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OSARC newsletter



In the holiday spirit at the December OSARC meeting were (left to right) co-vice-chair Trudy Stone, Vincent DiGesu, co-vice-chair Ana Vives, co-vice-chair Sallie Stroman and co-chair Allan Rose.

NEW YEAR IS A TIME FOR RENEWAL

January marks the start of another OSARC membership year. Whether your dues were current for 2004 or lapsed sometime in the past – even if you've never been an OSARC member – you are receiving this issue of the OSARC Newsletter. We encourage you to take a moment to complete and return the "Dues Payment and Membership Form" enclosed with this newsletter along with your check for \$18 in the return envelope provided. Your membership brings you ten issues of this newsletter, monthly luncheons with speakers of interest to OSA retirees and the opportunity to jointly act on issues of importance to all retired City employees. Join us!

"GRINCH OF THE YEAR" WAL-MART TARGETS CITY

In a sort of reverse holiday present to New York workers, retail giant Wal-Mart announced in early December it plans to open its first NYC location in Rego Park, Queens. Opposition from labor was swift and vocal. **[See page 3]**

Next Organization of Staff Analysts Retirees Club Meeting

Wednesday • January 12, 2005 • 12:30-2:30 pm

OSA Office • 220 East 23rd Street • Suite 709

We're Back! Join us in the newly restored union office.

IT'S PARTY TIME! Celebrate the New Year With an Open Talent Show! We invite your poems, music, stories, jokes, art, etc.

> Call Co-chair Mary Hillman at 718.462.6485 and tell her what you can contribute.

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We'll Be Seeing You in All the Old Familiar Places

A total of thirty-two (32) members and friends attended the December OSARC meeting:

Renée Bash, Elizabeth Borden, Vincent DiGesu, Richard Fink, Manny Friedman, Beverly Freierman, Tom Gorse, Stan Granat, Betty Henderson, Mary Hillman, Barbara Jones, Roslyn Jones, Irving Kreindler, Jane Kronholtz, Rosanne Levitt, Hank Mandel, Nilsa Mangual, Jim McKeon, Dan Morgan, Sadye Olivieri, Fred Ranzoni, Allan Rose, Barbara Schwartz, Louis Starkey, Trudy Stone, Sallie Stroman, Madeline Taylor, Hattie Thomas, Ana T. Vives, Donald Weinberg, Margaret Williams, and Isza Williams-Darlington.

We hope to see **you** at our next meeting.

The list of those who took part in the November trip to the NY Botanical Garden arrived too late for inclusion in last month's newsletter. The following accompanied OSARCer **Chuck Baroo** on the Bronx outing:

Gloria Djaha and her friend Florence, Joan Doheny, Stan and Diane Granat, Elizabeth Henderson, Mary Hillman, Dan Morgan, Edna Riley, Allan Rose, Elaine Silver, Madeline Taylor, Hattie Thomas, Margaret Williams and Isza Williams-Darlington.

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February To Be A Taxing Month For OSARC

Mark your calendar for the February 9 OSARC meeting. Elizabeth Kinney of the Internal Revenue Service will once again be our guest, bringing you the latest information on tax policies as they affect older Americans.

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African-American Culture Gets OSARC Nod

In a fitting celebration of African-American history month, OSARC's travel committee has proposed a trip to the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. The tentative date/time is February 16, 2005 at 11am. Tours are 45 minutes long and must be reserved a month in advance. A final decision will be made at the January meeting. The Schomburg Center is located at 135th Street & Malcolm X Blvd. (Lenox Ave.) and is convenient to public transportation via the no. 2/3 trains to 135th Street.

COMRO Report

OSARC representative to the Committee of Municipal Retiree Organizations Jim McKeon reports that there was no COMRO meeting in December. COMRO will meet next on January 12, 2005. COMRO Chair Emeritus Lawrence Kaplan did provide members with information on the state of the US economy. He notes that the FY2004 budget deficit was a record \$413 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. On inauguration, the Bush administration inherited a projected \$5.6 trillion budget *surplus* over the next decade. The CBO now projects a \$2.3 trillion deficit as of the start of Bush's second term. Should Bush's first term tax cuts be made permanent, \$2.2 trillion would be added to the deficit. The cost of the Iraq occupation is also expected to soar.

