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# Northside News

## Sounds from Around the World at North Side

If you happened to be in North Side School on a recent Tuesday morning, you couldn't help but hear the playing of drums, cymbals and many other musical instruments from around the world. A percussion quartet, from the charitable organization Percussia, visited and performed for an audience of delighted young students. Percussia, whose mission is to bring diverse and modern classical music to local communities, performed selections from all parts of the globe including India, Asia, South Africa and many more. Thank you to the North Side PTO for sponsoring the event and to cultural arts coordinator Mark Meyers for organizing this wonderful program.



North Side Publishers  
Second Graders

At North Side, our students in second grade were hard at work finishing their stories from their Journey to Meaning unit of study. Over the course of several weeks, students learned about the elements of a story and created their own stories to share. They worked on developing the beginning, middle and end of their stories, making sure that they include descriptive language that shows readers what their characters are thinking and feeling.

To celebrate their finished stories, the young authors had publishing parties to share their writing with classmates, teachers and parents. Thank you second-grade teachers Amy Potter, Caryn Farber, Lindsay Cafiero, Susan Soliman, Emily Del-

Giorno and Tracy Kasschau for guiding these talented young authors and encouraging them to explore and express their feelings and thoughts in their writing. It was wonderful hearing the students share their stories.



First Graders

The North Side first-grade writers had their own very special celebration called a Teddy Bear Picnic. Throughout November and December, students immersed themselves in a study of realistic fiction. They learned how writers create strong characters and plan a story sequence. They also learned about the different techniques that writers use to make the story and characters come alive. They put these lessons into print as they practiced writing many different stories over the weeks. Eventually each young author chose one story to publish and share with fellow students. Each student brought in a favorite stuffed animal and read their stories to them, to one another and to the many special adult visitors who came by. The students were so proud of their work and very happy to share their creative stories with our community of readers and writers at North Side. After stories were shared, students even had a little picnic with special picnic snacks.

Thank you first-grade teachers Donna Casano, Tracy Chirel, Denny Napper, Mary Jane Dunn, Terre Gill, and Hilah Shah for inspiring our young authors to create such impressive written pieces.



# Former Congressman Israel Visits The Project Independence Book Club To Discuss His New Novel

Former United States Congressman Steve Israel visited the Project Independence Book Club on December 14 to discuss his new novel "Big Guns," a fiction novel about the firearm industry, politics in Washington and a small town on Long Island.

North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth also joined the group for the discussion. Congressman Israel spoke to the group, and took questions about the book.

The book club started in 2014. Today it encompasses people from across the Town including New Hyde Park, Mineola, Williston Park, Port Washington and Westbury. North Hempstead's Senior Book Club meets monthly at Clinton G. Martin Park in New Hyde Park.

To participate, please call 311 or 516-869-6311.

*Supervisor Judi Bosworth introduces former United States Congressman Steve Israel at the Project Independence Book Club*



# Great Teachers

By James Daw

As a reader of The Williston Post you have probably noticed that many of our articles report on the scholastic, artistic, and athletic accomplishments of the remarkable young people who attend our schools. It is a pleasure to write these articles, as great a pleasure as it is to read them.

There is a common thread running through these stories and it is, inevitably, the teachers who we are able to mention at the

end of the article. That is as it should be, since the focus is on the achievements of our young scholars, artists, and athletes, but when we read about them we should never forget that there are dedicated and skillful teachers alongside them, guiding them and inspiring them along the way.

The Williston Post offers its sincere thanks to these great teachers, who do so much to enrich our community.

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# EWSD Kicks Off 2019 With Their Annual STEAM Fair

On Monday, January 7th, East Williston School District kicked-off 2019 and a new semester with their annual STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) at The Wheatley School.

Wheatley's rooms and halls were filled with students of all ages, and their families, from the East Williston Schools community. Everyone gathered around and moved from table-to-table to make, tinker, create,

code and innovate together, led and guided by EWSD staff and older students of the District.

