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www.RonVillano.com www.FamilyAndPersonalCounseling.com www.HypnosisOfLongIsland.com

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by Elizabeth Isabelle

"Embrace the Power of Change." Ron Villano, M.S., LMHC, ASAC, CCH, has dedicated his practice to counseling others on how to work through difficult times. Ron Villano and Family & Personal Counseling have been making a positive difference in people's lives for over 15 years.

Ron lost his cherished 17 year old son Michael in an auto accident – an unimaginable and excruciating loss. Ron was compelled to honor Michael's life by helping others to uncover, recover and discover a whole new way a living life. His powerful yet simple approach has helped clients create and live their best life. Ron's approach to challenge is straight forward, "When you break down your challenges into simple moments, it becomes easier to see the one, single step you can take in order to move just one step forward. All you need is someone to guide you to take the complex issues of life and break it down."

The counselors at Family & Personal Counseling are master's level graduates in their specialties – mental health, social work, marriage and family therapy and school psychology. Additional certifications are held in alcohol and substance abuse, eating disorders and hypnotherapy.

Ron is a celebrated motivational speaker as well a success-



ful author and TV and radio host. "I believe that anyone can learn how to embrace critical lifestyle changes, stop being a victim and live an extraordinary life – a life of fulfillment, energy and vitality." Ron's professional and personal experience leads his clients to inspire themselves to let go of the fear and embrace the positive changes ahead.

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Ron Villano and Family & Personal Counseling is a proud member of the St. James Chamber of Commerce and a major supporter of Angela's House, The

Rose Brucia Foundation and the Make a Wish Foundation.

Check out Ron's website at www.RonVillano.com to see his inspirational and motivational links and for a comprehensive list of specialties. You can listen to his radio shows at www.blogtalkradio.com/ronvillano and www.blogtalkradio.com/thinkyourwaytothin. You can also see Ron at www.youtube.com/ronvillano and find out more about hypnosis at www.HypnosisOfLongls-land.com

Ron has also written a very well received self-discovery guide "The Zing" – a guide to help you go from living life to loving the life you live.

The Family & Personal Counseling office is located at 872 Middle Country Road in St. James. You can reach the office at 631-758-8290. You can also verify your health insurance coverage when you arrange your first visit.

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#### AROUND T O W N

#### Scouts Take Part In Burning of the Greens

On January 8, 2014, Boy Scout Troop 301 assisted its chartering organization, St. James Lutheran Church, with its annual "Burning of the Greens" celebrating the Epiphany. Troop 301 helped the church burn Christmas trees and other greens for a bonfire celebrating the visit of the Wise Men to baby Jesus and Light of Christ coming into the world.

Pastor Neil Mittelstaedt led parishioners in singing Silent Night before offering everyone some much needed hot cocoa. The St. James Volunteer Fire Department provided fire safety and was presented an award for their annual participation in the celebration.





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#### St. James Model RR Club to Hold Special Winter Open House

The St. James Model Railroad Club will be holding a Special Winter Open House on Sunday, March 2, 2014 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mills Pond House, 660 Route 25A in St. James.

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For additional information, call 241-2140 or 543-8732 (evenings until 9 p.m.) or email: sitrains@hotmail.com. You can

also visit their website at www.stjamesmodelrailroadclub.weebly.com.



#### Sts. Philip & James Parish Mission

Sts. Philip and James Church, located at 1 Carow Place in St. James, will be holding a Parish Mission on March 17, 18 and 19,

"Awakening Our Faith in Challenging Times" will be presented by Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM of The Franciscan Friars Ministry of the Word. The mission each day will be as follows: 9:15 a.m. Mass

and Mission Talk and; 7:30 p.m. Evening Service and Talk.

Please join in for this upcoming Franciscan Parish Mission. All in the community are welcome to experience this opportunity during Lent.

For additional information call the Church at 584-5454.



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#### St. Patrick's Day Parade is Just Around the Corner Nominations Being Acceted for Princes and Princesses

by Kerry J. Maher Parade Chairperson

At the start of the new year... we are dusting off our shamrocks and polishing pots of gold to get ready for the annual celebration of the St. James Chamber of Commerce's 30th St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. James, on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

Nominations for Princes and Princesses are now being accepted. All nominations should be addressed to St. Patrick's Day Parade Nomination, c/o Kerry Maher, 829 Middle Country Road, St. James, NY 11780. Boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 years of age are eligible to participate. Please include name, address, phone, a recent picture and general information such as school, hobbies, etc. that



the candidate is interested in.
All civic and religious groups, athletic teams, clubs, organiza-

tions, musical groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops, dance studios, bands, that would like to march in the parade are encouraged and welcomed to participate. Please call 584-5200 to sign up.

For further information, call Kerry J. Maher, St. James Funeral Home, parade chairperson, at 584-5200.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

### Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner at St. James United Methodist Church

The St. James United Methodist Church, located at 532 Moriches Road in St. James, will host their annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 8 from 6-8 p.m. There will be entertainment. Tickets, at \$15/adults; \$6/children, free/under 3, can be reserved by calling the church office at 584-5340.







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#### SJFD Turns Up the Heat in Firehouse Kitchen

The popular PBS cooking show *Firehouse Kitchen* came to St. James on January 15 to film an episode at the firehouse on 25A. St. James Firehouse chefs Tom Donohue and Mike Tansey went head to head preparing their favorite dishes.

Tom, who joined the department 25 years ago, made his classic 'corned beef and cabbage' while Mike, a firefighter for 21 years, went with his 'purple pot roast and dirty mashed potatoes'.

Show host Ray Cooney, a retired New York City fireman, had a great time with the firemen swapping stories and tasting their fabulous food. When it was time to judge this unique twist of fire-



St. James firefighters Tom Donohue (left) and Mike Tansey (right) are shown with *Firehouse Kitchen* host Ray Cooney (center) during the recent filming at the St. James firehouse. Episode to air on PBS in February.

photo by William Garthe

house cuisine, Mr. Cooney was unable to declare a winner. The three toasted to a successful episode.

Firehouse Kitchen host Ray Cooney said about the show, "It's great because we get to taste and try all the food at the different locations we go to ... and [St. James] was really good."

Don't miss this episode of *Firehouse* Kitchen that is scheduled to air sometime in February on PBS.



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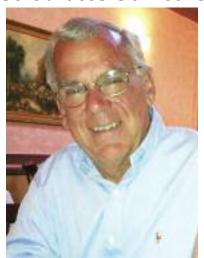
#### St. James Chamber's St. Patrick's Day Parade Celebrates 30 Years

The St. James Chamber of Commerce will hold their 30th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15, 2014 along Lake Avenue beginning at 1 p.m.

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Directors of the St. James Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce their selection of George Powers as the 2014 Grand Marshal.

George Powers, longtime resident of St. James, is the owner of Hither Brook Nursery and Florist located on Route 25A in St. James.

As a 1968 graduate of SUNY Cobleskill, George worked for many years in the garden and nursery industry before purchasing Hither Brook Nursery and Florist in 1977, where it has continued to be a family business. With his wife, Valerie of 40 years



George Powers 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal

and children, Deborah, George, Jr. and Gregory, clients have become friends and value the personalized service with care and commitment to detail they receive.

George has fond memories of painting shamrocks along Lake Avenue at the very first St. Patrick's Day Parade in St. James 30 years ago. Together his grandchildren, Gregory Jr., Lily, Eric and Justin, and his daughterin-laws, Cathy and Vivian, as well as his little canine buddies, Guinness and Jameson, are thrilled that he has been bestowed the honor of being Grand Marshall.

The community will share in the excitement for a man who has been involved and active in his community, for his donations to the St. James Fire Department and to the St. James Chamber as well as many other community events.

Congratulations to George Powers, 2014 Grand Marshall of the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

#### From the Past to the Present

"This year the St. James Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 30th St. Patrick's Day Parade. Because of this wonderful accomplishment, we would also like to thank and honor all the past Grand Marshalls and Past Parade Directors. We have invited all the Past Grand Marshalls and the Past Parade Directors to participate and enjoy the parade," states Kerry Maher, Parade Director.

"To Our Past Grand Marshalls –You are a piece of our history and Our Town! To Our Diligent Past Parade Directors we *Thank You* for your time and a job well done!"

#### Past Grand Marshalls

1985 Ray McMackin (deceased)

Realtor Longtime St. James resident

#### 1986 Jim Dowling

Smithtown Highway Superintendent Longtime St. James resident

#### 1987 Paul Fitzpatrick (deceased) Smithtown Town Supervisor

#### 1988 Patrick Halpin

Suffolk County Executive

#### 1989

#### John Devine (deceased)

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 1990

#### **George Farley (deceased)**

Active in civil and church affairs Longtime St. James resident

#### 1991 Dr. Joseph Smith

Dr. Joseph Smith Dentist Founder of the St. Patrick's Day Parade

#### 1992 Michael Thomas and Kathleen Fleming (deceased)

Longtime St. James resident Michael part time Head of the Harbor Constable

#### 1993 Martin Thompson

Chief of the Head of the Harbor Police Dept. Fireman St. James Fire Dept Longtime St. James resident

#### 1994 Richard Blake

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 1995 Joe Cassidy (deceased)

Fireman Nissequogue Fire Dept., Longtime St. James resident



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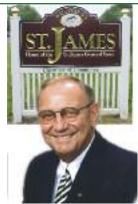
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Pediatrician Longtime St. James resident

#### 1997

#### Thomas Ryan (deceased)

Entrepreneur Retired police officer Longtime St. James resident

#### 1998 John Gleason

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 1999

#### William Brennan (deceased)

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 2000 John Boyle

Owner of the Colonial Deli St. James

#### 2001 Dan Donnelly

Smithtown Highway Superintendent

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#### 2002 John Materson

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 2003

#### Jane Conway

Town of Smithtown Councilwoman

#### 2004

#### Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick

Active community member Longtime St. James resident

#### 2005 Ed Lynch

Smithtown Highway Superintendent

#### 2006

#### Tom McCarthy

Town of Smithtown Councilman Longtime St. James resident

#### 2007 Kenneth J. & Elizabeth M. Maher

Owners of St. James Funeral Home Active community members Ken 25+ years Deacon at Sts Philip & James R.C. Church, Betty an Native of Ireland Longtime St. James resident

#### 2008 Marilyn Davis

Chief St. James Fire Dept Longtime St. James resident

#### 2009 John (Jack) J. Kelly

Active in the church & community
50+ years resident of St. James

#### 2010 Dan Jordan

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Longtime St. James resident

#### 2011 Patrick Vecchio

Smithtown Town Supervisor

#### 2012

#### **Honorable Jack Toomey**

Fireman St. James Fire Dept. Attorney and Judge in Suffolk County Longtime St. James resident

#### 2013

#### **Thomas Donohue**

Established the St. James Fire Dept. 9-11 Memorial Fireman St. James Fire Dept.

#### 2014

#### **George Powers**

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In the past years, the very generous people of St. James have been willing to donate their blood, as well as their time – but much to their surprise, some were turned away due to low iron. So let's "March Forward" not only wearing green this month, but eating it too. Here are some 'green' foods that can fuel your system and enrich your blood with Iron: broccoli, spinach, asparagus, turnips, parsley, watercress, brussel sprouts, cabbage and green peppers.