Kaplan noted that the national debt on Bush's inauguration was \$5.3 trillion and stands today at \$7.4 trillion, a 40% increase. Interest alone on the debt approaches \$200 billion a year, "reducing the nation's ability to spend for necessary domestic economic programs."

Kaplan cites economists on the dangers of the deficit and concludes that the Bush administration should "balance the federal budget, thus eliminating the annual deficit and lowering interest costs which must be paid to holders of US Treasury securities. To do this, the administration will have to roll back the tax cuts to generate more tax revenue. Failure to take steps to improve America's vulnerability will surely result in an economic collapse."



OSARCers at the December meeting.

In Memoriam

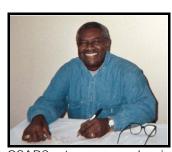
The *Newsletter* has learned of the passing of the following retirees: **Mark Adise** who retired from the Dept. of Health & Mental Health, **Elliot Bainson**, who retired from the Dept. of Sanitation, **Branda Fox** who retired from the Dept. of Health & Mental Health, **Marjorie Roachford** who retired from the Human Resources Administration, **Ann Sternberg** who retired from the Dept. Of Health & Mental Health, and **Doris Trotter** who retired from the Dept. of Citywide Administrative Services. We extend our deepest condolences to their families and friends.

OSARC on the Web: The OSARC section of the union website has recently been updated to include issues of this newsletter sent to all retirees each year through 2004. Go to <u>www.</u> <u>osaunion.org</u>, click "enter," then the OSARC button.

Labor To Fight Wal-Mart Arrival In NYC

Discount retail behemoth Wal-Mart announced its entry into the New York City market in early December, with a plan for a store in Rego Park, Queens. The company unveiled plans to build a 135,000 square foot store on the site of a parking lot at 62nd Drive and Junction Boulevard, adjacent to the former Alexanders department store site, now home to retailers Sears, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Old Navy.

The proposal drew immediate and heavy fire from the New York City Central Labor Council and local elected



officials. Brian McLaughlin, head of the CLC, quoted in the December 17 New York Times, said "Wal-Mart is a buzzword for indecency."

In a letter to CLC union affiliates, McLaughlin said, "The battle against Wal-Mart is about maintaining quality community living standards. Louis The true legacy of Wal-Mart living standards for hard-

OSARC treasurer Starkey at the December isn't lower prices...[it] is lower meeting

working Americans and those overseas."

Wal-Mart, which recently received the 2004 "Grinch of the Year" Award from the nationwide labor-community campaign Jobs With Justice, is both the nation's largest retailer and its largest employer. In citing the company, Jobs With Justice noted "Wal-Mart is a driving force in setting wage standards wherever its stores are located. Despite nearly \$9 billion in profits, its wages are so low that many employees are eligible for food stamps."

JWJ cited Wal-Mart for taking extensive advantage of public subsidies in the form of tax breaks and development incentives while setting enormous barriers to workers attaining employer-provided medical benefits. As a result, one study cited by JWJ, showed that Wal-Mart workers in California sought \$86 million a year in state aid because of their low benefits and wages.

Wal-Mart was sued in 2004 in the largest sexdiscrimination case in history on behalf of 1.6 million current and former workers.

Congressman Anthony Weiner, whose office released a report in December on Wal-Mart's business practices, told a December 16 rally that "When it comes to Wal-Mart, they don't have discussions with the community, they steamroll the community. We're not going to allow that here."

The report charges that Wal-Mart pays its workers 20% less than comparable employers and forces employees to work mandatory overtime without pay. In addition, it notes that the average Wal-Mart worker earns less than \$1,000 a month after taxes because of an average workweek of only 32 hours.

Stuart Applebaum, president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, in a December 22nd story in the Queens Chronicle said Wal-Mart faces 38 state and federal lawsuits filed by hourly workers claiming they were forced to work unpaid off-the-clock or with doctored time sheets.

Wal-Mart is both completely non-union and virulently anti-union, actively blocking attempts by its workers to organize. The company distributes guides to managers on tactics to prevent unionization and has been sanctioned by the National Labor Relations Board for illegal antiorganizing efforts.

Weiner's study showed that fewer than two-thirds of Wal-Mart employees receive health insurance, largely due to long waits for eligibility and extremely high premiums.

