

OUR CHILDREN'S VOICE

Retarded Children Can Be Helped!

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RESOLUTION INTRODUCED IN ALBANY

ALEXANDER C. RUSSOTTO ELECTED AHRC PRESIDENT

Four New Vice Presidents, Financial Secretary
And Seven New Directors Chosen in
Annual Elections



Alexander C. Russotto

Alexander C. Russotto, attorney, former Manhattan Fund Raising Chairman, and long active on the Legal and Legislative Committee, was elected President of the AHRC by an overwhelming vote at the Association's Annual Elections held on October 26, 1951.

Consistent with the idea that new blood and ideas are always welcome and needed in the AHRC if it is to continue to grow, four new Vice Presidents and seven new Board members were elected. The Vice Presidents are Bernard M. Fineson, 1st V.P.; Augustus Jacobs, 2nd V.P.; Rose Nussbaum, 3rd V.P.; and Joseph Kuhn, 4th V.P.

Bernard Fineson is Chairman of the Legal and Legislative Committee and is spearheading the drive for a Joint Legislative Committee. Gus Jacobs, another member of the Legal Committee has served

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSED By Senator Brydges and Assemblyman Roman

A RESOLUTION FOR A JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE to study the question of mental retardation and report a plan for legislative action has been introduced in Albany by Senator Earl Brydges and Assemblyman Samuel Roman. It is Senate Resolution No. 17 and Assembly Resolution No. 20.

IF YOU ARE A PARENT OR FRIEND OF A RETARDED CHILD YOU CAN HELP GET THIS LEGISLATION PASSED. WRITE IMMEDIATELY TO:

*Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Ex. Chambers, Albany
Your State Senator, Sen. Chambers, Albany
Your Assemblyman, Assem. Chambers, Albany*

The AHRC is mobilizing all community agencies interested in child welfare and all parent groups to support this legislation. Dr. Lewis Wilson, Commissioner of Education, endorsed the measure saying, "I think also that it would be especially appropriate at this time because of the recommendation referred to in your letter, as contained in the Governor's New York State Citizen's Committee report, The Four Million". Reprints of Chapter 6 on the Mentally Retarded in this report will be sent to every state legislator.

"This resolution is the foundation for statesmanlike and organized planning for retarded children," stated President Russotto to AHRC members, "and is a must if we are not to continue in a stumbling and faltering manner. We have been shunted aside too often, promised that this or that agency would do the job, but no one has done it. We can no longer permit this shifting of responsibility. Last year some twenty special committees calling for the expenditures of over \$500,000 were set up. Surely, the problems of retarded children are more important than horse racing".

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AND FRIENDS OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN.

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FEBRUARY, 1949

President: Alexander C. Russotto

Executive Director: Joseph T. Weingold

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Permit me to make this formal expression of thanks to the membership for the confidence you have reposed in me by placing me in office. Now that the election is over, it is time to take stock of our situation and chart our course for the future.

The new Board of Directors has met three times and has set in motion the machinery which will bring to the membership a new and liberalized set of by-laws, which have heretofore been withheld from the members' consideration. There is now being readied a financial report which will apprise every member of the monetary picture in our organization. I can pledge to you that periodic reports will, in addition, keep every member abreast of every activity in which we engage.

The era of expansion is upon us and we must now move forward, with our newly formed Chapters throughout the State of New York, to an area of broader achievement. We must raise the funds, activate the projects and arouse the consciousness of society and the authorities to their responsibilities in our effort, all to the end that our children, and children like them, will be helped.

Alexander C. Russotto
President

SOL HULNICK FIRST AHRC LIFE MEMBER

It is with the greatest pleasure that we are able to report that Sol Hulnick, member of the AHRC Board of Directors, and known to all in the Association for his even disposition, his never failing good humor and his modest devotion to the children, has become the first Life Member of the AHRC.

We hope more will join him.

FIRST STATE CONVENTION

CHAPTER DELEGATES MEET IN ALBANY

The First State Convention of the Chapters of the AHRC was held December 8 and 9, 1951 at the DeWitt Clinton Hotel in Albany.

The Convention opened with a stimulating address by our President. Representatives of the various Chapters presented their projects and plans, after which the Convention settled down to the first important business - legislation. Bernard Fineson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, presented a brilliant presentation of the history and current course proposed resolution. Delegates received a two page fact sheet, proposed letters to legislators and other legislative material, whereupon they resolved that the Association press for the passage of the resolution calling for a Joint Legislative Committee. Our executive director presented statewide plans for mobilizing our members and the committee behind this legislation.

Discussion of Chapter relations to the state organization and the proposed changes in By-Laws constituted the second day's program of the Convention. It was unanimously agreed that the State set-up shall remain as it is for the present and that suggestions for By-Law changes be forwarded as soon as possible to the By-Laws Revision Committee.

The membership discussed plans for the supervision of organization fund raising and projects by the State Board of Directors. The setting-up of local professional advisory boards as soon as possible to help local planning was urged to meet the frequent problems peculiar to the locale which cannot be solved on a statewide basis.

Before adjournment the delegates agreed that State Conventions be held at least three times a year. The Convention closed with President Russotto's thanks to the delegates for attending and stated, "This Convention has been the greatest single constructive item to add to the strength of the organization. I ask for God's help so that we may be able to continue the work we are doing.

