miss Iva Gutterman and Miss Lois Silver - all good wishes for a speedy recovery . . .

The editor of OCV is indebted to the Bronx, in the person of Mrs. Rose DiFabio, for the following letter: "I am sorry that I couldn't send you this note of thanks before our Card Party. Your news letter was wonderful and I am sure that all our Bronx Division feels the same as I do. It is people like you and many others who help us so much who enable us to insure our success at fund raising. So in behalf of myself and my Co-Chairman, Mrs. Claire Bega, God Bless You for our news release for the newspapers. Yours truly, Mrs. Rose DiFabio" . . . It's people like you, Mrs. DiFabio, who make my work the most gratifying experience of my life . . . A Warm Welcome to New Members; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kaufman, Mrs. Schwartz, Lena Kantor, Santos Valles, Mrs. A. Wasserman, Blanche and Philip Fried, Mrs. Lucy Alice Douglas.

New Officers:

New Committee Chairmen and officers are: Borough Chairmen, *Cont. on Page 4 Col 3*

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her home last season. Mothers with children aged 4 years and older - normal children included - are invited to contact Mrs. Pendler at 267 West 70th St., N.Y. 23 or call TR 3-6094.

OFFICERS:

Chairman, Betty Pendler; Co-Chairman, Estelle Weinberg; Rec. Sec'y., Florence Kamin; Corr. Sec'y., Dona Joselow; Program Chairman, Irwin Kamin; Membership Chairman, Pat Havas; Hospitality, Virginia Goldsmith; Projects Chairman, Estelle Weinberg; Publicity, Ruth Nissel; Fund Raising, Bill Lesser.

Betty Pendler can put you in touch with a couple of reliable baby sitters if you call her at home . . .

FOR SALE:

Not last minute shoppers but foresighted members who are looking for something that will serve as a permanent reminder of their thoughtfulness should investigate bracelets made by beads similar to the baby beads used in identification bracelets in hospitals. The bracelets are available in sterling silver of goldplate with pink or blue beads, or pearls. The same bracelet that sells for \$7 in department stores is yours for \$3 from Betty Pendler. Borough Chairman Betty is devoting all profits to buying a gold page in the 1960 Dinner Journal . . . To

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Brooklyn

A happy summer was had by all - particularly by Ida and Seymour Rubin and Rose Fischer . . . Grandmother Fischer was presented with Holly Sharron Orenstein while Grandparents Rubin welcomed Nicole Andree Demerin . . .

While we're recording happy events, let's tell David Gimbel and Billie Shaifer how grateful we are that they are both well again . . .

The Big News is worth \$2,500, the sum raised by the Card Party and Bazaar in spite of the worst weather of the fall season. The zealous efforts of a large committee headed by Marilyn and Ed Weinberg, Co-Chairmen, were responsible for the success of the event. Serving on the Committee were Mrs. Greene, Marilyn's mother, Minna Bober, Syd Safrer, Lil Isaacson and sisters Belle and Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gitter, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Malkin, Mr. and Mrs. Moe Nebb, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kesselman, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Hader, Mrs. Barbara Schnapp, Dr. and Mrs. Portnoy, Mr. and Mrs. Hy Shelkowitz, Mrs. Elsie Adler, Mrs. Blazer, Mrs. Bea Nagen, Mrs. Blynn, Mrs. Rose Fischer, Mrs. Frances Sinisi, Nora Bernstein, Marie Fleischman, Mr. and Mrs. David Mont, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Shulman, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Fliegel, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Friedman, Mrs. Alice Besser, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nechamkin, Mrs. Florence Dash, Chairman Rosenthal's aunt Mrs. Bertha Bayers, and Chairman Rosenthal's neighbor Mrs. Dorothy Lewis. A special thanks to Party Chairman Rose Hader and Bazaar Refreshments Chairman Mrs. Lee Frank.

Xmas Novelties for Sale:

Miss Rhoda "Cookie" Isaacson, a trainee at the Workshop, works for retarded children in

Queens

Dr. George Zuckerman, Executive Director of AHRC, started the season off on Thursday, Sept. 15th at the Sanford Hotel with an exciting informative talk on "Current Events at AHRC." He discussed the past and outlined goals for the future. The Doctor is known for his dynamism and he riveted the attention of everyone present . . .

