



FORT GREENE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC FORT GREENE BROOKLYN

NOVEMBER 2010

The Fort Greene Association is devoted to historic preservation, neighborhood and park enhancement, as well as cultural, economic, and housing advancement. To find out more, become a member, or to volunteer, visit our website www.HistoricFortGreene.org

Lost and Found

Chair's Notes by Paul Palazzo, FGA Chair

I lose things all the time. My wallet, the car keys, all go missing but if I look in the right places I can find them. But this past September, a few days after our last Neighborhood meeting, I and the FGA community lost something irreplaceable: dorris gains golomb.

Before my involvement with the FGA, I had seen dorris as an oddly recurrent neighborhood figure popping up often at the few local bodegas as it certainly wasn't the Farmers Market nor at one of our now plentiful restaurants; they didn't exist in the neighborhood back in the 80s. That was my entire impression of dorris until renovation work being done to my home forced me to present before Community Board 2 where dorris served on the Landmarks Committee. Let's just suffice it to say that our initial encounter did not go so well. dorris hated our proposal and influenced CB2 to decline approval of the addition to our home. Two years later dorris, this time with Howard Pitsch and Allen Hobbs in tow, rang my doorbell to ask for my home to be placed on the house tour. After literally throwing herself on a piece of Eastlake furniture she especially fancied, how could I say no?

Soon I would become more involved with the FGA and see dorris on a more frequent basis and also become amazed at the stamina and passion she possessed. For each FGA Newsletter she would pound the pavement to get the scoop on the newest business offering and capture all the goings-on in her column of Newscenes. Perhaps

it was her upbringing that charmed us to visit the Newscenes column as if we were catching up with old friends on the porch. Often you could hear the southern breeze in her expressly dorris phrases.



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She was passionate about community, the Fort Greene community. So passionate that she threw herself into other activities all for the benefit of Fort Greene. Community Board 2, the Historic Districts Council, the Fort Greene Connection were just some of the monthly stops dorris would make. These numerous venues required dorris to have her own stack of Newsletters which she would use as calling cards as she went to each event extolling the neighborhood.

You could always count on dorris to be signing people in at meetings or at the Holiday Party with an enthusiastic "welcome, come on in and let's chat" and it was that same contagious warmth and enthusiasm which dorris enabled the FGA to receive a grant enabling us to fund the research necessary for the expansion of the Historic District. This long-held goal of the FGA will be a lasting reminder of dorris's great contribution to the neighborhood.

Now others who were inspired by dorris will be taking on her monumental tasks and the neighborhood which she so loved will be protected for future generations by the expansion of the Historic District. So look around, things may be lost but sure enough if you look hard enough you'll find them. As always we'll be seeing you soon and don't forget to keep in touch.

Next FGA Neighborhood Meeting: Schools, Schools, Schools!

Are you interested in exploring different schooling options for your child? Do you want to hear about the various public school programs? Perhaps you are considering a private school? Would you like to know more about the private school admissions process? If so, please join us at the next FGA meeting on Wednesday, November 17th. We will be hosting a presentation and an open discussion by a couple of experts in the area of school admissions, both public and private. They will be happy to answer your questions and provide information on a process that can be both complicated and bureaucratic. So sharpen those pencils and bring some paper and get ready for an informative evening with your fellow neighbors.

FGA to Hold Elections Updated

There have been some recent additions to the FGA Board. As part of the November Neighborhood Meeting there will be an election of Fort Greene Association Executive Board. The following 2 year term positions are up for nomination: chair, vice-chair, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer and six members-at-large.

If you would like to volunteer or have recommendations of friends and/or neighbors who are willing to volunteer to work for our wonderful neighborhood please contact Fred Lasker, the Election Committee Chair, at 718.875.1856 or fred@HistoricFortGreene.org as soon as possible. Do remember that nominations can also be made as late as at the actual Neighborhood Meeting itself.

See next page for the complete FGA November 17th, 2010 Official Election Slate. →→

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Paul Palazzo

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Kay Lee

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Lillian Jean-Baptiste

Naomi Doerner

Brandon Kelly

Marcos Salazar

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The FGA would like to welcome our new Board Members. Get involved and join the expanding group of your Fort Greeners eager to do great things in our Neighborhood. Contact Fred Lasker at fred@HistoricFortGreene.org for an interview today and start making a difference.



Brandon Kelly (Alternate) has been a Fort Greene resident since 2002. Working as a Financial Representative, he is dedicated to providing proven financial strategies to small business owners, families and individuals that will help them accomplish their financial objectives throughout their professional and personal lives.

Brandon started his professional career working for an International Jewelry Manufacturing and Wholesale Company specializing in Diamond and Gold Jewelry, and earned his Diamond Grading Certification from the Gemological Institute of America. Brandon spent many successful years in the manufacturing and apparel industries, but always a people person, he realized he found no greater satisfaction than working in Fort Greene and making a positive difference in the lives of others while helping them realize their goals and live their dreams.

