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## **WILLIAM SCHORKOPF MEMORIAL PATRIOTIC SUNDAY CONCERT**

**SUNDAY,  
JUNE 22, 2008,  
2 P.M.**

**Westerleigh Park**

**THE SOUTH SHORE  
BAND**

***James De Francesco,  
Conductor***

**Free Refreshments  
Free Children's Bike and  
scooter raffles**

**Bring folding chairs  
and blankets**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Once again the warm breezes of summer are here in Westerleigh. Residents have planted colorful displays of flowers and tended to their lawns. We are very fortunate to live in such a wonderful residential community.

The Annual Meeting of the Westerleigh Improvement Society on May 14 featured a presentation by our Borough Historian Dr. Thomas Matteo who spoke on the topic, Staten Island, Then and Now. All present were amazed at the changes that have taken place on Staten Island over the years. Many, as we know, not for the better. Dr. Matteo was presented with a copy of our history Westerleigh, The Town That Temperance Built. The Society will maintain contacts with him and keep him updated with any new undertakings investigating the history of Westerleigh and Prohibition Park.

Under the leadership of Director Sharon Heule the annual Barrack Memorial Walk took place on May 17. Director Chuck Curiazza led a group through parts of Westerleigh and returned to the Immanuel Union Church where an exchange of ideas took place among participants.

The Annual William Schorkopf Memorial Patriotic Sunday in the Park will take place on Sunday, June 22 at 2 PM. All are invited to attend the concert of popular melodies and patriotic tunes performed by the South Shore Band. This year marks their 23rd annual concert. Please bring blankets and folding chairs for the events. More details are provided elsewhere in this newsletter. During the coming summer months many activities will be taking place in Westerleigh Park. A listing is provided in this issue of the newsletter for your convenience.

I extend to each of you all the best for the upcoming summer season and encourage you to take advantage of the planned events in our community.

# ANNUAL MEETING 5/14/08



President Morrell presents Book Fair check to PTA President C. Albarano and Principal Denise Spina



Borough Historian, Dr. Thomas Matteo addresses Annual Meeting

## Events Schedule for Westerleigh Park 2008

**- June 8 -**

Joan Caddell & the Midnight Choir  
6:30PM (Sponsored by COAHSI)

**- June 13 -**

PS 30 4th Grade Field Trip 8AM-3PM  
(rain date; Wed. June 18, 2008)

**- June 14 -**

Flag Day (changing of the Flag)  
11AM-12Noon

**- June 14 -**

Westerleigh Park  
Folk Festival, 12 PM – 6 PM

**- June 20 -**

Barnyard Dancing, 7 PM

**- June 22 -**

William Schorkopf Memorial  
Patriotic Sunday 2 PM  
(sponsored by  
Westerleigh Improvement Society)

**- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 -**

Young Artists in the Park, 10AM-12 Noon  
(sponsored by COAHSI)

**- August 5 -**

Young Artists in the Park, 10 AM-12 Noon  
(sponsored by COAHSI)

**- August 7 -**

Borough President Molinaro's  
Starlight Concert, 8 PM

**- August 9 -**

Lush (band) 80's music, 6PM-9PM

**- August 16 -**

Mission Rescue, 10AM-12 Noon

**- September 13 -**

Westerleigh Park Birthday, 3PM-6PM

Unless noted, events are sponsored by Friends of Westerleigh Park and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. Further information can be obtained at (718) 442-0336.

# KEEP IT RELEVANT

Westerleigh's annual Barrack Memorial Walk on May 17 emphasized as its theme "greening"—historically, practically and symbolically. Remember! Restore! Recycle! Reclaim! Conserve! Educate! Share!

Chuck Curiazza walked the participants through streets and areas of our community. Afterwards, at Immanuel Union Church, refreshments and socializing allowed viewing of a bulletin board display of photographs taken by Sharon Heule which showed over twenty species of neighborhood plants and trees taken this spring. A table of free literature from Island-wide organizations and conservation groups was filled with data. Raffle drawings distributed donated grab bag items that represented about fifteen stores in our civic area, including thematic stamp sheets from the post office and reference books on plants, reptiles and birds. Green promo bags were distributed to members and greetings from Ocean Grove Historical Society were mentioned, our sister site for which two seats were won by raffle for our trip this summer to that prohibition village.



## BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S STARLIGHT CONCERT

Borough President James Molinaro will host the always popular Starlight Concert on Thursday, August 7 at 8 PM at the bandstand in Westerleigh Park. While no program information is known at this time, residents are urged to bring folding chairs and blankets for the concert.

Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Joanne Nuzzo at the Borough President's office at 718-816-213.

## PROHIBITIONISTS IN SESSION.

### FORMAL OPENING OF THEIR AUDITORIUM ON STATEN ISLAND.

Over 6,000 people visited Prohibition Park, at Port Richmond, S. I., yesterday, and there was a notable gathering of prominent clergymen, Prohibition Party leaders, and women at the meetings which marked the formal opening of the park auditorium for the season.

Many who visited the Park remained all day, and there were many small picnic parties in the groves.

There were over 1,500 present in the auditorium at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. J. K. Funk called the morning meeting to order and introduced the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems of the Church of the Strangers of this city as Chairman.

The Rev. Carlos Martyn of Newark, N. J., read the Scripture lesson, and the Rev. Dr. Kidder of this city offered prayer. The music was by colored jubilee singers.

John G. Wooley of Minneapolis, Minn., delivered an oration upon "The New Declaration of Independence." His theme was the "Subjugation of Jesus Christ in American Politics." He said that the most important question of to-day was to determine the status of Christian citizens of this country in politics, and he denounced the church and those church members who stood quietly by and allowed the liquor interests to control the Government, excusing themselves with the cry that they could not help it, and also those who voted with the saloon parties. A Christian as a man, he said, was not to be counted upon, and in the bivouac of the Christian army you would find him represented by his wife.

High license, he said, was cannibalism in a silk breech clout instead of naked.

At 1 o'clock a Prohibition ratification banquet was given at the hotel, to which over 100 sat down. A novel feature was responses by women to toasts. E. J. Wheeler was toastmaster, and responses were made by the Rev. C. F. Deems, D. D., the Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., Prof. Samuel Dickie, Mrs. Mary T. Burt, Mr. George R. Scott, the Rev. Carlos Martyn, D. D., the Rev. J. H. Darlington, D. D., E. E. Baldwin, Col. A. S. Bacon, and William T. Wardwell.

Among others present were John G. Wooley and wife, A. W. Woltenburger of Nebraska, the Rev. Dr. Lewis, the Rev. Dr. Kidder, the Rev. Dr. Gregory, Prof. Hamilton, and J. H. Laird.

The afternoon meeting was a ratification of the Prohibition Party nominees. E. J. Wheeler presided, and there were addresses by the Rev. Dr. Deems, Prof. Dickie, the Rev. Dr. Leonard, and the Rev. Dr. Funk.

In the evening there was a concert, followed by a display of fireworks.

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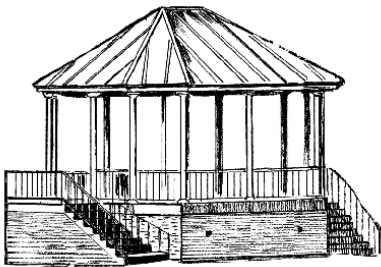
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Please enroll me as a member of

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**Annual Dues:**

Regular Membership **\$10**  Associate Membership **\$20**

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