Dept. of Things-to-Come:

Queens is planning a Theatre Party sometime in January. "Sunrise at Campobello" has been chosen tentatively but plans are subject to change - after due notice . . .

Meetings:

The next Borough Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 8th, at the Sanford Hotel. Owen Bernstein, Unit Supervisor, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, N.Y. State Education Department, will be the speaker.

Mr. Bernstein, an expert on vocational rehabilitation, has a message of vital interest to the parents of every retarded child and should attract a large interested audience . . .

Speedy Recovery Wishes:

To Lester Travers, the best auctioneer Queens ever had, after a heart attack . . . To Bonnie Greenberg, daughter of Ann Greenberg, after an automobile accident that immobilized her for several weeks . . . to Mildred

her spare time. She sells slacks, bags, ceramic ash trays, rain hats, jewelry boxes, family treasures, (large and small,) travel kits, sponge and brush kits, candy, perfumes, and many other items. You can save yourself the ordeal of shopping in the holiday crowds AND help retarded children if you buy any of these items from Rhoda. You may call Mrs. Isaacson, evenings, at IN 2-4252 or see her at 3403 Foster Ave., Apt. 4E . . .

November Meeting:

Attorney Bernard M. Fineson, former President of AHRC New York City Chapter and New York State, will speak at the November 15th meeting on wills and trusts for retarded children. This will follow his talk on the "National Association for Retarded Children - what is it? - why is it."

Saturday Night Gala:

On Nov. 26th Brooklyn is holding a Saturday Night Membership Social at the Cultural Center of Coney Island, 189 Neptune Ave., corner of Coney Island Ave. This is an opportunity for members to get together and renew old acquaintances, and for new members to meet the veterans and one another in an atmosphere of fun and frolic. Only 100 reservations are available at \$3 per couple.

It's not too early to make your reservations for the Ridgewood Terrace affair, Jan. 15th, 1961, on Sunday night. Lillian Friedman, 2105 Rockaway Parkway, is Chairman. For \$10 per couple you will see a fabulous show and put away a fine Chinese Dinner plus coffee or tea.

Overall Special Events Chairman, Sylvia Jacobs, deserves a special vote of thanks for the fine social program she has activated

Chairmen:

Other hardworking Committee Chairmen include: Program, Phyllis Rosenthal; Publicity, Joe

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Rudges, after surgery . . .

Sincere Sympathy: To Ann and Dave Rosenblum on the loss of their beloved daughter, Bryna . . .

Congratulations:

Wilma Bloomberg was given Best Girl Camper Award at Camp LeeMar to the delight of Aunt Lillian Begun and the rest of the family . . .

A Red Carpet Welcome to New Members:

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Babrov, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Federoff, Mr. Joel Garnett, Mr. and Mrs. David Jacoby, Mr. Wm. H. Levine, Mrs. Beatrice Richter, Mrs. Doris P. Villa, Mrs. Samuel Bond, Mrs. Richard L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Delfinato, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Gummers, Mr. and Mrs. Rolf Johnson, Mrs. A. T. Schwab, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fink, Mrs. Rosella Newman, Mr. W. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Marion Feingold, Mrs. Campadonica, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Singer, Mr. and Mrs. Mandoles and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Niedert.

Boy Scout Troop:

Boy Scout Troop #322 held its Charter Night on October 18th. Scouting is one of the most productive activities a retarded boy or girl can engage in. To mark the importance of the occasion, President George G. Hirsch of AHRC, Mr. Irving Cohen, representing the Coney Island Chamber of Commerce, Father Brown of the Kiwanis Club and Mr. F. Bergman, Commander of the Jewish War Veterans, attended the function . . . Scout William

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Christmas for Kids

Jay Jackson, TV and Radio Announcer, started giving Christmas back to the kids five years ago. For the best holiday ever, send for the "Christmas for Kids Shopping Guide." On the other side of the guide is an order blank. You make out the check to AHRC for any amount. "Christmas for Kids" acts as a clearing house and sends us the check. Then we send a note of thanks to you, and a note to your friend, telling him how much your gift, in his name, means to a retarded child. And the kids realize what grown-ups mean by "...good will to men." Isn't that what Christmas is really all about? And isn't this the perfect answer to the gift for the person who has everything?