Brandon graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in Mass Communications and Journalism. His strong sense of community keeps him actively involved in the Fort Greene Festival, the Ajile L. Turner Scholarship fund, and the Park Slope Food Coop.



Naomi Doerner (Alternate) has lived in the Ft. Greene/Clinton Hill neighborhood since 2009, where she resides with her long-time boyfriend, Scott Andresen, an 8-year area resident. Wearing many hats, Naomi is a transportation planner for a private consulting firm, an urban planning educator for a non-profit initiative she co-founded called Velo City, as well as a complete streets and cycling advocate. As such she brings technical planning skills, youth development, grant writing, fundraising, and public outreach experience to the Ft. Greene Association. A strong proponent for civic engagement and public participation, Naomi looks forward to assisting the FGA in growing its membership and making the neighborhood she has come to call home an even more vibrant place to live, work, and play.

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Submissions Sought for the Fort Greene Association's 2011 Black History

The Fort Greene Association is planning to salute the contributions of Fort Greene African Americans and needs your help! Now thru December 1, 2010 the Fort Greene Association is accepting submissions of African Americans who have made significant contributions in and around Fort Greene, Brooklyn. Nominate African American Fort Greene business owners, community organizers, educators, residents, students and entrepreneurs. We are looking to recognize the contribution of African American Fort Greene pioneers of their field who have paved the road for others, individuals who commit selfless acts to help others, and those who contribute to improving the everyday quality of life for Fort Greeners.

Please submit your nominations by midnight December 1, 2010 to theFGA@historicfortgreene.org with FGA Salutes Fort Greene African Americans in the subject field. When submitting your nominations, please include your name and phone number and the reason why the Fort Greene Association should salute your nominees. Additionally, please include your nominees' name, e-mail, phone number and their accomplishments. Lastly, please let them know that you are planning to nominate them.

Submissions rules and disclaimers

- Nominations must be received by midnight December 1, 2010.
- No more than three nominations can be made per person.
- Nominees can be living or deceased.
- Nominees must be either a student or resident of Fort Greene, or working/worked on projects that have made a significant impact on Fort Greene or had/have a business that operates or services the needs of Fort Greene residents.
- Participants cannot nominate themselves and Fort Greene Association Board members cannot be nominated. Nominations found to be in violation of this rule will be discarded.
- The Fort Greene Association will notify finalists prior to public announcement of honorees.



From top to bottom: Marian Anderson, Spike Lee, Richard Wright, Susan Smith McKinney, M.D., Paul Robeson, and Booker T. Washington.



33 Flatbush Avenue by Mitchell Trinka

Past Meets Present

Mitchell Trinka spent late nights in the public library during his internship at *the New York Times Fort Greene/Clinton Hill Local* to search through photos from Brooklyn's past. Armed with the images from earlier decades he went out to the same location to shoot a present day view. The juxtaposition of old and new shows us where we've been and where we're going.

The inset photo, taken of 33 Flatbush on September 8, 1936, shows an example of the change seen in Fort Greene. What was a radio store grew its roots in what was known as the Corn Exchange Bank. The property was bought by Al Attara in 1978, but mostly lay dormant after he learned the city marked the spot for urban renewal and could reclaim it anytime.

In 2006 the city's urban renewal claim expired and companies began discussing a move into what is now known as the Metropolitan Exchange Bank. Today the building is used as a public exhibition space and creative co-op office for a mix of different creative companies.

Find out more about Mitchell Trinka's *Past Meets Present* series and see more pictures on the New York Times Fort Greene/Clinton Hill Local and the blog *Brooklyn Based*.

Foot Traffic Means Charitable Steps in Fort Greene

by Jed Marcus, Green Fort Greene/Clinton Hill

If you have ever bemoaned the world's troubles and wondered what you could do as a Brooklynite to help, you might take a page from Vanderbilt Avenue resident Jessica Greenbaum. After reading Nicholas Kristof's *NY Times* op-ed columns on the oppression of girls in the third world, Greenbaum put together three ingredients to raise money for specific charities. "I knew I couldn't become a doctor-without-a-border at my late age," she said. "But I tend to bake muffins on weekend mornings. And the Brooklyn Flea has led hundreds of people past my house on Saturday mornings. So I decided to choose a charity from Kristof's columns, bake muffins, and sit outside Saturday mornings 'til I gave them away in exchange for donations."

Beginning last April, Greenbaum set up her "Take a [Muffin] Stand," and has sent an average of \$150 / week to charities aiding girls and women in the third world, including Equality Now, Women for Afghan Women, The World Fistula Foundation and CARE. "I know \$150 is not a lot, but it's more than I can do by myself, and that is the standard I have set. You need to find the causes that make your heart scream, 'HELP!' Mine tend to involve girls and women."

