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TO: Borough President Marty Markowitz

FROM: Eric Fleischman

SUBJECT: BROOKLYN CHESS DAY:
SECOND ANNUAL ALL-BROOKLYN SCHOLASTIC CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS
RECOGNITION CEREMONY
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002
..... 9:30 A.M. REGISTRATION FOR PLAY-OFFS
.....10:00 A.M. OPENING CEREMONY
.....10:30 A.M. PLAY-OFFS
.....12:30 P.M. LUNCH / SKITTLES
..... 1:30 P.M. RECOGNITION CEREMONY
PLAZA
BOROUGH HALL
(IF IT RAINS, THE EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE ROTUNDA)

Shortly after the conclusion of the play-offs for the "Second Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship," which will be kicked-off by Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham and Stephen Herx, Deputy Director of Programs, Chess-in-the-Schools at 10:00 a.m., you will offer brief opening remarks during the recognition ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Herx will be the Master of Ceremonies for the play-offs, lunch and skittles, which precedes the presentation of certificates and recognition ceremony. Both you and Mr. Herx will be the Masters of Ceremonies for the recognition ceremony.

At the conclusion of the recognition ceremony you will provide a limited number of donated tickets approximately fifty, mostly to children, to see a "Brooklyn Cyclones" baseball game this summer.

At 1:30 p.m., Mr. Herx will introduce you and you will offer brief opening remarks thanking all of the participants of the play-offs for attending and for their fine performances.

Following your remarks, Mr. Herx will return to the podium and ask the participants of the play-offs to come forward to receive certificates of recognition, which Mr. Herx will present to them, while you congratulate them and shake their hands.

Following the presentation of certificates, there will be a group photo opportunity.

Following the group photo opportunity, you will open the recognition ceremony by offering brief remarks and presenting (5) copies of a proclamation proclaiming June 10, 2002 as "Brooklyn Chess Day." You will present copies of the proclamation to co-sponsors of "Brooklyn Chess Day": Marley Kaplan, Executive Director, Chess-in-the-Schools and Lewis Cullman, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Chess-in-the-Schools; Michael Weiss, Director, MetroTech Business Improvement District; Fred Beaufait, President, New York City Technical College; Brian Cosgrove, Senior Director Corporate Communications/Community Relations, Securities Industry Automation Corporation for co-sponsoring the "Second Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship" and to Michael Higgins, Chairman, Board of Directors, Friends of the Boardwalk for organizing the "Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup," which you presented trophies at.

Following the presentation of the proclamation and brief opening remarks from each of the co-sponsors, there will be a group photo opportunity.

Next, Stephen Herx will introduce Tom Brownscombe, Director, Scholastic Programs, National Events, United States Chess Federation for some brief remarks.

At this time, you may wish to recognize various dignitaries and allow them to speak. Eric Fleischman of your staff will provide you with a list of dignitaries present.

Next, Stephen Herx will introduce the championship individuals for a presentation of certificates and citations. Mr. Herx will announce the individual winners first and then they will come up together in small groups to receive awards, which you will present to them.

Following the presentation of certificates and citations to individuals, there will be a group photo opportunity.

Next, Stephen Herx will introduce the championship teams for a presentation of certificates and citations. Mr. Herx will announce the team winners first and then they will come up separately to receive awards, which you will present to them.

Following the presentation of certificates and citations to teams, there will be a group photo opportunity.

Next, Stephen Herx will announce the four winners of the play-offs (K-3, K-6, K-8, and K-12) and ask them to come forward to receive citations and trophies. They will also receive chess sets provided by Tom Brownscombe, Director, Scholastic Programs, National Events, United States Chess Federation. Mr. Herx and Mr. Brownscombe will present the awards and you will congratulate the winners.

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Following the presentation of citations to the winners of the play-offs, there will be a group photo opportunity.

Next, you will announce the recipients of a limited number of “Brooklyn Cyclones” tickets and ask them to come forward to receive these tickets, which you will present to them.

You will announce that “Brooklyn Chess Day,” the “Second Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship,” held on May 22nd, and “Friends of the Boardwalk’s First Annual Borough President’s Chess Cup,” held on June 1st, will be broadcast over Brooklyn Community Access Television (BCAT 3) on Wednesday, June 26th and Wednesday, July 3rd at 7:30 p.m. on Channels 56 (Time Warner) and 69 (Cablevision).

You will then close the program by thanking the participants, co-sponsors and your staff.

Following the recognition ceremony, you may take a group photo with the participants, award recipients co-sponsors.

Two banners will be displayed.