The company's overseas human rights record was also scored in the report. Wal-Mart, the Weiner report says "aggressively pursues cheap overseas labor in a quest to drive down production costs. Specifically, Wal-Mart overwhelmingly relies on Chinese manufacturers notorious for their sweatshop conditions."

Finally, the entry of Wal-Mart into a community is anticompetitive, according to the report. For example, a study of supermarkets noted that for each Wal-Mart opening, two supermarkets close in a given community. The Central Labor Council's McLaughlin urged all unions to "confront Wal-Mart to stop the retail giant from turning good jobs into bad jobs, from blocking workers from the right to organize a union, from turning taxpaying workers and their families into welfare-eligible families supported by taxpayers, and from turning workers with health insurance into the ranks of the uninsured."



OSARCers at the December meeting

He announced the formation of a committee with the United Food and Commercial Workers Union and the Retail Wholesale and Department Store Union to help block Wal-Mart's efforts. A CLC staffer, Jean Kim, has been assigned to the issue full-time. For more information on how you can become involved, contact Jean Kim at 212-604-9552.

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Can You Help US Locate Their Survivors?

The Organization of Staff Analysts' Welfare Fund is seeking to reach surviving family members of Marjorie **Roachford** (HRA)and **Ann Sternberg** (DOH). Repeated mailings have been returned. Survivors of both of these OSA members are due benefits from the Welfare Fund. If you know how to reach their family members, please call Diana Carroll at the OSA office, 212.686.1229.

OSARCers Get Social Security Update

Alex Busséy, Area Representative for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare and



formerly Assistant Regional Commissioner for the Social Security Administration, addressed the OSARC membership December 8th about the history, concept and current status of the Social Security program and renewed attempts by the Bush administration to privatize Social Security. Mr. Busséy drew a

comparison between the

Alex Busséy addresses December OSARC meeting the

financing of the current Social Security program through the Social Security Trust Funds and the concept of

privatization advanced by the Bush administration. The current Social Security program, Busséy said, was legislated in 1935 and began by taxing workers on base wage earnings of \$3,000 a year. Benefits were paid beginning in January of 1940. The original concept of the program was to partially replace income lost due to retirement and death. Disability benefits were added significantly later, in 1956.

The program works like an insurance policy - it is universal, mandatory and pays benefits as an entitlement based upon an individual's covered work under the program. An individual must work a certain amount of time in order to acquire insured status. Forty quarters of covered work (10 years) ensures one benefits for life. Disability entitlement may require fewer quarters of covered work.

Busséy noted that only a set yearly maximum wage base is subject to Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxation. The maximum has risen from \$3,000 in 1936 to \$87,900 in 2004. Wages above the maximum are not taxed. Therefore, a person who earns up to \$87,900 this year is taxed on all their earnings, while an individual who earns above that cut-off is only taxed on the first \$87,900 in wages.

The tax rate has also increased through the years, said Busséy and is currently set at 12.4%, with the worker contributing half of that amount and the employer the other half. These figures do not include the FICA tax for Medicare, which is similarly divided between workers and employers at 1.45% each. A self-employed individual pays the entire amount on his or her own behalf.

Today, benefits are paid under the program to workers themselves upon normal retirement (presently 65-67, depending on birth year) or early retirement (prior to the normal retirement age for their birth year and presently 62) and to surviving wives, husbands and children, and to those who are disabled, among others.

Busséy noted that President Bush has taken his reelection as a *mandate* to proceed with plans to privatize Social Security, but he has thus far announced no specific plan for how he intends to implement private accounts.

Busséy reported that Bush has spoken in the past of workers putting 6-7% of their payroll contributions into individual private accounts, rather than the Trust Fund. Setting up private accounts for individuals would mean putting in place a new agency to administer the program. This would cost somewhere between 7 and 9 trillion dollars. It is not clear where Bush would find the money, since the country is running a huge deficit and it would not be feasible to borrow more money.

Busséy said the privatization concept is not *necessarily* a bad one, but the Wall Street stock market environment is very precarious and there is no guarantee of returns. Under Social Security, there is a *guaranteed benefit by formula*.

