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Bruce Blakeman
Nassau County Executive



It's "Mazi vs Suozzi" in Race for US Congress

By **MARK DEMETROPOULOS**

The race is officially "on" for the Special Election to fill the vacancy in NY-3, the congressional district covering the Towns of Oyster Bay and North Hempstead; the City of Glen Cove; and portions of northeast Queens. And it's Nassau Legislator Mazi Melesa Pilip for the Republicans versus former Congressman Tom Suozzi for the Democrats.

Governor Kathy Hochul set February 13th as the date for the election. Because

the race is a Special Election, there are no primary elections, with the nominees selected directly by the Executive Committees of their respective parties.

Suozzi, age 61, was elected to Congress in 2016, narrowly defeating Senator Jack Martins. He ran against George Santos in 2020, handily defeating the then first-time candidate, by 57% to 43%. Suozzi had previously served two terms as Nassau County Executive, and four terms as Mayor of Glen Cove. He left Congress in 2022 to run against

Kathy Hochul for Governor, losing badly with only 16% of the vote in the Democratic primary.

Mazi Melesa Pilip, age 44, was elected to the Nassau Legislature in 2021, and was re-elected last month with over 60% of the vote. She has garnered international attention because of her unique life story: Born in Ethiopia, a Falasha Jew who, as a little girl, was airlifted out to Israel during the civil wars in Ethiopia. She grew-up in Israel, served as an elite paratrooper in the Israel Defense Forces; then met and married her husband, a Ukrainian doctor. They moved to the US, and settled in Great Neck, where they are raising their seven children.

Both political parties pledge to spend "at least \$5 million" on their respective candidates, with Suozzi recently pledging that the Democrats will be spending \$20 million on his race. But with a campaign only eight weeks long, many political experts doubt that it is physically possible to spend \$20 million in the short time period – or that it would make any difference.

The Third district is one of the wealthiest congressional districts in America, with high percentages of bil-



Tom Suozzi



Mazi Melesa Pilip

lionaires and millionaires - and one of the most educated with one of the highest percentages of university graduates. The district encompasses most of the historic "Gold Coast" including Locust Valley, Oyster Bay, Glen Cove, Great Neck, Port Washington and Roslyn. It also has one of the highest percentages of Asian voters (over 20%) and Jewish voters (over 20%) in the country.

The winner of the election will only have 10 months left to serve in the remainder of the term, and will have to start running immediately for re-election. Election petitions for the November election begin to circulate in late February – just two weeks after the Special Election is being held.

Northport Woman Guilty in Chinese Spy Gear Scam

By **RUPERT DEEDES**

Frances Cabasso, age 63, from Northport, has pled guilty to fraudulently posing as the owner of her husband's Commack-based company, which itself has been charged with selling counterfeit Chinese spy gear to the US government.

The FBI complaint, filed in federal court in Brooklyn, charged that Aventura Technologies, a Commack-based surveillance and security equipment company, and seven of its current and former employees, sold Chinese-made equipment - with known cybersecurity vulnerability - to US government and private customers, while falsely representing that the equipment was made in the United States.

Cabasso concealed that the products were manufactured in the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Aventura grossed more than \$88 mil-

lion in sales from 2010 to 2019, including over \$20 million in federal government contracts, according to federal prosecutors. The counterfeit spy gear scam had been ongoing since 2006.

Four individual defendants were also charged with defrauding the US government by falsely claiming that Frances Cabasso was the owner and operator of the company in order to obtain access to valuable government contracts reserved for "women-owned businesses."

Frances Cabassos and her husband Jack Cabasso are also charged with laundering the monetary proceeds of these fraudulent schemes.

The Cabassos and Aventura lied to its customers - including the US military, the federal government and private customers in the United States, according to the FBI.



Frances Cabasso

Ex Huntington Lax Star Busted for Home Burglary

By **THOMAS NOTHEL**

Former Huntington High School lacrosse star Rhamel Bratton was arrested for Burglary and Contempt of Court - and is facing jail for the multiple crimes charged.

Bratton was arrested by the Suffolk County Police Department. He is charged with Burglary second degree: Dwelling. He is alleged to have broken in a home in Huntington, and taken Electronics, Art and money.