Other foods rich in iron: liver.



beef, lamb, veal, pork; cod, sardines, tuna, clams, oysters, shrimp; chicken, eggs; soybeans, dried beans, hazelnuts, almonds, lentils, peanuts; dates, prunes, lemons, grapefruits, tangerines; whole grain breads and cereals, farina, cream of wheat, shredded wheat; wild rice, corn meal, oats, wheat bran, rye, popcorn, barley and wheat germ.

Remember one pint of blood saves five lives. We need your help to keep our community safe and healthy. There is a tremendous shortage of blood on Long Island and this is a great opportunity to help people who desperately need your donation of life to survive.

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#### Harbor Country Day School Rebrands Summer Camp Program – Introducing *Camp Harbor*

Harbor Country Day School (www.hcdsny.org, St. James, NY), one of Long Island's premier independent schools for preschool through eighth grade, has a surprise in store for youngsters from Pre-K 3 year olds to eighth graders. It is the school's newly rebranded summer camp program – Camp Harbor. Its motto, "Explore. Discover. Create." captures the true essence of the Camp Harbor mission.

According to Harbor's Director of Summer Programs and Marketing & Development Officer Dave Romero, "Our goal is to inspire and motivate Camp Harbor campers to explore the world around them, discover new and interesting things and then, in some way, create something of their own to positively influence the world."

Romero noted that his goals for Camp Harbor are for it to continue to grow into an academic summer haven where campers enjoy the traditional fun of camp – from sports and swim-



ming to arts and crafts – while at the same time, learning things in workshops to enhance what they experience during the school year. Camp Harbor campers also continued on page 84

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Ilana Glazer, '05 Smithtown High School graduate and '09 NYU graduate along with Abbi Jacobson star, write and produce the new show *Broad City* on Comedy Central which airs on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m.

Broad City is based on Ilana and Abbi's web series of the same name. Prior to their new series both Illana and Abbi were working at day jobs

and performing improv at night at the Upright Citizens Brigade (UCB) in New York City.

Broad City began with the two



*Broad City* stars Ilana Glazer, right, and Abbi Jacobson as comic versions of themselves, on Wednesdays at 10:30 p.m. on Comedy Central.

women bantering about their real life experiences and observations of urban living. The series generated a good following in

New York's comedy scene where Amy Poehler not only agreed to guest star in the second season's finale but agreed to be executive producer, along with the girls, of the television adaptation. "She presented a vision of this project that we didn't have," Glazer says. "She could see the big picture, what the image and branding of what Broad City would be."

Ilana, who grew up in St. James, makes her family proud! She is the daughter of St. James residents Larry and Sandi Glazer.



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Each student chose their own piece, prepared it over several months, and performed along with their song to a crowd of more than 200 people! The enjoyable evening showcased a lot of talent and rocked the house while the audience cheered them on.

This free event was held in the parish hall at St. James Lutheran Church. The recital culminated with an awards ceremony where all participants received a medal and certificate. Trophies were handed out to the winners of the "Fastest Hands" contest in three divisions. Winners were Bobby

Gravino (elementary school); Richie McGuigan (middle school); Gerard Fischer (high school) and Danny Hassett (most improved).

#### Editor's Note:

Teaching Drums is a state-of-the-art recording/teaching studio located in St. James. They offer individual drum lessons from beginner to advanced, including NYSSMA preparation. For more information, call 631-240-0690 or email at teachingdrums@yahoo.com

#### The Wonderful People of St. James

I was standing in a long line at the St. James Post Office during the Christmas rush, waiting to pick up a package. Suddenly one of the clerks called me by name and asked if my Church had a food pantry. When I said *yes*, she said someone had left three bags of food in front of the post office that morning and asked if I would take it to them. Of course I said *yes* and she left her post to bring them to me.

As she carried them to the front, a gentleman offered to take them because they were heavy. He escorted me to my car and I gave them to our food pantry.

As we walked toward my car, I said, "Actually most churches on Long Island have food pantries. No one should have to go hun-

gry on L.I." He agreed.

The wonderful thing about this incident is that, in spite of the wait, no one in line complained. I am so proud of the people of this town! AND – to the person who left the food in three big yellow plastic bags – *THANK YOU!* You helped some hungry people! God bless us all!

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#### IN THE NEWS

#### Breathe For Britt Benefit Set for March 9

Silent Generosity and Port Jefferson School of Rock have teamed up to present *Breathe For Britt Acoustic Cafe*, benefitting children with Cystic Fibrosis.

This event will take place on Sunday, March 9 from 1-5 p.m. at Katies of Smithtown, 145 West Main Street in Smithtown. Live performances by Amanda and Jim Daly, Keith Chambery, Martin and Lucas, School of Rock, Ryan Parise, Matt Jameson and



Silent Generosity.

Advance tickets at \$7 per person are available until March 7; \$10 day of the show. Children under 12 are free. To obtain tick-

ets, call 413-0605, email: silentgen@optonline.net or contact Breathe For Britt Foundation, PO Box 187 Centereach, NY 11720, Breatheforbritt@yahoo.com

100% of all proceeds go directly to help children facing the challenges of Cystic Fibrosis.

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#### **Empire College Information Sessions for Adults**

Empire State College, of the State University of New York, will hold public information session(s) about its associate and bachelor's degree programs at its Hauppauge location, New York State Office Building, Room 1A11, 250 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge on Thursday, February 27 at 6 p.m. For more information and additional dates, please call 516-997-4700, ext. 4068.

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#### Postural Effects From Imbalances in the Feet

Most do not realize that the condition "flat feet", which is a term used to describe the flattening of the foot's inner arch, has more of an effect on the entire structure and stability of the body rather than the foot alone. A flattened arch causes the individual to put more stress and pressure on the inner part of the foot, causing the rest of the body to mold to its imperfection. As a result the body becomes off centered and awkwardly balanced. When the foot imbalance is present, there is a negative impact on the knees,

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hips, pelvis and spine. Some patients must have these abnormal forces reduced before they can achieve improved spinal function.

Pronation is the rotation of a body part either inward or downward. The foot naturally presses downward or inward when walking or running. However, over-pronation causes a decrease in arch height, which can cause discomfort not only to the foot, but also to the entire body. Pronation is

associated with the loss of arch height that causes the foot to rest unsettled and off balanced. Pronation may become permanent if not treated, and will become progressively worse with time. One may ask, "How do I know if I have pronated feet?" Although it is best to determine ones medical stance by consulting a doctor, generally a pronated foot flares outward during standing. Also, the Achilles tendons and kneecaps may be pushed inward from the midline of the legs. If any of these problems are present, shoe orthotics may be a healthy choice!

Patients who suffer from this anatomical imbalance can find relief in custom fit shoe orthotics. Shoe orthotics, also know as Spinal Pelvic Stabilizers, are shoe inserts that cause the foot to remain centered, helping the body to realign itself to equilibrium. One beneficial aspect of using shoe orthotics is that they are able to correct an existing arch problem for long-term, relief. Overall, orthotics contribute to full body wellness. For example, if one were to suffer from severe neck pain, it does not necessarily mean that the pain is concentrated in the neck region. In fact, the pain could be from excess stress to the lower back of the legs.

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## LIVES, LOVES, AND LAMENTS OF THE PEOPLE OF ST. JAMES Still Tracking Foxes With the Smithtown Hunt

by Bradley Harris, Smithtown Historian

Last month's article dealt with the early history of the Smithtown Hunt in the years before WWII. This article takes a look at the memories people have of the hunt in the 1940's, 50's, and 60's. Much of the content of this article came from an interview I had with Johanna de Leyer and her daughter Anne Marie de Leyer Tiarks in 2008.

The Smithtown Hunt is the sole surviving Hunt on Long Island. Organized in 1900, the Smithtown Hunt has managed to survive in spite of the fact that the number of foxes on Long Is-

land has steadily declined and the open land available for the unimpeded pursuit of foxes has been swallowed up by development

Although the Smithtown Hunt is still going strong, this hasn't always been true. In the first half of the 20th century, there were times when interest in the Hunt waned, membership fell, and the social activities declined. Fortunately these periods were followed by the selection of a new Master of the Hunt who would bring zest and enthusiasm to the sport and the hunt club would be reinvigorated with new life. The war years, 1942-1945, were a time when the Smithtown Hunt was "inactive." After the war, when Mr. Frederick L. Johanns, then Master of the Hunt, attempted to reactivate the Hunt, he discovered that the Hunt had no hounds, no subscribers, and no money. The Hunt was saved when Ward Melville "came to the rescue."

Ward Melville was an excellent horseman and an enthusiastic foxhunter. He had served as the club treasurer for a number of years, and "he refused to let the old hunt die." He purchased hounds, and had kennels built at his own Wide Water Farm in Old Field. "Gustave Mollet, Huntsman since 1938, attacked the exacting task of molding a pack from the hounds that could be obtained at the time. Slowly the Hunt started the long road back." (Norbert Fagan, The Smithtown Hunt, 1900-1964, published by continued on facing page

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continued the Smithtown Hunt, 1964, pp. 8-9.)

Johanna and Harry de Leyer joined the Smithtown Hunt shortly after they came to Smithtown in 1954. When Johanna joined the Hunt, there were not that many members. But Mr. Melville was actively supporting the Smithtown Hunt Club by serving as Secretary of the Club, by maintaining the hounds, and by having "teas" at his estate. As Secretary, one of his duties was to see that all Hunt members were wearing the proper attire and Johanna remembered that he was a stickler for that. As he grew older, he stopped riding in the hunts and became a dedicated hill-topper (spectator) and he continued to do this until his death in 1979. His wife and daughter, who were also members of the Club, continued to support the Smithtown Hunt until 1984, when the Hunt built its own kennels at a house the Club acquired in Shoreham.

Johanna and Harry de Leyer were "invited to join the Hunt by Dr. Arthur Fredericks," who served as Master of the Hunt from 1956-1981. Dr. Fredericks had heard about the "Flying Dutchman," knew of his riding school at Hollandia Farms, and he wanted Harry to ride with him so he could see for himself if Harry was as good a rider as people were saying he was. They went riding together and it didn't take long for Harry to demonstrate his knowledge of horses and riding. Dr. Fredericks was "very impressed" and welcomed Harry into the "Smithtown Hunt family." Dr. Fredericks also extended an invitation to Harry's students from the Knox School, those girls who Harry felt had the ability and riding experience, to join the Hunt. So Harry was able to have his students join in the Hunt as well.

For Johanna, it was never a

simple matter of joining the Hunt. As she pointed out, "You had to be outfitted – you had to have your outfit – black jacket, yellow breeches, and a bowler hat. And you had to know how to ride. You just couldn't cut people off riding in front of them,

making this one and that one fall off." A rider had to show Dr. Fredericks that he/she could handle a horse and jump properly. "Dr. Fredericks used to hide in the bushes and observe the riders to see how they could handle a continued on following page

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#### Tracking Foxes With the Smithtown Hunt

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horse. We of course always knew where he was. If he saw someone who wasn't so good, he recommended they take lessons with Harry de Leyer." In this way, Dr. Fredericks promoted the Harry Leyer's riding program at Hollandia Farms, and Harry's students qualified to ride with the Hunt because "if they came from Hollandia Farms, they knew how to ride and jump." The young riders added to the Club's numbers and by the 1970's the Smithtown Hunt had 65 members, and when the Hunt went foxhunting, there might be as many as 75 to 80 riders in the field.

