

The Bethlehem Star



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May 2017

In this month's Beth Star...

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- Church Council highlights
- Reports from Lutheran Elementary School of Bay Ridge, The Bay Ridge Center, The Healing Center, and the Lutheran Counseling Center



Sunday
10:30 AM
Worship Service
followed by coffee
hour



Thursday, May 19th
6:30 PM
Bethlehem
Women's group

LES Celebration of the Arts

May 20 4pm



Sunday, May 21st
1:00 PM
Norwegian Day
Parade



Thursday, May 25th
7:00 PM
LES Spring Musicale

Join us for all of our services and events



Our Mission

To serve God and God's people. To live our faith daily through worship, and providing education, support, nourishment, compassion, good counsel, love, and service to the larger community welcoming all who join us in this mission.



Our Welcome

Bethlehem Lutheran Church is a **Reconciling in Christ** congregation. People of all sexual orientations and gender identities are welcome within the membership of this congregation and are encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this Christian family.

Pastor Paul's Monthly Message for May

Dear Members and Friends,

My 8th Grade Christian Living Class just read “Umu Madu in the Good Old Days” by T. Obinkaram Echewa. It was a story based on a small town in Nigeria in which they regularly had uplifting, joyous feasts. The whole village would get together and celebrate for just about any reason. Everyone would help prepare the feast and all would eat on the ground together, enjoying one another’s company. A problem arose when a visitor from a more progressive society visited and encouraged the villagers to stop eating on the ground. They should build a table and eat like more civilized people. They listened and built a beautiful long table to use at their feasts. What was the problem? The table was not big enough to fit everyone. Some people could eat at the table, but others had to eat on the ground. Disagreements and fights resulted from the desire to sit at the table. No one could agree on the criteria to determine a place at the table. A town filled with togetherness and joy, became a village divided by envy, disharmony and discord.

In addition to teaching my students about problems in our society when some people are viewed more highly than others, and there is envy, jealousy and a lack of unity, I also wanted to get their perception on “the good old days.” I asked the question, “Do you believe the world today is better or worse than it was 50 years ago?” I also asked, “Do you think the world will be better or worse 50 years from now in the future?” The result to both questions was about 50/50. Half thought better, half thought worse. What do you think?

Adults often look back in the past wistfully. There is a sense of melancholy, as we yearn and long for the good old days. Younger people often look to the future with apprehension. There are so many unknowns and uncertainties causing stress. I often like to share some wonderful advice given to me by a dear friend.

- If you dwell on the past, you have the tendency to get depressed.
- If you dwell on the future, you have the tendency to get fearful.
- If you live in the present, you enable yourself to be happy and content.

Is it better or worse today than 50 years ago? Will it be better or worse 50 years from now? I really don’t know. But I do know that we stand a better chance of being happy and content if we take life one day at a time, and appreciate each day as much as possible. Life is a gift given to us by our good and gracious God. It is time to live with purpose and meaning, and truly enjoy the wonderful people God has surrounded us with. Have a great day!

In God’s Service,

Rev. Paul H. Knudsen

Pastor

May at a Glance

5/1 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Bay Ridge Center Board of Directors
5/7 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Sunday Morning Worship (9:15 Adult Bible class in Parish Room)
5/9 @ 7:00 p.m. -- LES School Board
5/11 - 5/13 -- ELCA Metro NY Synod Assembly
5/14 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Sunday Morning Worship w/ Mother's Day (9:15 Adult Bible class in Parish Room)
5/16 @ 7:00 p.m. -- Church Council
5/17 @ 5:30 p.m. -- Lutheran Schools Association Annual Dinner
5/17 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Bay Ridge Center Community Advisory Board
5/19 @ 6:30 p.m. -- Bethlehem Women
5/20 @ 4:00 p.m. -- LES Celebration of the Arts
5/21 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Sunday Morning Worship (9:15 Adult Bible class in Parish Room)
5/21 @ 1:00 p.m. -- Norwegian Day Parade
5/25 @ 7:00 p.m. -- LES Spring Musicales
5/28 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Sunday Morning Worship (No SS or Conf Class or Adult Bible Class)
5/30 @ 7:00 p.m. -- SW Brooklyn Conference Meeting at Bethlehem

Looking Ahead

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church should see Pastor Paul. All classes are held in Pastor's office in the LES school building at 9:00 a.m.