He was arraigned on the burglary charge September 28, 2023 in Suffolk County District Court. Bratton pled not guilty to the charge. Court records show he was released on non monetary Bail conditions. His next scheduled court appearance is February 1st in the Court of Judge James McDonough

Bratton was also arrested on a separate court incident. He is charged with Criminal Contempt degree: Disobeying Court Orders. He is next scheduled to

appear on that charge on February 1, 2023 in Suffolk County District Court in the court of Judge Edward Hennessey. He has pled not guilty to the charge.

Rhamel Bratton is 2007 graduate of Huntington High School. He was a 3 sport, basketball, and football and lacrosse star. He was a two time Lacrosse high school all-American.

Bratton and his twin brother Shamel Bratton were among the most sought-after Lacrosse players when they graduated from Huntington High School. Both went to the University of Virginia.

But a series of scandals and personal "behavioral problems" got both Bratton brothers booted from the UVA Lacrosse team in 2011.

"There are standards of behavior within the framework of the team that we expect to be met by all of our student-athletes," stated former UVA Coach Coach Dom Starsia. "Failure to do so on a consistent basis has resulted in the loss of the privilege of being a member of this team."



Rhamel Bratton

NHemp Dem Smears on Adhami are Fake and "Creepy"

By **MAUREEN DALY**

In what appears to be another "mis-fired smear campaign" by North Hempstead Democrats, their invented accusations against North Hempstead Town Councilman David Adhami (R-Great Neck) have been exposed as "fake" and a "political hit" - according to documents and interviews conducted exclusively by the Leader.

At the recent meeting of the Town Board, a well-known Democrat operative, Nina Gordon, was prompted to get-up and openly attack Adhami, claiming that Adhami "lives in Merrick" and not in his Great Neck council district. Gordon and fellow Democrats demanded that Adhami resign or the Town hire an "investigator."

Gordon claimed that she was "trolling" Adhami's wife, and found a social media posting from 2020, where Adhami's wife was looking to purchase a new house.

Adhami responded calmly that he lives "in Great Neck" with his wife and two young children, and that the stalking and trolling of his wife by Democrats was "crossing the line" into attacking his family, and "very creepy."

"I live in Great Neck," said Adhami. "I grew-up in Great Neck. My daughter goes to school in Great Neck. My entire family lives in Great Neck. I went to high school in Great Neck. I played on the Great Neck South football, wrestling and lacrosse teams in high school."

"My mother and sister are prominent realtors in Great Neck," added Adhami.

"My family lives in Great Neck. Everyone knows that."

A local pro-Democrat news editor - who coordinates with the town Democrats - then published a lengthy "Editorial" hit-piece comparing Adhami to disgraced ex-Congressman George Santos, and demanded that Adhami produce his personal tax returns to prove his residence.

The Leader has now been given exclusive access by Adhami to his personal tax returns, and this reporter can confirm that Adhami and his wife do list their Great Neck address on their tax returns. Yes, David Adhami is a Great Neck resident.

The laws in New York are clear that a person's registered voting address is their legal address. All of Adhami's identification: Voting Registration; Drivers License; Library card - list Adhami's home in Great Neck.

"It is pathetic that Democratic Party operatives will do anything to attack me - and my family," added Adhami. "Making-up fake charges is not 'OK.' Trolling my family members is not 'OK.' And trying to gin-up lies to try to drive me from office is not 'OK.'"

The Democrats lost control of North Hempstead in November's election, for the first time in 35 years. According to sources in Town Hall, the change in power is causing a "panic" among Democrats who are accustomed to running North Hempstead as a one-party patronage fiefdom.



David Adhami

The Night Before Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house,
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
 The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
 When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
 The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,
 With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;
 "Now, DASHER! now, DANCER! now, PRANCER
 and VIXEN! On, COMET! on CUPID! on,
 DONNER and BLITZEN!
 To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
 Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
 As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky,
 So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
 With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too.
 And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my hand, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
 He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
 A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
 His eyes - how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
 The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
 He had a broad face and a little round belly,
 That shook, when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly.
 He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
 He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
 But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
 HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL
 A GOOD-NIGHT!