Cool Kaleidoscopes, I Like the Sound of That!, Games Galore, Floored By Math, Magnetic Slime, 3D Doodler, Glittery Mindfulness Jars, Ice Cream in a Bag, and Strawberry DNA Extraction are just a few of the interactive and innovative activities that



engaged the participants on this fun family night.

The success of this evening would not have been possible without the participation, support and guidance of the District's staff, students and the STEAM Fair planning team.

Thanks are due to Director of Technology, Innovation and Information Services, Ed Kemnitzer, Director of Science, Alexis Pace, Secondary Chair of Mathematics, Robert Teseo,

instructional technology teachers, Audra Beberman, Kim Kelleher and Rochelle Sroka, North Side academic intervention teacher of math, Alyssa Moirano, Willets Road math specialist, Diane Viola, technology teaching assistants, Jerry Pokrywka, Karen Gilligan and Erik Larsen, and all of the many staff members and students for creating an evening of learning for the East Williston community.



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# News From The Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch)

By Pauline Chun

## Tzu Chi Foundation Great Love Preschool Fundraising Dinner

In late 2018, the Tzu Chi volunteers had decided to expand the Mission of Education to establish a new Great Love Preschool in Long Island. A property located in Syosset has been obtained, and in the near future Tzu Chi volunteers will establish a preschool. The school program will operate in English and Chinese.

On December 1st, the Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch) held a fundraising dinner to invite more friends to support this good cause. The night before, volunteers dedicated their time and effort to decorating the premises as an elegant dining hall with warm family-like atmosphere.

The next day, a full house of 120 guests attended the event, which had an array of entertaining programs. The program included an orchestra performance, singing, sign language performance, a raffle ticket drawing and charity auction of art work donated by Tzu Chi friends and supporters.

The guests were warmly welcome and served with an amazing vegetarian four-course dinner which was delicately prepared by all the volunteers. Many guests expressed their gratitude at being invited to join this significant activity.

Tzu Chi volunteer Freeman Su gave a brief description of the upcoming Great Love Preschool.

He introduced the Mission of Education which was initiated by Dharma Cheng Yen, the founder of Tzu Chi Foundation. The goal is to cultivate children's kindness, trustworthiness, and integrity through education, with gratefulness, respect and love as the core values taught throughout the curriculum. He also emphasized that education is the hope to the future and it can craft a better world for future generations that would benefit the community and even the world. He



said, "This is a very meaningful event that needs everyone's effort and contribution."

### Upcoming Events for the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Long Island Branch and Tzu Chi Academy Celebrating Chinese New Year

The Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch) will hold a Year End Blessing Ceremony on Saturday, January 26th, to celebrate the end of 2018 and the coming of 2019.

As usual, the ceremony will take place at 60 East Williston Avenue, in East Williston. Volunteers will present sign language adapted from the Medicine Sutra, with many more activities and performances.

The celebration will start at 7:00 p.m. and we welcome community



neighbors, friends or family to join us in this celebration. If you are interested in attending, please contact our office at 516-873-6888 or email to tclusa@gmail.com. You can also simply come to our office on Saturday the 26th, as all are welcome.



Tzu Chi Academy at Oyster Bay will hold an annual Chinese New Year Festival on Sunday, February 3, to celebrate the Year of Pig.

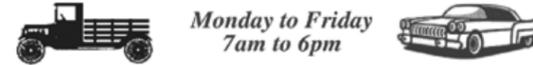
Exciting programs include a boisterous lion dance, a Chinese YoYo demonstration, singing, dancing, and

much more. Activity booths showcase many Asian traditional games, as well as arts and crafts. Your experience will be completed with many examples of delicious Chinese festival food. The Celebration starts at 9:00 a.m., and community neighbors, friends and families are welcome to spend a fun filled day at Oyster Bay High School, 150 East Main Street in Oyster Bay.

Admission is free, there is no need for reservations, all are welcome to attend.