June 4th
June 11th
June 18th

JUNE SPECIAL EVENTS

June 4th — Confirmation Sunday
June 11th — LES Baccalaureate
June 18th — New Members Sunday

May 2017

Services | Activities | Special Events | Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm Bay Ridge Center Board of Directors 7:15 pm—AA	2	3	4 7:15 pm—AA	5 7:00 pm—Scouts 7:15 pm—AA	6 7:15 pm—AA
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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/2 – 102
4/9 – 134 (Palm Sunday)
4/13 – 41 (Maundy Thursday)
4/14 – 46 (Good Friday)
4/16 – 216 (Easter)
4/23 – 60
4/30 – 130

Bethlehem: The Growing Church!



MONTHLY OFFERING

February \$9,625.00
March \$8,174.00

God's great work at Bethlehem needs your financial support!

FELLOWSHIP

5/7 – Coffee Hour hosted by a volunteer.
5/14 – Mother's Day Coffee Hour.
5/21 – Coffee Hour hosted by a volunteer.
5/28 – Memorial Day Coffee Hour.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Every Sunday morning In the Parish Room
9:15 – 10:15 a.m. led by Carl Jacobsen

SAVE THE DATE!!!

NORWEGIAN DAY PARADE
MAY 21, 2017

Gary Solberg is selling pins to support the Parade!
\$5.00 – each. To order a pin, please call him at
718-836-5972

BAPTISM

April 30th - Lilly Elisabeth Schaefer, granddaughter
of Linda and Tom Schaefer.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Participate in the Norwegian Day Parade
May 21st

VOLUNTEER?

Anyone interested in partaking in the
Worship Service, as Communion Preparers,
Communion Assistants or Lectors, please speak to
Dennis Monsen!

Coffee Hour Volunteers ~ so we can enjoy
food/fellowship every week!
Please sign up!

BIRTHDAYS

5/2 – Shirley Tuccillo / Herb Steike
5/3 – Susan Kiley / Miranda Almonte
5/5 – Ursula Stocklmeier / Matthew Tuccillo
5/8 – Cathy Stephansen
5/9 – Christine Puelle / Jeanie Greco
5/13 – Valentina Garcia
5/14 – Aaron Pahwa
5/15 – Christopher Tuccillo
5/16 – Emma Kate Stocklmeier
5/19 – Vicki Buono
5/25 – Samantha Smith
5/28 – Cyrian Gonzalez / Shannon Wade / Jillian Solby / Peyton Schaefer / Karl Finkelstein
5/30 – Thomas King / Johanna Okun

Best Wishes

ANNIVERSARIES

5/7 – Madeline & Joe Romano
5/16 – Lois & Ed Frontera (Koehler)
5/20 – Carl & Mindy Jacobsen
5/29 – Corrine & Michael King

NURSING HOME

Christine Scanlon, Reymundo Lariosa

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers* 

HEALING & STRENGTH

Robert Serrano, Hermicenda & Hery Vallecillo, Billy Whelan, Doris Whelan, Donna & Indal Balkissoon, Samantha Coppola, Joshua Fonseca Coppola, Helen Roszko, Bob Muselli, Kristine Larsen, Lon Dayhoff, John Maceda, Caroline Hildreth, Shirley Tuccillo, Peter Fistanic, Angel Sierra, David Stayer, Christine Landi, Marcus Caban, Ann DeMarco, Robert Hofmo, Lenny Thompson, Anna Aboltins, Bailey Roszko, Karen Kozoriz, Dawn Valentine, Ruth Kennedy, Adam Torres, Joe Musco, Ed Shipwright, Cathy Keough, Anita and Harold Heitman, Sal Turturici, Julie Dawson, Carl and Mindy Jacobsen, Anne Okun, Anna Marie Zarr, Mario Torres, Anna Atilas, Wei Jiang, John Fowler, Michael DeMartini, Laura Woltman, Rose Barron, Helen Wires, Marietta Blanchette, Norma McGrath, Alfred Bakke, Janet Adamski, Helge Henricksen, Chloe Elizabeth Sletholt, Herb Steike, Charlie Cossentino, Meghan McEvoy, Edna Weber, Ken Weber, Mia Frangoulis, Hope Cevalis, Cynthia Gilibert, Lisa Musco, Josephine Polenta, Sheri Wilborn

Church Council Highlights — April 25, 2017 Meeting

Bay Ridge Center (presented by Pastor Paul)

- Reflected on how well the center is currently operating. Marianne Nicolosi and Todd Fleidner do an outstanding job!
- We continue to explore additional space opportunities.
- Next fundraising event is the Nite @ the Races on Friday, June 2nd. There will be \$4,999.99 raffle. Tickets are \$100 each.