- Clement Moore, 1823, New York

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MONEY NEEDED FOR CELLULAR-AGRICULTURE RESEARCH


To the Editor,

The upcoming federal farm bill should provide increased funding for cultivated-meat research. For those who don't know, cultivated meat is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. It has the potential to dramatically limit our greenhouse-gas emissions, pandemic risk, and the suffering we inflict on animals.

The government gives billions of dollars worth of subsidies to factory farms. We should redirect these funds toward the development of a more environmentally-friendly, healthy, and compassionate food system. Our leaders should back this effort by including further money for cellular-agriculture research in the farm bill.

Jon Hochschartner
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Op-Ed: My Thoughts on the Hot Topics for This Month

By **STEVE LEVY**

Why is Our Government Fighting Border Enforcement?

The administration continues to gaslight us by claiming that they are securing the border. But they've been so lax and allowed so many millions of people to purposely enter illegally that Texas had to revert to laying out a string of buoys along the Rio Grande to stop the crossing of the river.

Would not a federal administration truly wanting to control illegal immigration support this measure? But no, the Biden administration actually sued to stop Texas from trying to stop the flow of illegal immigration. And frighteningly,

they've won in court.

Where do you go when your federal government purposely promotes illegal immigration and even stops frustrated states from trying to intercede.

The US is Covering to Iran

Iranian proxies are trying to kill American soldiers via drones through their militant proxies. Despite scores of attempted hits by Iran, the Biden administration has been cowardly in its response, not wanting to provoke the mullahs.

That's bad enough, but what's most infuriating is that Biden's team continues to funnel billions of dollars to this rogue

totalitarian regime that hates us and wants to kill our servicemen.

This suicidal policy promulgated by the Biden team must come to an end immediately.

Trump is Stepping on His Own Message

Donald Trump's self-destructive and undisciplined rants often step on his own message.

The latest example is his out of nowhere claim he will repeal Obamacare.

Ouch! Hasn't this been litigated in elections past with the GOP being slaughtered.

Sure Obamacare has many flaws, but why would any Republican candidate shift media attention from inflation, high crime, open borders and world chaos that have ensued under Biden's tenure.

If 2024 is a referendum on abortion and Obamacare, you can count on another four years of the Biden team.

This is Scary

This is why I'm scared for America: The most popular official statewide in New York is AOC.

57% New York voters have a positive view of Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

The Porn Pushers are Winning

Eventbrite, a commonly used social media platform for posting upcoming events, has decided to "censor" the posting of any events that feature as a guest speaker Tiffany Justice, the co-founder of the group Moms for Liberty.

Moms for Liberty was founded to push back against giving blatantly pornographic sex materials to young school children.

Remarkably, the "elites" running Eventbrite have ordered that parents fighting the Marxists seeking to push porn on our children, is somehow a threat to our nation and culture.

We believe that the Moms are on the right side of history. Even if you disagree with them, it is outrageous to "censor" their views.

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Steve Levy

Old Westbury Gardens Hosts Elegant Holiday Dinner



Honoree **Tham Kannalikhams**, event chairs **John Deignan & Joan Deignan**, OWG President **Maura Brushj**

By **ANITA MALLON**

Old Westbury Gardens held its 29th annual December Dinner fundraising event to benefit the gardens and its 2024 preservation projects.

The December Dinner was hosted in the festively and beautifully holiday-decorated Westbury House. The event is the most important fundraising event on the Gardens' calendar, and is responsible for raising approximately 45% of the Gardens' operating budget.

This year's honoree was Ms. Tham Kannalikhams, a New York based interior designer, noted as a passionate student of historic precedent in design, combining old world traditions, historic preservation, and connoisseurship with the younger generation of designers. Her mission is to prevent the loss of these traditions.

The evening featured remarks by OWG's president Maura Brush, along with remarks by event chairs John & Joan Deignan. Notable guests included Carol Large, John Rogers of Goldman Sachs, actress Susan Lucci, author Nelson DeMille, and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman.

"It was wonderful to see Westbury House filled with friends and supporters of the Gardens to help us usher in our holiday season," said Maura Brush. "It is my goal to continue to introduce Old Westbury Gardens to new and diverse audiences who also share these interests."