There are serious problems in Medicare, according to Busséy. The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 changed Medicare+Choice to Medicare Advantage, which allows older Americans to have greater access to more of Medicare's private managed care plans with better benefits at lower costs. Premiums and out-of-pocket expenses are projected to go down about 10%, said Busséy. Congress has granted over \$14 billion over the next ten years to encourage

private managed care plans to take part. This would appear to be a positive development, observed Busséy, but the costs will eventually likely be higher than traditional Medicare, as private pro-



viders increase their charges to the government.

The Medicare Part B premium, which cost \$54/month in 2002 will rise to \$78.20 monthly in 2005. The new privatized drug benefit under the Medicare Modernization Act, Part D, takes effect in January 2006. Most seniors have focused on only the initial costs of the plan: an estimated monthly premium of \$35, a \$200 deductible and the "donut hole" in coverage that forces participants to pay the full cost of their prescriptions once annual drug costs exceed \$2,250 until they reach the catastrophic level of \$5,100. They should also realize there is no built-in protection from rising drug costs.

There was a lively question and answer session following Busséy's presentation:

- OSARC members raised the fact that there are proposals to "scrap the cap," that is to tax all wages under Social Security rather than a limited wage base. Busséy noted that this seems to be an excellent proposal, as it would appear to increase the equity of the system. However, the benefit formulas would also have to be changed in order to avoid an unintentional windfall for the wealthy.
- There was a recap of how social security benefits are computed and why there is a family maximum.
- The question arose of whether it is advantageous to take a reduced benefit at an earlier age? Busséy said it probably was, but it is an individual matter. On average, Busséy said, a person needs to live about 14 years after

entitlement before s/he would begin to lose money by collecting at an early versus full retirement age.

- Busséy noted that the Trust Fund is solid until (at least) 2042 under current law.
- Retirees get a cost of living adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index, so that their benefits retain the same purchasing power from year to year. There is a proposal to adjust it downward. This would definitely

slow the rising costs of entitlements.

- What are the alternatives to individual accounts? Cutting benefits, raising taxes, and government investing.
- What can be done to prevent bad things from happening to Social Security? Busséy suggested OSARCers should write or call their Senators and Members of Congress to protest – and to do it as individuals, not as an organization.

'Tis the Season. . .

More than 600 active members, retirees and friends attended the Organization of Staff Analysts' annual holiday party at the 67th Street Park Avenue Armory December 16th. Below we provide a glimpse of some of the OSARCers in attendance.



Recuperating OSARCer Jean Anmuth with friend Chuck Zlatkin (left) and OSA vice-chair Tom Anderson (right).



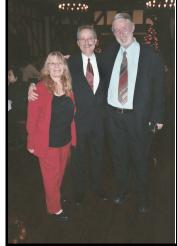
OSARC co-chair Allan Rose, co-vicechair Ana Vives and member Renée Bash.



OSARCers Dan Morgan and Elizabeth Henderson with OSARC co-chair Mary Hillman (center).



Mary Hillman, Allan Rose, Victor, Jean Anmuth, Renee Bash and Edna Riley.



OSA Executive Director Sheila Gorsky and Chairperson Bob Croghan with likely 2005 mayoral candidate Fernando Ferrer.



Edna Riley, Ana Vives & husband Tony.



Bill Douglas



Chuck Baroo with OSA board member Sandra Thompson.

What I Did On Election Day by OSARC member Kathryn Nocerino

George W. Bush! The way I figured would be my fault. Yes, my fault alone. not one of the Bush people – I made 112



East Side bars. down wore shirts. Dean pulled

Kathryn Nocerino at a 2003 OSARC meeting.

indirectly. I went online and gave what money the more my conscience bothered me.

up for work on or near election day.

was soliciting volunteers. On election process. "No", said the guy, "he logo "so that I can find you, if eve, I sat in the underheated offices of a who is the True Believer will win." I necessary, after dark." She subdivided social service organization I will not couldn't get over it. The guy obviously us into groups of two and three, giving name (to preserve their non-profit didn't have a pot to piss in, so how could each a sector map. Veronica apologized status) and, following a "script" given to he possibly vote for God's Gift to the for the fact that our area "wasn't much volunteers, made calls to registered Filthy Rich? He struck me as a textbook of a challenge; it always goes solidly voters in the swing state of Ohio. I asked example of how poor Americans often Democrat.' each if he or she was going to vote, if vote against their economic self-interest. they knew where their polling place was, etc. When polling place and district to leave from New York City, four from looked like a cross between the West questions arose, I gave them a toll-free my location alone on West 34th Street, in Village and Saratoga Springs, with lots number to call. We were supposed to be back of Macy's. By 8:30, the street was of well-kept early 19th century housing vaguely nonpartisan, but also had to so packed with volunteers that people stock interspersed with restaurants, announce that "we support change in were asking us if we were a boutiques and art galleries. Initially, I this election."