Mr. Joseph Weingold, who was also present, welcomed with Mr. Russotto the following delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Evald H. Gasstrom and William E. Weaver, representing Westchester; Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. McCarthy, Mr. and Mrs. Dan F. Carey and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. McDonald, representing Onondaga; Mrs. Robert M. Schuyler, Mrs. Alton Wolf and Robert C. Sager, representing Erie-Niagara; Mrs. Martin H. Bennett, Mildred Dolac and Julius Cohen representing Sullivan; Phyllis N. Hotaling, Burge E. Stiles and Mrs. Joseph Gaudet, representing the Capitol District; James J. McConnell, representing Long Island, and Bernard M. Fineson and Augustus Jacobs of the AHRC Board of Directors and speaking for the New York City area. Mrs. George Klinger, New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers was a guest at the Saturday session.

THIRD ANNUAL DINNER OF AHRC

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES PLANS

The Third Annual Dinner of the AHRC will be held Saturday, May 17, 1952 in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor; announced by the Dinner Committee consisting of Julian Banner, Sol Hulnick and Mac Kallor.

First prize this year is a trip to Bermuda for two. Splendid entertainment will be provided and a gala evening is planned to climax the season's efforts.

"Our goal for this event is \$100,000," stated Joe Kuhn, Chairman of Fund Raising. "Prize books and Journal ad blanks will be mailed immediately and we are counting on everyone to do his share. If everyone will redouble his efforts the AHRC plans for the children will come nearer realization."

RAFFLE BOOKS AND JOURNAL AD BLANKS FOR ANNUAL DINNER

Each of you will receive 2 Raffle Books and several Journal Ad Blanks. You can help by selling the chances and obtaining ads for the Souvenir Journal. Here is how you can come to the Dinner.

1. By purchasing a ticket (\$15.00 each)
2. By selling 2 Raffle Books (you get 1 free ticket to the Dinner).
3. By obtaining \$50.00 worth of ads for the Souvenir Journal (you get 1 free ticket to the Dinner).

Earn a FREE TICKET and make the Dinner a success.

THE NEEDIEST HELP THE NEEDIEST

Recently the New York Times Hundred Neediest Cases Fund received a letter from Victor Turetsky, a teacher at P.S. 105, Manhattan. The letter contained an offering of \$2.25 including \$1.00 from Mr. Turetsky.

"I teach a special class of nineteen boys whose age range is from eleven to thirteen and a half, a considerable number are on relief and come from broken homes," he wrote. "All are mentally retarded. Although they have limited intellectuality, they by no means have been deprived of their emotions.

"One of them suggested that the class contribute to the appeal. They moved into committees to consider a case and began pledging donations. Theory and practice had found each other again in that hour or two - I can never describe to you my own personal feelings of elation."

JOSHUA SCHOOL OPENED

AHRC CLASSES EXPANDED

The AHRC School Center for retarded children, sponsored by the Joshua Orphan Aid Society, opened on October 18, 1951 at the Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. of Washington Heights, Fort Washington Avenue and 178th Street, with five children. At present there are fourteen children enrolled in two classes.

The Center at the East New York Y.M. and Y.W.H.A. opened on the same date and has expanded to seventeen children.

Both Centers will expand to three classes each by the first of the year. Miss Mary K. Lynch and Miss Mira Rothenberg have been engaged as teachers of the additional classes. Transportation is being provided for the children attending.

The program will be further enlarged as soon as space and funds are available. The classes of the AHRC will, it is hoped, be the proving ground for training children for whom there are at present no community facilities.

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on the Board for two years. Rose Nussbaum was a member of the Board, active in Fund raising, coordinator of the Social Groups for Older Children and has served on more committees than we can mention. Joe Kuhn was a member of the Board and Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee. Everyone who has worked at all for the AHRC knows Joe Kuhn's work.

The seven new Board members are Minna Bober, Ed Fliegel, Irving Krakoff, Alice Pearlstein, Maxwell Herman, Jack Jason and Evelyn Shulman. Minna Bober, co-chairman of Brooklyn Fund Raising, is also a member of the Education Committee. Ed Fliegel was chairman of the Institutions Committee and served on the Membership Committee. Irving Krakoff was chairman of the Camp Committee and co-chairman of Bronx Fund Raising. Mac Herman, a member almost from the beginning of the Dinner Journal Committee. Alice Pearlstein is the chairman of the Social Groups for Older Children. Committee and active in fund raising. Jack Jason, a member of the Brooklyn Fund Raising Committee, has been active on Budget and Finance. Evelyn Shulman is co-chairman of Queens Fund Raising.

Incumbent officers who were chosen for another term are Ann Greenberg, Corresponding Secretary; Margaret Riva, Recording Secretary; and Irving Shiller, Treasurer. George Hirsch, Eugene Gramm and Rebecca Noble, formerly vice presidents, were elected to two year terms as members of the Board. Re-elected to the Board were Sol Hulnick and Woodhull Hay. Julian Banner, Maxwell L. Kallor, Dr. Fred Kleinberg and Christopher Lydon continue to serve another year.

Serving on the Board as official Chapter Representatives are Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Sullivan County; Mr. Evald Gasstrom, Westchester County; Mr. James J. McConnell, Long Island; Mrs. Ruth Schuyler, Erie-Niagara; Mrs. Phyllis Hotelling, Capitol District and Mr. Frank C. McCarthy, Onondaga.

Chapter News

WESTCHESTER

We are pleased to report that the Westchester Chapter has published the first issue of the Westchester Newsletter. Unfortunately, it has no date on it. (Aren't there going to be any more? Ed.) We wish that all Chapters would issue newsletters, as Erie-Niagara already has. It's the best way to exchange information of activities, etc.