Information, registration and food tables will be set-up.

A chess puzzles and skittles area will be set-up.

A balloon chess arrangement will be displayed.

A 10’ x 10’ tent will be provided as cover for food.

Extra tables and chairs have been ordered to accommodate this large group.

Staff is scheduled to begin set-up at approximately 7:30 a.m. on June 10th.

Chess-in-the-Schools will provide approximately 10 staff members to organize and direct the play-offs.

(2) large chess demonstration boards will be displayed on easles for public viewing of play-off games, and will be provided and staffed by Chess-in-the-Schools instructors.

Chess sets, score sheets and clocks will be provided by Chess-in-the-Schools for the play-offs.

(2) large pairing charts for the play-offs will be displayed for public viewing.

(2) laptop computers and printers will be set-up inside in the Rotunda for pairing and scoring of the play-offs.

A large display of the event's program is set-up in the lobby of Borough Hall.

The area surrounding the children's chess play-offs will be roped off.

The doors to the Rotunda will be open, so that participants may use the bathrooms of Borough Hall.

Approximately 500 color copies of the program have been printed and will be available for distribution.

Trophies and chess sets will be provided to the four winners of the play-offs.

No cars will be allowed to park on the plaza during the event.

Various gifts will be provided to participants (i.e., Chess-in-the-Schools caps, swatch wallets, pens, "But Out Brooklyn" buttons).

Suntan lotion will be provided to participants if needed.

Suggested remarks; a list of speakers; a list of dignitaries (non-speakers); a list of Borough Hall staff expected to attend and assist at the event; a list of co-sponsors; a list of individuals receiving tickets to a "Brooklyn Cyclones" baseball game; a list of award recipients; a copy of the program, proclamation, citation and certificate are enclosed.

Also enclosed is a bio for Mr. Fred Goldhirsch, Chairman of the Right Move Chess Tournament. Mr. Goldhirsch is expected to attend the event and you may wish to introduce him and incorporate elements of his bio in your remarks.

Chess-in-the-Schools has requested that the United States Chess Federation (USCF) not be acknowledged as a co-sponsor, but you may wish to either acknowledge publicly or privately the USCF's donation of various give-aways and chess sets to play-off winners.

The USCF has requested a "thank you" letter to follow the event and will include pictures and an article in "Chess Life" their national chess publication, if we provide the pictures and write the article following the event. This publication reaches not only thousands of chess players across the United States, but is circulated in many countries throughout the world.

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Eric Fleischman and Jerry Allred of your staff have organized this event and will be available to assist you.

Local papers (Courier Life) have previously announced "Brooklyn Chess Day."

Andy Ross of your staff has arranged for press coverage.

Invitations have been mailed to the Governor; Mayor; Public Advocate; Senators Schumer and Clinton; Brooklyn City Council Members, State Assembly Members, State Senators, Congress Members, Community Board Chairpersons, Community School District Superintendents; Board of Education Chancellor and Board Members; and Commissioner of NYC Department of Youth and Community Development.

Joseph Frizzell of your staff will videotape the event for broadcast on BCAT 3 on June 26th and July 3rd at 7:30 p.m. and on channels 56 (Time Warner) and 69 (Cablevision) as part of a program including the "Second Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship" and "Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup."

Kathryn Kirk of your staff will photograph the event.

Deputy Borough President Yvonne Graham will kick-off the play-offs at 10:00 a.m. with some brief introductory remarks.

Eric Fleischman of your staff will be receiving an award along with members of his team (2002 U.S. Amateur Team East Under 2000 Champions). Mr. Fleischman was the Captain and Board 1 player on the team and led the team to its first place victory by drawing in matches against two International Chess Masters. Mr. Fleischman is a National Chess Master and formerly worked for Chess-in-the-Schools as an instructor of children's chess classes at the former Manhattan Chess Club. Mr. Fleischman's brother Ian Fleischman, will also be receiving an award during the recognition ceremony.

A microphone and podium will be provided.

Approximately 150 people are expected to attend the play-off and recognition ceremony at Borough Hall on June 10th.

SPEAKERS

BOROUGH PRESIDENT MARTY MARKOWITZ

DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT YVONNE GRAHAM

(PLAY-OFFS KICK-OFF 10:00 A.M.)