Group Work

Programs

A growing program of leisure time activities with interest and meaning for its participants is now under way under the auspices of the Group Work Department. This program includes some Fun Groups for the 8 to 12 year old, clubs for the teen agers and small groups for the young adults.

The club groups are under the leadership of trained social workers, teachers and psychologists. Several of the groups have had parent meetings and others are planning to do so. The parent meetings have concentrated on how parents and staff can best work together to enhance the activity growing out of the club program.

Parents desiring to arrange for club membership can do so by calling Mr. Schreiber at AL 4-8203.

Swimming Instruction:

Starting Sunday, November 13th, a swim program became available for those over 16 years of age.

Dance Instruction:

A program of social dance instruction started on November 13th for teens and young adults. Developed as part of a program to increase skills for AHRC members, the classes are held at University Settlement, 184 Eldridge St., New York and are open to members in all boroughs.

Trips:

A new program, titled "New Horizons", has been developed by the Group Work Dept. as a means of meeting some of the leisure time needs of the teens and young adults. The program will include trips and explorations, visits and creative intertakings, making friends and group activity, under the supervision of sympathetic trained workers.

Meyer Schreiber, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, is Director of Group Work and Camping. Mr. Schreiber was formerly with the United Automobile Workers Union where he directed a program for older and retired workers. He has had considerable group work and camping experience. His previous agency affiliations included: Director, Coney Island Coney Community Center; Unit Director, Wel-Met Camps; Social Planning Secretary, Jewish Community Council of Essex County, N.J. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, National Conference on Social Welfare and the American

Listing of Events

26 - Brooklyn social event, Cultural Center of Coney Island, dancing, cards, Mah Jong, raffles, smorgesbord, \$3 per couple.

28 to - Port of N Y Authority,

Dec. 10 - Canister Collection,

7 - Bronx Boro. Meeting, Schiff Center, Valentine Ave. at Fordham Rd., Dr. Zuckerman, speaker.

8 - Brooklyn Boro. Children's Party, Town & Country, Brooklyn, NY

8 - Queens Boro. Meeting, Sanford Hotel, 140-40 Sanford Ave. Flushing - Owen Bernstein, speaker.

12 - C & I Division, Testimonial Dinner, Barbizon-Plaza Hotel.

12 - Queens Xmas Party, given by Cunningham League

13 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting Hotel Granada, Palm Room Ashland Pl & Lafayette Ave. Bklyn. N.Y.

15 - Bronx Boro. Xmas Party.

15 - Manhattan Boro. Meeting Hotel Beacon - Bway. at 75th St., N.Y.

18 - Bronx Boro. Xmas and Chanukah Party, Gunhill Post 271, 720 Nereid Ave. Bronx, N.Y.

Jan. 10 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting Hotel Granada, Palm Room Ashland Pl. at Lafayette Ave., Bklyn. N.Y.

12 - Manhattan Theatre Party "Spartacus"

12 - Queens Boro. Meeting Sanford Hotel, 140-40 Sanford Ave., Flushing, Speaker, Mrs. Coffee.

15 - Brooklyn Dinner Party, Ridgewood Terrace, Chinese Dinner, Fabulous Show, \$10 per couple.

16 - Women's Division - Pearl Party

28 - Barn Dance, Patterson Training Center, Bronx Campus, N.Y.U.

Feb. 7 or

21 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting

12 - Donor Party

Mar 14 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting

Apr. 11 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting

27 - Bronx Boro. event Theatre Party "Exodus"

May 9 - Brooklyn Boro. Meeting

20 - 12th Annual Dinner Hotel Astor, Grand Ballroom

Camping Association.

Arrangements for participation in the activities described above, may be made by calling Meyer Schreiber, AL 4-8203.

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bumps," Mrs. Melnick confided. Officers of the Flushing Committee for the Retarded, Inc. are Pres. Mrs. Esther Melnick; 1st V.P. Fund Raising, Mrs. Sarah Adler; 2nd V.P. Membership, Mrs. Pauline Dworkin; 2nd V.P. Publicity, Esther Sokol; Recording Sec. Dorothy Winkler; Corresponding Sec. Irma Block; Financial Sec. Mrs. Helen Shapiro; Treas. Mrs. Ruth Africk.