Westchester has had Annual Elections and the following are the new officers: Evald H. Gasstrom, President; William H. Childs, 1st V.P.; Maurice S. Degenstein, 2nd V.P.; Mrs. Bernard Rosenberg, 3rd V.P.; Robert A. Cremins, 4th V.P.; Mrs. William H. Childs, Treasurer; Mrs. S. Greenberg, Financial Secretary; Mrs. D. Cohen, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. P. Hensel, Recording Secretary.

Fund raising activities are in full swing, with a very successful Second Annual Bridge Party at the St. Augustine School in Larchmont on November 23. Mrs. Gaglianoo was the Chairman. On December 15, the Annual Christmas party was held at Vernon Manor in Mt. Vernon under the chairmanship of Mrs. Daniel Hack. This was a party for the children.

Plans are now afoot for the Second Annual Dinner-Dance to be held Saturday, February 16 at Vernon Manor, Mt. Vernon. Chairmen are Harry Herzog and Bernard Rosenberg.

SULLIVAN

The Chapter is continuing its Saturday morning class started last Spring. The class is for any child between the ages of four and fourteen. It is under the direction of Mr. Julius Cohen, special class teacher of the Fallsburg Central School District, and Miss Mildred Dolac, special class teacher of the Monticello High School. The class is held at the Monticello Hospital which has donated the space. The enrollment is now six. A Saturday afternoon workshop class for children over sixteen is now planned. There are six applicants.

The Monticello Hospital is considering a clinic for retarded children. Ruth Bennett and the hospital's director recently visited the clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospitals to observe its operation.

The Chapter sponsored a Journal and a play on June 8 and received more than \$1200 from the proceeds. The play "Personal Appearance" was presented by the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.

LONG ISLAND

Long Island, too, now divides its meetings between the two counties, Suffolk and Nassau. It is hoped that many more members will be able to attend.

The Annual Card Party was held at Stevens House, Sunrise Highway, Baldwin on December 4. A Committee has also been appointed for the purpose of investigating the building requirements (classroom, clinic, space, etc.) and to formulate plans for a general fund raising campaign.

The Chapter has two classes in operation in Kennedy Memorial Park, Hempstead. These classes are open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., Monday through Friday. Holidays are the same as public school holidays and each class has eight pupils in attendance. One class consists of children from seven to ten years of age and the other from eleven to eighteen years of age. The curriculum includes academic work, for those ready, play period, crafts and music.

CAPITOL DISTRICT AND ONONDAGA CHAPTERS

These are our youngest chapters and deep in organizational activities.

The Capitol District Chapter was the host of the recent State Convention in Albany and did a grand job. Their officers are Mrs. John Hotaling, President; Mrs. Joseph Gaudet, V.P.; Mrs. Irene Chicoine, Treasurer; and Mrs. Forbes McCann, Secretary. (Where are the men? Ed.)

Onondaga Chapter, with Syracuse as its center, has elected Frank C. McCarthy, President; Vern Madden, V.P.; Mrs. Simon Coss, Secretary; and Mrs. Ben Morris, Treasurer. Our group of Advisors there are already on their way with our good friend Mon-signor Toomey. With Dr. Cruikshank at Syracuse University and others in the area we have great hopes for future Onondaga projects.

ERIE-NIAGARA

Erie-Niagara is also in process of forming a Professional Advisory Board. It is hoped that men like Dr. Fouracre and others will join. The program is now being evaluated and it is hoped will be greatly expanded in the near future.

The AHRC legislative program is taking up a great deal of the members' time as it is felt that this is of paramount importance. The membership was greatly stimulated by a visit in November from Jerry Weingold and another from Gus Jacobs, 2nd V.P. AHRC, during the Christmas season.

Chapter By-Laws have been drawn and have been submitted to the State Board of Directors for approval.



A colorful rhythmic Spanish Dance performed by five of our Brooklyn children was one of the highlights of the Variety Show entertainment of the Small Fry Christmas Party.

For the first time the hidden talents of our Brooklyn children were given expression. Under the direction of Mrs. Alice Pearlstein, Brooklyn Social Activities Chairman, parents and friends attended a Variety Show performed entirely by our youngsters. This successful venture was the highlight of the entertainment at a Small Fry Christmas Party and Bazaar given by the Brooklyn Committee of the AHRC on December 16 at the Tropic Isle. There were many commendable comments made by specialists in the field who attended. Gifts were presented by Santa Claus to all the children and refreshments served.

An aura of Christmas festivity surrounded the Christmas party and bazaar given for the Bronx children by the Bronx Committee of the AHRC, on Sunday afternoon, December 16 at the North End Democratic Club. Through the generous efforts of the American Women's Voluntary Service the youngsters were shown a full program of entertainment. The Sue Hasting's Marionettes started off the gaiety and Santa Claus completed the day with gifts to all the children. During the party the adults browsed around the Toy Fair (their "browsing" totalled a financial net). Mr. Dan Testa chaired the party and expresses thanks for the Bronx Committee to the North End Democratic Club for making the event possible.

"God Bless Us One and All"—the spirit of the Christmas season — was the forethought of the Cunningham Women's League when sponsoring a Christmas for our Queens children on December 19 at the Queens General Hospital. This group, who have dedicated their program to mentally retarded and cerebral palsied children, enlisted the aid of the community in giving this party. ARCH members are grateful to Mrs. Ann Halby, Mrs. Ruth Allen, chairmen, and their committee for giving this day to our children — to Mrs. Arlene Bernstein for interesting the League in our program.

DR. YEPSEN TO SHOW FILM AT FEB. 13 GENERAL MEETING

Dr. Lloyd N. Yepsen, Advisor to the AHRC, will be the main speaker of the next general meeting of the Association on Wednesday, February 13, 1952 in the auditorium of the Central Needles Trade High School, 225 West 24th Street, New York at 8:00 P.M.