STEPHEN HERX, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS

(MASTER OF CEREMONIES)

MARLEY KAPLAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS

LEWIS CULLMAN, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS

MICHAEL WEISS, DIRECTOR, METROTECH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

DR. FRED BEAUFAIT, PRESIDENT, NYC TECHNICAL COLLEGE

BRIAN COSGROVE, SENIOR DIRECTOR CORPORATE

COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS, SECURITIES INDUSTRY AUTOMATION CORPORATION

MICHAEL HIGGINS, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK

TOM BROWNSCOMBE, DIRECTOR, SCHOLASTIC PROGRAMS, NATIONAL EVENTS, UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

DIGNITARIES (NON-SPEAKERS)

DR. IRENE IMPELLIZZERI, VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION
DR. EDISON JACKSON, MEMBER, BOARD OF EDUCATION
SHELDON PLOTNICK, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR YOUTH SERVICE,
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
VIOLA ABID, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, COMMUNITY SCHOOL
DISTRICT 13
FRED GOLDBIRSCH, CHAIRMAN, RIGHT MOVE CHESS TOURNAMENT
DOUGLAS BELLIZZI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, RIGHT MOVE CHESS
TOURNAMENT
MARK KURTZMAN, PRESIDENT, TRI-STATE CHESS
GRANDMASTER GENNADY SAGALCHIK
UNITED STATES WOMEN'S CHESS CHAMPION JENNIFER SHAHADE

BOROUGH HALL STAFF ATTENDING

ERIC FLEISCHMAN (8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.)

JERRY ALLRED (8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.)

SARAH KAUFMAN (8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.)

CAROLYN GREER (AFTERNOON)

ERIK PAULINO

BOB CAPANO (9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.)

LISA FRASER (9:30 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.) (12:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.)

DANIEL FINGERER (8:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.) (12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.)

DOTTIE CONWAY (10:00 A.M.) (1:30 P.M.)

CAMILLE SOCCI (9:15 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.) 12:00 P.M. - 12:45 P.M.) 1:15 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.)

VELORI DIXON

CHARLES HARRIS (8:00 A.M.) (2:30 P.M.)

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CO-SPONSORS

CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS
METROTECH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SECURITIES INDUSTRY AUTOMATION CORPORATION (SIAC)
FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK
UNCLE LOUIE G'S ICE CREAM
COCA COLA
DOMINO'S PIZZA
SABINA'S EXTRAORDINAIR
BROOKLYN CYCLONES

“BROOKLYN CYCLONES” TICKETS RECIPIENTS

The Borough President's Office will provide fifty (50) “Brooklyn Cyclones” tickets to the following individuals and teams:

(2) - JENNIFER SHAHADE – U.S. WOMEN’S CHAMPION

(2) - ALAN WEISS – 7TH GRADE NATIONAL CHAMPION

(2) - ROZA EYNULLAYEVA – NYS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPION

(2) - PAVEL POLYAK – 2ND PLACE, NYS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) - ALEX LENDERMAN – 2ND PLACE, NYS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) - RONNY MORANTUS – 6TH PLACE, NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) - DALPHE MORANTUS – 8TH PLACE, NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIP

(2) - GARY MARDAKHAEV – 6TH PLACE, NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
CHAMPIONSHIP

(4) - SAGALCHIK FAMILY - U.S. AMATEUR TEAM EAST TOP FAMILY TEAM
(GRANDMASTER GENNADY, OLGA, CAROLYN,
MICHELLE)

(2) - BEST PLAYED GAME OF THE PLAY-OFFS (*TO BE ANNOUNCED*)

1. _____

(2) - BIGGEST UPSET GAME OF THE PLAY-OFFS (*TO BE ANNOUNCED*)

1. _____

“BROOKLYN CYLCONES” TICKETS RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

(8) - FOUR WINNERS OF THE PLAY-OFFS (*TO BE ANNOUNCED*)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(12) – 6 CHILDREN PICKED BY WINNER OF CHESS BLITZ MATCH:
*THREE 5 MINUTES PER PLAYER GAMES BETWEEN U.S. WOMEN’S
CHESS CHAMPION JENNIFER SHAHADE VS. OLGA SAGALCHIK (6TH PLACE
FINISH U.S. WOMEN’S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP)*****

(4) – CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS

(2) – BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S OFFICE STAFF

TOTAL = 50 TICKETS

**** THE DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT WILL ANNOUNCE THIS MATCH IN
HER REMARKS PRIOR TO THE PLAY-OFFS.

IN THE EVENT THAT A MATCH BETWEEN JENNIFER SHAHADE AND
OLGA SAGALCHIK IS NOT POSSIBLE, ANOTHER MATCH BETWEEN THE
HIGHEST RANKED PLAYERS WILL BE ARRANGED AND ANNOUNCED
BY EITHER DEPUTY BOROUGH PRESIDENT GRAHAM DURING HER
OPENING REMARKS OR MR. STEPHEN HERX PRIOR TO LUNCH BREAK.