it, we hadn't had this - um - "special" a the close of each call, who the person Karl Rove have gotten to the bus President since Tricky Dick. I began to was going to vote for. Funny thing - company? ACT directed the un-bused realize that if I didn't become active in each and every Kerry supporter gleefully portion of the group to one of the "Kerry the 2004 election, whatever happened and actively volunteered that fact. But Village" buses leaving from 8th Avenue. So, I worked for Dean. I attended calls before my voice gave out – average age of the volunteers was 25. I "meetups" in announced their intention. I couldn't sat next to a very young hipster from tiny, overpop- decide whether they were hostile, Chelsea who gave me his life story. He ulated Lower ashamed, or both.

flyered. I particular. One was a sweet old woman intellectual, he felt unwelcome. Bush jumped up and with the remarkable name of Mae made him feel even more unwelcome. a t Wedding. She said she was 96 years old, Along with the rest of the bus, we rallies. Casting still drove and that she was trying to get applauded whenever we saw a roadside dignity aside, I her contemporaries interested in the Kerry sign and booed whenever we ugly election, but that most of them were "a spied the opposition. campaign t- bunch of old poops!" I didn't have the Then heart to ask her who she was voting for. miserably lost several times, reached the

out of the race. guy with a very long, umlaut-studded around 1:45pm. As the bus pulled into W h e n surname. He started out by asking me Kerry became who I was, why the hell I was bothering up from the ACT minivans: "Yay, it's the designated him, who the hell was I to tell him he the New Yorkers!" I ask: when did you Democratic had to vote and whether I was a last hear people cheering you? It was a candidate, I goddamn subversive. When I finally got veritable lovefest! resolved to vote for him, but some of his to the question of Bush or Kerry, he let mainstream Democratic supporters loose a deafening roar and hung up. It each of which had a different location didn't pass the Nocerino "sniff test." I occurred to me that ACT's phone and marching orders. Our van, piloted would need to work for Bush's downfall strategy might also be getting the vote out for Georgie-poo.

I could, via moveon.org, to voter Pennsylvania on election day. I signed where we had to "flush out the vote" (go registration efforts in swing states. up. They told us to pack lunch, so I had door-to-door asking people if they'd However, the closer the election came, to buy an insulated bag. The shelver in already been to the polls.) If the person K-Mart who retrieved it for me told me hadn't voted, we would make two For the first time in my life I cast an that "God will choose the winner of the follow-up visits. If there was no answer, absentee ballot, in order to free myself *election*." Momentarily stunned, I we'd leave a tag and literature at the suggested that "God" is probably too door. Veronica, our driver, gave each of ACT (America Coming Together) busy to futz around with the U.S. us a white baseball cap with the ACT

ACT also wanted us to find out, at never showed, cause unknown. Could

Once on my bus, I noted that the was born extremely wealthy in Birming-I recall two invisible Ohioans in ham, Alabama, where, as a gay

The two ACT buses, after getting The other memorable call was to a staging point in Lancaster County PA, at the parking lot, an enormous cheer went

They broke us into smaller groups, by a local visual artist and mother-ofthree, was bound for a beautiful town ACT also had buses going to called West Chester, a suburb of Philly,

Off I went with my co-flusher Len, Twenty ACT buses were scheduled a shrink. West Chester interested me. It demonstration. Two of our four buses worried about Len because he kept

puffing and mopping his forehead. I very blonde man and his son to the front sylvania for Kerry, the whole bus exneedn't have. He outwalked me and, in door. None of them were happy to see ploded in cheers of "Bus 2! Bus 2!" - as addition, served as navigator and clock- us. The man didn't volunteer whom he if we did it single-handedly. watcher.

