

QUIET PLEASE

SOMEONE IS SPEAKING



HISTORY a la STATEN ISLAND



The first meeting of the Civic's 2009-2010 season commenced with speaker **Dr. Tom Matteo**, Staten Island Borough Historian. Tom presented a slide show of notable people, places and events from Staten Island's history and invited members of the Civic to contact him to share their own stories, experiences and photos to be included in an upcoming publication on the history and development of South Beach.

You can visit the website at: <http://statenlandhistorian.com/>. Several publications are available for purchase on the website, including Dr.

Matteo books *Then & Now, I Didn't Know That* and *Sea View and the Farm Colony Staten Island*. Tom's books are also available at any Island branch of the New York Public Library. Tom also offers several publications about Staten Island's Famous Women, Native Americans and Italians. You can contact Dr. Matteo via email at sihistorian@aol.com, through the website or by phone at 718.605-7568.



FOR BOROUGH PRESIDENT

The second speaker and candidate for Staten Island Borough President, **John Luisi** presented his outline for a better Staten Island. John believes in "getting things done" without "lengthy and expensive studies". John was instrumental in bringing to St. George, Staten Island's first, and only, popular Greenmarket. John spoke about disclosure practices of City Council and the Borough President's office regarding discretionary funds – pointing out that the three Staten Island City Council members

made public how it spent its \$3 million dollar share, but the Borough Presidents office was not required to disclose how it spent \$11 million in discretionary funds. John promises to open the books on discretionary fund spending. John is also a strong proponent of two-year term limits. You can learn more about and communicate with John Luisi, volunteer for or contribute to his campaign and register to vote from his website <http://www.johnluisi.com>. John can also be reached by email ejohn@luisiforbp.com; phone 718.228.6439 or fax 530.732.3672.

EVERYONE COUNTS

The third speaker for the evening, Marianne Maloney, Partnership Specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau reminded members of the importance of participating in the 2010 census. She informed us that the long-form of past census' has been replaced with a ten-question short-form, which must be returned by April 21, 2010.



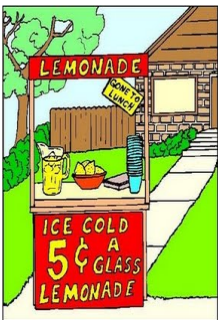
IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Participating in the ten-year census secures proper and sufficient funding for books, educational programs and services, such as the one closest to the hearts and minds of all South Beach residents, **firehouses**. Census assures communities of proper representation in all levels of government and electoral votes in national campaigns. Accurate census data is a crucial element in the federal governments' decision-making process regarding the urgent and ongoing concerns of health care reform and Medicaid as well as housing and our economic well-being.

Watch for and be sure to complete and return your 2010 Census Survey. You can learn more at <http://www.census.gov/>.

THINK BIG ... SHOP SMALL

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Advocacy... <http://www.sba.gov/advo>



- there were 29.6 businesses in the U.S. in 2008. Of those, 27.7 million, or 99.9%, were small businesses with 500 employees or less;
- U.S. small businesses employ just over half of all U.S. workers;
- small businesses have generated 64%, or 14.5 million new jobs over the past 15 years;
- the five-year success rate among small business is 51%; and
- in 2002 6.5 million businesses, employing 7.1 million workers were owned by women.

Your patronage promotes small business and creates jobs !

We welcome to *Rosa's Lovely Nail and Spa Salon* to the community



R A C E F O R M A Y O R

Paul Casali, Staten Island Field Coordinator for Bill Thompson's campaign for Mayor, introduced himself and spoke briefly about Mr. Thompson's support of term limits, reminding members of Mayor Bloomberg's refusal to extend term limits at the time he took office in 2001,

shortly after the World Trade Center. Paul announced the opening of Mr. Thompson's campaign headquarters at 126 Bennet Street and encouraged members to visit the website at www.Thompson2009.com to learn more about the candidate and participate in what he hopes will be a successful bid for Mayor.



J U K E B O X H E R O E S

Unfortunately, Elliott Zahnd and Salvatore Scarabino were unable to join us. Elliott and Sal own I Know Da Guy Entertainment and Elliott produces Jukebox Heroes Live, a musical entertainment show that recreates the sound, look and character of the country's most famous musicians and performers.

As part of the Applause for a Cause campaign, a series of benefit shows that channel money to several charity organizations, Jukebox Heroes Live, is giving a "Thanks-for-Giving" dedication show to benefit Autism on November 21 & 22 at the Snug Harbor Music Hall on Staten Island.

The shows will be Saturday, November 21st at 8:00 p.m. hosted by WCBS FM's Bob Shannon and Sunday, November 22nd at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Joe Causi. It will offer a free raffle prize of \$300, celebrity look-alikes meeting and greeting, a guest appearance by "Abbott and Costello", and many more surprises.

Tickets are \$50 and \$45 and the group pre-sale rate is: groups of 10 receive \$5 off each ticket. You may contact the Box Office of I Know Da Guy Entertainment at (347)562-4139 and see samples of past shows on myspace at www.myspace.com/iknowdaguy.

Get to know them at www.facebook.com/iknowdaguy and www.twitter.com/iknowdaguy.



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**SBCA BUSINESS REPORTS
AND CALENDAR**

Treasurer's Report given by Mrs. Dianne Romano shows an ending balance of \$1,525.60.

Joseph McAllister's **President's Report** included an announcement of the October 6th Plaque unveiling and celebration at Engine 161; open issues regarding the building at 300 Sand Lane.

Joe asked members to suggest uses for the property. Among them: a library, medical offices, YMCA and retail space.

You can read The New York Time's July 24th article featuring South Beach and an interview with Joe on our website.

Members are reminded to help replenish the Holy Rosary Food Pantry.

Monthly meetings for the SBCA 2009/2010 season are on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except where indicated. No meetings are held in July, August or December.

November 24, 2009 (Tuesday)

January 27, 2010

February 24, 2010

March 24, 2010

April 28, 2010

May 26, 2010

June 23, 2010.

Watch for the December date of SBCA Annual Christmas Party, which will be announced at a future meeting.

and

The SBCA Annual Picnic will be held in June, 2010

All meetings are held at the Fr. Dominic Epifanio Parish Center (Holy Rosary Church), 85 Jerome Avenue.

FACES IN THE CROWD



SBCA warmly welcomes back **Teresa Cenci**.

Congratulations to **Debbie Parsons** on her son's safe return from Afghanistan

Also in attendance:

Stanley and Susan of Janelle Hyer-Spencer's office;

Frank Niniviaggi, of Grasmere Civic Association;

Jake and Marlene of Dongan Hills Civic;

Michelle from Councilman Oddo's office.

Thank you all.