

336 Newsletter

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BULLATY & LOMEIO PHOTOGRAPHS RETURN TO LOBBY

Central Park has come into our lobby in the photographs by our neighbors, Sonja Bullaty and Angelo Lomeo. Some old favorites have been re-framed, some recent ones added, including those of the Bethesda angel and the sculpture of lovers undaunted by last winter's record snowstorm.

As in their book of photographs Circle of Seasons: Central Park Celebrated (now out of print), every time of year is represented in our lobby. No wonder, as this husband and wife photographic team has had what Sonja describes as a "forty year romance with the park." Their photographs of the park are available in a well-printed book of postcards, now on sale at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Bookshop, among other places.

Sonja and Angelo are also noted for their photographs of Europe. Like the Central Park pictures, these include witty details as well as sweeping landscapes. Their book, Provence, was recently featured in a display about France at the Lincoln Center Barnes and Noble; Tuscany captures the beauties of Italy near Florence. At present, Sonja and Angelo are at work on a book about Venice, to be published, like the others, by Abbeville.

We must all be indebted to Sonja and Angelo for their generosity in donating photographs for our lobby. Thanks, too, to Amnon Bar-Tur and Chroma Copy for printing the pictures, and to former Board member, Phyllis Sternau, for arranging for their framing.

NO MORE WASHDAY BLUES!

RUB-A-DUB-DUB. Did you know that there's more room in the new washing machine tubs? That's just one of the improvements in the renovated laundry room. Take a trip to the basement to see the newly painted and retiled space, even if you're not a laundry room regular.

What's new? Four dryers where there used to be three; you can choose high, low, or permanent press heat levels (eight minutes for a quarter). The dryers are computerized to tell you how much time is left, so you can conveniently leave and come back on time. There are also new benches for sitting and waiting.

The washing machines come in tow sizes: four front-loading 18 pounders replace the former top-loading 13 pounders. You may want to tell your housekeeper that the new washers look smaller, but they're not.

Just stuff the laundry in and deposit four quarters to start the wash, with a choice of settings. Instructions on using the washers with liquid or powdered detergents are posted on the wall in large type.

For shareholders who've had to go elsewhere to get their king or queen-sized quilts or blankets washed, the biggest news is the addition of a 35 pound washer (it takes six quarters). Also, windows have been installed, the ventilation has been improved, and a new toilet has been installed off the laundry room.

Shareholders will be pleased to know that the machines were installed at no cost to the building. The cost per load of laundry is comparable to that in most other co-ops.

Our thanks to Andrea Gerstle for arranging for the room's renovation and installation of the new machines.



HELP PLAN THE NEW PLAYROOM!

You can help decide how the playroom will look when it is renovated. A Playroom Committee is being formed, and will meet in August. The playroom, a relatively recent addition to 336, is an important amenity for our children, especially on rainy days and during the winter. It needs renovation due to flooding and heavy use. Contact Andrea Gerstle and Stephen Limpe to volunteer and offer any suggestions.

ADORABLE KITTENS FOR ADOPTION



Tabbies, Torbies, and Black & White Tuxedo—all in temporary foster care, need permanent homes. For more information call Elizabeth Forel at 865-0561.

THE KANTIA PALM



that no longer fit in the lobby has been given a new home in Stamford, CT, with the Pollio family, formerly of 15C. Kathleen Curcio-Pollio writes: "Thank you so much for the beautiful tree. . . We have given it a beautiful home in our sun-room—it fits in well with the woods beyond and it enjoys streaming sunlight from three sky lights."

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LOVE FLOWERS? LOVE THEM NOT?



Because the flowers in the back of the lobby were wilting from the heat, and because shareholders had objected to the expense of flowers, these flowers were discontinued early in the summer.

Donal Bergin requested that shareholders let him know whether they wished to continue flowers. Let him (and/or Board members) know your thoughts, preferably in writing.

Flowers for front, back and middle of the lobby had cost \$113.25 per week. Flowers for the front cost \$

The 336 Board welcomes comments and suggestions from shareholders. Please contact:

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| John Lane, Treasurer | 11C |
| Barbara L. Michaels, Newsletter Editor | 6F |
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The Limpe and Weinstein families arrived at 336 this spring.

LEROY PARSONS

Only the late owls and early birds among us have met Leroy Parsons, but all of us see the fruits of his efforts in keeping the lobby clean. During the wee hours, Monday through Friday, he mops the floors, vacuums and dusts the furniture, keeps all those mirrors squeaky clean, and makes sure that no smudgy fingerprints linger on the walls. He also mans the elevators.

I joined Leroy at about 6:30 one morning recently. At that hour the cleaning has been done, and he had separated newspapers that arrive about 5 a.m. into piles for the front and back elevators. Did you know that milk and juice can be delivered to your doorstep on Mondays and Thursdays? If you subscribe to that service, Leroy completes the milkman's delivery before dawn.

If you need the elevator before 8 a.m., you may need to wait a minute, but be assured that as soon as Leroy finishes a trip in one elevator he checks the other one to see if someone has rung for him. Sometimes tenants who need to catch an early flight will alert him the night before their departure.

As we rode up and down, Leroy genially greeted an early-rising businessman in the front elevator, two dog walkers in the back, and told me about his night routine here. I also learned that he had recently worked at a boat marina where he painted boats and weatherproofed them for the winter. When he lost his job due to downsizing, he heard about 336 from our elevator operator, Scotty (a nightman here for many years himself). Leroy may be drawing on past experience as he helps to keep our lobby shipshape.

SUMMER STAND-INS

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ALANA IRIZARRY



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