Nassau County Executive **Bruce Blakeman** and actress **Susan Lucci**



John Rogers of Goldman Sachs, and **Tham Kannalikhams**

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DeRiggi-Whitton to be Nassau Leg Dem Leader



Delia DeRiggi-Whitton with Maj (Ret) Chuck Kilbride and Joe LaPadula

BY CHRIS O'NEILL

Nassau Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton (D-Glen Cove) has been chosen to be the Legislature's minority Democratic leader, starting in January, 2024.

DeRiggi-Whitton was just overwhelmingly re-elected by her Glen Cove-Port Washington district with nearly 64% of the vote.

According to the county's charter, the legislator who receives the majority of votes in the 19 person legislature becomes the Presiding Officer and the

runner-up from that vote - and who is from the opposition party - becomes the Minority Leader.

DeRiggi-Whitton will succeed Minority Leader Kevan Abraham, who has held that post for 12 years.

DeRiggi-Whitton wants to focus on the ongoing opioid drug addiction crisis and Nassau County's physical infrastructure.

Before serving in the legislature, she served two terms on the Glen Cove City Council where she was known both as a fiscal hawk and ardent advocate of environmental causes.

DeRiggi-Whitton is also a founding member of First City Project Collective, which for the 'Toys for Tots' drive has become the largest one-day toy collection event in America.

DeRiggi-Whitton, is the daughter of Judge Donald DeRiggi, who is a retired Nassau County judge and the past mayor of Glen Cove; and Dr. Mildred "Millie" DeRiggi, local historian, who, during the 1960s, was a answer/question writer for the legendary quiz shows of "Jeopardy!" and "G.E. College Bowl."

Local Author Book Signing

Recently a local author, Julianna Orlassino held a book signing of her two new novels, "The Culture of Hooking Up" and "Potentially You and Me." Her romance novels make for a great last minute gift for young adults.

Julianna Orlassino is a young local author who has published not just one but five books! She graduated from Locust Valley High School (Class of 2017) and was Co-Valedictorian of Long Island University's class of 2021.

If you missed this event you can still see her at Marty's Party of Bayville and purchase her books there, or online.



Author Julianna Orlassino

While shopping at Marty's Party don't forget to pick up your copy of *The North Shore Leader*.

Locust Valley Library Budget Forum

The Locust Valley Library Board of Trustees, during their regular meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 starting at 7:00 PM, will discuss the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The public is welcome to attend and offer comments. Copies of the proposed budget are available in the library and on the library's website. For further information please call (516) 671-1837.

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5 High School Seniors Nominated to US Service Academies



Congressman Nick LaLota with students Tristan Zugmeyer, Sofia Gillan, Grace Zehil, and Nathaniel Stevenson

(courtesy US Congress)

BY NIALL FITZGERALD

US Congressman Nick LaLota (R-NY1) made a surprise announcement of five nominations of local high school seniors to one of the US Service academies.

LaLota made the announcement at a ceremony for the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) units at Southold, Greenport, and Mattituck-Cutchogue High Schools. LaLota informed the five students that each had earned a service academy nomination.

"As a proud graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, one of my most cherished parts about serving in Congress has been to meet so many students who set the goal of attending our nation's service academies," stated LaLota. "It was truly an honor to inform these deserving students of their nominations in front of their family, friends, teachers, and classmates."

"All of these NJROTC students have dedicated countless hours to bettering

themselves and our community," added LaLota. "I wish them the best in their future endeavors, I know they will make us all proud."

The five students, and the service academies to which they are nominated are: Jackson Frend, US Merchant Marine Academy; Sofia Gillan, US Air Force Academy; Nathaniel Stevenson, US Air Force Academy; Grace Zehil, US Naval Academy; and Tristan Zugmeyer, US Merchant Marine Academy.

The NJROTC program is run at accredited high schools throughout the nation, and taught by instructors who are retired Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel.

The NJROTC program emphasizes citizenship and leadership development, as well as our maritime heritage, the significance of sea power, and naval topics such as the fundamentals of naval operations, seamanship, navigation, and meteorology.