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# Two Wheatley Students Named Regeneron Scholars

The Wheatley School has the opportunity to congratulate two students, Manan Shukla, and Brandon Zhu, who were named as Regeneron Scholars in the 2019 Regeneron Science Talent Search.

In 2017, Regeneron became only the third sponsor (after Westinghouse and Intel) of the Science Talent Search, the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and mathematics competition for high school seniors. As part of its 10-year, \$100 million commitment, Regeneron nearly doubled the overall award distribution to \$3.1 million annually to better reward the best and brightest young minds. Founded and led by two Science Talent Search alumni, Regeneron recognizes and prioritizes the need to inspire more young people to engage in science.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search scholars were selected from 1,964 applications, which were received from 601 high schools in 48 states, two U.S. territories and eligible students living in seven other countries. The scholars were selected based on their exceptional research skills, commitment to academics, innovative thinking and promise as scientists. This year, research projects cover topics from bioengineering to environmental science to physics.

Manan's project, "Creating Affordable and Objective Healthcare Solutions Using IoT and Cloud Technology," was created in response to a problem he identified in the current health care system: physicians cannot treat their patients effectively

because they lack accurate patient information to make proper decisions. This manifests itself in particular with patients who do not accurately report their medication intake.

As a result, Manan created a smart pill dispenser that uses IoT cloud connectivity to not only quantify patient behaviors and determine medication usage but can also send this information to their physician so that patient treatment is based on objective data rather than inaccurate reporting.

Brandon's project, "Efficient Zero-Knowledge Using Garbled Circuits Under the Plain Model," was designed in response to the reality that our online security is constantly at risk of data breaches.

To tackle this, Brandon created a secure encryption protocol based on cutting-edge techniques, such as commitment schemes and zero knowledge, that maintain security regardless of an attacker's computational power. This enhanced protocol preserves full security without detrimental assumptions such as non-malleability and has even been tested to run more efficiently than less-perfect protocols.

On January 23, 40 of the 300 scholars will be named Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists. Good luck to Brandon and Manan!

*Article and photographs courtesy of The Wheatley Way.*



# Herricks Student Performs At The All National Music Festival

Herricks High School senior Grace Kang recently represented the District at the All-National Festival in Orlando, Florida. The event was sponsored by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME).

After a selective audition process, Grace, a violinist, was selected from many applicants to perform as a member of the All-National Symphony Orchestra.

The ensemble was conducted by the Greater New Orleans Youth Orchestra music director and Loyola University Director of Orchestral Studies and Coordinator of Strings Dr. Jean Montes. Grace is one of only 63 students in Nassau County who was selected to participate in the festival.



*All-National musician Grace Kang, pictured with teacher Krista Weis and Disney characters in Orlando, Florida.*

*Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools*

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# Girl Scouts Share Holiday Fun

On December 27th girls from Girl Scout Troop 1849 and Girl Scout Troop 1825 joined volunteers from other service organizations as they took part in the 41st annual Nassau County Holiday Party for Children in Foster Care at the Long Island Marriott Hotel.

The girls volunteered their time to spend it with children in foster care for whom the holiday season is not always bright.

They participated in numerous activities, including face painting, lego building and bracelet making. They made the day happier for young children they did not know, and came away with the joy that can only come

from volunteering their time to make life better for others. As you can see from the smiles in the accompanying photo, the girls had a wonderful time doing so.

From Troop 1849 the Scouts (standing in the back row) were Grace Quinn, Stephanie Clarfield, Gabriella Testani, Aly Castigle, Julianna Anteri, and Kendall Krasinski.

From Troop 1825 (sitting in front) the Scouts were Lilly Zarmehrbakhsh, Sofia Ramos, Brianna Janicek, Aryana Patel, Angela Testani, Nayiri Barton, Kayla Rogan. Danielle Tercynski participated, but was missing from the photo.



# Mineola's Vocalists Soar

Three student-musicians from Mineola High School have been accepted to the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Honor Choir. The students will be performing with other elite student-musicians from Feb. 27-March 2.