Worship & Music (presented by Dennis Monsen)

- The choir continues to sing at every worship service.
- The Worship/Music Commission met on March 28th and planned out the worship experiences through June.
- A job description has been created for our Music Director position. It is currently being circulated and our search committee is actively seeking candidates for the position.

Lutheran Elementary School (presented by Pastor Paul)

- Administration and faculty staffing is currently being worked out for the next school year.
- Faculty salary increases were approved for the next school year.
- We had a very successful dinner/dance on Friday, March 24th.
- The next fundraiser will be the Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, May 20th.

Property (presented by Steve Solby)

- Recently completed work:
 - Waterproofed the front of the church and the Ovington Avenue side of the church.
 - Repaired and painted the window frames on the Ovington Avenue side of the church.
 - Repaired and painted the concrete steps in front of the 415 Ovington Avenue school building.
 - Repaired the brick retaining wall in front of the 415 Ovington Avenue school building.
 - Replaced all the gutters on the parsonage roof.
- Planned work:
 - Repair and waterproof the front of the 411 Ovington Avenue office building.
 - Repairs to the LES roof.
 - Investigate flooring options for the church (restore wood/tile floors or re-carpet) – Summer
 - Paint the interior walls of the church – Summer
- Boy Scout Eagle Projects
 - Paint the black iron fence around the church property.
 - Landscape the front of the church.

Sunday School (presented by Kathy Finkelstein)

- Great to have Aaron, Hannah and Valentina as youth volunteers.
- There are four more weeks of Sunday School (last Sunday is May 21st).
- Very happy with the Sunday School curriculum we have been using that matches the church calendar.
- Six Sunday School families will be at Koinonia for the Memorial Day weekend, participating in the Koinonia fundraising walk.

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Church Council Highlights — April 25, 2017 Meeting (continued)

Healing Center (presented by Laura Caruso)

- The 6th Annual Teen Dating Violence Awareness walkathon took place on Saturday, April 22nd. It was a wonderful success in spite of the rainy weather.
- Our Executive Director, Antonia Clemente, will be honored by Senator Golden this Friday, April 28th at the Norwegian Home at 6:00 p.m. Council members were encouraged to attend.
- Antonia Clemente will also be honored in Albany by Senator Golden. This is great exposure for our Healing Center at the state level.
- The Healing Center Board of Directors met on April 12th. Our funding plan was discussed and board members took responsibility for the various events. A separate meeting took place to discuss individual donor strategies. Bethlehem's database will be used by the Healing Center to store donor information.

Evangelism (presented by Deacon Tony)

- 10 phone calls and 2 visits were made this month. Cards continue to be sent for birthdays, anniversaries and healing.
- The Sunday School was commended for their important role in our evangelism effort.

Fellowship (presented by Terri Chen)

- Bethlehem Women's Group met on Friday, April 21st. Their upcoming meetings are April 26th, May 19th and June 16th. The inspirational card project was a success and a new batch of prayer cards has been requested for use in hospital, nursing home and homebound visiting.

Finance Report (presented by Christine Puelle)

- The March 2017 financial report was reviewed and accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report (presented by Pastor Paul)

- Visitations (7), Funerals (4), Baptisms (1), Weddings (0)
- Youth group: The youth group participated in the Healing Center's Teen Dating Violence Awareness walkathon on Saturday, April 22nd. We will be walking in the Norwegian Parade on Sunday, May 21st.
- Events:
 - 4/13 = Passover Seder (wonderful to have Cantor Mindy Jacobsen assist)
 - 4/16 = Easter morning breakfast (special thanks to John & Elaine Swiontak for cooking)
 - 4/30 = Healing Songs of Hope concert at Bethlehem
- Property sale/purchase Update: No change
- Metro NY Synod Assembly will be May 11-13. Motion approved for Pastor Paul, Deacon Tony and Lorraine Tuccillo to be delegates to the assembly. Bill Tuccillo and Antonia Clemente will attend as guests.
- Benevolence to the Norwegian Christian Home approved.
- The 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation was discussed. We wish to acknowledge this anniversary in October on Reformation Sunday. Ray Palermo will bring specific action items to our next council meeting for approval.
- The following motion was unanimously approved by the church council to assist the Healing Center with cash flow. "From the bequest given to Bethlehem Lutheran Church from the estate of Walter Johnson, \$100,000 will be placed in a separate account that will be used to assist The Healing Center with cash flow concerns caused by reimbursable grants. The Healing Center may borrow from these funds interest-free as needed." It was noted that these funds are not a gift to the Healing Center, but rather church funds that can be used by the Healing Center to provide cash flow relief until grant monies are reimbursed after the services are rendered.



