

BOARD LAUDED FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE BRONX

Leaders in All Walks of Life Send Messages Felicitating
The Board of Trade on Its Anniversary

The Bronx Board of Trade received congratulatory messages from leaders in all walks of public life on the occasion of its Forty-fifth Anniversary. Some of these messages were read by Toastmaster Tozzi at the Anniversary Banquet at the Concourse Plaza on March 2nd.

Following are some of the messages received:

"I send hearty congratulations to The Bronx Board of Trade on the happy occasion of the Forty-fifth Anniversary of its organization. I trust that for long years to come it may be a vital force in a happy and prosperous community."

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
President of the United States

"I have your letter of February 6th, advising me that The Bronx Board of Trade will celebrate the Forty-fifth Anniversary of its organization on Thursday evening, March 2nd, with a banquet.

I am sorry that official engagements will make it impossible for me to attend the banquet. It would have given me great pleasure to have brought my greetings and good wishes in person to the officers and members of The Bronx Board of Trade. May I heartily congratulate them on the accomplishments of nearly half a century and express the hope that they will continue to render constructive service to the community.

I have noted that the principal speaker of the evening will be the Honorable Edward R. Burke, United States Senator from Nebraska. I would appreciate it if you would extend my greetings to Senator Burke as well as to your other guests and to assure them I am sorry I can not be with them on this particular occasion."

HERBERT H. LEHMAN,
Governor, State of New York

"I learn with great pleasure that the Bronx Board of Trade is celebrating the 45th anniversary of its organization on March second.

I welcome the opportunity to add my cordial felicitations on the completion of forty-five years of worthwhile effort by your splendid organization to the commercial and industrial development of your city. You have my best wishes for your continued successful service to the growth and progress of The Bronx."

CORDELL HULL,
Secretary of State

"The passing of the 45th milestone in the life of any civic organization is an event worthy of commemoration, and I want to extend hearty congratulations to each member of the Bronx Board of Trade upon the occasion of this anniversary celebration.

During these 45 years, the Bronx Board of Trade has rendered invaluable services along industrial, commercial,

civic and cultural lines. It has accomplished a great deal in the development and progress of the Borough and has become an outstanding force in the community.

The contributions of civic organizations such as yours toward a higher standard of community life cannot be over-estimated and I want to wish you continued success and progress in your undertakings."

F. H. LaGUARDIA,
Mayor, City of New York

"May I take advantage of the occasion to felicitate The Bronx Board of Trade on the occasion of the celebration of the Forty-fifth Anniversary of its organization. You can be very proud of your record of achievement over a long developing era.

The modern Trade Organization fills a long felt want in our municipal activities, and The Bronx has, I feel, enjoyed your cooperation in its industrial, civic, commercial and cultural expansion."

JAMES M. MEAD,
United States Senator

"I am very happy to send my greetings to The Bronx Board of Trade on the celebration of its Forty-fifth Anniversary. My roots and family tradition are in The Bronx. One of my earliest recollections was a Bronx Board of Trade bronze plaque on the wall of my father's study.

In The Bronx Board of Trade, the people of The Bronx have found a watchful and efficient guardian of social, industrial, commercial and civic rights. In forty-five years, it has aided in creating traditions of government which has made The Bronx a healthy and happy place for everyone. The continued cooperation of The Bronx Board of Trade augurs well for the successful accomplishment of all our aims."

NEWBOLD MORRIS,
President of City Council

"Congratulations to The Bronx Board of Trade on the Forty-fifth Anniversary! I am sure that your organization can serve effectively the particular interests of your populous community and faithfully represent there the essential part that business generally is playing in our American life.

Please extend to your members the greetings of the National Chamber and our best wishes for a long future of continuing, constructive service. We are very mindful of the fact that The Bronx Board of Trade has been in the membership of the National Chamber from our very earliest days, well over a quarter of a century."

GEORGE H. DAVIS, President,
Chamber of Commerce of the U. S.
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"Permit me to extend to The Bronx Board of Trade my greetings and hearty congratulations upon the occasion of your anniversary of 45 years of service in our community. During this period the population of The Bronx has increased twenty fold, and today The Bronx would be the fourth largest city in the United States if it were a separate city.