The Mineola Union Free School District congratulates eighth-grader Matt Bischoff who will perform in the Middle School/Junior High Honor Choir while junior Madeline Irish and senior Isabella Posada will perform in the SSAA Honor Choir.

Founded in 1959, the American Choral Directors Association is a non-profit professional organization whose central purpose is to promote excellence in choral music through performance, composition, publication, research, and teaching.

In addition, ACDA strives to elevate choral music's position in American society through arts advocacy.



From left, Matt Bischoff, Isabella Posada and Madeline Irish have been accepted to the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Honor Choir.

Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

# 12U Wildcats Visit Sun Harbor

On December 8th, the residents of the Sun Harbor Nursing Home in Roslyn were visited by the members of the East Williston Little League 12U Wildcats travel team.

The boys showed that they were not just talented ballplayers, as they participated in various recreational activities at the Home, including as-

sisting the residents in playing bingo (each boy took a turn at calling out the numbers) and doing art projects. They also helped to transport the residents to and from their rooms to the

recreation room.

It was a welcome visit from these wonderful boys, and a good time was had by all involved. The team members were Anthony Saulino, Johnny Rubino

Jr., Anthony Sampogna, Dylan Fisher, Daniel Tufano, Sam Gilbert, Zach Gilbert, Noah Fiorillo, Andrew Asaro, and Connor Quinn.



Left, Andrew Asaro calling a winner. Above, The Visiting Wildcats.



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## East Williston Seniors Celebrate The Holidays

On Thursday, December 20th, the East Williston seniors were treated to an outstanding musical performance by Tom and Angela Stallone. The very talented couple sang a wonderful medley of songs that included "Life Is a Cabaret," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "I'll Be Seeing You," "I Got Rhythm," and many more popular tunes. Seniors also participated in a holiday sing-along, led by the Stallones.

Everyone enjoyed the special snacks and sweet desserts and the raffle of beautiful poinsettia plants. A delightful afternoon was enjoyed by all.

Come join your East Williston senior friends on January 17th at 1:00 p.m. for an exciting dance performance by the Silver Screen Ballroom Dancers.



## Local Heroes Come Through

Elsewhere in this edition of The Williston Post we were able to report about the fun-filled East Williston Fire Department tradition of Operation Santa.

The other side of the firefighters' life was illustrated by their skillful response to a residential electrical fire in East Williston on January 4th.

The Department responded to a fire on Sagamore Avenue, quickly got it under control and extinguished with

relatively minor damage to the building and, thank God, no injury or loss of life.

The Department's response was a tribute to the constant training that the firefighters voluntarily undertake, their skill and courage, and the skill of the Chiefs and officers of the Department.

Also on display was an important local tradition—mutual aid among local fire departments.

When the call went out, several departments provided mutual aid to the scene, including Westbury FAST, Mineola Engine, Albertson Engine, Williston Park Ladder, Manhasset Lakeville Ambulance, Nassau County FireCom Field Communications Unit, and the Mineola Air Trailer (to provide on-site refills of the firefighters' air tanks.)

Standby units included Carle Place Engine, Roslyn Highlands Lad-

der, Great Neck Vigilant Ambulance, NCPD, NCPD EAB and the Nassau County Fire Marshall's Office.

Sincere thanks, and congratulations on a job well done to all who contributed to this successful operation. We are very fortunate to be served so well by our local fire departments, all staffed by volunteers willing to drop everything at the sound of the siren to protect their neighbors' lives and property.



## Wheatley Three-Sport Athlete Receives The News 12 Scholar Athlete Award

Wheatley senior and three-sport athlete, Samantha Rothstein, receives the News 12 Scholar Athlete Award sponsored by the Bethpage Federal Credit Union.

Samantha received the award for her outstanding athletic achievement, leadership, extra-curricular activities, community services and academic performance. Samantha will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, and is one of only thirty student-athletes on Long Island to receive this prestigious award.