Rich Nicoletto to be NHemp Town Attorney

BY HEATHER CROSLY

The newly elected Town Board for North Hempstead - with a 4-3 Republican majority - has tapped Rich Nicoletto, the outgoing Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, to be North Hempstead's new Town Attorney.

Nicoletto has served for 27 years in the Nassau County Legislature, representing the ninth legislative district, located entirely within the Town of North Hempstead. He was elected to the first sitting of the County Legislature when it was first created to replace the former Board of Supervisors, in 1996.

A lifelong New Hyde Park resident, Nicoletto decided not to seek re-election to the Legislature this year.

The Town Attorney represents the Town against lawsuits and handles legal negotiations and representation of the Town. Although the Town Attorney is

appointed by the Board, the position is independent, and acts as the "attorney General" for the Town.

North Hempstead has a population of 200,000, and includes Mineola, Westbury, Port Washington, Roslyn, Manhasset, New Hyde Park and Great Neck.

Nicoletto has practiced law since 1986, and has led the insurance litigation group in the law firm of Congdon, Flaherty, O'Callaghan, Reid, Donlon, Travis & Fishlinger. Nicoletto's insurance and litigation experience is sure to be an asset in defending the claims against the Town.

In addition to his public service in the Legislature, Nicoletto has served as counsel to the Board of Education of the New Hyde Park - Garden City Park School District from 1987 to 2009. Nicoletto is set to succeed John Chiara, a Democrat, who was appointed by the outgoing Democrat-majority Town Board in 2022.



Rich Nicoletto

Christmas Tree Lighting in Albertson



North Hempstead Supervisor Jen DeSena, Councilman-elect Edward Scott, and Nassau Legislator-elect Samantha Goetz were on hand to light the Christmas Tree in Albertson

Bayville Celebrates Hanukkah



Bayville's Mayor Steve Minicozzi lights the Shammash candle.

By PATRICIA BREXEL

A nice crowd braved the cold on December 13th, for Bayville's Hanukkah Celebration. Although it was the seventh night of Hanukkah the ceremony was enjoyed by all.

Mayor of Bayville Steve Minicozzi lit the Shammash candle. Shammash mean-

ing attendant, is the center candle used to light the other eight. The other eight candles represent the miracle of Hanukkah.

After the ceremony everyone enjoyed potato latkes, donuts and beverages.

Hanukkah means Dedication. The temple was defiled by Antiochus Epiphanes, and a band of Jewish fighters led by Judah Maccabee drove out the armies of Antiochus. They tore down the pagan alter and rebuilt their alter. When they rededicated the alter they only found enough oil for one night to light the menorah, but it lasted for eight nights.

Eight nights was long enough for them to purify more oil for the temple menorah.

Hannukah is the celebration of the recovery and reconquest of Jerusalem by the Jewish Maccabees over the Syrian Seleucid Empire, and the place that religious faith has in empowering those who believe to do the right thing.



Matt Silver recites the prayer with the Rabbi.



The beautiful Menorah Bayville.

Photos: Patricia Brexel



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They're Off – to Huntington's Polar Plunge

BY MAUREEN DALY

Over 200 people dove into the icy waters off Crab Meadow Beach last weekend to participate in the annual Huntington Polar Plunge for a very worthy cause. The funds raised by the Polar Plunge were donated to the Special Olympics of New York.

Town Councilman Dr. Dave Bennardo (R) sponsored and emceed the event – and even took the frigid plunge himself.

Bennardo thanked everyone for attending, including students from neighboring schools such as Elwood, South Huntington and Northport, and praised highlighting “the real stars of the show – our friends from the Special Olympics.”

The Polar Plunge is the largest fundraising event for Special Olympics New York. It is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations, schools and businesses to support the Special Olympics’ New York athletes by jumping into frigid bodies of water across New York State.

This year participants took part in the “Cool School Challenge” – a friendly competition between local schools which are encouraged to create a team of “Plungers” and join “the coolest event” around.

The school team that raised the most

money for the Plunge was named the Cool School Champion for 2023, receiving a traveling trophy, school logo on the back of next year’s sweatshirts, a Pizza Party, & ultimate bragging rights. This year’s Cool Schools was John Glenn High School Raising over \$5,700.

