



Bronx Community
Guardianship Network, Inc

3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

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GOLF COURSES**



Congratulations

PETER MASELLA, MD

Chairman of the Board

and Board Members

Victor Ayala, PhD & John D'Alessandro, Esq.



From,
Elsie, Peter, Madhu and Neil

We are thankful to BCGN for giving John the opportunity to serve on the Board of BCGN, a position which has given him much fulfillment as well as a sense of being part of a vibrant second family.

There is a genuine warmth in the organization and it is a wonderful model for what guardianship should be.

We are happy to have been included as part of this family as it has progressed over the years.

Thank you also to Dr. Masella and to Victor Ayala for their dedication and prowess.

Please carry on with doing your good work.



Andrea D'Alessandro & Alaina D'Alessandro

Congratulations

DR. MASELLA

& thank you for your steadfast leadership!

Dr. Victor Ayala

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In Honor of Thomas H. Lontoft

**Long-time Friend
Mentor and
Civil Rights Activist**

July 17, 1947 – December 20, 2020

May his spirit live on through the lives he touched.

Founders' Award

BCGN would like to extend our deepest thanks to our outstanding Board Members. Your expertise, dedication, and generosity have been instrumental to our mission and operations. The support you've given us has made a vital difference in our ability to serve our Bronx community effectively.

PETER MASELLA, MD.

VICTOR AYALA, PHD.

JOHN D'ALESSANDRO, ESQ.

Peter Masella, MD

Chairman of the Board

Dr. Peter Masella has been practicing pediatric medicine for 54 years and continues to work to this day. A Bronx native and still a current Bronx resident, Dr. Masella received his M.D. degree from the University of Bologna in 1972. He completed his internship and residencies at Metropolitan Hospital and Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital in New York City. He was an attending physician at Lenox Hill, Metropolitan and Lincoln Hospitals. Early in his career he worked closely with Covenant House as an attending physician providing care to runaway youths. As a member of the Department of Pediatrics at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY, he taught first year medical students primary care for more than 20 years in his private practice. Dr. Masella established the first in-patient pediatric program at St. Barnabas Hospital and Union Hospital in the Bronx. While serving as Director of Pediatrics, he was also the President of the Medical Board. He had a private pediatric practice in the Belmont neighborhood of the Bronx for 30 years. During his career, he served on multiple hospital committees. He served as a pediatric consultant to Variety House For Children, the Episcopal Mission Society and New York Child Resource Center. He currently serves as Medical Director at Woodfield Detention Center in Valhalla. He has been on the board of BCGN since 2011 and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board. Dr. Masella and his wife Elsie spend their free time in Vero Beach, FL with their family which includes his son, son-in-law and grandson. He also enjoys boating with his family on City Island in the Bronx.

Victor Ayala, PhD

Member of the Board

Dr. Ayala is grateful for a 45 year career in Higher Education. He worked at City University of New York, New York City College of Technology in numerous capacities: Dean of the School of Professional Studies, Department Chair of Health and Human Services, Director of SEEK and Assistant Director of Counseling, Higher Education Officer in Student Affairs and finally retired in the rank of Full Professor. For over 35 plus years he has served on the Boards of numerous not for profit organizations: Chairperson of the Board of Urban Resource Institute and Addiction Research and Treatment Corp., Founding Chair of the Brooklyn AIDS Task Force, Chairperson of Comunilife, Board member of Board of Governors for New York State Healthcare/ HANYS and present Board member and Chair of Quality and Safety for One Brooklyn Health- a safety net hospital. And of course, current board member of Bronx Community Guardianship Network, Inc. This past year he completed the Balance Body course work, so that eventually he will become a Pilates Instructor and he is now a student apprentice teaching private and group Pilates sessions. Dr. Ayala enjoys being present, dancing, traveling and having fun.

John D'Alessandro, Esq.

Member of the Board

John D'Alessandro, the junior member of our Board of Directors, grew up in New Jersey, but overcame that handicap, attending Regus High School in Manhattan, and then Fordham University and Fordham Law School. He was a Court Attorney in the Bronx Supreme Court for almost 38 years, including 15 years as a Court Attorney and Referee, helping manage the Guardianship Department of the Supreme Court for Justice Bertram Katz, and then Justice Howard Sherman. He retired in January 2021, and as he was a good friend of our late founder, Richard Weisman, John began working for BCGN in 2022. Mainly he has contributed by making Court appearances and assisting with legal matters, something which also permits him to renew acquaintances in the Bronx Courts, a few of whom are here tonight. John and his wife Andrea are the parents of one daughter, Alaina, and the grandparents of one grandson, Camilo, but a second arrival is expected this week up in Montreal, where John and Andrea are at present. John wants to express his appreciation to our President, Patricia Hennessy, Dr. Peter Masella and Professor Victor Ayala for making this experience with BCGN such a pleasure. He looks forward to celebrating the 16th Anniversary of BCGN with you next year.

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