The film *FORGET NOT THESE CHILDREN*, a sound film in color produced by the Princeton Film Center, will be shown by Dr. Yepsen. The evening will prove interesting and advantageous to all members. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

DR. STORRS HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Tribute to Dr. Harry C. Storrs, Senior Director of Letchworth Village, was paid November 24, at the Annual Luncheon of the Welfare League for Retarded Children.

Dr. Storrs, former President of the AAMD, has devoted forty years of his life to the service of the mentally retarded and has been Senior Director of Letchworth Village for twenty-one years. We, the parents of retarded children know and appreciate what this devotion has meant in terms of better understanding and more state responsibility.

Among those who honored Dr. Storrs at the Hotel Astor was James A. Farley, former Postmaster General, who said that "there is no man alive in the state who has tried more to be helpful to those who come within the scope of his direction."

Others who spoke were Morris Kleinman, who presented Dr. Storrs with a scroll; Mrs. Gertrude Gross, President of the Welfare League; William Kaufman, Joseph Teller, Eugene Gramm, and Louis H. Kaufman, members of the Welfare League; Franklin B. Kirkbride, President of the Board of Visitors at Letchworth, who has been a member of its Board since 1907, and the Reverend T. W. Dolman, chaplain of Letchworth Village.

AHRC MEMBERS ARTICLES APPEAR IN AMERICAN JOURNAL OF MENTAL DEFICIENCY

"The Clinics of the AHRC", a talk given by Nat Feder before the AAMD Convention in May, was printed in the October 1951 issue of the American Journal of Mental Deficiency.

The January issue of the Journal has an article by our Executive Director, Jerry Weingold — "Parents Groups and the Problem of Mental Retardation". This article was originally read before the AAMD Convention in Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1950. It has been used throughout the country and served as the basis and incentive for the creation of many of the parents groups in other states. A limited number of reprints are available.

BROOKLYN DRAWS LARGE CROWD TO THIRD ANNUAL CARD PARTY



BROOKLYN CARD PARTY COMMITTEE

Left to right - Ed Fliegel, Chairman; Ruth Seinfeld, Minna Bober and William Paternack. Standing - Alex Russotto.

For the third year the Brooklyn Committee of the AHRC drew a large crowd to their Annual Card Party, November 29 at Menora Temple.

Financially the party was as successful as last year when many were turned away for lack of space.

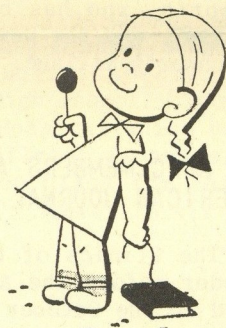
The chairman of the affair was Ed Fliegel, Mrs. Florence Dash, Secretary. Cooperation on the part of all the members of the Brooklyn committee was so plentiful in the selling of tickets, obtaining prizes, helping in the kitchen and serving the guests that it is impossible to list the names in this space. It was indeed a fund raising fete.

NEEDED!

FOR

THE NEW

AHRC CLASSES:



EQUIPMENT:

Linoleum
Record Players
Dressed Large Dolls
Small Jointed Dolls
Projectors and Screens
Children's Films

BRONX CARD PARTY A SUCCESS



BRONX CARD PARTY COMMITTEE - Front row - Mrs. Jack Raynor; Sylvia Schacter; Elaine Blau; Eveline Leckart; Rebecca Noble, Chairman of Card Party, Rose Lieberman, Treasurer; Olga Ney, Jean Katz. Standing left to right - Rose Ossin; Phyllis Sacks, Junior League, Gloria Herman; Rose Krakoff; Gertrude Markowitz; Margaret Rosenberg; Sol Stitch, Shirley Hulnick.

As their first activity of the season the Bronx Committee held a card party, November 20 at the Westover Ballroom, Bronx.

Equipped with large contributions of food and merchandise the event proved a social and financial success. As a starting function of the group, the committee worked long and hard to draw a crowd of over 450 people.

The Card Party was chairmaned by Mrs. Rebecca Nobel and her treasurer was Mrs. Rose Lieberman. Active on the committee was Theresa Snyder, Rose Krakoff, Evelyn Leckart, Mrs. Jack Raynor, Jean Katz, Margaret Rosenberg, Gertrude Markowitz, Sylvia Schacter, Elaine Blau and Jean Serebin.

OPENINGS IN BRONX SOCIAL GROUP

There are still some openings left for older children in one of the Bronx Social Groups. This group meets at the Walton High School one evening a week. Screening for admission is now going on. If your child is between 17 and 25, please call Mrs. Leckart at DAYton 8-4564 immediately. These groups are under professional leadership and provide friends and social contacts our children need so much.

BRONX MEETING PLACE FOR OLDER CHILDREN NEEDED

A meeting place for Saturday nights is needed by one of the Bronx Social Groups for Older Children. If anyone feels able to help get this space please call Mrs. Evelyn Leckart, Chairman of the Bronx Division of the Social Groups for Older Children Committee, at DAYton 8-4564. The space should be preferably in a Community Center.

AHRC PUBLICITY INCREASED

Increased efforts to let the public know who we are and what we are trying to do, brought noticeable and gratifying results, beginning in the early fall with the immensely successful Claire Mann Luncheon which was announced over the air and on TV and noted again in newspapers when Joseph Weingold awarded the Claire Mann program, a public education citation.

On November 4th, Mr. Weingold appeared on a television panel program, "It's A Problem", N.B.C. - TV.