The event was a great success, raising over \$24,000 with donations still coming in.

John Cronin and his father, Mark, from John’s Crazy Socks, a Farmingdale-based business that sells various themed socks and donates 5% of its earnings to the Special Olympics, co-hosted the event.

Bennardo also pointed out that John Cronin has done 10 Polar Plunges, prompting a round of applause.

“John is an inspiration,” Bennardo said. “If he can do all the great things he’s done, we can certainly plunge in the water once for our Special Olympic friends,” adding, “Today, we put aside differences and different sides of the aisle and focus on something that has no downside — taking care of people we love.”

Participants were given socks from John’s Crazy Socks featuring polar bears, while Mac’s Snack Shack provided them with tasty goodies.

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club “Service to Youth Awards”



Ray Reyes, Natalia P. Good, and Melissa

Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club celebrated its final meeting of the year by presenting the BGCA “Service to Youth Award” to board members with a distinguished record in volunteerism and a steadfast commitment to serving the youth in our community. Each recipient received an inscribed framed certificate and a lapel pin with a gemstone for every 5 years of dedicated service.

This year’s awards were presented to the following members:

Hon. Colin O’Donnell- Has served on the Board of Directors for 35 years. He has been on the Governance, Operations & Safety, College Scholarship and Finance and Investments committees. Colin a past Board President has been with the Club since he was 7 years old. Through the years he participated in both athletic and recreational activities. In 1979 he went on to win NYS Youth of the Year. Colin currently sits on the Nassau County Family Court and recently he was elected to Nassau County Court.

Barbara King- Has served on the Board for 30 years. However, Barbara and her family have been involved with the Club since its inception. She has served on the Operations & Safety, College Scholarship and Governance committees. Barbara was instrumental in getting the school bus company to transport Club kids between school and the Club. Barbara is a Registered Nurse with Northwell Health.

Beatriz Frascilla- Joined the Board 15 years ago. Bea has served on the Audit and Operations & Safety committees. She is active in many Club events and activities throughout the year. Bea and her family were the 2023 Grenville

Baker Boys & Girls Club Alumni and Friends Golf Outing honorees. Bea is the owner of Best Farms Market in Hicksville and West Islip.

Eric Brook- Joined the Board 5 years ago. He currently serves as Board President. Over the last 5 years Eric has served on several Club committees such as Audit, Operations & Safety, Resource Development, and others. He also has participated in several mission experiences including Kids in Nature, Kids in the Kitchen and was a guest speaker for the Club’s Money Matters program. Eric is managing director at Deutsche Bank.

Dr. James Widyn- Joined the Board 5 years ago and is now Vice President. He also serves as Chair of the Operations & Safety committee. James has served on many different committees over the last few years such as College Scholarships,



Ann Marie Tanzella, Beatriz Frascilla, Susan F. Altamore Carusi, and, Kevin Patterson.



Dr. James G. Widyn, and Nick G. Trum



Barbara King, and Eric S. Brook



John T. Campbell, and Eric S. Brook

Audit, Finance & Investments and Governance. James a Club alum is a physician and partner at NY Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists and an attending Cardiac Anesthesiologist at St. Francis.

Natalia P. Good, who recently announced she was stepping down from her position on the Board, received recognition for 3 years of exemplary Board Service, and her commitment to improving the lives of our youth. While stepping down from the board She will remain one of our strongest advocates and supporters.



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Obituaries

CHIANTELLA, Martin S., on December 7, 2023, age 62, of Bayville. Beloved husband of Ann. Loving father of Anthony, Danielle (Brandon Mustafa), and Karissa. Cherished brother in law of Theresa Corbett (Jimmy), Rosemarie Bourquin (Michael), Carol and the late Sal. Proud uncle of Tommy, Victoria, Kayla, Lauren and the late Salvatore. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment Holy Rood Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



CIPRIANO, Marietta of Glen Cove, on December 6th, 2023 at age 100. Beloved wife of the late Marciano. Loving mother of Giuseppe, Filippo, Rose, Carmela, Carolina, Michelle, Rochina, Gerardo and Angelina. Dear sister of Salvatore D'Ambrosio and pre-deceased by 10 siblings. Cherished grandmother of 20 and great-grandmother of 20. Interment at East Hillside Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com