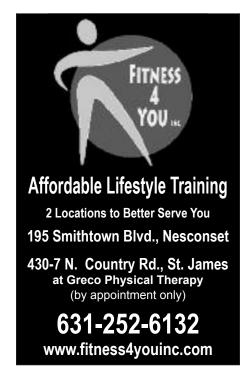
Many times Johanna and Harry de Leyer would be riding in the "field" (the group of riders on the Hunt) with their own sons and daughters, and students from Hollandia Farms and Knox School. Johanna enjoyed riding in the Hunt and proudly wore her "colors" (a purple felt collar fitted on her black jacket denoting that she was an experienced rider). She particularly liked teaching her sons and daughters how to ride and earn their colors. Some of her fondest memories were of riding with her children. Both Anna Marie and Johanna remembered the day when the hounds chased a fox all day through the open fields and woodlands of Shoreham, down the sandy bluff at the Sound Shore, along the beach through running streams, and then back up the bluff and into the woodlands, only to lose the fox in the inky blackness of night. Johanna liked hunting foxes and the thrill of the chase. In her house, amid the many photographs of her family, her sons, daughters, and

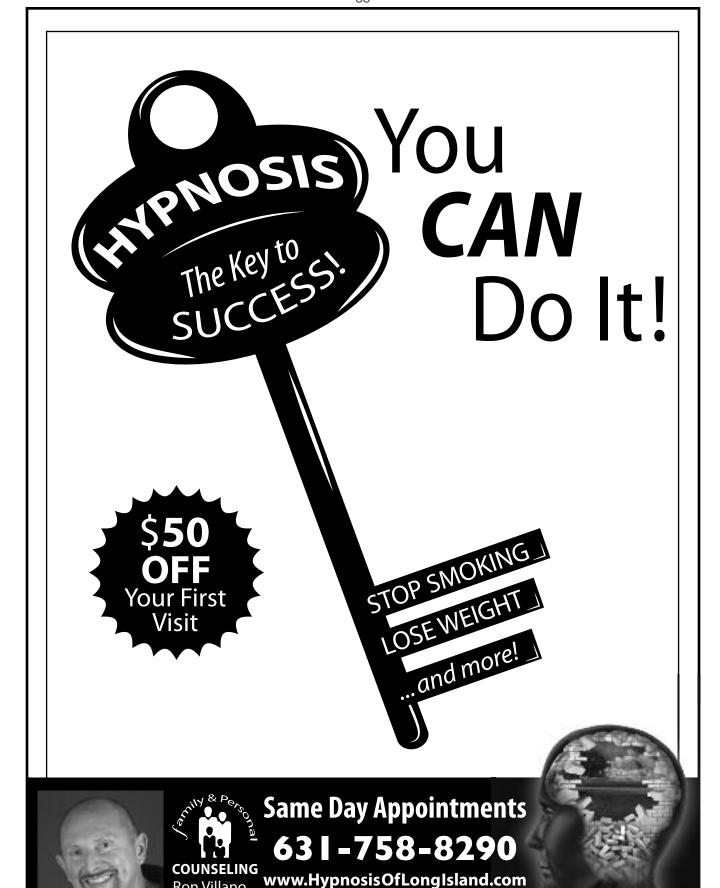


Ward Mellville on his horse Diana. Ward Melville was an excellent horseman and an avid foxhunter. He was a member of the Smithtown Hunt, served as Club Treasurer, and after WWII, as Club Secretary. He refused to let the Smithtown Hunt die and supported the Club by buying foxhounds, building a kennel, employing a kennel man to care for the hounds, and hosting "teas" for Club members. (Photo taken from Norbert Fagan, The Smithtown Hunt, 1900-1964, published by the Smithtown Hunt, 1964, p. 2.)

grandchildren, Johanna always proudly displayed the trophy of a fox's head that she rightfully claimed from a foxhunt where she had been the first rider to the fox. continued on page 34

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#### **Tracking Foxes**

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What Johanna liked most of all about the Smithtown Hunt Club was the socialization that came with membership in the Hunt. Johanna met a lot of very nice people who shared her interest in horses and she made many close friends. After a foxhunt ended, and the horses had been walked to cool down and then returned to their horse trailers. the members of the Hunt would bring out their hampers of food filled with chips and dips, sandwiches and cakes – and enjoy a tailgate party. It was also a time to fill their "stirrup cups with Port wine" (or something stronger) to toast the successful conclusion of another exciting foxhunt.

Sometimes a party or "tea" followed the end of a hunt. Johanna recalled hearing that teas were frequently held at Lawrence But-

ler's house in Nissequogue. But by the time the de Leyers joined the Hunt, teas were held at Hunt member's homes. On many occasions, when the Hunt rode through the Nissequogue area, Johanna had the teas in her own home. And when the Ryans rode with the Hunt, "they loved to give parties," so the teas might be held at their estate. (The Ryan Estate is today's Nissequogue Country Club.) At the end of the hunting season, the Ryans had a big party for the members of the Hunt.

Eventually the rigors of riding with the hounds became too much for Johanna and she stopped riding with the Hunt. But she continued to take part in the social activities. Every year she attended, with her family, the Hunt's annual Christmas Party continued on page 89



Stirrup Cups: The little silver drinking cups that Smithtown Hunt Club members used to toast the successful conclusion of another exciting foxhunt.

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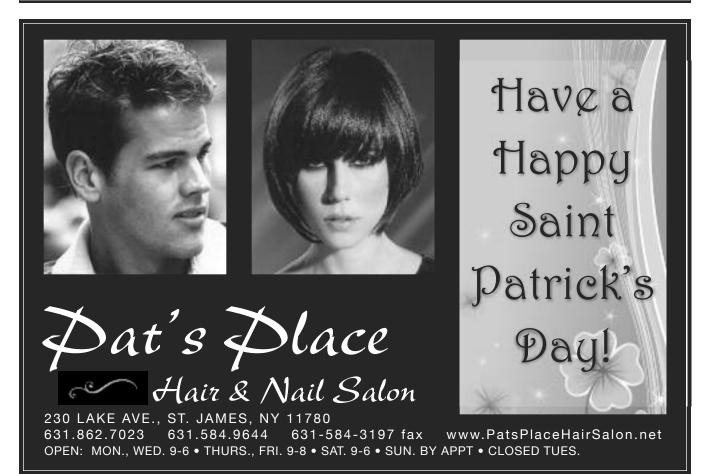
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The stars of the classical music world come out for a night of beautiful chamber music. Enjoy a glorious all-Mozart program to greet the spring. World-renowned artists-in-residence come together for an intimate evening in this all-string program.



# ALEX THE JESTER Sunday, March 16, 4 pm RECITAL HALL - \$15 Not Just for Kids

Take a trip back in time with Alex the Jester, a court jester complete with floppy hat, curly shoes and laughs galore. This Medieval tradition of foolery and side-splitting fun is recreated in Staller Center's intimate Recital Hall. Filled with hilarious surprises of the imagination, the show has travelled the world over, receiving rave reviews

along the way. A show for all ages.

#### DANCE THEATRE OF HARLEM

Saturday, March 22, 8 pm Main Stage - \$40

After experiencing a major rebirth, Dance Theatre of Harlem

returns to Staller Center. Founded in 1969 the company has grown into a multi-cultural dance institution with an extraordinary legacy of providing opportunities for creative expression and artistic excellence.

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## On Stage at Staller Center

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EMERSON STRING QUARTET
with Carol Wincenc,
Guest Artist, Flute
Monday, March 24, 8 pm
RECITAL HALL - \$46

The Emerson Quartet returns to Staller Center in its second concert of the season joined by flutist and Stony Brook Artist-in-Residence, Carol Wincenc. Eugene Drucker, Philip Setzer, violins; Lawrence Dutton, viola; and Paul Watkins, cello, make up the Quartet. As Quartet-in-Residence at Stony Brook University in the Department of Music, the members of the Emerson serve as faculty and mentors.

#### TAO: PHOENIX RISING

Saturday, April 5, 8 pm Main Stage - \$40

In TAO's new production, athletic performers in contemporary

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#### **ION BATISTE**

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## **EMERSON STRING QUARTET**

Thursday, April 17, 80 pm Main Stage - \$46

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#### **SID THE SCIENCE KID**

Sunday, May 4, 4pm MAIN STAGE - \$15 Not Just for Kids

Come see Sid the Science Kid, live on the Staller Center stage, based on the popular PBS Kids television show. Join Sid, May, Gabriela, Gerald and Teacher Susie as they take you on an exciting adventure filled with mysteries, laughs, and wonders about the world around us. From singing and dancing to discovering and problem solving, this interactive show will excite the curiosity in everyone.





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# St. James Author Publishes Book in Honor of Son Deployed to Iraq

When Marie Marsh's son Bob, a naval officer, was deployed to Iraq in 2005, she got through it by putting all of her energy into writing her first children's book which was dedicated to him and all military families. Marie is a long time resident of St. James and is involved in many programs to help our troops. Lieutenant Commander Bob Marsh of the U.S. Navy Special Operations unit is back home safely and stationed in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

"Courage," is a heartwarming, upbeat children's book about the life of a puppy who finds a military family that he was destined to be part of. It was his persistence in drawing their attention that made them take notice at a time when they all needed each



## BOOK SIGNING ON FEBRUARY 26

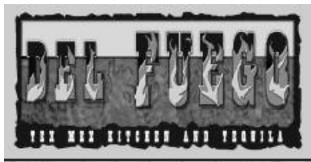
other the most. Written for ages 3 to 5, the book celebrates patri-

otism and conveys a positive, happy story of a family with a loved one going overseas.

Mrs. Marsh will do a reading and book signing of "Courage" on Wednesday, February 26 at 10:30 a.m. at The Ward Melville Heritage Organization's Educational & Cultural Center in the Stony Brook Village Center, part of their "Hot Cocoa & Marshmallows" children's authors' series. Cost is \$3 per person. Mrs. Marsh donates her proceeds to the USO and Wounded Warriors which help the families of servicemen and women.

For remaining authors' schedule in the series and all WMHO events, call 631-689-5888 or visit

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## Museum Reopens With New Look After Brief Winter Recess

This year the Long Island Museum marks its 75th anniversary with new exhibitions and significant changes, bringing new life to this historic treasure in the heart of Stony Brook. Visitors are invited to join the celebration!

Opening March 1 after a brief winter hiatus, the museum will be revitalized with a new exterior paint job and the introduction of an annual series featuring outdoor sculpture. Exhibition space that has been dormant for several years will come alive with exciting cultural and educational exhibitions.

The newly named Victoria Costigan gallery of the Art Museum will feature Jackson Pollock's Prints: Works from the Pollock-Krasner House. Although best known for his poured, abstract paintings, Pollock also cre-

ated many works in print media that are not as widely known. This exhibition, curated by Director of the Pollock-Krasner House Helen Harrison, contains 12 such prints and will be on display from March 1 through June 8, 2014.