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to the percentages it may turn up in one of my grandchildren. Someday this might be my problem - or yours - although I sincerely hope not."

Mr. Champon outlined his reasons for joining AHRC's C & I Division. It was the magnitude of the cause that attracted him at first. "The number of retardates and the ramifications that arise when retardation strikes a home worried me," he said. "The need for guidance, not only of the parents but siblings as well. The necessity for insighted, farsighted legislation to provide genuine security and training for the retarded, I have dedicated myself to this drive especially because the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, Inc. attacks the problem from all angles, education from preschool up, parental guidance, social programs, vocational training and habilitation, and research, diagnosis and therapy. That is why this drive must and will succeed."

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Sylvia Schachter, Chairman and Tom Harris, Co-Chairman; Corr. Secy. Helen Guterman; Fund Raising, Thelma Kottek; Treasurer, Jean Gerringer; Publicity, Teresa Harris; Projects, Jean Katz; Membership, Pearl Pelletiere; Cheer Fund, Beatrice Safran; Theatre Benefits, Dorothy Seitz . . .

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Gitter; Membership, Marilyn Weinberg; Novelty Sales, Marilyn Weinberg; Candy Sales, Lil Isaacson; Cut Rate Metrical, Syd Safier; Rummage, Syd Safier; Recreation, Lydia Hershkowitz. Anyone who wants information on any of these activities may call Borough Division Chairman, Phyllis Rosenthal, PR 4-4127 for details.

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Brecker was advanced to 1st Class . . . Scout M. Fahey received the Berson Award. (This is presented to the scout who gets the most out of scouting for the year.) Scout J. Urbanavitch advanced to Patrol Leader and Scout K. Frost was appointed Asst. Patrol Leader.

The October meeting, which was to feature Mrs. Pearl Coffee as guest speaker, took place without the guest of honor. Mrs. Coffee was taken ill and could not attend. We wish her a speedy recovery and will look forward

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outlined briefly how the family refused to abide by the "hopeless" prognosis given by the doctors; but kept the boy in the home and with loving patience taught him to do many things that the experts said he could never learn to do - ride a bike, play ball, care for his personal needs and surroundings, and take his rightful place in the family and society. "That boy," he concluded, "is my son!"

The girls had guessed the denouement before the Senator finished. There was a muted sound of crying that could be heard up on the platform. The teachers passed out tissues silently. There could be no greater tribute to the speaker - a man who entered politics in order to help all retarded children - or the cause, the children who can be helped and who are being helped, thanks to girls such as those who attend Walton High School.

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reach the goal of a Gold Page for Manhattan, members are urged to bring any item to the meeting if it can be sold with a fair margin of profit for this purpose.

CONGRATULATIONS: Mr. and Mrs. Kirschner are beaming over their new granddaughter, Jacqueline Susan, born June 28th . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ashkenas celebrated Alan's birthday with a party. Guests included Jeffrey Nitberg, Richard Teicher, Judy Axelrad, Brandon Foggie, Eileen Bender, Lisa Pandler. A good time was had by all except Alan's toys which were pretty well boy and girl-handled. The mothers enjoyed the birthday cake and coffee . . .

Happy Birthday to Linda Havas, Nov. 10th and Bobby Kamin, Nov. 29th. Many Happy Returns of the day . . .

Hold up a Welcome Sign for new members: Mrs. Helen Sernes, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Levine, Mrs. Kathleen Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Courtney, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coburn, Mrs. Eunice Beal, Mrs. Catherine Casey, Mrs. Marion Graubart, Mrs. Edna Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Grossman, Mr. and Mrs. Speier, Mr. and Mrs. L. Teicher, Mrs. Erma C. Rogers, Mrs. Hattie S. Halpern . . . Best wishes for a quicker-than-quick recovery to Irwin Kamin, and welcome back to Mrs. Senta Simon and Mrs. Virginia Goldsmith after successful surgery . . .

to greeting her as soon as she is well enough to join us. In the absence of the scheduled speaker, our President, George G. Hirsch, gave us a full report on what had taken place at the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. Other committees reported on the progress they were making and plans for the Card Party on November 3rd were discussed. Refreshments were served . . .

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