NOTE: IF ANY OF THE SELECTED RECIPIENT(S) OF TICKETS ARE NOT ABLE
TO ATTEND OR DO NOT WISH TO ATTEND THE BASEBALL GAME,
THEN CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS WILL SELECT AN EQUAL NUMBER OF
RECIPIENT(S), IF AVAILBALE, FROM BOTH CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS
TEAMS AND NON-CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS TEAMS PRESENT DURING
“BROOKLYN CHESS DAY.” IF A RECIPIENT IS NOT PRESENT DURING
THE DISTRIBUTION OF TICKETS, EITHER CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS OR
THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S OFFICE WILL MAIL THE TICKET TO THE
RECIPIENT(S).

CERTIFICATES TO PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS

Winners from “2nd Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship” held May 22nd

21 Individuals, 6 Teams

Total = 27 Certificates

(Note: Teams do not participate in play-offs, but will be honored with certificates or citations)

CERTIFICATES

K-3 Section:

Individuals:

First Place: Daniel Shalmiyev (P.S. 240)
First Place: Jabari McBreene (St. Elizabeth)
Second Place: Ally D’Ambrosio (P.S. 52)
Third Place: Bryan Amato (P.S. 180)
Fourth Place: Erik Outhware (P.S. 29)
Fifth Place: Lilia Leybora (P.S. 180)

Teams:

First Place: P.S. 180
Second Place: P.S. 29
Third Place: P.S. 250

K-6 Section:

Individuals:

First Place: Khalid Francis (P.S. 308)
Second Place: Emanuel Marshack (P.S. 240)
Third Place: Tony Thompson (P.S. 308)
Fourth Place: Jorge Sanchez (P.S. 250)
Fifth Place: Thomas Spontak (I.S. 228)

Teams:

First Place: P.S./M.S. 308 (Receiving citation instead of certificate later in program)
Second Place: I.S. 318 (Receiving citation instead of certificate later in program)
Third Place: P.S. 52

CERTIFICATES TO PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS

(CONTINUED)

K-8 Section:

Individuals:

First Place: Alex Lenderman (I.S. 228)
Second Place: Alex Pelekaty (P.S. 201)
Third Place: Justin Li (I.S. 228)
Fourth Place: Najee McGreen (P.S. 167)
Fifth Place: Anna Ginzburg (I.S. 318)

Teams:

First Place: I.S. 228 (Receiving citation instead of certificate later in program)
Second Place: I.S. 318 (Receiving citation instead of certificate later in program)
Third Place: I.S. 201

K-12 Section:

Individuals:

First Place: Garry Mardakhaev (James Madison High School)
Second Place: Malcolm Crane (Benjamin Banneker High School)
Third Place: Maksim Shutel (James Madison High School)
Fourth Place: Oscar Santana (Edward R. Murrow High School)
Fifth Place: Dimitry Minevich (Edward R. Murrow High School)

Teams:

First Place: James Madison High School (Receiving citation instead of certificate later
in program)
Second Place: Edward R. Murrow High School (Receiving citation instead of certificate
later in program)
Third Place: Benjamin Banneker High School

CERTIFICATES TO PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS

(CONTINUED)

(Seeded Players for Play-offs)

Total = 60

P.S. 31

Umar Khokar
Leon Itwar
Stanley Switalski
Taraqur Rahman
Sheikh Shahnawaz
Mia Forid

P.S. 39

Forest Smith

P.S. 180

Eric Gonzalez
Michelle Sagalchik

P.S. 250

Johnny Sun

P.S. 321

Cole Romano
Lily Bernstein
Michael Ma
Ariel Bachar
Matthew Edelman
Horia Popa
Gabriel Gaal-Back

CERTIFICATES TO PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS

(CONTINUED)

P.S. 333

Matuesz Bokowski

P.S./M.S. 308

Jason Baxter
Levav Poinsett
Arsenio Stenbridge
Jaquann Wright
Isaiah Russell
Julian McCall
Danielle Russell
Stanley Willard
Ashaki Nehisi
Nia Blackmon

I.S. 228

Joseph D'Arrigo
Chris Parker
Arkadiym Ekshtat

I.S. 318

Dalphe Morantus
Ronny Morantus
Niazzudin Ahmed
Laura Edgard
Edeel Khokar
Daniel Martinez
Shabaz Sheikh
Pedro Mass
Christian Francis
Richard Rodriguez
Jonathan Santiago
Dario Mass
Oscar Sanchez
Jeffrey Wang
Qi Ming Mai

