



## Here's To 25 More

Sad is this time when many newspapers are struggling to stay alive. A time when the printed word is dueling with TV, the Internet, blogs and who knows what new communication devices we will soon see.

Naysayers tell us our time is nigh. The end is near. We are the dying victim of advanced technology. Gone are the glory days of the press. No longer are newspapers the kings they once were. They no longer shape public opinion, dictate political careers and decide fashions, to name a few of their past impactful powers, according to these folks.

Once upon a time there were almost more newspapers in the five boroughs than there were bars on Third Avenue (notorious for its number). It is true great

papers with names like the *Daily Mirror*, the *Journal American*, the *Herald Tribune*, the *Brooklyn Eagle* and our own *Star Journal* are long gone. Yet for all these passings and all the predictions of the naysayers, one truth remains: that is as long as there are even a handful of true men and women who bleed printer's ink there will always be newspapers. They will never let them die.

It appears that the most significant gift that the new technology has given us is speed. Each new creation tries to outdo the previous in terms of speed and gimmicks. We often wonder what will we do with all the time we save.

In pondering this turn of events we have come up with the following conclusions: Speed will never replace the heart

and soul a good reporter can breathe—into a story. Speed can't replace the hard fact confirmations of a good reporter. Gimmicks can't ferret out the "hook" that makes for a great story. Speed doesn't have time to tell the "little guy's" story or talk of neighborhood happenings.

As long as these things exist there will be newspapers, good newspapers like the *Gazette*, which will tell the stories of everyday lives.

I am proud to say that I was once a part of this paper and did my small part in making it what it is today.

Congrats, Tony on "our" 25th. Keep that light burning.

—“Uncle” Jim Mahoney

Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to *Gazette* readers, and congratulate the *Gazette* on its 25th anniversary.

As Public Advocate for the City of New York, I value the service the *Gazette* does for its community. Their practice of dedicated news coverage is deeply woven into the fabric of New York City life, and is a model for all communities.

As a reader of the *Gazette* for years, I have come to appreciate its community view of the news. As my office works to make New York even better, I am heartened by the knowledge that the *Gazette* will continue to serve the Queens community for a long time to come.

Best wishes for the past 25 years and for the continuation of your vital work.

With warm regards,  
Betsy Gotbaum

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To My Dear Friends At The Western Queens Gazette:

Congratulations on the celebration of 25 years in serving our community. Your outstanding and dedicated coverage of the local news and events in Western Queens is truly an asset to our community. I am very proud of all the support you have provided to our community. I enthusiastically look forward to reading your paper for many years to come. keep up the good work!

Best Wishes,  
Honorable Gloria D'Amico,  
Queens County Clerk

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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings as you celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the *Gazette*.

For more than two decades, Queens residents from over 45 communities have turned to the reliable pages of the *Gazette* for their news. The quality and trustworthy news coverage you provide is invaluable, and has played a vital role in fostering the development of greater local and political awareness throughout the borough.

I am pleased to take this opportunity to recognize Tony Barsamian and all those who have contributed to making the *Gazette* one of the most dependable in New York. Your commitment to providing residents with a city-oriented view of the news and promoting a more informed community is truly commendable.

Congratulations on this special milestone, and best wishes for many more years of continued success!

Sincerely,  
Nydia M. Velázquez  
United States Congress, 12th District

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Dear Tony:

I write to extend my warmest congratulations to you and the staff of the *Gazette* as you celebrate the publication's 25th anniversary.

since 1982, the *Gazette* has done an outstanding job covering local news events throughout Queens. From its well written articles and columns to its informative opinion section and listing of neighborhood events, the *Gazette* has served as a model for community journalism.

We are extremely fortunate to have such an outstanding publication dedicated and constantly contributing to our borough.

Best wishes for many more years of continued success. I am proud to help celebrate this special occasion with you. Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,  
Gary L. Ackerman  
United States Congress, 5th District

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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to salute the *Queens Gazette* on the occasion of its silver anniversary. For the past 25 years, the *Gazette* has been an outstanding resource providing Queens residents with exceptional coverage of neighborhood issues.

The *Queens Gazette* offers timely and thorough reports on local news, politics, and governmental affairs, covering issues that are often overlooked by the daily newspapers. Accordingly, the *Gazette* is essential reading for anyone who wants to learn what is going on in the community. I find the online edition to be a valuable resource when working in Washington, and I always enjoy the reports on upcoming cultural events and the entertainment reviews. I commend the entire staff at the *Gazette* for publishing an award-winning, invaluable newspaper, and for being an excellent source for neighborhood news.

Congratulations to Tony, Julie, John, Linda, and everyone at the *Gazette* for 25 years of excellence in journalism and public service for the people of Queens.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn B. Maloney  
United States Congress, 14th District

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To The Editor:

It is my great pleasure to offer my heartiest congratulations to the *Western Queens Gazette* on the occasion of its Silver Jubilee! I know that I am joining with everyone in Western Queens when I say that we have all benefited greatly from the *Gazette's* 25 years of exceptional community reporting on all things big and small, and its continuing commitment to educating all of its readers about the myriad issues that affect all of our lives.

Although daily newspapers, television, radio, the Internet and other media play a large role in how we learn about and come to understand the events of the day, community newspapers like the *Gazette* hold a special place in the world of news gathering. By chronicling our neighborhood events, political landscape, economic ups and downs, changing demographics, social scene and the day-to-day lives of the people of Queens, the *Gazette* provides us with a clear snapshot of our community every week, and with a vital record of our local history.

When we look back to 1982, the year the *Gazette* first went to press, ours was certainly a different world. Among many other significant events of 1982, that was the year that the Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C.; that the first artificial heart transplant took place, and that *Time Magazine* named the personal computer its "Man of the Year." (Elvis fans may also remember that 1982 was the year Graceland opened to the public!)

Yes, in the last 25 years, many things have changed. but I'm glad that the *Queens Gazette* has been here with us to keep us informed and up-to-date about our community every single week. Congratulations!  
Sincerely,

George Onorato  
State Senator, 12th District

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Dear Queens Gazette Readers,

Over the past twenty five years the entire Queens community has undergone many changes. We have overcome great obstacles, faced tremendous tragedies and shared together in spectacular triumphs. For the past quarter of a century, the *Queens Gazette* has been there every step of the way to document the events that shaped our lives.

Through hard work and unwavering dedication, the *Queens Gazette* has grown into one of Queens' premier weekly newspapers. Whether covering citywide issues affecting our borough or chronicling the events that help bring all reaches of the Queens community together, the *Queens Gazette* has been there to illustrate what makes each neighborhood thrive.

Congratulations to the entire *Queens Gazette* family, on your silver anniversary of journalistic service. All my best to continual success in the future and to another twenty-five years of news coverage for Queens.

Sincerely,  
Senator Frank Padavan

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Dear Mr. Barsamian:

It is with great privilege that I contact you today and commend the *Queens Gazette* for the constant success that it has possessed. I wish to thank you for providing readers with outstanding reporting and commentary. I wish you the best of luck in your organization's endeavors and hope to honor your organization this year.

According to my records, the *Queens Gazette* is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. It would be a great honor to submit a proclamation on behalf of this accomplishment.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office should you have any comments, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Serphin R. Maltese  
Senator, Queens County