The main Art Museum gallery will feature *Brothers in Art:* William Sidney Mount and Shepard Alonzo Mount Paint America, which includes more than 150 paintings, prints, drawings and letters by the Mount brothers. This show runs from March 1 through May 4, 2014.

The Visitors Center will reopen with our annual student art exhibition *Colors of Long Island*, featuring original artwork by Long Island students in grades K through 12. More exhibitions are planned for the previously

closed space later in the year.

Two main buildings will receive fresh coats of paint, bringing uniformity to the campus that occupies two sides of Route 25A in Stony Brook. Finally, visitors will delight at a new outdoor series later in the spring, featuring larger-than-life outdoor sculptures by two internationally-known Long Island artists in what will be the first in a series of annual outdoor sculpture installations.

Visitors are invited to look for new programs and more details on exhibitions throughout the coming year and to help celebrate 75 years of Long Island history.

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#### **ADULT PROGRAMS** AND EVENTS

## March 9, 2 p.m. **Latino Music**

Sing and dance along with Juan Usera y La Tribu, performing traditional Puerto Rican Bomba and Plena music. Bilingual introduction and program notes will accompany the concert.

### March 11, 10 a.m. - noon **Senior Tuesday**

Seniors 62 and older art invited for a free, self-guided tour of Brothers in Art and Jackson Pollock's Prints. Art Museum.

#### March 23, 2 p.m. **Behind the Scenes Conservation**

Ioin Art Conservator Alexander Katlan as he demonstrates methods and techniques used to conserve and stop further damage to fine art, focusing on several Long Island works. See important steps taken in protecting select pieces in the Brothers in Art exhibition.

## March 30, 2 p.m. The Prints and Drawings of Jackson Pollock

Guest curator Helen Harrison, Art Historian and Director of the Pollack-Krasner House in East Hampton discusses Jackson Pollock's Prints and the development of the exhibition, providing insight into Pollock's artistic technique.

## **EXHIBITIONS** March 1 - April 27, 2014

VISITOR'S CENTER

### Colors of Long Island

This annual student art exhibition affords an opportunity for students in grades Kindergarten through 12 to show their artwork in a museum setting. Hundreds of proud parents and teachers flock to the museum every year to admire the work of these talented Long Island students, many of whom go on to study art in college. Please join us in celebrating these young artists this spring.

March 1 - May 4, 2014

ART MUSEUM

**Brothers in Art: William Sidney** Mount and Shepard Alonzo Mount Paint America

The products of an artisticallygifted Long Island family, William Sidney Mount and Shepard Alonzo Mount played significant roles in the redefinition of pre-Civil War American art. From the 1830s to the 1850s, the duo ascended to the upper echelons of the American art world: William, with his complex politically- and socially-themed genre paintings, and Shepard, with his sophisticated society portraits. The Mount brothers were important members of a generation of National Academy of Designtrained artists who sought out vivid new forms of expression and expanding horizons that escaped the confines of early-19th century European artistic conventions. In addition, one of the significant points this exhibition will make is that the Mount brothers' close and complicated relationship with one another was integral to their evolution and development as artists.

## March 1 - June 8, 2014 VICTORIA COSTIGAN GALLERY Jackson Pollock's Prints

Jackson Pollock is rightfully celebrated as an innovator whose poured paintings redefined the boundaries of abstraction. His drawings and mixed-media works on paper are also admired for their evocative and psychologically charged imagery. But Pollock's work in print media is not as widely known or appreciated. This exhibition, curated by continued on page 89

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## Smithtown Historical Society Happenings

Since 1955 the Smithtown Historical Society has worked to ensure that the history of Smithtown Township and our Long Island heritage are preserved and interpreted for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations.

Their mission is carried out through collection, conservation and preservation, research, exhibitions, publications, educational programs, support of regional heritage organizations, living history events, community library and archives.

The Historical Society maintains six houses and eight outbuildings at three locations: Obadiah Smith House, Caleb Smith House and their 22-acre Village of the Branch Historic District Site.

The Smithtown Historical Society, holds a number of events

during the year. For further information about any of their programs call 265-6768.

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Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss! Ages 6-12 Friday, February 21 9:30 a.m.-12 noon

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unique American author with a Seussical craft and story. Snack, beverage, and take-home provided. Pre-registration required.

## SHS'S MONDAYS IN MARCH **Free Lecture Series:** When Head of the River was Smithtown.

Monday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. Join Smithtown Historian Brad Harris and learn about the prerevolutionary war community that developed on the Nissequogue River and how it became the center of the commercial and industrial heart of what was then called Smithtown. Free admission, light refreshments served.

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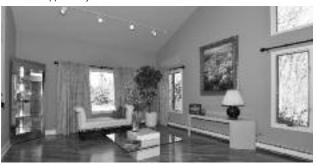
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## Programs Offered at the Library

The Smithtown Library offers a variety of programs during the upcoming weeks and months. The Library has updated their phone system with one number (360-2480) which will connect callers to all four Library buildings. The Main Branch, is located at 1 North Country Road, Smithtown. The Nesconset Branch (Administration Business Office) is located at 148 Smithtown Blvd., Nesconset. The Commack Branch is located at 3 Indian Head Road, Commack. The Kings Park Branch is located at 1 Church Street, Kings Park. Call for Library hours.

For more information visit the library website at <a href="https://www.smith-lib.org">www.smith-lib.org</a>.

You may register at the above phone number for programs unless otherwise noted.

#### **NEW MOVIE MATINEES**

**NESCONSET** 

Wednesday, February 19, 1 p.m. *Lee Daniels' The Butler* 

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Friday, February 21, 2-3:45 p.m. *All is Lost* 

Rated: PG-13, Runtime: 105 min. Friday, February 28, 2-4 p.m.

Rated: R, Runtime: 120 min. Call for additional dates, times and movies.

#### **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

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## Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion

NESCONSET
Tuesday, February 25
2:15 p.m. or 7:15 p.m.
Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend
by Matthew Dicks. Call for additional books and dates.

## Historical Non-fiction Book Discussion Group

SMITHTOWN
Thursday, March 27
10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.
Sacco and Vanzetti: The Men, the Murders, and the Judgment of Mankind by Bruce Watson. Call for additional books, dates and times.

## **Smithtown Book Discussion Group**

SMITHTOWN
Thursday, February 20,
10:15 a.m.
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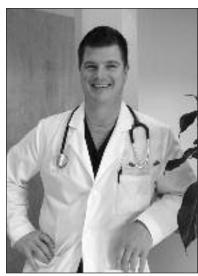
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#### **ONGOING ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **ADULT GAME DAY**

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#### TEEN PROGRAMS ENTERING GRADES 6-12

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Visit Meeting Room A to view the 90th Anniversary of the Winter Olympics I-Spy Mural created by the Smithtown Teen Advisory Group. While viewing, try to find all of the iconic items listed on the I-Spy raffle forms. There are separate forms for children up to grade 5, young adults up to grade 6 and adults. Submit your completed I-Spy raffle at the media desk for a chance to win a special prize. One winner will be selected at random for each age level in March.

#### **Teen Volunteer Opportunity**

Nesconset (1-hour sessions) Wednesday, February 19, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 6, 3:30 p.m. Call for additional dates SMITHTOWN Call for dates and times

A variety of volunteer opportunities will be offered at the Library throughout the year. One hour of community service will be given. Register for this program.

#### S.A.T. REVIEW

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#### **CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS**

SMITHTOWN Thursdays, February 20, March 20 5-6 p.m.

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#### **BASKET WEAVING**

SMITHTOWN Wednesday, February 26, 3:30 p.m.

All it takes is getting your hands wet, untangling some reeds, some weaving and you've created your very own basket. This fun basketry project is open to all teens who enjoy making things from scratch.

## POLAR BEAR CUPCAKES

NESCONSET

Friday, February 28, 3:30 p.m. Create polar bear cupcakes

Create polar bear cupcakes during this blustery cold winter month!

#### MINITISSUE BOX PIÑATA

Nesconset

Saturday, March 15, 2:30 p.m.

The best part of a party is the piñata! Make your very own piñata using a tissue box and other decorations to create this party favorite!



## POW! THE HISTORY OF SUPERHERO MOVIES

SMITHTOWN Monday, March 24, 7 p.m. (All ages)

This program traces the evolution of superpowered cinema, from the Saturday-morning serials of yesteryear to the box-office blockbusters of today. Aimed at all ages, this presentation uses "family-friendly" video clips and PowerPoint to take you behind the scenes of some of the coolest flicks (and a few fun TV shows), exploring how Hollywood's take on superheroes has changed with the times and technologies available. Featuring Clive Young, author of Homemade Hollywood and Crank it Up.

#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

Register in person, online or by phone for all Children's Programs – 360-2480. Call the library for dates and times and age restrictions for ALL programs.

Visit the Library website at www.smithlib.org for a complete program listing and additional details or go to the library and pick up a program flyer.

#### For School Age Children

A variety of literature-based programs which include a wide range of activities are offered throughout the school year. Each children's department provides specialized programs, unique to each branch.

#### **FAMILY BINGO**

**S**MITHTOWN

(Families w/children under 12) Thursday, February 20, 4 p.m.

Enjoy a fun afternoon of traditional bingo.

#### **MONSTER MITTS**

Nesconset (Grades 3-5)
Friday, February 21, 11 a.m.

Scare the cold away. Design a pair of one-of-a-kind gloves with a monstrous flair.

## **FAMILY GAME DAY**

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(Families w/children under 12) *Friday, February 21, 4:30 p.m.* 

Kick off the weekend by playing games at the library with a variety of board games from classics to some new favorites. Adults are welcome to stay. *No registration required*.

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#### MISS PEGGY'S PENGUINS SMITHTOWN (2-4 years w/adult)

Tuesday, February 25, 2:30 p.m. What is the name of a bird that can't fly? The penguin, of course! In this program, you will read stories about this super cool animal, learn what makes them

so special and make a penguin craft to take home.

#### **PARACHUTE PLAYTIME**

NESCONSET (3-5 year w/adult) Tuesday, February 25, 3:30 p.m.

Groovy songs, silly dancing and the giant parachute are all part of this playtime.

#### **COTTON BALL SNOWMAN**

SMITHTOWN (2-4 years w/adult) Wednesday, February 26, 2:30 p.m.

Make a super cute snowman out of soft cotton balls; this is a snowman guaranteed not to melt and then read great stories all about our frosty friends, too!



#### **SECRET PIZZA PARTY**

NESCONSET (Grades K-2) Thursday, February 20, 2 p.m.

"Poor Racoon. All he wants in life is some pizza..." Find out if Racoon ever gets his pizza as we read Adam Rubin's book *Secret Pizza Party* and have our own pizza party with friends from Sundried Tomato Cafe!

#### **SASQUATCH STORIES**

Nesconset (Grades K-2)
Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m.
The Sasquatch is big, hairy and

just needs a little love! Enjoy stories about these friendly monsters and make a collage of your own lovable monstrous beast!