The Bronx Board of Trade has made a splendid contribution toward the development of The Bronx, and it is my earnest wish that The Bronx Board of Trade may continue to render many more years of useful service in our community."

JAMES J. LYONS, President,
Borough of The Bronx

"Heartiest congratulations are extended you and the members of your splendid organization for the aggressive and worthwhile effort that has been made by The Bronx Board of Trade in behalf of the Borough of The Bronx.

Your organization will always receive the complete cooperation of this Department, and whenever we can be of service to you please do not hesitate to call upon us."

LEWIS J. VALENTINE,
Police Commissioner

"Based upon a knowledge of its activities, gained as a member continuously for the past thirty-eight years of The Bronx Board of Trade, I want to pay tribute to the fine service that the organization has rendered to The Bronx, as a community, since its inception and to thank the men who have served as its officers, directors and committee members for their sacrifices of time, energy and substance in establishing the Board's record of constructive accomplishment.

Many community projects and movements that have resulted most advantageously in the development of The Bronx would never have succeeded if it had not been that The Board of Trade sponsored and fought for them. May it never weary in well-doing."

RICHARD W. LAWRENCE, President
Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York

"The Merchant's Association thought it was doing pretty well when it reached its fortieth anniversary in 1937, and now we find that The Bronx Board of Trade is just a little older than we are and is celebrating its Forty-fifth Anniversary.

I know what The Bronx Board of Trade has done. It has seen the Borough in which it is located grow from a few villages to a big city. Your organization has had an intimate part in those developments which have the Borough one of the City's favorite residential spots as well as a thriving, industrial community."

LOUIS K. COMSTOCK, President
The Merchants' Assn. of N. Y.

"I am pleased to make use of this opportunity to offer my congratulations to the members of The Bronx Board of Trade upon the occasion of the Forty-fifth Anniversary of this worthy organization.

May The Board continue its aggressive efforts in the spirit of public service which it so long has demonstrated to the people of the Borough of The Bronx."

JOSEPH D. McGOLDRICK,
Comptroller, City of New York

"It gives me great pleasure to accept the opportunity so graciously offered to extend my best wishes for the continued success of The Bronx Board of Trade, on this the 45th Anniversary of your organization. That your Association will serve the best interest of The Bronx goes without saying. As one who lived in The Bronx and who brought up his own children to maturity in that Borough, I know from personal experience how valuable your Association is in promoting all that which is worthwhile in the life of a community."

JOHN J. McELLIGOTT,
Fire Chief and Commissioner

"The Bronx Board of Trade has been instrumental in worth-while effort of general concernment of the people of The Bronx. Its aggressive action has contributed much for the civic betterment of the Borough.

The Bronx Rotary Club is cognizant of the important part that The Bronx Board of Trade has shown in all things that have protected and advanced the welfare of the community."

RAYMOND L. KORNDORFER,
President, Bronx Rotary Club

"It gives me a great deal of pleasure to greet The Bronx Board of Trade as it passes another milestone, each of which is marked by deserving effort and added achievements.

The progress of industrial, civic and cultural development in Bronx County during the past two decades has been largely due to the untiring and aggressive efforts of The Board of Trade. Any interested Bronx citizen can testify as to your numerous worthwhile accomplishments in the community."

AMOS B. MILLER,
President, Bronx Lions Club

"We of the Borough of The Bronx have watched with great admiration the activities of The Bronx Board of Trade. There are an endless chain of benefits that have accrued to The Bronx due to the progressive movements initiated by The Board."

WILLIAM C. VOELKER,
President, Bronx Kiwanis Club

"I congratulate The Bronx Board of Trade on the attainment of its Forty-fifth Anniversary.

A keen observer of local needs and a constant advocate of progressive measures for the improvement of the civic life of the great Borough in which it functions, The Bronx Board of Trade has earned the confidence and esteem of public officials and of citizens generally.

The record of The Bronx Board of Trade speaks for itself and I sincerely hope that its vigorous efforts in the public interest will continue indefinitely and without abatement."