Alan Zhou
Tony Sanchez

CERTIFICATES TO PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS

(CONTINUED)

Brooklyn Technical High School

Daniel Sirota
Emmanuel Rivera
Brian Wilmeth
Boris Senderovich

Edward R. Murrow High School

Willie Edgard
Luis Miro
Pavel Polyak
Anatoly Gorokhovsky
Roza Eynullayeva
Benjamin Lerman

James Madison High School

Brian Li
Izgil Mardakhaev
Anton Petrenko

CERTIFICATES TO CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

Individuals:

Ronny Morantus (6th Place, K-8 Open Section, Junior High School Nationals)

Dalphe Morantus (8th Place, K-8 Championship Section, Junior High School Nationals)

Garry Mardakhaev (9th Place, Open Section, High School Nationals; 6th Place Open
Section NYC High School Championship)

Brian Li (10th Place, Under 1000 Section, High School Nationals)

Jonathan Santiago (5th Place, K-8 Under 750 Section, Junior High School Nationals)

Dario Mass (8th Place, K-8 Under 750 Section, Junior High School Nationals)

Cole Romano (2nd Place, Reserve Section, NYS Elementary School Championship)

Lily Bernstein (7th Place, Reserve Section, NYS Elementary School Championship)

Daniel Sirota (7th Place, Open Section, NYC High School Championship)

Emmanuel Rivera (10th Place, Open Section, NYC High School Championship)

Ralph Monda (U.S. Amateur Team East Championship, Board 4 Champion)

Ian Fleischman (U.S. Amateur Team East Championship, Top Alternate)

Danny Skvirsky (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess
Cup-1st Place, Beginner Children Section)

Daniel Shluger (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Beginner Children Section)

Amir Durang (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Beginner Children Section)

CERTIFICATES TO CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

(CONTINUED)

Alan Weiss (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Open Children Section)

Daniel White (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Beginner Adults Section)

Lazar Fialkov (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Beginner Adults Section)

Roman Avrutsky (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess
Cup -1st Place, Beginner Adults Section)

Efrem Zats (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Beginner Adults Section)

Nathan Shnaidman (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess
Cup -1st Place, Open Adults Section)

Dimitry Gekhovich (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess
Cup -1st Place, Open Adults Section)

Ilya Rubinstein (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Open Adults Section)

Fred Snitzer (Friends of the Boardwalk's First Annual Borough President's Chess Cup
1st Place, Open Adults Section)

Teams:

P.S. 31 (Seventh Place, K-6 Under 900 Section, 2002 Nationla Elementary School
Championship)

P.S. 52 (Fourth Place, 4th Grade Division, 2002 NYS Elementary School Championship)

U.S. Amateur Team East Top Family Team

U.S. Amateur Team East Under 2000 Championship Team (*Four copies*)

U.S. Amateur Team East Under 1800 Championship Team (*Four copies*)

CITATIONS TO CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

Individuals:

Jennifer Shahade (U.S. Women's Champion)

Olga Sagalchik (6th Place, U.S. Women's Championship)

Alex Lenderman (2nd Place Open Section NYS Championship; 10th Place K-8 Championship Section Junior High School Nationals)

Alan Weiss (7th Grade United States Champion)

Teams:

P.S./M.S.308 (1st Place K-6 Section 2nd Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Championship; 3rd Place K-8 Reserve Section NYS Junior High School Championship; 7th Place K-8 Under 750 Section Nationals Junior High School Championship)

I.S. 228 (1st Place K-8 Section 2nd Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Championship; 1st Place Bughouse Section, 3rd Place Blitz Section, 13th Place K-8 Championship Section National Junior High School Championship)

I.S. 318 (2nd Place K-6 Section and K-8 Section 2nd Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Championship; 2nd Place K-8 Open Section NYS Junior High School Championship; 1st Place K-8 Under 750 Section, 2nd Place Blitz Section, 2nd Place K-8 Under 1000 Section; 5th Place K-8 Championship Section, 10th Place Bughouse Section National Junior High School Championship)

James Madison High School (1st Place K-12 Section 2nd Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Championship; 5th Place K-8 Open Section NYC High School Championship; 16th Place Championship Section National High School Championship)

CITATIONS TO CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS

(CONTINUED)

Teams:

Edward R. Murrow High School (2nd Place K-12 Section 2nd Annual All-Brooklyn
Scholastic Championship;
4th Place Championship Section National High School
Championship)

Brooklyn Technical High School (3rd Place K-8 Open Section NYC Championship;
14th Place Championship Section National High School
Championship)

SUGGESTED REMARKS

JUNE 10, 2002

BROOKLYN CHESS DAY

THANK YOU MR. HERX.

