## **HELENE ZARO, First Vice President**

Helene has lived in Queens for more than 40 years. She is originally from the Bronx where she graduated Walton High School and then became a Graduate of the City College of NY. Helene's gifted family includes her hubby Sidney who is a retired Assistant Principal of the NYC school system, Stephanie a criminal Attorney, Gail a teacher and two grandchildren, Jennifer and Eric.

With a degree in English and a passion for education, Helene has had an outstanding involvement with education in our community which has included PTA and PA President for the following Parent and Parent Teacher Associations: PS 33, JHS 109 and Martin Van Buren High School. She also served as Director of the PTA for Public School 33, Vice President, Queensboro Federation - Parents Club and Editor New York State Congress of PA.

Helene's dynamic influence concerning our schools and community was very much appreciated when she served diligently for 16 years as President and Vice President of Community School Board #26.

Currently, she is the contributing columnist of the Bell Park newspaper and Social Action Chairperson – Sisterhood, Bell Park Jewish Center. She is a Board Member of Community Board 13, Board Member – Queens Museum Farm, Little Neck, NY and on the Executive Board of the Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club and Queens County Line Democratic Association. She also chairs the Nominating Committee of the Queens Civic Congress where she is the delegate from the Bell Park Manor Terrace Community Council.