Luncheon at Sardi's, swank WOR luncheon program entertained Mike Sloan and Paula Stone, producers of "Top Banana", November 15th when the distinguished pair made an inspiring plea for our Association.

On December 19th, William Auden, outstanding English novelist, made a like appeal at Sardi's. The Herb Sheldon Show on WJZ also gave us a nice build-up November 28th. So did Nick Kenny during mid-November.

During January a taping of a panel discussion to be broadcast over the N.B.C. network is already scheduled. This will get our full story before the public. It is also fairly well established that a leading magazine will tell the complete story very soon.

Meanwhile releases pouring from the office are having their effect upon newspapers, breaks in the Times, Tribune and good upstate papers are more frequent.

To aid this intensified publicity effort members are asked to write not telephone ideas and suggestions and to please make certain that correct full names of all persons represented in pictures are given along with their full permission for publication of their pictures.

MRS. THOMAS CHOSEN TO DIRECT PUBLICITY

Mrs. Gladys Prieur Thomas of Port Washington, Long Island, magazine writer, radio and TV consultant to the Vernon Pope Agency, who is widely experienced in the promotion of causes like ours, became Public Relations Advisor to AHRC October 15.

On the same date Mrs. Rose Bretton of Staten Island also joined our staff as full-time public relations assistant.

Both women were formerly on the Public Relations staff of the National Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

Mrs. Thomas has acted as advisor to such campaigns as the Planned Parenthood Federation, The National Community Chests and Councils, American Cancer and the March of Dimes, and Mrs. Bretton was formerly with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

APPEALED FOR RETARDED CHILDREN



Producers of the current hit "Top Banana", Paula Stone and Michael Sloane, appealed to the radio audience of "Luncheon at Sardi's" on November 15 to help the vast and needy cause of mental retardation. Their message brought many letters to our headquarters.

MAYOR'S WIFE LUNCHEON PATRONESS

At a Hotel Savoy-Plaza Claire Mann Glamour Fashion Luncheon, October 31, Mrs. Vincent R. Impelletteri was patroness for the benefit of AHRC.

Fashions by Liotti were modeled and door prizes awarded during the Luncheon, all of which were arranged and emceed by Miss Mann, television star of the Claire Mann Show.

Other patronesses included Mrs. Giovanni Buitoni, Mrs. Joseph Neff and Mrs. Dorothy Clark Norman.

We are deeply grateful to all those persons who contributed their time, effort and money to make this Luncheon a most successful occasion. We extend our thanks to Claire Mann who gave her time and talents to our cause; Barbara Weingold who enlisted Miss Mann's assistance; Minna Bober who tirelessly worked for the perfection of the Luncheon; the Hotel Savoy-Plaza management and publicity department for their full cooperation; Mr. Liotti and the models for the display of his most attractive fashions; and to the many, many donors of beautiful prizes.

PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARD

PRESENTED TO "IT'S A PROBLEM"

In recognition of the intelligent way which the problem of mental retardation was presented to the public on a panel discussion of "It's A Problem", November 2, Ben Grauer accepted our Public Education award for the program from President Russotto.

Members participating in the panel were Dr. Joseph Wortis, Helen Parkhurst, Joseph Weingold, Anne Thomas and Ben Grauer, moderator.

DONOR GROUPS DOINGS

The Lena Invalid Aid Society held its Annual Dinner Saturday, November 17, at the Park Sheraton.

Gertrude Vos Children's Fund held their Annual Dinner on Sunday, December 9, at the Empire Hotel.

On the same night, the Cunningham League held a Dinner-Dance at the Boulevard Restaurant. More than 800 people attended and many were turned away because of lack of space. Retarded children are a new cause with the Cunningham League. They will sponsor a Queens project.

The Theodora League is as busy as ever and sets a high goal for everyone. They had a Theater Party at "Top Banana", a Rummage Sale and are busy planning their Annual Luncheon and Journal.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund just roll along with Bagel and Lox Parties, theater parties and other special events.

The Esther Baila League, Sarah Starkman League, Ruth Kirzon League and others who have supported our Camp Program are all busy with Social and Fund Raising activities.

HONORED BY ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE



Claire Mann

On her December 3rd program, Miss Claire Mann accepted a citation from Joseph T. Weingold, executive director of the AHRC, for the public service work her program has rendered to stimulate interest in the work of the Association. At this time Miss Mann pledged further cooperation and active assistance to our program.

OUR THANKS TO.....

Mr. Charles Carroll, owner of the Tropic Isle, Brooklyn, for his continued interest and cooperation in the work of the AHRC. Extensive use of his club and services have been donated time and again. We all appreciate his understanding and welcome his support.

LILLIAN SEGALL CELEBRATES 75th BIRTHDAY

Lillian Segall, President of the Lena Invalid Aid Society, who sponsor the Speech Clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospitals, celebrated her 75th birthday on November 15th.

The inspiration of the Lenas and long their President, she has guided them in their important work for the Jewish Home for Convalescents and our own children. Our salute to a grand Young Woman!

UNION MEMBERS ASKED TO HELP AHRC

Will all who are members of the I.L.G.W.U. or the Amalgamated Clothing Workers please write to Mr. Sidney Werbin, % AHRC, 31 Madison Avenue, New York 10, N.Y. Be sure to give your name, address, Local number and Ledger number.

FACT SHEET TO EXPLAIN MENTAL RETARDATION TO REACH NEWSPAPER, T.V. AND RADIO LEADERS

Very soon all newspaper editors, radio producers, TV leaders and others with influences upon public opinion throughout New York State will receive an AHRC FACT SHEET, explaining exactly what mental retardation is and is not.