## THE CAT IN THE BIRTHDAY HAT

SMITHTOWN (Grades K-2) Saturday, March 1, 2:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to the dear Dr. Seuss! Celebrate this special day, hear a special reading of some of his best stories and make a truly "Seussical" craft!

## THERE'S A WOCKET IN MY POCKET

NESCONSET (Grades K-2) *Monday, March 3, 4:30 p.m.* 

There's a Wocket in my pocket – and you can make one for yours too! Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and read of some nonsensical stories and create a one-of-a-kind Wocket!



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#### Charlie

Charlie, a 5 year old neutered male Domestic Medium Hair, is sweet, mellow, great with children. Charlie is FIV positive and needs to be the only cat in the home.

#### Roger

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Roger has a mischievous, fun loving personality!

#### Nina

Nina, a female spayed Rottweiler is 6 years old. She is super sweet and patient. She is a love and a gentle hand would be the key to a successful adoption. Nina has never been around children and would prefer to be the only pet in her new home.

### Stella

Stella is a 6 year old sweet Staffy mix and is a super big mush that just loves to give kisses.

#### Keiko

Keiko is a 2 year old female/spayed Terrier mix. Keiko would prefer a home with no other pets and children 8 years old and up. Kiko is friendly and sweet.

See all their pets at www.smithtownanimalshelter.pe tfinder.org

## Please have your pets spayed/ neutered and vaccinated.

Visit the Smithtown Animal Shelter's website to see all their dogs and cats at www.smithtowninfo.com and click the link on left side "ADOPT A PET," or call them at 360-7575.

To print out an adoption application go to the Animal Shelter page, under town departments. If you would like an application form e-mailed to you, E-mail your request to sasac@tosgov.com.



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Miss Victoria is grace and re-

finement personified. While her start was a bit rocky, she now receives the care and affection she deserves, thanks to the wonder-



ful staff and volunteers at Little

Shelter. Truly a regal, young lady, Miss Victoria is more than willing to grace any good home with her presence.

## Adopt, foster, sponsor or volunteer.

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Little Shelter continues to be committed to rescuing animals in need. Many of you have been kind enough to participate by making a donation. Little Shelter appreciates your contributions and puts them to good use by rescuing and finding permanent homes for countless animals, year after year.

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#### H O M E GARDEN

## **DESIGN IDEAS:** Consignment in St. James



by Natalie Weinstein, Allied ASID

Please don't bear me any ill will, but... I'm writing this Our Town column in my

shorts and tee shirt looking out on a little manmade lake in 80° Florida weather, having missed most of the last snow deluge. Rest assured I'm working very hard to get all my snow bird clients' needs met and tending to my soon to-be 100 year old Dad (August 10, 1914), but I'm WARM! Working in Florida the last few decades has helped me to develop some great sources on the East coast and also appreciate some of my "can never be duplicated" sources here on Long Island.

A fun shopping experience in Florida is what led me to morphing Uniquely Natalie into a quality consignment destination. Some of my all year round Florida clients have introduced me to many of the best places to get local bargains for them and my other clients. While it is a popular "sport" on A1A on the Boca strip, it has not yet reached such proportions on Long Island. Uniquely Natalie, from the looks



of what people have to sell, may very well change that.

Here's how consignment shopping works. You, the seller, start a clean up and organization campaign in your own home, saying "goodbye" to the stuff from past family members or your last decorating re-do. Some in the garage, attic or basement can be worth dollars to you and give someone else the enjoyment of something "new." The consignment store views your merchandise and evaluates the item with vou. Together, you determine a fair price which you share equally and arrangements are then made for delivery to the store location. It's the seller's responsibility to prepare merchandise for sale in its best light and the consignment stores' job to market and advertise to attract as

many shoppers as possible.

St. James is a town that already has some wonderful consignment stores. MS Curiosity's Closet is a lovely shop with beautiful consignment clothing to benefit M.S. Many antique shops take in merchandise on consignment as well.

Wouldn't it be great if the little hamlet of St. James filled with wonderful history and outstanding restaurants, might become the new destination for savvy shoppers who know a bargain when they see one? And-consignment shopping is the ultimate in "green" recycling, as well as a "win-win" for everyone, plus the thrill of discovering hidden treasures has a charisma all its own. For the designers on my staff, Uniquely Natalie will continued on page 89

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#### H O M E& GARDEN

## NATURALLY SPEAKING: Do We Dare to Think Spring?

by June A. Liardi

March is almost here and it just sounds nice. Spring begins on March 20 and I believe there will be a lot of people coming down with severe cases of spring fever. St. James certainly has had its share of snow and cold temperatures. It will feel so nice to get back outside and get our hands dirty, or to head to the woods to see what is popping.

Are there hints of green on tree branches? Are there small brown and green knobs of an emerging fern peeking out from the forest floor? Along the edges of a pond do you see the purplish-green of skunk cabbage? Is the silver-gray of fuzzy pussy willows running along a branch? Look up to the tree tops, you may see an owl perched high guarding its nest. Before you start



your forest hike you may want to check out the site, discovertheforest.org.

Every year it seems more advantageous to grow your own food. Consider the cost of transportation of goods as the price of fuel, etc. increases. There have been numerous cases of contaminated produce so it is comforting to know exactly where that vegetable was grown and how it was grown. You may be interested to know if the produce is organic and grown from non-GMO seeds. It is not difficult to grow your own produce, and children are more likely to try new fruits and vegetables if they have had a hand in growing them. It is a great family project, and there is nothing better than fresh, farm ripe produce. Give it

It is just about time to get everything in gardening shape. Start with you, although I am sure all that snow shoveling has kept those muscles busy and strong. Wash all your pots and seed starting supplies with a warm water and bleach solution. Get all your garden tools

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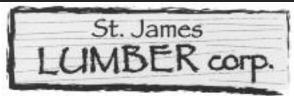
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## **MONEY MATTERS:**

## How Will Your Investments Affect Your Child's Financial Aid Prospects?

by Scott Posner, CFP, CRPC, A.A.M.S.

Even though it's only February, college financial aid officers are already gathering documents, crunching numbers and otherwise working to determine grants for the school year that starts this coming fall. If you have children you plan on sending to college, how will your own savings and investments affect their chances of getting financial aid?

The answer depends not only on how much money you have, but also where you keep it. Most colleges base their aid calculations on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which currently counts up to 5.64% of certain parent-owned assets in determining federal or

state aid. By contrast, FAFSA counts up to 20% of a child's assets, such as an UGMA or UTMA account.

So, what parent-owned assets are counted when determining a student's need for financial aid? They include savings and checking accounts, non-retirement investment accounts and other types of assets. You do not have to report retirement accounts such as traditional or Roth IRAs, 401(k)s and pensions - on the FAFSA. However, if you start taking withdrawals from these accounts, the withdrawals must be reported on the FAFSA as student income for the year in which the transactions occurred - which means these withdrawals could

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## FINANCIAL SAVVY

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affect your child's financial aid package the following year.

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will be excluded from FAFSA, the withdrawals themselves will be counted as untaxed income to the student on the following year's FAFSA, and this money could certainly affect aid decisions.

At least a year before your first child heads off to college, you may want to contact the financial aid office at a local school to ask questions about FAFSA, scholarships, loans and other aspects of assistance. Since most colleges and universities follow similar rules regarding financial aid, you should be able to get some helpful answers, no matter where your child goes to school.

Of course, even with careful planning, your student may not qualify for financial aid. If this is the case, you will need to consider other strategies for paying for college. But keep this in mind: It's best to develop a savings strategy for both college savings and one's own retirement goals. So, study the financial aid rules, consider investing in college-funding vehicles such as 529 plans and do whatever else you can to help get your kids through school, but don't forget about your own needs – because they are important, too.

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Move in ready Ranch with open floor plan, Cathedral ceiling. Updates include new heating system, new CAC, newly fenced rear yard, nicely finished basement. Close to Nissequogue River with launching ramp for kayak/canoe, neighborhood playground, and Landing Country Club and golf course. This Inline Ranch is larger than it appears from the street. Kings Park SD #5. MLS# 2633891. \$369,000.



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#### FINANCIAL SAVVY

# PERSPECTIVES ON REAL ESTATE An Affair of the Heart or Just Economics?

by Alexandra Rich

February comes from the Latin Februalia and represents a time of year during Roman rule that was a period of atonement for one's sins and purification. Actually, February's gray days, storms and cold seem atonement enough. Valentine's Day offers a warmer symbolism: Love, friendship, remembrance, flirtation. These are emotions which connect directly to real estate. Many think buying or selling a house is all about economics. Is this a wise investment for my future? Is it time for me to take my return on my investment and apply it toward a retirement home, a vacation house, a larger home?

Naturally it is more complicated than that. Yes, a house is in all likelihood the single most important purchase any of us will ever make. But, it is not just a cerebral exercise of weighing cost against value. It is also a very emotional decision whether we recognize this or not. Emotions, whether you are selling or buying, come into play from the very beginning.

#### **For Sellers: First Love**

Selling the house you have lived in and loved tugs at the heart. Perhaps it was your first home together as a couple, the place where you raised your children, celebrated the holidays, toasted your victories, and mourned your losses. Or, it may represent your success, your dream house achieved after vears of hard work and deferred vacations, your fantasy realized. The decision to put your home up for sale raises the specter of all these complicated feelings. It is only natural. Embrace your sadness and uncertainties, and then put them aside.

Selling your home is first and foremost a business transaction. If you see it exactly as it is, you will not find yourself licking you



wounds when a buyer comes to inspect the house and does not like your kitchen cabinets, under appreciates the perennial borders, or finds the layout awkward. If you remove yourself from the emotional ties that bind you to your home, you will be able to see that this much loved place that suited you and your family to a T, simply will not strike every buyer who walks through the door in the same way it did you. Times change, needs and wants evolve. And when a buyer does make an offer, and it is lower than you would wish, you can step aside from your emotional reaction and think perhaps there is some merit to what the buyer says he "needs to change or update."

Of course, some buyers are just fishing for the bottom line when they make an offer. Yet it is important to know that today's typical buyer has seen everything in a given price range and understands which homes are priced at market value and which are not. Buyers are making a practical decision based on what they can afford to purchase and how much house they can get for that price. It is not a question of not appreciating what you have or what you maintained or upgraded, it simply that they know what every house in your price range, in your town, does and does not have, and they compare your house to others.

#### For Buyers: Second Time Around

So, investment and value are critical to buyers. BUT emotions play a strong roll in selecting exactly which house as well. First impressions do count. A welcoming entrance, a sun drenched family room, sliders to the back yard, empty attic space all conspire to create an emotional response the first time a buyer walks into a home. A bedroom may remind her of her childhood home, the detached garage with electrical service may make him dream of wood working hobbies, or a clean, dry basement makes up for the lack of a family room because it can be finished someday. Suddenly the train whistle in the background is no longer annoying but strangely comforting. Or the proximity to town and shopping is a convenience rather than too urban.

Buyers are human too, even if they do not fully realize it at the time they are house hunting. The smell of a fresh apple pie, the football game on TV in the den, or kids running in the yard, just may trigger a memory as persuasive as dollar signs. Fresh paint, updated appliances and systems can translate to "They cared so much for this place and they kept it functioning in top form."