Samantha has played soccer, basketball and lacrosse during her career

at The Wheatley School. She recently captained the girls soccer team, which made its second appearance in the NYSPHSAA State Tournament. She was also named to the All-State Team. Samantha was the leading girls lacrosse goal scorer on Long Island, with 94 goals and 16 assists for the 2018 season.

She has committed to Tufts University where she will further her academic career and play Women's Lacrosse.

*Samantha Rothstein in action on the soccer field.*



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# The Herricks Leisure Club Approaches Winter

By Dorothy Daly

Once again, the seniors of the Herricks Leisure Club are about to broach a new season. Our years of experience have taught us to appreciate winter's stark beauty and to cope with bad weather and, once again the recent engaging activities of our club help us to navigate through short days, snow, and wind until spring returns.

Our meeting of October 25 featured a Halloween extravaganza which included spooky décor, creative costumes and surprise loot bags. This fun-filled party was arranged by Jeanette Kovalsky and her merry band of helpers.

Our November 1 get-together was another winner. Vice President Frank Vendinello announced that the Herricks Administration had selected Mrs. Kovalsky as our new Director. Congratulations Jeanette – we know that you will serve well. Frank also welcomed Ann Vendinello as our new Membership Chairwoman, and then conducted a celebration of 6 birthdays and the 56th anniversary of Fran and Mike Langiulli. A most interesting guest, Jack Schnur, followed with his program on the lives and talents of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

November 7 was the date of our exhilarating outing to the Empire Casino, organized by Rita Ruffini. The next day's meeting was both informative and entertaining. Legislative



Chairman Dave Monfort supplied data on our excelling Herricks students and the new reassessments. Our Director thanked Rosemarie Campolongo for arranging our autumn trip to Peddler's Village and praised Helene Picchiello's Veteran's Day dais adornments. Our guests, The New York Trio, serenaded us with their country music show.

Many of our group attended the moving Veteran's Day ceremony at the VFW. Our own Tony Catalano chaired the compelling 100 year remembrance of Armistice Day with a 21 bell salute.

At our assembly of November 15, Corresponding Secretary Terry Lanese advised us of member hospitalizations and our Director expressed appreciation to Recording Secretary But Taverna for procuring New Hyde Park Funeral Home plan books for 2019, and wished a Happy Chanukah to our

Jewish participants. A mesmerizing guest, Ed McLaughlin from AAA, furnished tips for safe driving including an "Older and Wiser Drivers" video. In anticipation of Thanksgiving we were treated to pizza and ice cream.

When we returned on November 30, Bud was thanked for constructing a new membership list. Another interesting guest, PSEGLI representative Robert Vessichelli introduced us to a litany of scams perpetrated on the senior population.

The highlight of our convening on December 6 was the holiday show presented by the Center Street students featuring the Chamber Choir, string quartet and illustrated songbooks. A joyful prelude to Christmas, indeed.

On December 13, Ann Vendinello introduced 3 new members, Mary Ann, Pat and Caroline and Jeanette

extended gratitude to Charles Gill and Frank Di Benedetto for their years of dedicated kitchen service. Our guest, Scott Lucas, a horticulturist from Westbury Gardens, captivated us with beautiful flower arrangements and gardening advice. Our scintillating last meeting of the year took place on December 20 with a catered in house turkey luncheon accompanied by delightful music for listening and dancing graciously supplied by Pat Iammatteo. Colorful gifts adorned the raffle table and merriment and holiday wishes were the order of the day.

And, once again, as the new season looms, the members of the Herricks Leisure Club look to a myriad of continuing club adventures to help us cope and flourish.



# Pine Lawn National Cemetery - Wreaths Across America

By Frank Oliveri

On December 15th, 2018, a crisp quiet Saturday morning, while visiting family at the Pine Lawn National Cemetery I noticed hundreds of cars entering the cemetery and hundreds of people gathering at the Lawn of Heroes where all those who received the Medal of Honor are buried.