This will be the first action in our new campaign to combat the misinformation and superstitions about our children which sometimes results in radio, TV and printed material detrimental to our cause.

The FACT SHEET will explain so clearly what mental retardation is, how large a group is involved and the harm done by the dissemination of lies and attitudes arising from falsehoods that those who edit what reaches the public will no longer be able to claim ignorance or lack of intention to offend.

Along with this new policy of making certain that those who should know, do know, goes another effort aiming at the same problem. This is a public education citation which will be awarded to any program, newspaper, magazine or other publicity outlet, which distinguishes itself by an intelligent handling of mental retardation.

Two of these citations have already been awarded to television programs. Another is planned for Parents Magazine.

Members are asked to inform the office when offensive material is heard or read so that the group involved may receive a FACT SHEET reminder and also to let us know quickly when good material appears so that the reward can be quick and enthusiastically received.

DR. SARSON ADDRESSES AHRC MEMBERS

Aid for Retarded Held Inadequate

More clinics, research, improved educational programs, better community understanding and more cooperation among the various professions concerned with retarded children are urgent necessities, Dr. Seymour B. Sarason, Associate Professor of Psychology at Yale University, declared at a general meeting of the AHRC on November 29. His topic was "A Community Program for Retarded Children."

Basic to all the problems is lack of community consciousness of the needs of the retarded. Much of this may be due to the attitude of professional workers who should have a keener awareness of the problem - psychological, medical, social and educational. Such awareness would show them the limitations of their own training, he asserted, and the need for teamwork between the professions.

More clinics with medical, psychological and educational specialists are needed, Dr. Sarason declared. In each case emphasis should be on working out as soon as possible a definite training program and supervising its execution - even if it means "bringing the clinic into the home". Parents need support and advice, not only during their clinic visits but in their home surroundings. Many of the problems of mentally retarded children are unnecessary and arise because the parents have inadequate help when they are trying to adjust to the idea.

Hand in hand with this, educational facilities, occupational opportunities and recreational outlets, should be provided by the community for retarded children and recognition given to their approaching adult needs. Ignoring any of these elements, including research, Dr. Sarason said, "will mean a sterile program, inadequate solutions and the continued despair of all concerned."

AGENCIES DISCOVER AHRCI

At a recent panel at the Hunter College meeting of the International Council for Exceptional Children, our Executive Director represented the AHRC and spoke about its work.

After the talks, one of the speakers, representing one of the great family agencies in the city, was asked his advice about a retarded youngster of twenty, with little training, now seeking a job. "Before this evening," he answered, "I would have replied that I don't know where to send you, but after tonight I would send you to the AHRC."

Who is supposed to refer to whom?

NURSERY GROUP

Anyone interested in a nursery group for children between 3 and 4 years of age in the Bronx, please contact Mrs. Sylvia Schacter, 2125 Holland Avenue, Bronx, New York, TAlmage 9-1626.

CLINIC NOTES

The clinic at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospitals has made several new appointments enlarging the services to our children. Dr. Harold Michal-Smith is now Chief Clinical Psychologist. He plans a new clinical intern training program to allow for greater expansion of patients and perhaps more time for research. He is also planning play therapy groups for the patients and group therapy for the parents.

Dr. Anne French has been appointed full-time psychologist and Dr. I. M. Tarlov, consultant Neurosurgeon.

Other new activities in the clinic are: Two new surgical research projects, one for the treatment of hydrocephalous and the other a new surgical approach to increased circulation.

The Morris J. Solomon Clinic at the Jewish Hospital has a number of new additions to the staff and increased services. Wilfred Quaytman has been appointed Clinical Psychologist. He was formerly with the Department of Neurology, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center where he worked in the field of mental retardation.

Recently added to the corps of the clinic are Morton Feinman of Kings County Hospital, Rehabilitation Center; Miss Demenholtz, music therapist and Miss Elsa Heaussermann of the Cerebral Palsy class at P.S. 135. She is doing educational evaluations which we hope will point the way to developing community programs for the children.

Both clinics have agreed to add their services to the AHRC schools to the end that nothing will be left undone to make that program do the most possible for the children. This is indeed an extension of the clinic into the community.

HELP FOR CHILDREN WITH APHASIA

Recently a medical agency has undertaken a project to rehabilitate children with aphasia (aphasia is a disturbance in language communication by symbols due to a cortical injury). Facilities for such children may be extended if this agency could obtain a census. Parents, relatives and friends of aphasic children are asked to write to the AHRC. Be sure that Aphasic Project appears on the envelope.

In order that the figures have some validity please be sure that you have some professional diagnosis before writing.

TOYS DONATED FOR CLASSES

Mr. Walter Kraemer of the Van-Den-Berg Kraemer Corp. who, through the efforts of George Hirsch, made a most generous contribution of Holgate Toys for both School Centers. It was just what the children needed.

HAROLD M. BIBER DIES

Harold M. Bieber, President of the Exceptional Children's Foundation of Los Angeles and Treasurer of the National Association for Retarded Children, died recently in California while addressing a new group of parents.

"Hal Bieber was a pioneer in the parent movement," stated Woodhull Hay, Secretary of the National Association and a member of the AHRC Board of Directors. "He fought with great courage for all retarded children everywhere. He died fighting for them. He will be hard to replace."

BOOK REVIEW

THE OTHER CHILD

The Brain-Injured Child by Richard S. Lewis with Alfred A. Strauss and Laura E. Lehtinen. (Grune and Stratton, New York, 1951)

This book attempts to fill one of the long standing vacuums in the area of mental retardation: information that will help parents understand their mentally retarded child. Today more than at any other time this need has become critical. Parents have finally recognized the need for a frank approach for help and find almost no information available. The OTHER CHILD does not fill this vacuum but it does make it less empty.