An affair of the heart is always tricky territory to find yourself in. As a seller, emotion in real estate can distort your perspective and lead you to missed opportunities. An emotional response by a buyer to style rather than substance can cause a buyer to miscalculate location, proximity to conveniences, or major updates to mechanical systems. Just remember to step back, whether selling or buying, and take a deep breath. None of us gets everything we want.

First and foremost selling and buying are about a business continued on page 89

#### SCHOOLS THE Ν

#### HCDS 'Skypes' with Toledo, Spain School for Truly Engaged Spanish Language Classes

Harbor Country Day School, one of Long Island's premier independent schools for preschool through eighth grade, has put Skype technology to great use – enhancing the learning experience for students in its Spanish language classes. Under the direction of Harbor Spanish Teacher Elizabeth Williams, Harbors' sixth and seventh grade students are interfacing directly with sixth grade students at Colegio Público Juan Aguado located in Toledo, Spain who are learning English.

According to Ms. Williams, "This is our third year working with this school." Ms. Williams noted that the experience goes beyond helping the students in their learning and application of language skills. "It also helps them learn about the differences

and similarities of both cultures," she added. "Students are interested to learn about geography, holidays, food, history and more. Both schools are also practicing new and innovative ways to communicate with the iPad. They are creating shared guided documents to work on together in class. In spite of the difference of language and the miles away, the

use of technology is bringing both schools closer together, once a week."

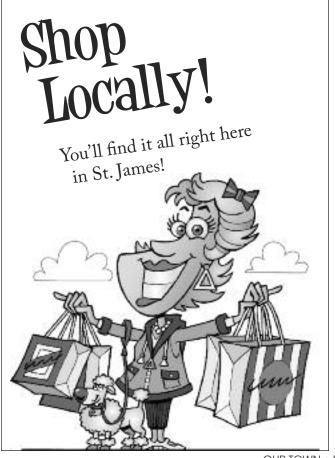
Founded in 1958, Harbor Country Day School provides a dynamic, academically-enriching experience for students Pre K through Grade 8. Harbor's 11 acre campus is located at 17 Three Sisters Road in St. James, 584-5555 (www.hcdsny.org).

### Open House at Smithtown Cooperative Nursery School

Smithtown Cooperative Nursery School, located at 490 North Country Road in St. James, is having an Open House on Saturday, March 1, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Smithtown Cooperative Nursery School is a nonprofit, nonsectarian nursery school open to all that offers small, individual classes for 2, 3 and 4 year old children as well as a "Mommy and Me" program for both toddlers and parents.

For more information please call 584-6767 or visit www.smithtownnurseryschool.com.









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Pictured (L-R):
Samantha Vallarella,
Hope Lefko,
Gina Coletti,
Debbie Hecht,
Val Manzo,
Emily De Marinis.



# Girls Lacrosse Tournament Raises \$10,000 for Girls Athletic League of Smithtown & The Maurer Foundation

The girls lacrosse tournament LAX for ME & the GALS, held October 27, 2013, raised a total of \$10,000, benefitting both the breast cancer non-profit The Maurer Foundation and the girls lacrosse non-profit Girls Athletic League of Smithtown (G.A.L.S.). The two charities teamed up for the second year in a row to promote physical activity in young girls, an important component in both organizations' missions.

Held at Smithtown High School in St. James, this friendly all-day lacrosse competition drew an attendance of approximately 300 people. Each of the 22 teams from New York City to the East End played four games, with winning teams playing in a Championship game for prizes.

Funds were raised by registration fees, 50-50 raffles, sale of food and drinks including the Maurer Foundation's pink and white cookies, vendor contributions, and the sale of t-shirts and other promotional items such as flashlights, lanyards and rubber wristlets.

Event Co-Chairs Gina and Rob Coletti, Val Manzo and Emily De Marinis worked with Girls Athletic leaders Billy Smith and Rob Coletti, and students from Smithtown High School East, led by DECA President Hope Lefko and Samantha Vallarella. Over 30 DECA student volunteers and local Smithtown School Industry Advisory Board adult volunteers met at 6 a.m. to set up the fields for 7 v 7 girls' lacrosse for players from grade 4 through varsity. DECA student volunteers provided a DJ and many willing hands to keep the event moving along so the players and their families could have fun.

The Maurer Foundation staff was also on-hand, educating attendees on breast health. G.A.L.S. will use the funds raised by the event to promote availability of lacrosse for girls of all ages. The Maurer Foundation will use the funds to advance its breast health education outreach to high school students, community groups and businesses.

"Our goal is to make women aware of the facts regarding breast cancer and early detection, and it is just as important for girls and teens to know about the preventative measures they can take now, such as exercising and getting proper nutrition," stated former Maurer Foundation Executive Director Debbie Hecht. "The Foundation was honored to be part of this athletic event, which promoted physical activity—a lifestyle choice known to help reduce the risk of breast cancer."

Events such as Lax for ME and the G.A.L.S. help bring communities together and provide a fun, family atmosphere that makes a difference by helping others. For those interested in hosting a similar fundraising event, please contact The Maurer Foundation at 631-524-5151 or the Girls Athletic League of Smithtown at 516-456-4672.

## Save a Life and Give to the Maurer Foundation

Your tax-deductible donation, makes it possible to provide life-saving breast health education programs to high schools, colleges and businesses. Knowledge is empowering and this program can make a real difference in the health and wellness of our community.

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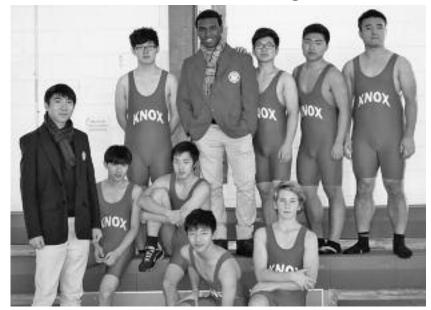
#### IN THE SCHOOLS

### Knox Alum Comes Back To Coach Wrestling Team

Knox School (St. James, NY) alum, Scott Barger '99, has come back to school to coach the new wrestling team for the 2013-14 season. The wrestling team returned last year after an 11 year hiatus. With the encouragement and determination of Headmaster, Thad Gaebelein, and the efforts of Athletic Director, Walter Townes, Knox has seen a strong rebirth of this sport as they now participate in Section XI. Excitement over its return sparked Scott to agree to coach the team.

Scott was one of two all-state athletes from Knox in 1998, making it to states in both his junior and senior years. He was undefeated until states in his senior year. After Knox, he went on to study art history and graphic design at Roger Williams University, where he continued to wrestle and was the only freshman starter on the team. He currently lives in St. James with his wife, Melissa Schneider Barger '00 (another Knox graduate), and their two sons.

Scott practices with his team



Knox School wrestling team is pictured with their new coach Scott Barger a former Knox School student, class of '99.

every day and believes, "wrestling is one of the greatest sports in the world. I am excited to be back at Knox and help young athletes pursue their dreams, and I hope to shed some of my knowledge and training on to them so that they will find the same love of the sport that I had in school and continue to have. I am happy to be back at my alma mater and coaching the sport that taught me so many life lessons."

# Knox School's Literary Magazine, *Scribblers*, Wins First Place In National Competition

The Knox School's magazine, Scribbers 2013, was awarded first place in the American Scholastic Press Association's national competition. According to Dr. Richard M. Plass, Chairman of the Judging Committee of the ASPA, the magazine "shows superior efforts of talented and creative editors, writers, artists, photographers, layout/graphic designers, staff members and advisor." The competition was open to colleges/universities and high schools across the country in three categories of yearbook, literary magazine and newspaper.

Scribbers encompasses poetry, short fiction, personal essays, photography, and artwork. The Knox School, in St. James, was the only independent school on Long Island to receive this award. According to advisor, Stuart Guthrie, "I am proud of Scribblers team. They are creative, hardworking, and immensely talented. This edition was beautiful and a true testament to their effort and skill." The judging was based on content



Knox School Scribblers students are pictured with their teachers.

presentation, page design, photography, publication structure and creativity.

Contributors to the award-winning *Scribblers* include: Lindsay Cohen '14, Victoria Cossak '15 and Miranda Weber '13.

#### How's Your Balance? Physical Therapy and Fall Prevention



by Rich Greco, PT, ATC, CSCS TPI Certified Golf Fitness Instructor

According to the American Physical Therapy Association, falls among the elderly are prevalent, dangerous, and can diminish their ability to lead an active and independent life. About one in three seniors above age 65, and nearly one in two seniors over age 80, will fall at least once this year, many times with disastrous consequences. Physical therapists can help prevent falls with evaluation and development of individualized treatment plans including exercises to improve strength, mobility and balance.

#### Risk Factors Associated With Falls

Conditions associated with aging, muscle weakness, difficulty with balance or walking, vision problems, pre-existing medical conditions that limit mobility, such as Parkinson disease, stroke, or diabetes, conditions that cause confusion (dementia, Alzheimer's, etc.), taking more than four medications at the same time, use of an assistive walking device, environmental hazards (throw rugs, pets), difficulty completing activities of daily living, low blood pressure.

#### **Maintaining Physical Activity**

Maintaining physical activity is critical in helping to continued on facing page

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prevent falls. Physical therapists recommend activities of any fitness level, including gardening, line dancing, and yoga to help improve balance and movement.

#### Test Your Balance

Balance may be improved with exercises that strengthen the ankle, knee and hip muscles, and with exercises that improve the function of the vestibular (balance) system. A simple assessment of your current balance can be done at home (\*Do not attempt to do this test alone – make sure that you have someone next to you to decrease the potential risk of falling.\*)

Perform this test standing with a counter surface in front of you:

1. Stand tall, wearing flat, closed shoes, with your arms folded

across your chest. Keep your eyes open, focus on an object in front of you, raise one leg, bending the knee about 45 degrees, and start a stopwatch.

- 2. Remain on one leg, stopping the watch immediately if you uncross your arms, tilt sideways more than 45 degrees, move the leg you are standing on, or touch the raised leg to the floor.
- 3. Repeat this test with the other leg.
- 4. Compare your performance to normal results for various ages:
- 20 to 59 years old (28 to 29 seconds)
- 60 to 69 years (27 seconds)
- 70 to 79 years (15 seconds)
- 80 and older (6 seconds)

#### How a Physical Therapist Can Help

Once your physical therapist has reviewed your medical history and completed a thorough examination, he or she will design an individualized program of exercises and functional activities for you. This program may focus on strength, flexibility, balance, coordination and walking. If necessary, he or she will refer you to other medical professionals, such as an ophthalmologist or neurologist.

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#### Ask Ron Villano...

Dear Ron,

So, another Valentine's Day has passed and I have not found that perfect someone. It seems like all I ever meet is the same type of man. I date him for awhile and then it just doesn't work out. I am finally beginning to ask myself, "Is it me?" How do I know if I am making the right choices or just falling back to old routines?