Dear Bethlehem,

Springtime at LES has been full of unique learning opportunities that differentiate our school from others. The last week of April and month of May will have included:

- Guest speakers, including: NY1's John Davitt who spoke about his work as a meteorologist and (LES graduate) Jeanine Ramirez who will be speaking about life as a news reporter; LES Parent Dr. Jan Pirozzi who continues to work with our children on feelings and emotions; and (LES graduate) author Debbie Maxwell Allen.
- Celebrated National Poem in Your Pocket Day, sharing poetry school-wide
- Opening day of planting in our garden
- Our first Math and Science Night for Grades 1- 4 organized by our faculty
- Architecture and history field trips Grades 1 – 6
- Pre-Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea Party
- Grade 2 "Wax Museum" as a part of their unit of biographies
- The Nursery "Dad's and Donuts" event
- The Annual Celebration of the Arts event
- *The Musicale* to showcase our music program
- Annual school-wide walk-a-thon

This all takes place in addition to the ongoing work our teachers do each day. We are a better school when we partner with our parents, graduates, and community members to provide authentic and meaningful experiences to our students that capitalize on all the resources made available to us.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Yours,

Corinne M. King
Director of Development



Dear Members and Friends,

May is for Mothers.

The earliest Mother's Day celebrations are centuries old and can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600s, the early Christians in England celebrated a day to honor Mary, the mother of Christ, and soon the holiday was expanded to include all mothers.

It was named as the Mothering Sunday. During this time, many of England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday, the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

In the United States, Mother's Day was loosely inspired by the British day. Three particular women are responsible for how it began. Ann Marie Reeves Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker who, starting in 1858 organized women throughout the Civil War to work for better sanitary conditions and was instrumental in saving thousands of lives by teaching women in her **Mothers' Friendship Clubs** the basics of nursing and sanitation. Sometime later, in response to the carnage of the American Civil War social activist Julia Ward Howe, influenced by Ann Jarvis, began promoting the idea of a "**Mother's Day for Peace**" to be celebrated on June 2, honoring peace, motherhood and womanhood.

It was Jarvis' daughter, Anna Jarvis, who finally succeeded in introducing **Mother's Day** in the sense as we celebrate it today. Anna had spent many years looking after her ailing mother (Ann Jarvis). When her mother died, Anna missed her greatly. Anna felt children often neglected to appreciate their mother enough while the mother was still alive. In 1907, Anna decided to dedicate her life to her mother's cause and to establish Mother's Day to "honor mothers, living and dead." Anna's dream came true when on May 9, 1914, the Presidential proclamation declared the 2nd Sunday of May to be observed as Mother's Day to honor mothers. Soon it crossed the national boundary, as people in Mexico, Canada, South America, China, Japan and Africa all joined the spree to celebrate a day for mother love.

Nine years after the first official Mother's Day, commercialization of the U.S. holiday became rampant and though the original spirit of honoring mothers remained the same, the holiday had turned into an observance leading to the giving of flowers, cards, and gifts. According to the National Restaurant Association, Mother's Day is now the most popular day of the year to dine out in the United States.

So, Mother's Day in America today, although grossly commercialized, remains a day to reflect upon our mothers, to honor and appreciate their efforts to raise and care for us as best as they were able. For some, this is a bittersweet holiday; for others it is resplendent in joy and chocolate. For me, it is an opportunity to remember my Mom and to say thank you.

Marianne Nicolosi
Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Happy spring.