It is essentially, as stated in its preface, as a book for laymen done jointly by a professional team and a parents of a brain-injured child. It is a courageous undertaking since the material it tries to make meaningful to parents is not too well understood by professionals. Professionals will approach the book with reserve since very little research has been done to verify the hypotheses made by Strauss and Lehtinen in their earlier work. They will criticize it on the score that since the conclusions of Strauss are not verified, parents should not be made to feel that this is an undisputed answer to their problems. Although this criticism may be technically valid, from the parents' point of view it offers new insights that will lead to constructive action.

The authors take great pains in their attempt to explain the "otherness" of brain-injured children. They succeed up to a certain point. For some readers this may be enough; but many will want to find the reasons for this otherness more fully elaborated. The same can be said of the sections on management and education. It leaves much unsaid because apparently there is much to be discovered.

Perhaps the book will stimulate more thinking and writing in the area of developing parents' insights. If it accomplished this, the book will have fulfilled an important purpose.

Louis Rosenzweig

SERVICES FOR OLDER CHILDREN INCREASED

From two last year, the Social Groups for older children have increased to five now in operation. In addition there is an Arts and Crafts class for children between the ages of 12 and 15.

The original groups continue to meet under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Fishman in Brooklyn and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guggenheim in the Bronx. A second Bronx group is now meeting under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Gottsegen and another group has formed in Brooklyn under Mildred Strazzulli, speech therapist at the Morris J. Solomon Clinic, and Morris Naham. Rudolf Hormuth, psychiatric social worker at the Brooklyn clinic, is working with both Brooklyn groups.

The activities of the AHRC are beginning to extend into Queens where a social group has been formed with Elaine Solomon as a group leader. Miss Carol Gladkowska is chairman. Queens parents with older children can call Miss Gladkowska at IL 8-1145.

The Joy Arts and Crafts Group meets Saturdays at the Parkview School in Brooklyn. Richard Knopf is the teacher and Mrs. Evelyn Benefield is the assistant teacher.

For further information about getting into one of these groups you may call Mrs. Alice Pearlstein, Chairman, PR 2-0690, or Evelyn Leckart (Manhattan Chairman), DA 8-4564, both of whom are doing an outstanding job with our older children.

PARENTS VIEWS ON REHABILITATION PRESENTED TO STATE WELFARE CONFERENCE

On Tuesday, November 13, Joseph T. Weingold, our Executive Director, read a paper, "A Parents Organization Interprets the Employment Needs of the Mentally Retarded in the Community", to the Rehabilitation Panel of the State Welfare Conference held in Buffalo.

The panel discussion was entirely devoted to the mentally retarded. Participants were Miss Jewell Phillips of Goodwill Industries of New York and Dr. Salvatore DiMichael of the Federal Division of Rehabilitation, Federal Security Agency. Dr. Lloyd N. Yepsen was the moderator.

"The rehabilitation of retarded children should begin at the earliest age possible," urged Mr. Weingold. "It is most unrealistic to expect employment competence from the mentally retarded without a total program of training in which many private and all the public agencies should be involved."

A limited number of copies of Mr. Weingold's paper are available for distribution.

**COM.
MORRIS J.
SOLOMON
(Moish)**



United States Commissioner of Jurors - human dynamo.

Born August 14, 1891. Graduated from P.S. 145 and attended Eastern District High School and New York Prep. His father died when Moish was 16 and he had to support a widowed mother and three sisters. He sold candy at the foot of the Broadway ferry; next, worked as an office boy for Bernard Bloch, attorney, and then became managing clerk for Judge William Rasquin, Jr. where he remained nine years. In April 1919 he became associated with Davis Yarn Company and has been with them as Secretary for over thirty years. He is one of the leading men in the knit goods and yarn industry.

He married Mollie Davis in 1922 and they have one son Irwin, now in the Navy.

His affiliations read like a page in Who's Who. He was President of the Elite Club from 1911 for 22 years and now its Honorary President. Space does not permit telling all his activities, but some are Chairman of Community Sales Division, Treasury Department, War Savings Staff where he sold \$10,000,000 War Bonds. He is 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner, an active member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, Director of the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council, American Art Federation, Children's Day and Night Appeal, Flatbush Community Council and pioneer in the Hillel Foundation of Brooklyn College. There are many more, but this gives you an idea.

Nor is Moish merely a "member". He must constantly do things. An example is the \$62,000 he raised for the Catholic Seamen's Institute of Brooklyn, a non-sectarian clubhouse for the men of the merchant marine and all other servicemen.

For the past thirty-five years, Moish, through the Elite Club and more recently through the Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund has taken care of thousands of families for their Passover needs during that holiday. The Home for the Blind, too, has been the beneficiary of these efforts.

On November 28, 1951, the name of Morris J. Solomon became forever identified with the cause of the "forgotten children" when the Ladies Auxiliary of the Morris J. Solomon Sunshine Fund honored him by naming the clinic they are supporting at the Jewish Brooklyn Hospital, the Morris J. Solomon Clinic for the rehabilitation of retarded children.

AHRC PROFILE



**JOE KUHN
Fourth Vice President**

Born January 27, 1910 in New York City. Graduated from Lawrence High School and the School of Commerce, New York University. Worked in a silk house behind the counter, real estate, renting lofts in the dress section of New York. His experience ranges from runner to margin clerk in Wall Street, to waiter at summer resorts, manufacturer of chemically treated toilet seats and finally as head of Woodruff Press.