**GOOD AFTERNOON EVERYONE AND WELCOME
TO BOROUGH HALL.**

**WE ARE HERE TODAY TO HONOR AND
RECOGNIZE BROOKLYN CHESS PLAYERS WHO
HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES NOT ONLY AS
CHAMPIONS, BUT ALSO AS THE “BEST OF THE
BEST” AND THEREFORE HAVE BROUGHT PRIDE
AND A DEEP SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT TO OUR
GREAT BOROUGH.**

**IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT “THE GAME OF
CHESS IS THE TOUCHSTONE OF THE INTELLECT”
(GOETHE) (GAIR-TA). I BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE,
SINCE CHESS HAS HAD A PROFOUND EFFECT UPON
OUR SOCIETY AND CULTURE FOR THE PAST TWO
THOUSAND YEARS.**

CURRENTLY, CHESS IS ENJOYING UNPRECEDENTED POPULARITY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, HERE IN BROOKLYN, WHICH IS NOW KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD AS “THE HOME OF CHESS CHAMPIONS.”

AS WE HAVE SEEN HERE TODAY, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE CURRENTLY COMPETING IN CHESS TOURNAMENTS, WHILE MANY PLAYERS ARE MAKING CHESS THEIR PROFESSION, BY COACHING AND TEACHING OUR YOUTH.

RECENTLY, THIS OFFICE HAS DEVELOPED A TRADITION OF HOSTING AND CO-SPONSORING CHESS TOURNAMENTS, MATCHES, LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS, WHILE HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BROOKLYNITES WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXCELLENCE IN CHESS COMPETITIONS BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY.

AS BOROUGH PRESIDENT, I INTEND TO KEEP THAT TRADITION ALIVE. THIS YEAR, MY OFFICE, IN COOPERATION WITH CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS, METROTECH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SECURITIES INDUSTRY AUTOMATION CORPORATION, AND FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK HAVE SPONSORED THE “SECOND ANNUAL ALL-BROOKLYN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP” AND “PLAY-OFFS,” “THE FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK’S FIRST ANNUAL BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S CHESS CUP,” AND “BROOKLYN CHESS DAY” AT BOROUGH HALL.

UNDOUBTEDLY, AS YOU CAN SEE BY THE WONDERFUL TURNOUT HERE TODAY, “CHESS FEVER” IS SPREADING ACROSS OUR BOROUGH, TOUCHING EVERY RACE, RELIGION, ETHNICITY, GENDER AND AGE GROUP, IN EVERY COMMUNITY: FROM EAST NEW YORK TO CROWN HEIGHTS; FROM CANARSIE TO BAY RIDGE; AND FROM BRIGHTON BEACH TO BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.

**CHESS IS TRULY AN INTERNATIONAL GAME,
AND BROOKLYN (THE COUNTY OF KINGS) IS MOST
DEFINITELY THE PERFECT PLACE TO PLAY IT. IN
RECOGNITION OF THAT FACT, I BELIEVE THAT IT
IS VITAL TO DEVELOP WAYS TO ALLOW PEOPLE
TO EXPRESS THEIR TALENTS AND PASSIONS FOR
THIS GAME, SPORT AND ART.**

**THEREFORE, I AM DELIGHTED TO RECOGNIZE
OUR CHAMPIONS HERE WITH US TODAY AS “THE
BEST OF THE BEST,” SINCE THEIR DEDICATION TO
THIS GREAT GAME, PROMOTES CRITICAL
THINKING, A SPIRIT OF TEAMWORK,
COOPERATION, AND GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP,
WHICH ARE ALL GREAT ATTRIBUTES TO POSSESS.**

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S PLAY-OFFS. ALL OF YOU SHOWED GREAT COURAGE AND SKILL IN REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOL, FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THEREFORE, ALL OF YOU, REGARDLESS OF YOUR FINAL RESULT, WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE “SECOND ANNUAL ALL-BROOKLYN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS.”

MR. HERX, WOULD YOU PLEASE INTRODUCE TODAY’S PARTICIPANTS AND ASK THEM TO COME FORWARD.

(Mr. Herx returns to the podium to announce individually the names of the participants and asks them to come up to the podium).

(Mr. Herx will then present each player with a certificate of recognition and then you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo you return to the podium).

