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Hands Across the Street

On **Saturday, January 19**, the Morningside Gardens Community Relations Committee and the Grant Houses Residents' Association will hold their 19th Annual "Hands Across the Street" celebration and dinner at **7:00 PM in the Jackie Robinson Senior Center, 1301 Amsterdam (right across from Citibank).** For admission, please bring a dish to feed at least 4 people. It can be an appetizer, main dish or dessert. Dance or just enjoy jazz at its best provided by the Swing Tones and led by Albert Sheldon of Bldg. 4.

"The Hands Across the Street" event celebrates the 19 years that Morningside Gardens and Grant Houses have worked together for community betterment and friendship. This event is held yearly at Morningside or Grant Houses and is an important event for our two complexes. So cook up (or purchase) your favorite dish and come enjoy yourself with new friends and old.

(Note: The Friends of Hands Across the Street are holding a fund raiser on January 5 from 4:00- 6:00 PM in the Thurgood Marshall Room, 80 La Salle.)

Joan Levine (Bldg. 1)

MRHS is closed on Tuesday, January 1 for the New Year Holiday and on Monday, January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Best Wishes for a Happy New Year from the staff and Board of MRHS!

abUSed: ThePostville Raid

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abUSed: The Postville Raid had its national broadcast premiere on PBS this past December as part of the America ReFramed series.

**Thursday, January 10 at 7:00 PM
MRHS Tuttle Center, 100 La Salle St.**

Save the Date

MRHS will be presenting a special program to commemorate Black History Month on the evening of **Wednesday, February 13** in the Recreation Center. Singer **Tami Tyree** will perform.

***** MRHS would like to thank the following for their generous food donations to our Winter Celebration on December 10th: Toast restaurant and MG resident Larry Good, Whole Foods, and Say It With Cake, located on 123rd Street. And a hearty thank you to our many party volunteers, led by Emily Chang! *****

Special congratulations to Beulah Lawless (Bldg. II) who will turn 100 years old on January 17.

Looking For A Few Good Skeins

If you have unused new yarn hidden in a closet or a bottom drawer, Circle of Hands can use a few good skeins! We turn it into items to give back to the community and benefit MRHS. Please leave your yarn-only donations at the MRHS Office.

Tired of the snarled threads of today? Come join us Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 PM to relax in a friendly atmosphere while you knit, crochet, quilt or work on a craft. If you are stumped by a pattern or have dropped a stitch, we will try to help you. We meet Tuesday evenings, except for the first Tuesday of each month, from 7:00 -8:00 PM in the Tuttle Center at MRHS, 100 La Salle Street, Ground Floor. Our new year begins January 22 so join us! Contact **Mary Davidson** in Building IV if you have questions: 212-316-0140.

Book Signing!

Author and life photographer, John Seaman, will host a book signing for his new memoir, ***Bloody But Unbowed***, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2013 in the Tuttle Center at MRHS. A few books will be on sale at the signing, but it's better that you order a copy 48 hours in advance from McNally Jackson Bookstore, 52 Prince St., in Soho, (212) 274-1160. Print on demand. MJB will ship, \$5.99. Price \$29.50 plus tax. 519 pages. e-book available for \$2.99 from Kindle, Nook, or Vook Reader. At the signing, John will read a chapter aloud, show a short video of his life and work, and offer wine & pastry.

Low Vision Support Group

The MRHS Low Vision Support Group will be meeting on Tuesday, January 8 from 3:00-4:00 PM and on Tuesday, January 22 from 3:00-4:00 PM. This group will share ideas, tips, and resources for productive living. Please come help us explore low vision activities and trips for future group meetings. Please contact Social Work Interns, Laura Avila and Ariel Kaplan, at 212-666-4000 with any questions.

Happy January Birthday!!

