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A Summing Up

As the days of 2006 dwindled down to a precious few, ESNA's activities in the community gained steam. In mid-



October and for the 15th year in a row, ESNA's **Clothing Drive** volunteers pulled together and sorted and stuffed over 100 heavy-duty plastic bags of warm winter clothing for the needy.

Seven participating buildings were collection locations for the generous donations of clothing by our neighbors. Over 3,800 pounds of gently used clothing were collected and transported to six charities serving the less fortunate in our neighborhood in vans provided by ESNA members Hertz and Avis.

Later in the month, once again ESNA co-sponsored a **Candidates Forum** held at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. The annual event gives the candidates the opportunity to debate the issues and to let us know where they stand on those issues. This year's debate started off with the race for the 26th District of New York State Senate – incumbent Liz Krueger (Dem) versus Philip Pidot (Rep). Candidates for the 73rd New York Assembly seat followed, with incumbent Jonathan Bing (Dem) versus Robert Heim (Rep, Ind, Lib). Long term incumbent Pete Grannis (Dem) debated Michael Fandal (Rep) for the 65th District seat of the New York State Assembly. (See article, *Grannis Named New DEC Commissioner*, on page 2 of this issue.) The afternoon's debate concluded with the race for the 14th Congressional District, the seat currently held by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney. She was opposed by Republican challenger Daniel Maio. Ms. Maloney was unable to attend but was represented by Joe Soldevere, her press secretary. In the general election on November 7, 2006, each of the incumbents was reelected.

And on an unusually balmy December evening, the hardy ESNA choristers gathered at the corner of East 64th Street and Third Avenue to launch the holiday season with a

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Grace Mansion Tea & Tour

ESNA invites you to join us for a very special visit to the "People's House". Following a traditional afternoon tea,



ESNA's guests will be given a special guided tour of the Mansion. Tuesday, March 11, 2007, 1 - 3 PM. \$35.00 per person. E. 87th Street and East End

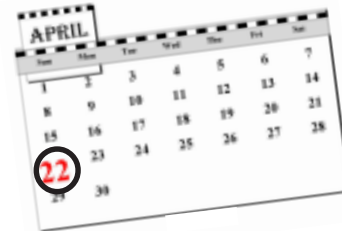
Avenue. The number of guests is strictly limited - first-come, first-served. Use the return envelope provided in our mailer. Or phone the ESNA hot line to arrange to attend. 212 713-5826. Or e-mail us at info@esna-nyc.net.

SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Sunday, April 22 for our 16th Annual Meeting from 2 - 4 PM. The place:

The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum, 421 East 61st Street, between First & York Avenues.

Community update, preparedness guidelines, merchants' information. Refreshments. All are welcome.



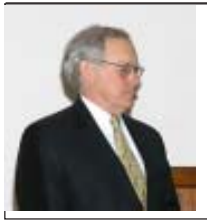
ESNA Keeps Pouring it On

Lift a glass with your friends and neighbors at ESNA's Wine Tasting Event on Friday, May 11, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The place - Manhattan Marymount College, 221 East 71st Street. The fee: \$35.00 per person. Watch your mailbox for complete information. A votre santé!



Grannis named new DEC Commissioner

New York City Assemblyman Alexander "Pete" Grannis has been appointed the state's new Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation.



Grannis has served on the Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee since the mid-1970s and is considered a strong advocate for a clean environment. He is also known for his stances on animal rights. And equally important, Pete has been our stalwart representative in the State Assembly for some 30 years.

Check It Out

The New York City flagship store of The Food Emporium has undergone a remarkable transformation. Known as The Food Emporium at Bridgemarket for its location at the



landmark Queensboro Bridge, the new incarnation is truly a feast – for the eyes as well as the palate.

New lighting highlights the towering

columns and the majestic Guastavino-tiled vaulted ceiling. There is a new, more people-friendly scale to the main floor – and yes, there's balcony for sitting and sipping Asian teas, and more. The European furnishings display hand picked chocolates, aged cheeses, and many specialties from around the world. The Food Emporium at Bridgemarket is becoming a world marketplace for food luxuries.

Your Blood Donation Urgently Needed

The New York Blood Center is in urgent need of blood donors to meet the demand for blood. There is simply no substitute for voluntarily donated blood. Without volunteer donors, our community would not have an adequate community blood supply. Call 1-800-933-BLOOD (2566) to arrange an appointment for a safe, easy and life-giving donation. The NY Blood Center is located at 310 E. 67th Street. between 1st and 2nd Avenues.



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medley of seasonal melodies. Accompanied by a traditional



trumpeter, ESNA members and friends - our largest turnout ever - were joined by three members of New York's Finest, all members of our neighboring 19th Precinct. Joining in the spirit of the evening, folks from the

Commerce Bank, in front of whose establishment we were camped out, provided us with festive, fuzzy red-and-white Santa hats. And all the bags and bags of toys and games we collected were distributed the very next day to the Pediatric Unit of New York Presbyterian Hospital on York Avenue and East 70th Street. What a heart warming way to end the year!

- Joan Fabio

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