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### TURTLE BAY NEWS

From the Turtle Bay Association, neighborhood association for Manhattan's Turtle Bay, East Midtown, home of the United Nations.

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### Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza 20th Anniversary

An elegant celebration was held at Japan Society on December 4, 2019 to mark the 20th Anniversary of Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza. Many members from the NYC Parks Department attended the celebration. Ben Kallos, Council Member and Sara Newman from Council Member Keith Powers office presented Sherrill Kazan, President of Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza a proclamation congratulating them on 20 years of service by keeping the Plaza and the Katherine Hepburn Gardens a clean, green and safe space for all members of the community to enjoy.

For additional information on Dag Hammarskjold Park, visit hammarskjoldplaza.org



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#### **SPOTLIGHT ON TBA BUSINESS MEMBER**

#### Jubilee 1st Avenue Restaurant

by Michael Zullo

The Jubilee 1st Avenue Restaurant, opened in 2012 by Master Chef and Academie Culinarie of France Luc Holié and his wife IIda Araujo, co-owners.

IIda is from Portugal, raised in France, and worked in the restaurant business in Paris before she met Luc in NYC in 1998.

Master Chef Luc learned his skill of preparing food in France. He worked for more than 20 years in restaurants including a 1-Star Michelin and a 3-Star Michelin restaurant in the south of France.

Over the past 7 years the Jubilee 1st Avenue Restaurant has attracted a steady stream of Turtle Bay neighbors and international tourists who enjoy authentic french cuisine and elegance to casual dining in a charming and vibrant atmosphere.

Additionally, on September 23, 2019, Luc and Ilda were honored to host Emmanuel Macron, French President, who enjoyed lunch at the restaurant. This brings recognition to the good reputation, quality and tasty food to a highly experienced Chef, who prepares meals using the best, high quality ingredients to ensure consistency.

Some of the dinner menu specialties offer appetizers such as:

broiled snails cassolette with garlic and parsley butter - - classic French onion soup with croutons



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and Swiss cheese; main course: oven roasted rack of lamb with potato gratin and tomato Provençale - - roasted sea scallops with orzo, porcini sauce and parmesan and mussels prepared in 10 different ways. Desserts: classic crème brulée with cointreau and molten chocolate cake with caramel ice cream.

Additionally, you'll find a selection of fine wine from France, Italy, Argentina & California. Also, a fantastic selection of French Reserve wine.

In addition to their dinner menu there's a pre fixed lunch for \$35.00; a two course pre-theater menu with a choice of 1 appetizer + 1 main course or 1 main course & 1 dessert which includes a glass or wine or beer or a half bottle of mineral water.

Also featured is a Saturday & Sunday pre fixed Brunch from 12 to 3:30pm which includes up to 3 Bloody Mary's or Mimosas for \$32.00.

### The Jubilee 1st Avenue Restaurant offers Turtle Bay Members a 5% discount.

Location: 948 1st Avenue Phone: 212 888 3569 website: https://jubilee.nyc/

email: jubileerestaurant@yahoo.com

Hours: Open 7 days a week.

LUNCH: Monday - Friday: 12 to 4 рм.

DINNER: Mondays: 4 to 10 рм — Tues & Wed: 4 to 10:30 рм — Thursdays & Fridays: 4 to 11 рм — Saturdays: 5:30 to 11 рм — Sundays: 5:30 to 10:30 рм



#### **Donating Clothing**

Donating clothing and other new or gently-used textile items can be as easy as a walk in the park. The Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Greenmarket offers the option of dropping off items for donation to Wearable Collections, in partnership with recycle@grownyc.org, including: clean clothing; paired shoes; linens; handbags and belts.

Under the banner Clothing Is Not Garbage, donations can be made at the plaza site, on Second Avenue at East 47th Street, on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (The drop-off location is the last vendor location on the left-hand side heading into the park from Second Avenue.)

According to the group, clothing and other textiles account for 6% of the city's residential waste stream, with 200,000 tons of textiles discarded annually. Since the effort began in 2007, the group estimates 6 million pounds have been diverted from landfills. Thirty green markets in four boroughs collect unwanted textiles weekly under the non-profit GrowNYC Zero Waste program funded by the city's Department of Sanitation.

Materials accepted by Wearable Collections are sorted for distribution to second-hand markets. The group cannot accept pillows, comforters, rugs or luggage.

Donations are tax deductible, with tax receipts available at drop-off.

by Judy Randall

### Land Use/Zoning

Activity at two properties on Second Avenue have caught the eye of Turtle Bay residents.

At 940 Second Avenue on the corner of East 50th Street: scaffolding has been erected at this site of a former green grocer, a long-time neighborhood staple. The property, vacant since last February, is undergoing repair for a cracked facade, according to the city Department of Buildings website. However, no work permits have been filed, according to the office of Councilman Keith Powers.

At 1003-1015 Second Avenue between East 53rd and 54th Streets: permits have been filed for a 19-story mixed-use building at 1009 Second Avenue, according to the Councilman Powers office, including 29 residences expected to be condos. A completion date has not been announced.

by Judy Randall



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# Plastic Bag Ban —March 1st, 2020

New York State lawmakers have agreed to impose, starting March 1st, 2020, a statewide ban on most types of single-use plastic bags from retail sales, changing the way of life for millions of New Yorkers as legislators seek to curb an unsightly and omnipresent source of litter, as well as longer range environmental damage. If customers do not bring their own reusable bags—as some of us already do—stores will charge a five cent fee for each single-use carry-out bag. Some counties will also charge five cents for single-use paper carry-out bags, that will go into a statewide environmental fund. The Turtle Bay Association is exploring ways in which we might be helpful to our residents in this environmental effort.

by Bill Curtis



Ben Kallos



The Turtle Bay Association held its annual meeting on November 11, 2019, 6:30 PM in the conference room at the Vanderbilt YMCA.