To: Judith Anderson, Sandra Czajkowski, Joy Cooke, Shirley Davidson, Ann Foshay, Paul Haskins, Beatrice Hawkins, Florence Keller, Ruth Kivette, Lydia La Fleur, Beulah Lawless, Marie Ledoux, Ruther Miller, Rita Pullium, , Gloria Robotham, Edward Rosenblum, Marion Rothenberg, Juanita White, and Seth Wohl.

Do you have a friend, relative, or neighbor in the Gardens who is having a birthday this month? Come and celebrate with MRHS!

People with birthdays in January are all invited to our Birthday Party! Come on **Tuesday, January 15** at **12:30 PM**. MRHS provides coffee, tea, and birthday cake.

Saturday Afternoon Movies

Jan. 5 Moonrise Kingdom (2012) 1 hr., 34 min. Wes Anderson's quirky drama follows the frantic search that ensues in a small New England town when two 12-year olds fall in love and run away together. As the townsfolk hunt for the vanished kids, a storm causes even more profound communal upheaval. PG-13

Jan. 12 The Campaign (2012) 1 hr, 25 min. Mud slinging abounds in this political film with Will Ferrell as the longtime North Carolina congressman waging a ruthless campaign against an inexperienced contender. Rated R

Jan. 19 L'Atalante (1930) 1 hr, 29 min. Establishing poetic realism in movies, Jean Vigo is the most influential filmmaker not to live past age 30. L'Atalante is his crowning achievement. This tale of newlyweds journeying down the Seine by barge between La Harve and Paris until they are driven apart by jealousy is regularly ranked among the 20 greatest films ever made. Not Rated.

Jan. 26 Where Do We Go Now (2011) 1 hr, 42 min. While their men fight a remote sectarian war, the women of a Lebanese village—one hemmed in by minefields—band together to denounce the clash of Islamic and Christian beliefs that sustains the war and threatens to poison their community. PG-13

Movies start at 2:00 PM. Please arrive early. Contribution is \$1.00.

Just a Reminder

Tuesday Lunch – Bring a lunch and join us for terrific conversation every **Tuesday at 12:30 PM** in the Tuttle Center.

MRHS Sing-Along –Come to the Sing-Along every **Tuesday at 1:00 PM**.

MRHS Office Hours – The following is the MRHS Tuttle Center schedule:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
9 – 6	9 – 6	9 – 6	9 – 6	9 – 6

Nurse's Hours – Marie Phillips' schedule:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
9 – 5	9 – 5	9 – 5	9 – 5	9 – 5

Hypertension Screening –Alternate Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 AM

Next on January 9, January 23.

The Fairway Shuttle departs from the bus shelter near 90 La Salle St., Mondays at 1:00 PM and Fridays at 10:00 AM.

Nurse Marie Phillips' "Take Charge of Your Health" group will this month takes place on **Thursday, January 24 at 2:30 PM** in the Tuttle Center.

"Later Life Transitions" group meets this month on **Thursday, January 10 at 3:00 PM** in the Tuttle Center.

The **MRHS Book Club's** next meeting will be take place on Wednesday, January 16 at 3:00 PM in the Tuttle Center. The discussion is on the novel, **Roundhouse** by Louise Erdrich. All are welcome to participate.

The **New York Times Annual Travel Show** takes place on Saturday, January 19 at the Jacob Javits Convention Center. This annual event includes free food and wine tasting from different countries, concerts and performances from other cultures, hundreds of exhibition tables, giveaways and chances for free trips. Anyone interested in going with a small group can e-mail **Dot Savage** (Bldg. III) at dsavage80@aol.com or call 212-749-3936 after January 9. Note: Admission is \$17.

In Memoriam: Gustavo Archilla

Former MG resident and MRHS volunteer **Gus Archilla**, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 27 at his home in Marco Island, Florida, where he lived with Elmer, his spouse and lifelong partner. As per Gus's wishes, there will be no funeral services held. In lieu of flowers, you may wish to donate to one of the following causes in memory of Gus: Marriage Equality USA; CurePSP; Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Gus will be greatly missed by all who knew him but he will live on in our thoughts and memories.