-Looking For Love

Dear Looking For Love,
If you have arrived at this
point, where you are ready to
take a look at how your ideas,
beliefs and values play a role in
your choices, then you are ready
to embrace change. Often when
looking for a relationship, we
keep ourselves in a mental box,

recycling the same thoughts because they are familiar and comfortable. Only if we open up our minds to consider changing what's on the "perfect" list will we see a change in who we select to bring into our lives. Knowing what traits and personalities you want to keep and what you no longer want is the beginning of seeing a different result, but this type of personal self-help work takes some time to sort out. Reading a quality self-help book, seeking professional counseling and support, and just being ready to try something new, even if it's just "for now," is the best way to step out into a new direction. Keep your eyes and mind open and you may just see the difference.

#### The Annual New Year's Resolution Marathon

by Ron Villano, M.S., LMHC, ASAC, CCH

Uh Oh... it's that time, again. Time when the push, the boost, and the general stick to it is beginning to lag behind. What happened you ask? Why am I beginning to fall behind?

Simple... you have been running the race since January 1. All the energy, effort, planning, preplanning, hoping all came together to boost you up and get you going. Now that you've been at it, reality is beginning to set it. Why? Because you forgot to set the pace. You went all out and

left it behind. Marathon runners will tell you that it's not about the *race*, it's about the *pace*. And in this case changing the pace will allow you to change your life. And THAT is the true key to permanent success.

The good news is that the motivation is not far behind!

So, how do you set the pace for lifestyle change? By breaking your overall goals down into steps and make each one of these steps the next goal. This sets the pace of change and allows your busy mind to settle into the comforts of change.

For example, perhaps you set a weight loss pace as "I won't eat carbs for one week." So off you go for the week having set the tone for the choices of the week. Meanwhile, the mind and body are settling into this change and making it another part of a regular day. In other words, the pace is set. And when you reach this mile marker, one week later, you now have the opportunity and permission to change it or keep it up.

But what happens when that pace gets interrupted by a chalcontinued on facing page

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#### The Annual New Year's Resolution Marathon

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lenging moment? A moment filled with a choice. A challenge. A decision. It's important to know that in this moment you have the power within you. The pace is set already. It will keep moving no matter where you step. So even if you step off for a moment, it will have no impact. You still have all the ability to make the choice. So, make it, own it, and move on. Don't let past a decision determine a future moment. It's all about the now!

Keep in mind that the most important thing to realize is that most new year's resolutions are not simple changes... they have deep seated roots in your life. And that means that you have to do some soul searching, some emotional healing, and some

real personal self-help work to accomplish this goal.

So, knowing why you want to run the race is just as important as how. Smokers have many "aids" which can help their body deal with nicotine; but these aids do not address how the mind deals with it. For many, they are saying goodbye to a relationship. So, the goals, the steps, the mile markers for quitting smoking should also be about a necessary goodbye and a healthy hello.

This is often where counseling, hypnosis and other approaches can help you along. Knowing the whys behind the reasons will allow you to come to terms with the changes that you want to make. Hypnosis and counseling help you uncover the roadblocks so you can begin to see clear and easy miles ahead.

The New Year's revolutionary marathon is all about lifestyle change. Set the pace, grab onto the rhythm. Reach inside your thoughts for that boost when you are facing a challenging moment. This will allow you to set the pace... grab onto the momentum... and reach your goal!

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#### The Effects of Uncorrected Spinal Malfunction

by Dr. Linda M. Bocchichio

Many types of uncorrected stress to the spine can add to the relentless degenerative process associated with the vertebral subluxation complex. This process is called osteoarthritis and, when in the spine, can be referred to as subluxation degeneration.

This form of spinal decay is very serious because pain or other warning signs may not be present. However, some patients do notice a stiffness or grinding sound, loss of function, range or motion, and some do have recurring pain. Many times mild symptoms are present for a long period of time but have been ignored. Like cancer, heart disease or high blood pressure, considerable damage can occur by the time the symptoms become obvious.

Because this condition is frequently seen in older patients, many believe that calcium deposits, bone spurs and joint dysfunction are just part of getting old. Not true. There are many cases of elderly patients with little or no degenerative changes. Subluxation degeneration is the body's response to uncorrected trauma or damage to the spine.

Car accidents, falls, sports injuries and other common stresses can change the position or movement of the spinal bones so the body begins to splint the unstable joint with new bone growth. Like mending a broken bone, the body transfers calcium to adjacent bone surfaces of improperly moving joints. Given enough time, these joints show loss of proper function, degeneration, spurs and fusions.

Specific chiropractic adjust-

ments can help to normalize spinal structure and function. This can help reduce or eliminate the body's need to shore-up the unstable joint with calcium deposits. It is thought that childhood traumas, falls, etc. can start this process in motion. Often passed off as "growing pains" the consequences can appear decades later. Because this condition worsens with time, early detection is important. It is wise for parents to request periodic chiropractic check-ups for their children

Prevention is the key to good health!

#### Editor's Note:

Dr. Linda M. Bocchichio is a chiropractor practicing at 105 Lake Avenue So. in Nesconset. She was the founder of the St. James Walking club and was a former president of the St. James Chamber of Commerce. For further information, call 979-9854.

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#### CELEBRATIONS

#### Happy Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Liam James Martin, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin (Margie and Chickie) of St. James and second son to Joe and Abbey Martin of Port Jefferson.

Liam celebrated his 15th birthday on December 22, 2013. There was some great partying going on for his birthday and Christmas.

This year aunt Maria, uncle Tommy and cousin Mackenzie were up from Florida to celebrate with Liam, his mom and dad, Nanny and Grandpa, aunt Donna, brother Connor and sister Shannon.

We join with the Martins friends and family in wishing Liam a very happy 15th birthday. God Bless You Always!



**Liam James Martin** 



Mia Christina Rocker

Larry and Barbara Rocker, of St. James, celebrated their granddaughter Mia Christina's 1st birthday last month. Sweet Mia had a great time at her party, along with all her family and friends. Happy Birthday Mia, we love you!

#### Named to Dean's List

Carly Peters, 2012 graduate of Smithtown High School East, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at the State University of New York College at Cortland.

Carly is majoring in Elementary Education and is on Cortland's Womens' Golf Team. She is the daughter of Robert and

ToniMarie Peters of St. James.

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#### POET'S CORNER

#### THE FINISH LINE

#### The End of Winter

by David F. McKell

"Mother Nature" and "Jack Frost" In this month just past, Have once again proven That lots of "old saying's" last!

I'm talking about "Mother Nature" Who always calls the shots. Whether it's rain or sometimes snow, Or anything else we have got!

Ole' Jack Frost was also there With his temperature "bouncing ball," Which added to the confusion For Mom and Dad and all!

And now that is all over Because the shortest month is here Created by Julius Caesar, Which we've welcomed for many a year!

Of course sometimes it's a bit nasty, In its own particular way, But to me it's the end of winter, On the eve of St. Patrick's Day!

Although it's not yet official, To be called the "First Day of Spring," Still lots of folks call it just that, When they hear all the birdies sing!

So let's all bow and say a prayer That this month will be A good preview of Spring For both of us and our family

#### Only One

by John Taratunio, Fairfield Condos

The thing that makes me special As far as I can see Is when I was made They made only one like me

To be the only one, Is very special so to speak For to be the only one of anything Is certainly unique

You may think this tale
Is too good to be true
But if you think about it
There was only one made like you.



#### Camp Harbor

continued from page 20 benefit from its low student-to-teacher ratio affording more personal attention to each camper in a warm, family-like setting.

At Camp Harbor, each group will be led by a certified teacher who will plan the group's activities based on the teacher's individual strengths and interests, along with those of the group's members. Additionally, Camp Harbor will assign a special theme for each summer. For the summer of 2014, the theme will be, "Around the World in 7 Weeks." Among the activities planned to reflect that theme will be learning simple words in various languages including Italian, French, Japanese, Spanish, and Mandarin and then using them throughout the week.

Also on the agenda are weekly field trips to such local treasures as the Cradle of Aviation and Vanderbilt Planetarium. Philanthropy is also taught through Camp Harbor's "Adopt-A-Cause" initiative in which the campers collect donations for a local nonprofit. This year, the Make-A-Wish Foundation will be the benefici-

ary of Camp Harbor's contributions.

Camp Harbor, located at 17 Three Sisters Road, St. James, will begin its sevenweek program on June 30-August 15, 2014. Registration for Camp Harbor is underway. There is an Early Bird discount offer for campers registered and fully paid by April 24, 2014.

For more information, contact: Dave Romero at: 631-584-5555, X-132 or DRomero@hcdsny.org



#### **Blood Drive**

continued from page 18 INS ARE <u>ALWAYS</u> WELCOME. There will be babysitting services available.

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#### OBITUARIES

#### **Guenther Bartsch**

Guenther Bartsch, of Head of the Harbor, NY, co-founder of Creative Bath & M.M. Moulding, passed away on February 3, 2014 at the age of 82. Cherished husband of Helene. Loving father of Dennis (Piera) and Kevin (Jacqueline).



Beloved Opa of Philip, Paul, Helene, Danielle, Christopher and Matthew.

Mr. Bartsch reposed at the St. James Funeral Home's South Chapel where a Masonic and funeral service was held. In lieu of flowers donations to the American Cancer Society and the Diabetes Association is appreciated.

Mr. Bartsch's funeral arrangements were professionally supervised, while the Bartsch family was lovingly cared for during their bereavement, by Kenneth, Kerry and Ken Jr. – the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### Janice Bux

Janice Bux, of Nesconset, passed away on January 23, 2014 at the age of 65. Janice was a school teacher for Sachem Central School District, South Country SD and Middle Country SD. Beloved wife of Steve. Cherished mother of Matthew, Stephanie (George) Lederer and Kristin (David) Shankles. Loving grandmother of Juliet and Jason Lederer and Neve Lederer. She is survived by



**Janice Bux** 

her mother Jean Rabbene Ormsby along with her brother Robert Rabbene and many other family members and friends.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Holy Cross R.C. Church in Nesconset. Interment followed at St. Charles Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation In Memory of Janice Bux, the family requests donations be made to: Save A Pet Animal Rescue, 608 Route 112, Port Jefferson Station, NY 11777. www.saveapetli.org

Arrangements were entrusted to the professional care of the Branch Funeral Home of Smithtown and the Vigliante family.

#### Anna C. Conway

Anna C. Conway (Ferry) of Nesconset, NY (formerly of Port Washington), passed away on January 16, 2014 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late John Jr. Loving mother of JoAnne, John III, Edward (Kelly),

Michael (Lisa) and Susan Steinmann (Dean). Loving and adoring grandmother of Jennifer Baudo (Kevin), Jeffrey Borkowski (Lenna), Dean Steinmann, Jr., Jaclyn Borkowski, Peter Steinmann, Michael Conway, Jr., Cody Conway, Craig Steinmann, Melissa Conway, Nicole Conway and great-grandmother of Nicole and Katelyn Baudo.



Anna C. Conway

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at The Parish of the Holy Cross R.C. Church in Nesconset, NY. Interment followed at Long Island National Cemetery

Arrangements were entrusted to the professional care of the Branch Funeral Home of Smithtown and the Vigliante family.