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT A PROCLAMATION TO THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE “SECOND ANNUAL ALL-BROOKLYN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AND PLAY-OFFS”: CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS, METROTECH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SECURITIES INDUSTRY AUTOMATION CORPORATION AND NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE; AND TO FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK FOR CO-SPONSORING THE “FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK’S FIRST ANNUAL BOROUGH PRESIDENT’S CHESS CUP.”

**WOULD MARLEY KAPLAN, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS; LEWIS
CULLMAN, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS; MICHAEL WEISS,
DIRECTOR, METROTECH BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT; DR. FRED BEAUFIT, PRESIDENT, NEW
YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE; BRIAN
COSGROVE, SENIOR DIRECTOR CORPORATE
COMMUNICATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS,
SECURITIES INDUSTRY AUTOMATION
CORPORATION; AND MICHAEL HIGGINS,
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, FRIENDS OF
THE BOARDWALK, PLEASE COME FORWARD TO
ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION.**

*(Each co-sponsor comes up to the podium. Once they are
assembled, you may read the proclamation and present a copy
to each co-sponsor).*

(You then ask each co-sponsor to say a few words in the following order: Marley Kaplan and/or Lewis Cullman, Michael Weiss, Dr. Fred Beaufait, Brian Cosgrove, Michael Higgins).

(You may then take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to introduce Mr. Tom Brownscombe, Director, Scholastic Programs, National Events, United States Chess Federation).

(After Mr. Brownscombe speaks, you return to the podium. You may then recognize various dignitaries and allow them an opportunity to speak).

(Eric Fleischman of your staff will provide you with a list of dignitaries if any are present).

(After you recognize any dignitaries present:).

(Stephen Herx will then return to the podium to introduce the championship individuals for a presentation of certificates and citations. Mr. Herx will announce the individual winners first to come up together in small groups to receive certificates. Mr. Herx will read part of the certificates).

(The first group to receive certificates is Ronny Morantus, Dalphe Morantus, Garry Mardakhaev, Brian Li, Jonathan Santiago, Dario Mass, Cole Romano, Lily Bernstein, Daniel Sirota and Emmanuel Rivera).

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with certificates and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the second group of winners for presentation and reading of certificates).

(The next group to receive certificates is Ralph Monday and Ian Fleischman).

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with certificates and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the next group of winners for presentation of certificates).

(The next group to receive certificates are the children who were the winners of the “Friends of the Boardwalk’s First Annual Borough President’s Chess Cup” Danny Skvirsky, Daniel Shluger, Amir Durang and Alan Weiss.

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with certificates and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the next group of winners for presentation of certificates).

(The next group to receive certificates are the adults who were winners of the “Friends of the Boardwalk’s First Annual Borough President’s Chess Cup” Daniel White, Lazar Fialkov, Roman Avrutsky, Effrem Zats, Nathan Shnaidman, Dimitry Gekhovich, Ilya Rubinstein and Fred Snitzer.

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with certificates and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the next group of winners, the championship teams, for a presentation and reading of certificates).

(The next group to receive certificates is P.S. 31, P.S. 52, U.S. Amateur Team East Top Family Team, U.S. Amateur Team East Under 2000 Championship Team, and U.S. Amateur Team East Under 1800 Championship Team).

(The U.S. Amateur Team East Under 2000 Championship Team and the U.S. Amateur Team East Under 1800 Championship Team will each receive four copies of certificates).

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with certificates and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of certificates, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the individual winners for a presentation and reading of citations).

(The first group to receive citations is Jennifer Shahade, Olga Sagalchik, Alex Lenderman and Alan Weiss).

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present them with citations and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of citations, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to announce the winners for a presentation and reading of citations).

(The teams receiving citations are P.S./M.S. 308, I.S. 228, I.S. 318, James Madison High School, Edward R. Murrow High School and Brooklyn Technical High School).

(After they come up to the podium, Stephen Herx will present the teams with citations and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of citations, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, Stephen Herx will return to the podium to introduce the winners of the “Second Annual All-Brooklyn Scholastic Chess Championship Play-offs” for a presentation of citations and trophies).

(Mr. Herx will be joined at the podium by Mr. Tom Brownscombe, Director, Scholastic Programs, United States Chess Federation for a presentation by Mr. Brownscombe of chess sets to the winners).

(Mr. Herx will announce the individual winners to come up together to receive their awards. Mr. Herx will read part of the citations).

(After the winners come up to the podium, Stephen Herx and Tom Brownscombe will present them with their awards and you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of awards, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, you will return to the podium to present “Brooklyn Cyclones” baseball tickets:).

