

Report to the Board 20230710 from the Social Commission

The Social Commission hosted the Association's Annual Independence Day Picnic



**Thank you, Park Tower, for a  
great Independence Day  
Picnic on Tuesday, July 4th.**

It was a true community endeavor in terms of both the number of people who came together to make it happen, 55 volunteers, and the number of people who attended, 533!

The committee, including Bob Shamo, Shalise Ayromloo, Greg Nigosian, Monique Fouant, Stephen Weiss and myself, have been working on this since March, watching for sales on beer, soda and wine, planning publicity campaigns of emails, flyers, Lobby enlargements, announcements in Management's *News & Updates* and texts to explain the event, to solicit volunteers and to encourage people to obtain their wristbands before we started shopping for the food and trying to figure out what to do in case of rain.

The result was 55 amazing volunteers, who filled 124 volunteer shifts and attendance by 533 people, a very large crowd! Enormous support was provided with complete professionalism, enthusiasm, élan and confidence from our Management Team, Tim Patricio, Jacquie Smith, Danny Bravman and heavy lifter Kirsty Evans, from our Maintenance Team, Patrik Janik and heavy lifters Bill Rini, Dilan Malagon and Szymon Szuster, our Security Team, especially Mike Dickey, and our Front Door and Garage Staffs.

Park Tower received the most outstanding and generous donation from GoGrocer for all of our Morning Star Farms Chipotle Black Bean Vegetarian Burgers that we consumed. This was an unsolicited gift and given to Park Tower in thanks for the generous way in which our Association has treated GoGrocer. We are tremendously grateful to Petros Diakatos for this gift. Please stop by GoGrocer to thank Petros and his staff and to let them know how much you appreciate their generosity.

Park Tower received another wonderful donation from Owner/Resident Laela Skaer. When Laela noticed that we needed to borrow coolers she wrote that she could do that. Then when it came time to arrange getting the cooler from her she wrote that she doesn't have it yet. The new, huge, beautiful cooler was on order and she was donating

it to us as soon as it arrived. It arrived well in time and is now a fantastic addition to our equipment that we use during the year. Thank you, Laela.

It is only with the support of a large team, as described above, that this party happens. Also, thank you to our Board of Directors for their support and guidance in making this event happen.

We had delicious food, with help by the professional staff from That Special Event, fun music from DJ Creagh Bennewate and inspired line dancing led by our own neighbor, Eve Brownstone. Our usual caterer, Alicia Gellineau, was not able to join us this year but generously donated a lot of equipment and an enormous amount of advice in order to make sure we had everything we needed this year in terms of equipment, supplies, food, and operational techniques. I'm happy to say she will join us again next year.

This was a community coming together to befriend and support each other in the best possible ways. And then there was, in the end, beautiful weather, and the fireworks provided by our neighbors at the Saddle & Cycle Club, all of which were the icing on the cake.

Here's a list of our volunteers. Say, "hi", when you see them around (also shout out a thank you to our generous, hard-working and wonderful staff) knowing that we are all on the same winning team! –

Nayantara Abraham, Lloyd Allison, Rita Allison, Neil Averick, Shalise Ayromloo, Heidi Baruch, Debbie Bell, Eve Brownstone, Sue Burke, Maggy Burnes, Vince Di Fruscio, Sanhua Ding, Carol Erlbach, Marty Fiesler, David Folkes, Monique Fouant, Terry Gorman, Angela Gottschalk, Joe Guzzardo, Sheri Hodges, Cairn Hutter, Askar Issayev, Jim Jardine, Catherine Kestler, John Loftus, Sherman Lundy, Charlotte Lytle, Ida Manning, Baldev Mehra, Raiwa Mehra, Pablo Michalewicz, Martha Mills, Ann Murray, Hossain Naziri, Georgie Nowak, Mike Nowak, Michael Parrie, Elisa Pinzónumaña, Becky Rossof, Richard Rouse, Clare Salamon, Amanda Saverson, Bob Shamo, Laela Skaer, Betty Terry-Lundy, John Thorne, Fernando Villazon, Sharon Walker, Louella Krueger Ward, Steve Weiss, Anne Whiting, Pam Woll, John Yardley and Zhu Zhiwang.

The Social Committee is always interested in comments. Send emails to [ptcasocial@rcn.com](mailto:ptcasocial@rcn.com) We will review all of them and try to incorporate your suggestions into next year's party.

Our next event will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the building of ParK Tower Condominium, September 8 through October 8 with many surprises in store. Watch our bulletin boards and Tim's *Weekly News & Updates* for further information or please join our email list. Write to us at [ptcasocial@rcn.com](mailto:ptcasocial@rcn.com) and tell us that you'd like to be put on the list. Or see me after tonight's meeting.

Our next commission meeting will be on Friday, July 14th, at 11:00 am on Zoom. Join our meeting to celebrate Bastille Day and to plan our upcoming events.

All the best and looking forward to more celebrations and friendships in the future,

Sincerely submitted,  
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Social Committee  
Park Tower Condominium Association