

Dear Sisterhood Member,

2009 seems to have flown by. Can't believe it's already December and, time once again, for our annual dues collection. Enclosed, for your convenience, is an envelope addressed to our Treasurer, Esther Benjamin, 675 Pelham Road #F-10, New Rochelle, NY 10805. Please send in your \$15.00 dues check, made out to Sisterhood of Janina, as quickly as possible so we may reconcile our books in a timely fashion. Thanks, we know we can count on you to be prompt.

In our previous Newsletter, we mentioned going up to the Pashas' weekend and seeing the beginnings of the fall foliage – it was just marvelous. The hotel, Honor's Haven, (formerly The Fallsview Hotel) had been totally renovated and beautiful. Mike Daniel, as usual, provided the best Greek music for both dancing and singing (at the Saturday night Sing-Along...we get better with each passing year!!!) The Committee, with Max Nachmias chairing and Sol Matsil assisting, did a superb job of coordinating this event, which we all looked forward to and utterly enjoyed. Newcomers came and found long-lost family and friends, which was very emotional. Let's hope the Pashas are able to continue these weekend traditions for many more years to come.

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Sisterhood's Annual Hanukkah Party, Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> was a lot of fun, and the weather cooperated, cold, but no snow. We thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food at Ben's Deli, the overstuffed sandwiches, delicious soups and, of course, the mini rugelahs for dessert! Thanks to Sol Kofinas, we participated in the traditional Hanukkah candle lighting. It seemed as if *almost* everyone won a raffle prize, which was fun for all. Look forward to you joining us next year, if you missed it. In any event, hope you all had a joyous Hanukkah!!

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#### KKJ MUSEUM

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, close to 60+ members of the David families from the tri-state area and as far away as Florida, congregated at KKJ for a reunion. A "surprise" family member, Dr. Anna Kohen, attended and met "new" cousins she and they didn't know about! It was quite an emotional gathering of long-lost cousins coming together amid photos and memorabilia they had donated, talking about past events and to plan current and future get-togethers. Thanks to Marcia Ikonomopoulos, Museum Director, for organizing these family reunions.

"*Something Old, Something New*", the long-awaited and anxiously looked-forward-to Wedding Exhibit opening, took place Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with the largest opening of all time at KKJ. The response to Marcia Ikonomopoulos' request for wedding memorabilia was overwhelmingly generous and wonderful. Marcia put together a stunning video presentation of the collected photos set to Greek "wedding" music, which was played on the plasma TV. In addition there were two wedding albums of these photos available for all to peruse and happily recognize family and friends from years gone by. Many family members gathered together at KKJ to reminisce about the actual weddings being depicted on the screen and the albums. There were tears of joy flowing, people getting re-acquainted with long-lost relatives and friends. Marcia worked long and hard on this exhibit, which was a labor of love! The months of effort were very well spent. Everyone thoroughly loved it! If you couldn't make the opening, you still have the opportunity to see the Wedding Exhibit through October, 2010. You'll enjoy it

immensely. The Museum hours are Sundays 11-4 PM. If you would like a copy of the DVD, it's available for only \$15; the commemorative album is \$150 - contact Marcia at 516-456-9336.

There was even a video shown of "Pos Tam Biz"(sic) taken at this past Pasha weekend. This is the traditional wedding dance of the Yannioties, *instructing* the groom of his "duties" for his wedding night, which is done on the Sunday morning of every Pasha weekend, and is a "must see", for those who haven't seen it done at past Pasha weekends!!

### DONOR CARD PROGRAM

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***Thank You.***

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***Thank you All***

### SISTERHOOD NEWS

~We're happy to report that Dora Mazza is doing beautifully after her surgery.  
~Sheila Gessula, we're glad to say, came through her surgery with flying colors and is doing well.  
~It was good to see Bea Zagha at the KKJ Museum Wedding Exhibit, recuperating nicely.  
~Ada Finifter attended the Wedding Exhibit, looking very well. Hope she continues on this path.  
~Best Wishes for Good Health to Elaine Lust, and that she's fully recovered soon.  
~Regards to everyone from Mollie Feder, resident of the Sephardic Home. If you can, try to visit her. She really appreciates it.  
~Congratulations to Jean Fishman on the Bar Mitzvah of her Great-Grandson Ethan Volk. Mazal Tov!  
~Congratulations to Joyce & Al Shapiro on the birth of their 11<sup>th</sup> Grandchild, Claire Elizabeth Cronin. Proud parents are Jill & Scott and thrilled older sisters Brooke and Paige. Mazal Tov!  
~Farewell to all our Snow Birds, who are fleeing to warmer climates! Hope they enjoy the winter and come back to us safely.

~Best Wishes for Good Health and Speedy Recovery to Shirlee Paganetti. Hope everything goes well.

~Best Wishes for a Speedy and Complete Recovery to Daisy Schaeffer and she's back on her feet, soon.

~Happy "Very Special Birthday" to Esther Moses. Wishing her Many More with Good Health!

~Kudos to Marty Genee, husband of member Marla, on the successful completion of his 5-year term as President of the United Brotherhood/Good Hope Society of Janina.

~Congratulations to Ray & Hy Yomtov on their son Barry's election to President of the United Brotherhood Good Hope Society of Janina. We wish him the very best of Luck in this new position.

**Best Regards,**

**Rose Eskononts**