First, Greenbaum chooses a program that Kristof established as doing important, effective work (in his columns or the book he wrote with his wife, *Half the Sky*). Then she turns to the watchdog site Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org), and prints out the charity's rating and one-pagers about the group's work. Next she chooses two muffin recipes—"one with nuts, one without," and sets up shop—a table and chairs for passersby to come and chat. The sign behind her, drawn by her daughter reads, "Take a Muffin, Lend a Hand."

"We have raised money for seven charities so far, and I love the fact that donations come from my neighbors and other people passing through. I have a number of regulars who just save a few dollars to hand me each week, and I think that's ideal. C'mon Brooklyn! Let's work together! I also love seeing the handouts going out into the world, spreading information about the groups."

You can find the Take a [Muffin] Stand outside 404 Vanderbilt Avenue (between Greene and Gates) most Saturdays this fall. For muffin recipes (headliners: pear-ginger and pistachio-berry) and links to charities visit: Fort Greene Association website.

Month Salute

- Members of the Fort Greene Association Board will select 28 honorees based on the accomplishments of the individuals submitted for consideration.
- All content submitted and created becomes the property of the Fort Greene Association and will be used solely for the purpose of the promotion of the Fort Greene Association.

Nominees Finalists

- The finalists will be notified by email and telephone of their nomination.
- Finalists who agree to participate in the Fort Greene Association's Black History Month Salute will be interviewed by our communication team to prepare video interview/presentation and/or article to appear on the Fort Greene Association's newsletter, website, social media outlets and media partners to be made available February 2011.
- Honorees will be presented with a certificate of recognition at the June 2011 Fort Greene Association Meeting and Juneeth Celebration.

The Fort Greene Association, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization, operating as a non-profit 501(c) (3) charitable organization that supports and works in concert with the many other fine organizations that make our community so special and vital.

Can You Tweet?

The Fort Greene Association is now on **Facebook** and **Twitter**; become a Fan and Follower today! Receive instant daily community updates, participate in online giveaways and exchange ideas with your Fort Greene neighbors, business community and community leaders. This month we have special giveaways for new Facebook Fans and Twitter Followers of the Fort Greene Association. Become the 500th Facebook Fan or Twitter Follower and win a Fort Greene Association tote bag. Become the 1000th Facebook Fan or Twitter Follower and win a copy of "Images of America Fort Greene," a book to enjoy and help us all to connect the small world of Fort Greene to the larger picture of Brooklyn, New York City, and the world itself. Please note that the Fort Greene Association's Twitter handler is @FortGreeneAssn.



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NEWSCENES

BERLYN 25 Lafayette Avenue (across from BAM), Regional German/New Brooklyn - German food interpreted in Brooklyn, no translation required. Sun, Tues-Thurs 5:30 - 11pm; Fri-Sat 5:30-12 midnight. Enjoy a German focused wine list and cocktail menu or just stop by and say hello to owner and former FGA Chair Ursula Hegewisch. 718.222.5800 berlynrestaurant.com

BROOKLYN STONE BOUTIQUE 366 Myrtle Avenue is an affordable luxury boutique for a stylish woman's lifestyle. Brooklyn Stone offers contemporary and exotic apparel, footwear, jewelry, accessories, gifts and more from international label and independent designers. Personal shopping appointments and private events are available. Store hours: Sun. 12:30-4:30, Mon. 11:30-4:30, Tue. by appointment and Wed.-Sat. 12-8. 347.763.2041

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NATIONAL Inexpensive, authentic Thai food in a hip, chic environment from the boys who brought you Joya and Song. Monday thru Friday Noon to 11pm, Saturday and Sunday 1pm to 11pm.

REMEMBERING

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no pain, no suffering. After 45 years together leon golomb requests that you mail or email your reflections on dorris to be compiled in book form in lieu of a memorial.

Your reflections may be emailed or mailed to leon at:

leon.golomb.arts@verizon.net

i. leon golomb
100 Lafayette Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11217

William "Bill" Saunders

Former State Committeeman/District Leader of the 57th A.D. passed after many years of service to Fort Greene. Our condolences. A memorial service to honor his life will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, 85 South Oxford Street at 4PM.

SAVE THE DATE

FGA Holiday Party

Friday December 3, 2010

Get the Holidays off to a great start with our annual neighborhood-wide celebration. You provide the food and we provide the drink and merriment. Check your mailboxes for further details. Get ready for a good time and amazing raffle of local services and goodies to benefit Fort Greene families during the holiday season.

Stay tuned.

Got an announcement?

The FGA is happy to share with the Fort Greene Community new businesses opening in area, wedding, birth and remembrances. Email the FGA, Newscenes would love to hear from you: newscenes@HistoricFortGreene.org



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