AT THIS TIME, IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE HAVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF “BROOKLYN CYLCONES” TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF OUR PLAY-OFF PARTICIPANTS AND CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS. UNFORTUNATELY, WE CANNOT PROVIDE ENOUGH TICKETS FOR EVERYONE AND THEREFORE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BE AS JUDICIOUS AS POSSIBLE IN OUR SELECTION PROCESS.

NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I WILL ANNOUNCE THE RECIPIENTS OF “BROOKLYN CYCLONES” TICKETS. ALL CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE A TICKET WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN ADDITIONAL TICKET, SO THAT YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN MAY ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE GAME. IF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS NOT HERE WITH THE CHILD, I ASK THE TEACHERS AND COACHES HERE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS PROMPTLY NOTIFIED.

**WOULD THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
PLEASE COME FORWARD TO ACCEPT YOUR
TICKETS:**

(Mr. Herx will provide you with the list of recipients).

(Mr. Herx will distribute the tickets. After they receive their tickets, you congratulate them).

(After the presentation of tickets, you may take a group photo).

(After the group photo, you will return to the podium to offer closing remarks:).

NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS OF TODAY'S PLAY-OFFS, AS WELL AS ALL OF OUR CHAMPIONSHIP INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS---YOU WERE TRULY MAGNIFICENT AND I AM PROUD OF ALL OF YOU. YOU ARE BROOKLYN'S FINEST.

THE GREAT CHESS CHAMPION PHILLIDOR
(FILL-IH-DOOR) ONCE SAID, “THE PAWN IS THE SOUL
OF CHESS.” WELL, IF THAT IS TRUE, THEN ALL OF
OUR PARTICIPANTS HERE TODAY ARE THE “HEART
AND SOUL OF BROOKLYN.”

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK OUR CO-
SPONSORS: CHESS-IN-THE-SCHOOLS, METROTECH
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, SECURITIES
INDUSTRY AUTOMATION CORPORATION, NEW
YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND FRIENDS OF
THE BOARDWALK. YOUR DEDICATION AND
COMMITMENT TO OUR YOUTH AND ADULTS ALIKE,
HAS ENABLED “BROOKLYN CHESS DAY” TO
BECOME A REALITY.**

**I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK “UNCLE LOUIE
G’S ICE CREAM,” COCA-COLA, DOMINO’S PIZZA,
AND SABINA’S EXTRAORDINAIR FOR HER
BEAUTIFUL BALLOON DISPLAY.**

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE COACHES, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS, WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY, NOT ONLY TO WITNESS BUT TO BE PART OF “BROOKLYN CHESS DAY” HERE AT BOROUGH HALL.

I THANK ALL OF OUR SPECIAL GUESTS FOR JOINING US:

(ERIC FLEISCHMAN WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A LIST OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND DIGNITARIES IF NOT ALREADY PROVIDED, SO THAT YOU MAY THANK THEM INDIVIDUALLY IF YOU WISH).

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY STAFF FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK IN ORGANIZING TODAY’S EVENT, PARTICULARLY, CAROLYN GREER, MY DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EVENTS, AND HER ASSISTANT JERRY ALLRED. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK ERIC FLEISCHMAN, MY COMMUNITY LIAISON AND NATIONAL CHESS MASTER, WHO HELPED TO ORGANIZE ALL OF OUR CHESS EVENTS.

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MAY HAVE MISSED THIS MORNING'S PLAY-OFFS OR PORTIONS OF OUR RECOGNITION CEREMONY, OR IF YOU WOULD JUST LIKE TO WATCH "BROOKLYN CHESS DAY" ON TELEVISION, IT WILL BE BROADCAST OVER BROOKLYN'S OWN COMMUNITY ACCESS TELEVISION (BCAT 3) ON TWO CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 26TH AND JULY 3RD AT 7:30 P.M. ON CHANNELS 56 (TIME WARNER) AND 69 (CABLEVISION).

THE BROADCAST OF "BROOKLYN CHESS DAY" WILL INCLUDE PORTIONS OF THE "SECOND ANNUAL ALL-BROOKLYN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP," HELD ON MAY 22ND AT NEW YORK CITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND "FRIENDS OF THE BOARDWALK'S FIRST ANNUAL BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S CHESS CUP," HELD ON JUNE 1ST ON THE BOARDWALK IN CONEY ISLAND, ACROSS FROM DENO'S WONDERWHEEL.

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.

(AT THIS TIME, YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE A GROUP PHOTO WITH THE ENTIRE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS, AWARD RECIPIENTS AND CO-SPONSORS).

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