Virtually everyone was "elsewhere." We festooned the area with door-tags earlier in the day.

early. Noticing a MoveOn headquarters cupcakes to hot chili. I could not find a image clouded. Tom Brokaw looked on the main drag, we asked our driver Republican. Maybe they'd just given up stricken when he said that Ohio was now for permission to volunteer there. on the district. Past 8pm, everything MoveOn sent us out to the same district should have been shut down. The Demoto confirm a group of eleven votes at cratic district leader told us that the that the exit polls were "wrong"- the specific addresses. These people had turnout was so immense that many votpromised to vote early on, but had never ers were still waiting inside. Then he Edwards went on TV to pledge, on beconfirmed that they had voted.

that the higher the street numbers went, locally or nationally. the posher the real estate became. The residents were now home. Most had *The Spare Rib* – the only soul food place near-homicidal rage. I am still waiting voted – the vast majority for Kerry – and downtown – all said they'd voted Kerry. for a full recount due to massive voting had simply forgotten to confirm that fact with MoveOn. There were no street teers from the City, they offered to buy hope is fading. lights in the most expensive blocks. us a round. Unfortunately, we still Some of the Halloween decorations hadn't checked in at MoveOn head- know. A couple of weeks ago, I attended were still up – looming zombies and quarters. Frankenstein's monsters – interspersed with the occasional (and much scarier) hold-outs, we learned that the picture "Vote Bush" signs, which I uprooted nationally was "still too early to call." and gently placed at curbside. Our last One of the volunteers – a trim, elegant Democrats "on message," and electing stop was a white house the size of an man in his forties – told us he had been progressive candidates on the local ocean liner. We could see, through the a lifelong Republican but had turned level. tall windows, a high-ceilinged sitting- sharply left this past June because of the room with a chandelier. Two enormous war in Iraq. dogs more suited to hunting bears than (I hoped) MoveOn canvassers preceded a radio. When the announcer called Penn-

voted for. At last, a case of class-conscious voting, I thought.

and pro-vote literature. We beleaguered quarters, we stopped at the polling place hugged each other goodbye. At home, pedestrians. Nearly the only place we hit in our sector – the local historical soci- past midnight, my feet in a basin of hot 'pay dirt' was a nursing home, where ety. The door was open and all the lights water and Epsom Salts, I watched the the concierge told us every senior had were on. The outside deck looked more returns, channel-surfing. Everyone was voted – either via mail or at the polls like a street fair than an election. saying that the exit polls in the swing MoveOn was selling buttons and t-We completed our rounds two hours shirts; the Democrats everything from 75% Kerry. Then, around 1a.m., the gave each of us some chili. No one half of the Democratic Party, that every The sun was going down. I noticed could tell us how the vote was going,

> The guys holding beers in front of When they found out we were volun- irregularities in Ohio and Florida, but

On the bus home, we listened to the lives depend on it!

There was an ACT post-election party somewhere on the Lower East On the way back to MoveOn's head- Side, but I was too tired to go. Everyone states were going anywhere from 65 to "too close to call."

> The next morning, I awoke to hear nation had gone 52 to 48% for Bush. last vote would be counted. Three seconds later, Kerry conceded.

Four more years. I am now over my

Was what I did useful? I don't a MoveOn house party on the Upper Once we reported on our eleven West Side, where I chaired a sub-group working on "next steps" - ensuring an honest election process, getting the

> I hope these things happen. I'm going to try to make them happen. Our

Happy Birthday to OSA Retirees Born in January!



Leslie Allen, Steven Balicer, Joanna Belt, Earlene Bethel, Michael Bharose, Andrea Bloom, Carmine Borzelli, Marlene A. Bowen, Rosemary Brown, Shirley Brugman, Burton Carlin, Maxine Carter, Johnsie Cheatham, Himangshu Chowdhury, Margaret Clay, George Cohen, Sheldon Cohn, Othon R. Collado, Gloria Colon, Lillian Cooper, Maria L. Crisci, Sadie Culler, Marilyn Daitsman, Marie Davis, Edward Davis, John Dellecave, William A. Douglas, Christine Dudley, Laraine Eldridge, May Engler, Carrie Fair-Smith, Philip Flaum, Jacquelyn Fleming, Beverly Freierman, Grace Gabrielsen, Joseph Garber, Boushra Ghaly, Eli Gottlieb, Frank Gulino, Claire Hall, Robert Henke Jr, Maria Ibanez, Morton Israel, Pauline James, Edwina

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