DANIELLO, Gail M., 83, formerly of Banning, CA, passed away on Thursday, November 23, 2023, at Lighthouse Senior Living in Ellicott City, MD with family by her side after a difficult battle with dementia and lung cancer. Gail was born November 6, 1940, in Grand Rapids, MI to the late Paul and Marion Holloway. She lived in various states as a young girl and attended high school at Mount St. Mary Academy in Kenmore, NY until the family moved at the end of her senior year, therefore receiving her diploma from Plymouth High School in MI. From there she began a career as a secretary, moving to California and in time began working for North American Aviation in CA, where she met her future husband, Vincent. They both transferred to Cape Canaveral, FL where she continued to work as an executive secretary during the Apollo program, in what was then known as the Vertical Assembly Building. After marrying and starting a family she and Vincent built a home and moved to New Fairfield, CT to raise their family. Gail became a full-time homemaker during which time she perfected her sewing skills, developing into an accomplished seamstress. She was an avid reader and enjoyed hobbies such as golf, bowling, ladies card club, dinner club and volunteering at her four chil-

dren's many activities. After her children were grown, she and her husband moved back to CA, settling in a retirement community in Banning.

Gail was preceded in death by her husband Vincent, in January of this year. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her brothers, Kenneth, James, and Donald. Gail is survived by daughter Lauren, her husband Chris, and their children Stephen, Andrew & Joseph; daughter Carmela and her children Robert & Ryan; son Vincent, his wife Kaitlin, son Julian, and stepson Kamden; and son Anthony and his children Gianna & Giovanni. She is also survived by her sister Janice and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Gail will always be remembered as a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend.

Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. For those who wish to make memorial donations, the family suggests the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org. www.dodgethomas.com



GRELLA, Emanuele of Glen Cove, NY on December 17, 2023 at Age 98. Born in Sturmo, Italy. Worked for the Water Department, City of Glen Cove. Beloved husband of the late Tommasina. Loving father of Carmine (Concetta). Dear brother of the late Tommaso. Cherished grandfather of Manny (Melissa), Christina and Biagio (Caterina). Adored great-grandfather of 8. Visitation at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home, Glen Cove on Wednesday, 3-7pm. Mass at the Church Of St. Rocco on Thursday at 10:00am. Interment to follow at East Hillside Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com



HENDERSON, Jerome "Hank" of Glen Cove, NY on December 8, 2023 at Age 60. U.S. Army Veteran. Loving father of Shauntay. Dear brother of Tanya, Anthony and the late Charlene. Rev. Jerry Turner of the Salem Baptist Church, Officiated the Service.

Burial was at Calverton National Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com

LAKE, Regis Vincent – on Dec. 16, age 78, of Plainview, NY. Beloved husband of Sonja. Loving father of Vincent and Chris (Marlie). Devoted grandfather of Seraphina. Dear brother of Dorene and the late Melanie. Cherished brother in law

of the late Rose Montas. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Visiting Oyster Bay Funeral Home, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Funeral Service Christ Church, Oyster Bay, on Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Interment is private. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

NIARCHOS, M.D., Andreas P. Devoted husband and father, accomplished hypertension researcher and cardiologist, and a resident of Upper Brookville, N.Y., for more than three decades, died on 12/8/23 at 82. Survivors include his wife Sophia, sons Pericles and Taso, and three grandsons.

RYAN, Nicola Rose – surrounded by family on Dec. 10, 2023, age 30, of Huntington, NY. Beloved daughter of Jacqueline Allocco and Paul Ryan (Hugh Miller). Loving sister of, Paul Ryan, Bria Ryan, Alexander Miller and Elizabeth Miller. Devoted companion of her dog Elliey and cat, Chloiey. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment Locust Valley Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com



PISANO, Enzo "Salvatore" was born on December 12, 1954 in Belvedere di Spinello, Calabria, Italy and died on December 8, 2023 in Glen Cove, New York. One of the eleven children born to Luigi and Rosina Pisano, Enzo was the second eldest.