He joined the AHRC in 1949 and all this varied experience finally found its channel in Fund Raising. Became Chairman of Fund Raising in 1950 and has been the planner of great things to come, an ambassador of goodwill everywhere and one of the solid foundations on which the AHRC rests. Not content with Fund Raising alone, organizing the Boroughs into smooth functioning units, he became a vital cog in Publicity. Without his efforts to obtain subscriptions, the Times ad of December 1950 would have remained a paper project. His efforts, furthermore, resulted in the full hour TV show over the DuMont network last May. His energy and know-how were such that the rest of the Publicity Committee felt it best to step aside and let "Mr. Fund Raising" do the job. We hesitate to quote his plans for this year but we know that with Joe they must be realized.

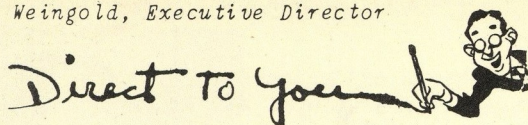
Joe has demonstrated that Fund Raising is an art and the life blood of the AHRC. It is what makes dreams come true. It is the everyday relationship with people. It is the means by which our many members spread our story by word of mouth to thousands in the community. He has demonstrated that fund raising can be public relations at its best.

With all this Joe is a community man. He is a member of the Jewish Community Center of Teaneck and on the Editorial Board of the "Center Bulletin". He is Safety Chairman on the Executive Committee of Bryand School P.T.A., Achievement Man for the Cub Pack #168 and Vice President of Congregation Beth Shalom of Teaneck; on the Civilian Board of Advisors to the Board of Education for the Junior High School.

He has three children, Henry 9, Rochell 7 and Carla 16 who is at Wassaic State School.

J.T.W.

The ARCH LIGHT shines on Morris J. Solomon who, when asked why he devotes so much time to various causes, says, "I don't want anything, I ask for nothing and I seek nothing". But we add, "Except to help others."



Preceding, perhaps, but certainly along with all the projects of the AHRC we must have parent education. This seems so axiomatic, so simple, and yet how neglected has this phase of the training and education of the retarded child been. Parent education seems to be so integral a part of the education of the child that I wonder how it can be that the retarded child is being trained without parent education.

The AHRC recognized this almost immediately because, as parents, we felt this lack most acutely. We have been trying to fill this need at an Association level, but hope that it will be integrated into the clinics, the classes, the social groups and all other projects.

I believe that the schedule of talks for 1952 will explain what we have in mind. The courses started Thursday, January 3rd at the AHRC offices.

I. DEFINITIONS, KINDS, AND CAUSES

Chris J. DeProspero - The nature and needs of mentally retarded children; definitions, causes, types and classifications.

II. TRENDS AND PROBLEMS IN THE MEDICAL STUDY OF MENTAL RETARDATION

George A. Jervis, M.D.

III. PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

Harold Michal-Smith, Ph.D. - Nature of intelligence and personality, aims and objectives of the psychological examination, procedure of the examination. The examination battery, its findings and implications and relationship to mental retardation.

IV. CHILD IN THE HOME, RECOGNITION, IMPACT AND ACCEPTANCE

Wilfred Quaytman - Methods in early detection of retardation, mental growth and personality patterns of the child. The impact of the child's retardation on the whole family, acceptance of the child as a person and his place in our society.

V. IMPLICATIONS PERSONAL AND VOCATIONAL

Louis Scharf - Training of the whole child with special attention to what the home and family can do to help the child grow towards his full potential in the various elements of his total personality.

VI. SPEECH FOR THE RETARDED

Doris Trepel - A definition of language and speech, the development of language and speech, preparation for language and speech.

VII. SPEECH SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME TRAINING

Doris Trepel

VIII. THE OLDER RETARDED CHILD - SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS IN THE HOME AND THE COMMUNITY

Mary E. Harnett, Ph.D. - Impact on the home life, duties and obligations in the home towards the older retarded child and the need for community education to insure better understanding, acceptance and respect for the older mentally retarded child.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

The students of this Evening High School have selected your charitable organization as one they wish to help this Christmas season. They have collected together their dimes and quarters, etc., for the purpose of helping several worthy charitable organizations. I am glad that yours is one of them. I wish it were possible to send a generous contribution to all worthy organizations.

I wish you all success in your worthy purposes.

Very truly,
George Davidson, Principal
Erasmus Hall Evening High
School.

Amount sent: \$11.00

Dear Sir,

The other day I went for some information to the offices of the AHRC and received besides some kind advice, also some copies of "Our Children's Voice".

As a member of a fellow association in England I felt I must congratulate you on the work that is being done by the AHRC in this country. It is one of the most difficult tasks also in Britain to interest the general public in this problem and to get a real understanding of these children.

For the past thirteen years I have been a curative worker and teacher in Sunfield Children's Homes. In 1948 the principal and another colleague...called a meeting of all the children's parents. They were so grateful for being able to meet and discuss the problems of all "exceptional" children, that they decided to form "The Three Roses" in 1949 - an Association for the better understanding and welfare of children in need of special care.

It now counts as its members several hundreds of friends and parents also of such children.

I think that we all can learn from one another's problems and experiences as we all have the welfare of "The Retarded Child, regardless of race colour, creed or age" so close to our hearts.

Very faithfully,
Evelyn W. Flatow

If you haven't paid your DUES,

DO IT TO-DAY!!

IX. THE OLDER RETARDED CHILD - VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

Leonard W. Rockower - What the older child can do, what jobs are available to him and what training he needs.

What we, as parents need is to be helped to understand our children's problems and through understanding handle them intelligently, as well as with love.