Boerum Hill Bulletin

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Twas weeks before Christmas when all the Belarussian church...a group of elves went to work on a merry plan. BHA Board member Ben Barrett chaired this year’s party assisted by Trudy Katzer, Hannah Mason, Sarah Wikenczy and Howard Kolins.

The tables were adorned with poinsettias and candles which added to the beautiful decorations graciously shared with the Atlantic Avenue Local Development Corporation’s Tree Lighting that took place on December 4th. Santa’s chair was positioned in its place of honor at the front of the room. The long buffet tables were ready to be piled high with many plates and bowls. When the candles were lit, the room glowed with warm anticipation.

James Crow was at the door, gleefully taking on his welcoming duties. He, and all our neighbors, did not disappoint!

To start, we traveled the culinary world, with guacamole and hummus, cornbread made by Jessica Pichardo owner of the Linger Café at 533 Atlantic and a wonderful baked dip by Betty Feibusch.

Main dishes included a lamb roast by Doug Barnes, roast chickens contributed by Jim Vogel, baked ham by Kate Perry, and the BHA purchased Turkey Roulades and Pork Tenderloins from Cobblestone Foods on Court Street.

Sides included a cheese pie by our new neighbor Peter Kettle, a fabulous squash and hazelnut lasagna by Gary Boston and Charles Lee, potatoes au gratin by Jim Crow and many more.

Patricia Kelley made the most incredible (and incredibly large) chocolate chip cookies, the Wells family baked the chocolate banana bread, and for once, the desserts did not outnumber the rest of the dishes!
**ANNUAL POTLUCK HOLIDAY PARTY**

This was just a small amount of the many, many dishes made by the 100 festive neighbors who attended this year.

Board member Leslie Lewis extended our invitation to Borough President Marty Markowitz who dropped by to welcome the all the holidays that take place in this season and declared the meal to be “calorie free.”

Santa flew in to inquire as to who was naughty or nice *(the ones with raised hand below are surely nice)* and he did a stirring reading of the classic “Night Before Christmas.” Of course, the children were rewarded with toys from his sack.

The children were also regaled by artist and teacher, Sarah Aller, who creates wonderful art for children of all ages. *(photo of decoration, right).* She has been a wonderful addition to the past two parties; a tradition we expect to continue. If you’re interested in her, you can reach Sarah at 917-204-7223 or [www.brooklynartparty.com](http://www.brooklynartparty.com).

I also want to thank our serving staff, Debra Evans and Nicole. They do so much to help us keep the evening on track. If you need help with a party, you can reach Debra at 718-387-0380.

Long time Party hosts Claire and Lewis Okser flanked by Margaret Cusack and Charles Lee.

Renew Your Membership for 2010

While you’re enjoying the holiday glow, please take a moment to renew your membership for next year. Continue your support for this party, our parks activities, pub walks, our work on Atlantic Yards and the House of Detention, R6B zoning, the Newsletter and more!
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Name(s) ____________________________________________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________ City __________________ State ________ Zip ___________
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Yearly Membership (open to all residents of Boerum Hill)
□ $25 – Individual                                            □ $15 – Individual Senior/Student/Low-income
□ $40 – Family                                                 □ $25 – Family* Senior/Student/Low-income

Business Supporters (listed on BHA website, newsletters, and other publications)
□ $125 – Business Donor                   □ $250 – Business Sponsor

Contributions (Not a resident or business owner? Or checked a box above but still want to do more? Contributions of
any size are always welcome and help support the important work of the BHA)
□ + $100 “Good Neighbor                   □ + $250 “Neighborhood Hero!”                 □ + $_______ Other

The BHA membership year is from January 1 to December 31. Members in good standing as of June 1 may vote in the
June board election. All others, including business supporters, may not vote but are welcome at all BHA events and ac-
tivities.
* Family memberships (2+ adults in the same household), are entitled to two votes. Individual members receive one
vote.

Contribute Your Talent and Energy

Join your neighbors who volunteer to work on BHA activities and community priorities. Identify your areas of interest.

□ Atlantic Yards                                            □ Public Relations and Communication (neighborhood
calendar, block associations, press releases, etc.)
□ Block Captain (help distribute BHA notices on your block)  □ Parks and Playgrounds (improving Douglass/Greene
Park)
□ Boerum Hill History                                       □ Quality of Life (public safety, sanitation, recycling, noise)
□ Community Events (meetings, holiday party, house tour)    □ Technology (website, email, online tools)
□ Greening & Neighborhood Beautification                    □ Traffic and Transportation (transit, parking, etc.)
□ Land Use (development, zoning, building noise)            □ Tutoring (homework help to neighborhood youth)
□ Land marking                                              □ Other: ___________________________________________
□ Membership (recruitment, member services)                 □ Newsletter
□ Newsletter

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