#### **Edward Conway**

Edward Conway passed away on January 11, 2014 at the age of 81. Living in the Bronx he retired to Long Island. Mr. Conway was Korean War Veteran and served in the US Navy - submarines. His wife Kathleen predeceased him. He is survived by his five daughters. Regina, Dr. Christine Conway (John) Barry, Anne (Thomas) Silverberg, Kathleen (Richard) Keffner and Maura (Alex) Picard; 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; a brother Thomas (Joan); and sister-in-law Rosemarie Conway along with many loving cousins, nephews and nieces.

A Funeral Mass was held on January 17, 2015 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Pal O Mine Equestrian, 829 Old Nichols Road, Islandia, NY 11749.

Mr. Conway's funeral arrangements were professionally supervised by the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### Dorothy L. Cook

Dorothy L. Cook, longtime resident of St. James, passed away on February 7, 2014 at the age of 87. Loving mother of Mitchell, Corinne, Kathleen and the late Maurice. Beloved grandma of eight and great grandma of five.

Mrs. Cook reposed at the St. James Funeral Home's South Chapel where a funeral service was held on February 11, 2014. Interment followed at Washington Memorial Park.

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#### OBITUARIES

#### Pasquale (Pat) DeBellis

Pasquale (Pat) DeBellis, longtime resident of Smithtown, passed away on February 2, 2014. Cherished husband of the late Palma. Loving father of Dianne (Robert) Comiskey, Joan (John) Franco and Frank (Donna) DeBellis. Dear Grandpa of seven and Great Grandpa of nine. Devoted brother of Dolores Schwagerl and Rosann Barberio.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, 780 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218 or the National Parkinsons Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 is appreciated.

A Funeral Mass was held on February 6, 2014 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church. Interment followed at Mt. St. Mary's Cemetery, Flushing, NY

Mr. DeBellis' funeral arrangements were professionally supervised by the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### Edward N. Michel

Edward N. Michel, formerly of Smithtown, LI, passed away on December 29, 2013 at the age of 85. Cherished husband of Lorene for 64 years. Loving father of Edward (Judy), Thomas (Eileen), Daniel (Michele), Gary (Mariann) Lorene (John), Diane (Jeff) and the late James (Ona). Dear grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of 10. Predeceased by his brother George.

A Funeral Mass was held at Sts. Philip & James RC Church in St. James. Interment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hauppauge, NY.

Mr. Michel's funeral arrangements were professionally supervised by the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### Maureen H. Martin

Maureen H. Martin, of The Villages, FL, (formerly of Bayshore, LI), passed away on January 9, 2014 at the age of 73. Cherished mother of Doreen (Tom) Malone, John (Doreen), Lauri Ann. Beloved Nana of five. Devoted sister of Eileen Valenzano and Jack Fitzgerald.

Mrs. Martin reposed at the St. James Funeral Home's South Chapel where a prayer service was held. Interment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hauppauge, NY.

Mrs. Martin's funeral arrangements were profession-

ally supervised by the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### James Henry Link

James Henry Link, of St. James, NY, passed away on January 23, 2014. Born on April 28, 1932, he is survived by his wife Nancy Link. Loving father of Lucy Dumbrowski (Eric), Frank Link, Patricia Gibson, James Link (Danna), Henry Link (Maria), William Link (Diane), Kenneth Link, Terry Sullivan (Alan), Katherine Link and Mary Habit (Curtis). Dear grandfather of 17 and great



grandfather of 17 and great **James H. Link** grandfather of four. Loving brother of Robert Link. Predeceased by his granddaughter Nicole Link, sisters Mary Papsidero, Dorothy Kamerer, Elizabeth Handshaw and brother Henry Link.

Mr. Link was a member of the Knights of Columbus Commander John Shea 4th Degree and a charter member of Holy Mother Mary Council 3958.

A Funeral Mass was held on January 31, 2014 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church, St. James. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Coram.

Mr. Link's funeral arrangements were professionally supervised, while the Link family was lovingly cared for during their bereavement, by Kenneth, Kerry and Ken Jr. – the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

#### Marguerite Merckling

Marguerite Merckling, of St. James, passed away at the age of 84. Beloved wife of the late George. Loving mother of Jeff, Janet and Julie. Cherished grandmother of four.

A Funeral Mass was held on January 17, 2014 at Sts. Philip & James R.C. Church in St. James. Interment followed at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Hauppauge, NY.

Mrs. Merckling's funeral arrangements were professionally supervised, while the Merckling family was lovingly cared for during their bereavement, by Kenneth, Kerry and Ken Jr. – the Maher family of the St. James Funeral Home in St. James.

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#### THE FINISH LINE

#### Tracking Foxes

continued from page 34 and the Smithtown Hunt Ball in the spring. The Hunt Ball is a formal occasion and the men dress up in tails and the women wear formal gowns. Today many of the functions are held in the Old Field Club where the Hunt now sponsors a Horse Show.

The Smithtown Hunt still actively hunts, but "the club has abandoned the actual pursuit of foxes" and, at the present time, "does a 'scent hunt,' a more realistic version of a drag-line, where the scent often vanishes from the trail into the bushes and thickets, much as a fox would." And on any given day during the hunting season from "late October to the first of April," you might just see members of the Smithtown Hunt riding hard over the open fields of "Westbury, Orient, Jamesport, and Amagansett" in pursuit of a faux fox. (Barbara Van Lieu, Head-of-the-Harbor: A Journey Through Time, published by the Village of Head-of-the-Harbor, 2005, pp. 154-155.)

#### Editor's Note:

Brad Harris is the Town of Smithtown's official Historian. Brad was a High School Social Studies teacher who spent 30 years teaching in Commack. As Historian he has written many newspaper articles on the history of our town, he has published pamphlets and written histories of Commack, Nesconset, St. James, Kings Park, Hauppauge and Smithtown Branch. He resides in St. James.

#### Museum Reopens

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Stony Brook, the Long Island Museum is a Smithsonian affiliate dedicated to American history and art with a Long Island connection. The museum is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 631-751-0066 or visit www.longislandmuseum.org. Like us on Facebook #Long Island Museum and follow us on Twitter @LIMuseum.

#### LI Museum

continued from page 46 Helen Harrison, Director of the Pollock-Krasner House, features six Pollock intaglios, printed from the original plates the artist created in 1944-45, and six silkscreens printed from original screens he created in 1951. Both sets of prints were produced in the 1960s and authorized by the estate of Jackson Pollock. The exhibit will also include a small selection of iconic original photographs of Pollock at work at his house in East Hampton, in the 1950s, and several personal effects, including the artist's sketch pencil and a checkbook he owned that features his whimsical doodles.

#### Smithtown Historical Society

continued from page 48 Smithtown Historical Society's Annual Irish Heritage Night Monday, March 10, 7 p.m.

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Join us in celebrating Irish-American traditions! Savor the rich aroma and taste of corned beef and cabbage with potatoes, carrots and seasoning. Clap along as the students of the An Rince Mor School of Dance treat you to an assortment of jigs, reels and freestyle Irish step dancing. Sing and listen to traditional Irish music performed live. Merriment for the whole family. Reservations recommended, limited seating; please call (631) 265-6768.

#### Little Shelter

continued from page 62 animal rescue organization and support the community and beyond. Most importantly, the ultimate goal is to find permanent homes for Charlize, Miss Victoria and all of the Little Shelter residents.

Charlize and Miss Victoria,

and the rest of the elegant dogs and cats, love to meet new people, so please stop by to meet them during regular business hours.

Please donate now! You can send your check or money order to: Little Shelter, 33 Warner Road, Huntington, NY 11743 or visit www.littleshelter.com.

#### Design Ideas

continued from page 64 be yet another way to "play house" and decorate, and I love the idea of getting people to clean up, clear out and breathe!

#### Editor's Note:

Natalie Weinstein, Allied ASID interior designer, talk show host, author, speaker and president of Natalie Weinstein Design Associates in St. James, NY, since 1973, and owner of the newly opened boutique Uniquely Natalie in St. James, NY., where you will find fine furnishings and accessories for your home. Visit www.natalieweinstein.com, for full service interior design. Join www.nataliesclub.com for FREE and get professional design advice, along with FREE seminars, tips, learning products and discounts. isten for Design Tips by Natalie on WALK 97.5 FM, or for more information please call 631-862-6198 or email at info@natalieweinstein.com

#### Real Estate

continued form page 74 transaction. When the dust settles, and the contracts are signed, you may find you really do like the buyers and their four year old and puppy. And the buyers may just find that the house they lost out on, was not really the right house for them and your house is just the perfect match. In the long run selling and buying real estate is both a business deal and an affair of the heart.

#### Editor's Note:

Alexandra Rich is a Licensed Associate Broker, Certified Buyer Representative and Relocation Specialist with Daniel Gale Sotheby's International Realty, 499 Lake Avenue, St. James, 631.584.6600, alexandrarich@danielgale.com. Ms. Rich is a St. James native, and has been a Realtor for 20 years. If you have any questions or suggestions for future articles please call or email Alex.

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St. James Chamber members and invited guests enjoyed the Chamber's annual Winter Gala held at Flowerfield on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

This year's entertainment kept the party hopping and the dance floor crowded. With great food and wonderful company, the evening was a huge success.

After the annual Swearing-In ceremony for the 2014 Board of Directors by Joseph Bollhofer,

Esq., Board Member and Parade Coordinator Kerry Maher invited the businesses to participate in this year's upcoming 2014 St. Patrick's Day Parade. Past President and Chairman of the Board Lawrence Glazer of New York Life, presented Ryan McKenna of Shaolin Self Defense Center with his President's plaque for 2013.

Special thanks to Flowerfield Celebrations (a chamber member) for a lovely evening. All the guests were thrilled – fabulous food and superior service.

If you are interested in joining the St. James Chamber of Commerce, call the Chamber office at 584-8510, and leave a message. You can also visit their website at www.StJamesChamber.org, download an application and view their calendar of upcoming events.

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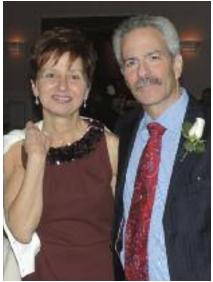




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#### THE FINISH LINE

# continued from page 66 together to repair, clean, sharpen and/or replace as needed. Clean up any debris in the garden beds and add organic matter; compost, manure and peat moss. Work these into the soil and rake it smooth, and you will be ready to plant. If the soil is not too wet, get a couple of rows of peas in on St.Patrick's Day.

If you are anxious to see those flowering plants, make a pretty blooming container yourself. Visit your local garden center

#### **Naturally Speaking**

and purchase a variety of plants to put together. It is best to choose plants in bud, rather than in bloom. Choose a container large enough to accommodate several types and colors of plants. Plant like plants in clusters to form blocks of color. Tuck them in tightly for the best look. Keep the container well watered, but not soggy, and deadhead as flowers fade.

Soon we will be able to plant all these pretty flowers outside in the warm soil. "I think that no matter how old or infirm I may become, I will always plant a large garden in the spring. Who can resist the feelings of hope and joy that one gets from participating in nature's rebirth?"

- EDWARD GIOBBI

#### Editor's Note:

June Liardi, a St. James resident for over 30 years, is a wife and mother of three sons. June will be writing articles on gardening, nature related craft projects and family activities.

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