After what can feel like a very long and cold winter and at times seeming to drag on for months, I welcome the season of spring with open arms. Symbolizing new beginnings, new journeys and new paths. I have been working in the area of domestic violence for the past twenty years. The Healing Center started at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Sunset Park, prior to that I worked at a domestic violence shelter as a workshop facilitator and also as an active member in my community advocating on many social issues. My experience at the shelter inspired me and other members of the church to start a task force to address the issues of domestic violence in the community and also within the church. We received a grant from Wheat Ridge Ministries to start the ministry. When we received the grant, the church members involved with the task force had moved on to other areas and I was left alone to establish The Healing Center. I remember looking out of my office window and saying to myself “now what?” “What am I doing here Lord?” It was my “aha” moment in realizing that we finally had seed money and needed to begin doing the work. I started by going to local schools and churches, leading domestic violence workshops, and it was at these workshops where we began to get referrals. I worked part-time and received a stipend and in 2005 the Trinity Healing Center, Inc. became a 501(c), nonprofit organization. In 2008, we were embraced by Bethlehem Lutheran Church as part of their mission and began to do business as “The Healing Center” allowing us to reach more people from diverse faiths. We expanded to include services for children, teens and elder abuse. We are the sponsors of the NYC Teen Dating Violence Awareness Walkathon, each year the walkathon brings hundreds of teens, schools, churches and community residents together.

For the past seventeen years since the inception of The Healing Center, I have strived to make sure we always move forward, sometimes at a slower pace than others times, but always forward. I have spent many sleepless nights, ensuring our funding are intact, wondering if women we work with were safe for the night and had access to adequate resources, food and shelter. Recently New York State Senator Martin J. Golden recognized The Healing Center and my work. I was reminded of The Healing Center’s history and what it has taken to create and develop a ministry that is unique in so many ways. At the reception, the Senator spoke about domestic violence and about what it takes to develop an organization. He spoke about how it affects so many families, women and children, how it affects people of all cultures and age groups. And how it affects people from all socioeconomic, educational, and religious backgrounds. As the Senator spoke I thought about all the involvedness and efforts we experienced throughout the years, the positive impact and outcomes we have seen in people lives. I would not change it for the world. We have touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of people. I have been blessed with a wonderful staff, board of directors and volunteers who make the work happen. Seventeen years later I see the fruit of my labor that was planted with seed money from Wheat Ridge Ministries. I am truly grateful and blessed to have been chosen to be part of this wonderful ministry, touching lives and creating change.

Thank you for all your support and prayers,

Antonia Clemente
Executive Director

Bullying 'by Proxy'

By Chris Abatelli, LMHC, LCC Psychotherapist

In my practice as a therapist and as a youth leader, I have many times seen youth being targeted and bullied by parents, teachers and others unknowingly. Jamie (name changed), a 10-year-old girl, was known to have some issues in school, but was able to get along well with others in her class. A mother of another child in the class became involved when her own child, the 'real bully', told her that Jamie was a "bad kid". Based on what her child told her, this mother started organizing friendships away from Jamie. Therefore, Jamie was excluded from birthday parties, play dates, and friendships. The other children wanted to be friends with Jamie, but believed the falsehoods that were spread by this mother; as a result, Jamie was targeted and victimized. The parent became the bully by proxy by believing the false accusations that her daughter told her about Jamie and stepping in to do harm to Jamie.

Another incident occurred with a 16-year-old boy named Matt (name changed). He was teased mercilessly by his peers at school although he didn't do anything wrong. He tried to ignore his bullies. One day, these bullies reported to school officials that Matt was in possession of drugs. Teachers searched him and found nothing, resulting in Matt's feeling humiliated and embarrassed. Matt again ignored the teasers, but this time, these kids reported that Matt was in possession of a gun. Teachers searched him again and found nothing. Once again, Matt was humiliated and embarrassed. This time he struggled with anger and resentment towards these bullies and felt very insecure and alone. The teachers became Matt's bullies by proxy. Although teachers or school officials cannot ignore threats, they should handle such situations discreetly and not automatically assume that the reports by other children are correct. Also, they should find out who is making the allegations and question them in detail as well. Bullies have even been known to report that they themselves are the victims after a bullying incident, claiming that the victim is the perpetrator in order to get him/her in trouble. Most teachers and school officials are aware of the kids that create problems like this. However, sometimes they are naïve or cannot find proof because of parents and friends who may be willing to lie about what happened in order to cover for these 'real bullies'. How do we as adults handle these situations?

- Act with maturity, think rationally and STAY calm.
- Be aware of your own biases. Everyone has them.
- Do not blame or pre-judge, or state unknowingly, "No...not my kid!"
- Hold bystanders accountable; they often provide the audience that bullies want, and may actually encourage bullying. Explain that this type of behavior is wrong and will not be tolerated
- Look for solutions. Show healthy empathy and compassion for those being bullied
- Adapt a 'parent's code' where parents look out for each other and other children
- Investigate accusations discreetly and respect the students involved until the truth is known
- Pray with your kids and volunteer together in situations to help others in need so they can learn to have empathy for others

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." — Proverbs 22:6

Chris Abatelli, LMHC, counsels children, teens, families and couples at LCC's Dix Hills and Patchogue sites. He is the handler of Baker, our animal assisted therapy dog who is available to assist in counseling at either site.