S. S. GOLDWATER, M. D.
Commissioner of Hospitals

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Following are excerpts from other messages received by The Board:

"Your organization is one of the most vigorous of the City's associations of business men and other taxpayers which always are valuable media for the expression of public opinion at the meetings of the Board of Estimate. The Bronx Board of Trade's responsibilities, which began just about the time The Bronx became a part of the City of New York, will inevitably become greater and your influence more pronounced as your Borough continues its rapid development."

RAYMOND V. INGERSOLL,
President, Borough of Brooklyn

"The Bronx Board of Trade has unofficially been one of the organizations seeking a planned development along industrial, commercial, civic and cultural lines. By its activities it has earned its place in the hearts of the citizens of the Borough and of the entire city."

STANLEY M. ISAACS,
President, Borough of Manhattan

"Your organization is to be especially commended for its interest in the public affairs and agitation for civic improvements, not only in the Borough of The Bronx, but in many instances in the advancement of public improvements which have been of a benefit to the entire City as well as to the people of our State."

WILLIAM F. CAREY,
Commissioner of Sanitation

"Many congratulations to The Bronx Board of Trade for its ceaseless and zealous efforts in behalf of civic betterment. Your organization has served the community faithfully and well. It is my privilege to greet you upon this occasion and express the wish that your usefulness will continue for many years to come."

HAROLD G. CAMPBELL,
Superintendent of Schools

"The Bronx Board of Trade has done much for the Borough of The Bronx in keeping before the people the many questions of importance affecting the Borough. I feel certain that in time to come history will record the worthwhile works and efforts of The Bronx Board of Trade in behalf of the citizens of The Bronx."

JAMES M. FITZPATRICK,
Member of Congress

"Let me congratulate the officers and members of The Bronx Board of Trade on the splendid progress it has made in furthering The Bronx along industrial, civic and cultural activities. During these last forty-five years, The Bronx Board of Trade has always been in the forefront, doing what it could to bring The Bronx to the well-recognized standing that it now enjoys throughout the country."

CHARLES A. BUCKLEY,
Member of Congress

"The Bronx Board of Trade, through the unstinted service of its officers, committeemen, delegates and mem-

bers, has been recognized from its inception as a vital force for patriotic service, community betterment and in the advancement of County, City, State and National interests. It has achieved much in the encouragement of civic progress, business, residential and commercial development. It has taken a prominent part in demonstrating the desirability of our community as a location of business, trade, commerce and industry. It has successfully fostered public and semi-public improvements. It has played an important role in publicizing The Bronx as a community of homes and families, and of a people friendly, respectful of the racial, religious, educational and political viewpoint of its various elements."

ERNEST E. L. HAMMER,
Supreme Court Justice

"It is in no small measure due to The Bronx Board of Trade that many of the improvements in our conditions, which are now taken for granted, were obtained. From the very beginning the membership of The Board has represented the intelligent, solid, forward-looking element in our population. The Board has been able to adjust itself to changing conditions and on many occasions where thought leadership was required, has been able to supply the need."

EDWARD R. KOCH,
Supreme Court Justice

"The Bronx was a thinly populated section of the City of New York at the time of the founding of The Bronx Board of Trade forty-five years ago. It has grown into one of the largest communities in the United States. Its rapid development was due in a large measure to a healthy exploitation of its natural advantages by progressive business men, most of whom were members of your group."

ALBERT H. HENDERSON,
Surrogate, Bronx County

"At anytime any improvement for the betterment of Bronx County was contemplated, The Bronx Board of Trade was always in the forefront to assist in using its influence and energy in trying to get it for The Bronx. The Bronx Board of Trade has tried to bring to the business and industrial world the fact that Bronx County was a good place for their factory or business."

ISRAEL J. P. ADLERMAN,
Justice of the City Court

"In a democratic community, some public-minded body is always needed to plan for the welfare of our County along industrial, commercial, civic and cultural endeavors. And because that is your spirit and purpose, you are worthy of the support of the community."

WILLIAM S. EVANS,
Justice of the City Court

"I congratulate The Bronx Board of Trade upon its anniversary for its great achievements in the public interest through all of these dramatic years. May it live to be the spokesman of the public interest as it has in the past."

FRANK OLIVER,
City Magistrate