Miss Pretty

Some of you will remember the little Calico kitty who was wandering around Bldg. I. Thank you for feeding her. She was rescued on Tuesday, November 27, and zipped to the vet the next day. As it turned out, she had a microchip! Her name is Miss Pretty and we located her family.

Miss Pretty belonged to Bianca, who had moved to Virginia. Bianca left Pretty with her aunt who somehow allowed her to escape. The best news is that Bianca's parents were the ones who really wanted Miss Pretty after having lost their 18-year old cat earlier in the year. Miss Pretty is now safe at home across the street with very loving parents who vow to plump her up again.

Stars in the Heights

On Saturday, January 26, 2013 the Morningside Players are holding their second annual fund raiser and this one should be fantastic. "Stars in the Heights," an evening of cabaret, wine, great food and good cheer! We plan on Broadway, jazz and opera stars and many MG residents singing. Cost is \$25, including food and wine. Support our community and have a gala evening. Tickets go on sale December 2.

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Memorial Quilt to Tragic Fire To be on Display

Sweatshops are much in the news: unsafe conditions, locked exits, poorly paid workers dying in devastating fires that simply did not have to happen. There is a straight line back in history from the Tazreen factory in 2012 to the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire of 1911.

On a beautiful spring day in March of 1911, right before closing time, a fire broke out on the eighth floor of the Asch Building near Washington Square, in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. The fire spread violently up to the ninth and tenth floors. Five hundred workers, most of them young immigrant women, were trapped. Exit doors were locked, there were no sprinklers, the inadequate fire escape twisted and collapsed under the weight of terrified workers. In less than one-half hour, 146 people were killed. Sixty-two of them jumped to their deaths before horrified onlookers. The Fire Department responded quickly, but its ladders could reach only to the sixth floor.

For the past two years I have worked with the Remember The Triangle Fire Coalition, a wonderful collection of historians, artists, journalists, labor activists, as well as many organizations. Our goal is to keep the memory of that fire and its terrible human cost alive in public memory, to erect a permanent memorial to the victims, and to assure that people recognize the dreadful similarities between the Triangle fire and the recent conflagrations in South Asia.

I'm also a quilter, and last year those two passions converged in the idea of a memorial quilt. The quilt includes portraits of many of the victims—most of which had previously been available only as tiny, faded newspaper clippings; the text of several beloved labor songs; lists of all the victims; and meaningful quotations from a startling range of American voices—from Frederick Douglass to Roger Baldwin, Dwight Eisenhower, and Myles

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Horton. It has been a wonderful collaborative effort, with blocks contributed by dedicated quilters, several graduate students in the MFA program at the Fashion Institute of Technology, and several members of MRHS's own Circle of Hands.



It honors the victims of the Triangle Fire, but also celebrates the ongoing struggle for workers', women's, and immigrants' rights. After its inaugural showing with MRHS, the quilt will move to the Eldridge Street Synagogue, where it will be their central exhibit as they observe the anniversary of the fire in March.

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 15** at **7:00 PM** in the MRHS Tuttle Center. For further information, please go to the homepage of the coalition: rememberthetrianglefirecoalition.org. They are also on Facebook.

Robin Berson, Bldg. III

For Your Information

If you have information that you think will be useful to Morningside Gardens' residents and you want it announced, please send the information to the MRHS office by the third Friday of the month (i.e. Friday, January 18). Please print clearly or type all information that you want included in the Newsletter. *

****Due to space limitations, it may not be possible to include all information submitted.***

Storytelling Project

Do you have a story you want to share and record about your childhood or past life experiences? MRHS is continuing a yearlong storytelling project. We will be collecting stories centered on the theme *Young at Heart*. Please call **Laura Avila, Social Work intern**, at 212-666-4000 for more information.