Bill Curtis, President welcomed the members attending. The agenda included the election of officers and directors, the Treasurer's report and a report from all committee chairs.

Keith Powers, Council Member from District 4 and Ben Kallos, Council Member from District 5 gave the membership an update on local issues. This was followed by a Q & A period.

The well attended members were treated to a lite supper with dessert and beverages.

### Introducing TBA's Newest Directors

Rebekah Flig has long been involved with community matters in the Murray Hill area—she is the Treasurer of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, and a Co-Chair of the Young Professionals Networking Group. Educated at New York University and The George Washington University, she specializes in capital markets business development in the mortgage finance industry, where she is currently a SVP at SWBC Lending Solutions. As a new Director on the Turtle Bay Association, she immediately joined the



Keith Powers

Communications Committee, and is leading the way in developing TBA's social media networking. She is also working to expand the organization with professional networking events. Her expertise brings a new perspective to TBA.

Judy L Randall recently moved to Turtle Bay from Staten Island where she was a reporter for the Staten Island Advance, and worked with various civic organizations. Educated at Adelphi University in Political Studies, and New York University in Journalism, she has already written articles on community issues for the Turtle Bay Newsletter. In her role as a new Director on the Turtle Bay Board, she is already working with the Land Use Committee; reporting on local development issues, and acting as the Association's liaison to Community Board No. 6's Land Use Committee.

She is also a member TBA Special Events Committee.

Richard Sheehan moved to the Beekman Place area of Turtle Bay from Malverne, NY, where he worked on projects for a number of community organizations; including as President of the Malverne Civic Association. Educated at Fordham University, he has worked extensively in banking, and is now Vice President at New York Community Bank. As it happened, Richard came on board as a relatively new TBA Director, just as our previous Treasurer, Dick Irwin, retired; and we are happy to say that he was handily elected Treasurer in our November TBA Annual Meeting. Congratulations to Rich Sheehan.





#### Dag Hammarskjold Holiday Tree and Menorah Lightings

The lightings were held on December 19th. Prior to the event, The Family School children and parents lit the menorah in the center of the park. Family School Headmistress and Friends' VP Lesley Nan Haberman extended a warm welcome to the community.

The Tree Lighting celebration held at the entrance dome on 2nd Avenue featured the Manhattan Holiday Carolers and visits with Santa. Candles were handed out to all attendees to enhance the holiday atmosphere. Dog owners were invited to dress them in holiday garb for the Pooch Parade! Kids posed with the 7 ft Frosty snowman. Everyone enjoyed hot cocoa, cookies donated by Buttercup Bakery and donuts donated by Dunkin Donuts.

The Dag Hammarskjold Plaza Tree was donated by the Turtle Bay Association; the Menorah was donated by the Family School.

Singers: Manhattan Holiday Carolers, dressed in Victorian costume.

### Frank Bogucki Retirement

To my friends, colleagues, co-workers, and community members of my extended 17th Precinct family,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement from the NYPD after more than 35 years. I am proud to say that nearly all of my time on the job was assigned to what I consider the best police command in the entire city, the 17th Precinct. But, as they say, time marches on and my time to say good-bye has come. During my long career as a member of New York's Finest, I had more memorable experiences that I could ever hope to remember. I also interacted with so many wonderful people over the years, both from within and outside the Police Department that is impossible to thank everyone in person, but rest assured that I will never forget any of you.

As I pass the proverbial torch to the next generation of police officers, I also begin the next chapter of my life and I am looking forward to whatever the future holds. But before I go, I offer all of you my humble thanks for the role you played in whatever success I achieved. I offer all of you my best wishes for continued success, health and happiness.

Detective Frank Bogucki



# TBA 33rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE

On Sunday December 1, 2019, from 3:00-5:30pm, the Turtle Bay Association held its 33rd Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive at Parnell's Restaurant.

The guests at this very well attended party were served delicious hors d'oeuvres compliments of the Turtle Bay Association.

The price of admission was donations of toys, games, hats, gloves, etc. All items received were donated to the Single Parent Resource Center. Also received were cash donations for God's Love We Deliver, the Vanderbilt YMCA and Single Parent Resource Center.

Phyllis Gitomer introduced two special guests: Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Council Member Ben Kallos, both of whom addressed the attendees. They were warmly greeted.

A fun afternoon was had by all.

pictured above: Representative Carolyn Maloney (right) and Councilman Ben Kallos (center)

below: Dolores Marsh and the donated toys





### Welcome New TBA Business Member

#### CAFÉ LA CERRA

401 E 50th St

Please support ALL of the Turtle Bay Association business members who support our Turtle Bay organization.

Check the TBA website for a listing of all current TBA business members.

The Turtle Bay Association Cordially Invites You To The 36th Annual

# Love Thy Neighborhood Valentine Party

Tuesday, February 11, 6 – 9 PM

Copinette Restaurant
891 First Avenue (Corner of 50th St)
3 Course Dinner • One Complimentary
Glass of Wine • Door Prizes
Members \$52.00 Per Person.

#### **TBA Newsletter Editorial Committee**

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