Call the Lutheran Counseling Center at 516-741-0994 or 1-800-317-1173 or e-mail us at Center@lccny.org for more information or to set an appointment. LCC has nine counseling sites in and around metropolitan New York. Visit our website at www.lccny.org.

Mother's Day Proclamation
by Julia Ward Howe

Mother's Day was originally started after the Civil War, as a protest to the carnage of that war, by women who had lost their sons.

Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!

Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."

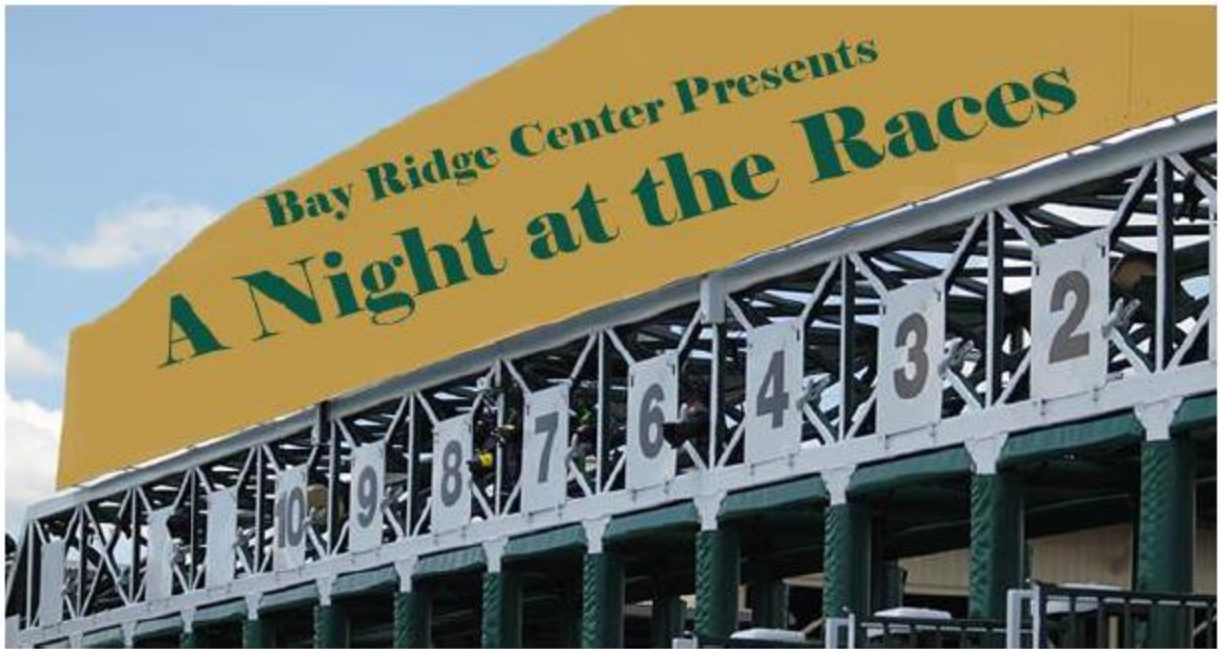
Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

Julia Ward Howe
Boston 1870

From the Bay Ridge Center



Friday, June 2, 2017

6935 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY

Doors Open 6:00 PM

First Race 7:00 PM

\$4,999.99 Spring Raffle Drawing 10:00 PM

\$35.00 per person

Full Italian Dinner & Dessert

Wine and Beer Available

Games of Chance

Prize Raffles

All proceeds benefit Bay Ridge Center's programs and services.

TICKETS:

By Phone: 718-748-0650, ext. 115

Online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-at-the-races-tickets-33583043788>

From the Bay Ridge Center

Bay Ridge Center 2017 Spring Raffle



\$4,999.99

Winner Takes It All!

All Proceeds to benefit the Bay Ridge Center

**Drawing June 2nd at
"Night at the Races"**

**\$100 per ticket
(Only 150 tickets will be sold)**

***Winner does not need to be present to win**

**To purchase tickets:
Contact Todd Fliedner at (718) 748-0650, X115
Online:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bay-ridge-center-spring-raffle-499999-prize-winner-takes-it-all-tickets-31843452624>

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All are welcome here



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