

# NST MEN'S CLUB AL FUCHS

By Judith Tane

**W**hen President Al Fuchs explained that his idea for a men's club at North Shore Towers came to him while he was in his winter home in Florida. He originally hoped for a showing of 20 men at the first NST meeting, which was announced in the Tower Times and held in a small area within the Coleridge Lounge. About 25-30 people showed up, and the group quickly outgrew the space. Fuchs said he never dreamed the group would grow to its present size of 90 men, with new additions almost every day.

The NST Country Club permitted the men's club to meet in the VIP room several times, until the club was directed to use the large card room adjacent to the cinema. Every member of the men's club is also a country club member. The club meets the second Thursday of the month, and the yearly dues are \$60, which is used to cover the costs of supplies, refreshments, deposits for trips and other events. Any funds left at the end of the year are used for an annual members dinner.

The club has a charter, and the officers serve a three-year term. Toby Horowitz and Paul Nettler are Vice Presidents, Arthur Rose is Secretary, and Leo Tujak is Treasurer. Some board committees include events and communication.

The first part of the regular meetings is devoted to business matters, usually followed by a program featuring a speaker or other entertainment, to which guests of members may be invited. Notices about the meetings and other business are sent electronically, except to members without

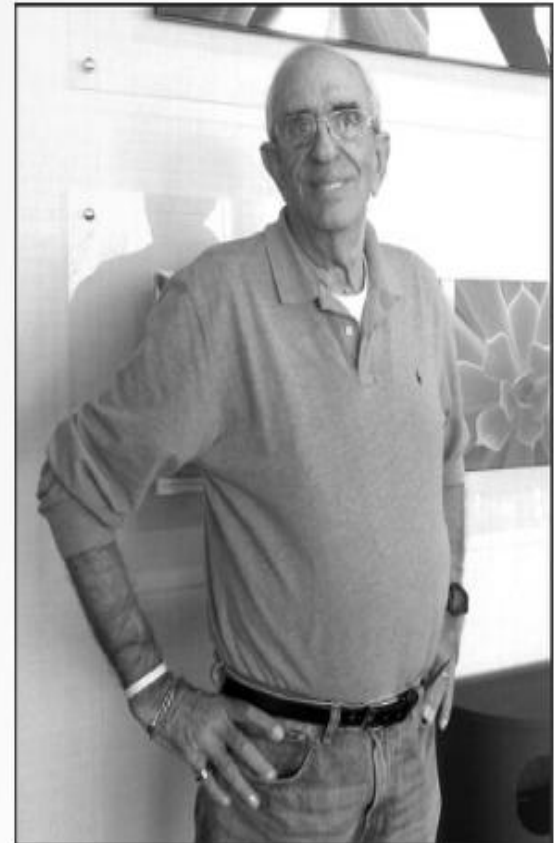
Internet access, who are contacted in other ways.

The Men's Club invites residents interested in making social connections and exploring the many opportunities to develop lasting friendships with this active, lively group to contact either the officers of the club or any current members. A whole new world of congeniality and rewarding activities awaits.

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The North Shore Towers Men's Club held a meeting in the large card room adjacent to the North Shore Towers Cinema on Thursday, April 17th. Vice President Toby Horowitz conducted the meeting, and various board members gave reports. An impressive description of suggested and planned outings included trips to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center site, the New York Auto Show, and a tour of Yankee Stadium. Also discussed was a tour of West Point, attendance at a Cyclones baseball game at Coney Island with dinner at Gargullio's Restaurant, a walking tour of Brighton Beach (Little Odessa), a trip to Belmont Racetrack for an afternoon race followed by a free evening concert, a bus trip to Mohegan Sun, a fishing trip for fluke in the bay out of Freeport and a Texas hold-em poker tournament.

The business meeting was followed by an informative presentation on memory delivered with humor and expertise by resident Fred Chernow, who has published a book about various methods of sharpening memory skills and retaining information as we grow older. Chernow engaged the audience with anecdotes and examples, and provided a delightful experience for the large audience of members



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and their guests.

The speaker at next month's meeting will be Robert Friedrich, president of the Queens Co-op Council who will discuss the issue of taxes on co-op owners.