Enzo immigrated to Glen Cove, New York at the age of 12. In life, he was a stone mason, an avid fisherman, and talented bowler. However, his true passion was music. In addition, he was a singer, songwriter, and played the guitar, piano, accordion, and harmonica. Enzo expanded his talents at acting school under Desiderio Alberto Arnaz y de Acha III, aka Desi Arnaz, when he lived in Hollywood, California.

Enzo was popular amongst family and friends and was well-known within the Glen Cove community, where he was nicknamed by family as "the Mayor of Glen Cove."

He is survived by five children, Luigi Pisano (Leann), Angelo Pisano, Vincent Ardito, Francesca Pisano, Antonio

Pisano(Dominique). Four grandchildren, Liliana, Peyton, Nicholas and Scarlet Luna.

He is loved by his siblings and their children, Guisepppe (Filomena), Rosario (Adele), Francisco (deceased 1990), Michele, Alfonso (deceased 2021), Teresa Mingione, Anna Mannarino (Rocco), Rena Clarke (David), Maria Mori (Ronnie), and Daniella Berardi (Enzo). Visitation and Service at the Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home of Glen Cove. A private burial will be held for the immediate family. www.DodgeThomas.com



SIPPERLEY, Ryan Raymond, known to his loved ones as "Sip" passed away unexpectedly on December 4, 2023 at the age of 25 in Tampa Florida. He was born on May 14, 1998 in Manhasset, New York.

Ryan is survived by his mother, Hollie Ann Sipperley of Locust Valley, NY and his sibling Molly Grace Sipperley of Oakland California. He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond Patrick Sipperley.

Ryan will be remembered for his vibrant personality and his zest for life. He was a kind compassionate individual who brought joy to those around him. Ryan's infectious laughter and genuine smile will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

A funeral mass to honor Ryan's life will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:15 am at Saint Mary's Church, 1300 Northern Blvd, Manhasset NY.

Please join us as we celebrate Ryan's life and bid farewell to a beloved son, brother and friend.



WELDON, Joyce M. of Glen Cove, on December 13, 2023, at Age 71. Beloved wife of James. Loving mother of Melissa, April and Austin (Emily). Dear sister of Marlene,

Richard and Barbara. Proud grandmother of Aliyah Ava and soon to be grandson. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.dodgethomas.com



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A Holiday Stroll and Market in Oyster Bay



Wonderland hosted the Carriage rides thru out the village.

By PATRICIA BREXEL

It was a beautiful day Saturday December 9th that brought a large crowd to Oyster Bay for thier annual Holiday Stroll Market & Tree Lighting ceremony. The event began at 1:00 PM with ice

skating, carriage rides, crafts, holiday shopping, food and hot chocolate, music and dancing! The evening ended with a visit from Santa and the Christmas Tree lighting ceremony. The day was enjoyed by kids and adults.



Gone Dancing studiop entertained the large crowd.



TOB Supervisor Joe Saladino and Town Clerk Richard LaMarca



Robert Brusca serves up some hot choloate



Children had fun ice skating.



Holiday shopping on Audrey Avenue.

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St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild Christmas Party

By VICTORIA SIEGEL

The St. Gertrude's Rosary Guild Christmas Party received a visit from Santa Claus who already possessed a naughty and nice list of all the members. When Santa became aware of all the many goody baskets being prepared for the children whose parents visit our food pantry, he placed everyone on the nice list. Merry Christmas everyone.

The Rosary is prayed every morning after 8:30am Mass. Interested in joining the Guild please send an email to: stgertruderosaryguild@gmail.com.



The elves at work puttin the goody bags together



The St Gertrude's Rosary Guild.

Photos: Victoria Siegel

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

Locust Valley Fire District

Notice of Organizational Meeting

Please take notice that the Organizational Meeting for the Locust Valley Fire District, Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, New York, will be held on the 15th day of January, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at Locust Valley Fire Headquarters, 228 Buckram Rd., Locust Valley, N.Y.

The Regular January meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners shall commence upon conclusion of the Organizational Meeting.

This notification is being given to the news media pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Locust Valley Fire District.

James Bonislawski
Secretary
Locust Valley Fire District

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