Being inquisitive and a veteran I asked a fellow member of the American Legion who the people were, and was told that they were all gathering to participate in the Wreaths Across America Program. As we spoke, a caravan of veterans on motorcycles, with a New York State Police escort, and approximately thirty large trailer trucks entered the cemetery grounds to deliver thousands of wreaths that were to be placed on all of the graves of fallen veterans. The formal ceremony was scheduled to start at 12:00 noon, at which time the volunteers would begin placing the wreaths.

I learned that the Wreaths Across America program started in 1992 when Morrill Worcester, the owner of the Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine, found that they had a surplus of wreaths near the end of the holiday season. Remembering a boyhood experience visiting the Arlington National Cemetery, Mr. Worcester realized he had an opportunity to honor our country's veterans. With the aid of Maine Senator Olympia Snowe, arrangements were made for the wreaths to be placed at Arlington in one of the older sections of the cemetery that had been receiving fewer visitors with each passing year. As plans were underway, a number of other individuals and organizations stepped up to help. James Prout, owner of a local trucking company Blue Bird Ranch Inc. generously provided transportation all the way to Virginia. Volunteers from the local American Legion and VFW Posts gathered with



members of the community to decorate each wreath with the traditional red, hand-tied bows. Members of the Maine State Society of Washington, D.C. helped organize the wreath-laying, which included a special ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier."

The annual tribute went on quietly for several years, until 2005 when a photo of the stones at Arlington, adorned with the wreaths and covered in snow, circulated around the internet. Suddenly, the project received na-

tional attention. Thousands of requests poured in from all over the country from people wanting to help with Arlington, to emulate the Arlington Project at their National and State Cemeteries, or to simply share their stories and thank Morrill Worcester for honoring our nation's heroes.

In 2008, over 300 locations held wreath-laying ceremonies in every state, Puerto Rico, and 24 overseas cemeteries. Over 100,000 wreaths were placed on veteran graves. Over 60,000 volunteers participated, and that year, December 13, 2008 was unanimously voted by the US Congress as "Wreaths Across America Day."

This year there were 23 organizations, including Girl Scout Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, veterans' organizations, community groups, and private businesses, participated in the ceremonies at Pine Lawn. One of the participating Cub Scout Packs was Pack 8 from East Williston. A large group of Cubs, parents and siblings from the Pack took part in this wonderful ceremony of respect and gratitude.



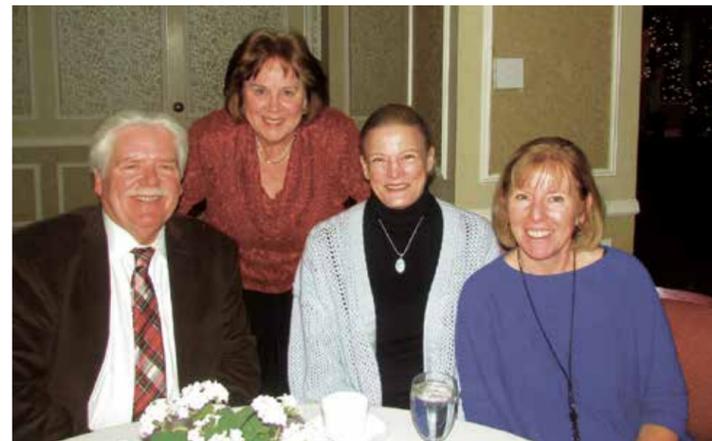
# The Willistons Celebrate The Christmas Season

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It was an opportunity to enjoy the company of good friends while enjoying the great food for which Wheatley Hills is famous, and to raise money for the many programs which the Wings support at NYU Winthrop Hospital.

It can truly be said that a good time was had by all!



Clockwise from top left, John Quigg Jr.; Konstantatos family; Santos family; Teddy, Gracie and Fin Xuereb; Sklow family.

## Firefighter Santa Comes To Town

A Christmas Eve visit from Santa, courtesy of the members of the East Williston Fire Department, is a long-standing tradition in the Village. It is something that children and firefighters look forward to every year.

Many of the parents whose children are so happy to see Santa were once young East Williston residents receiving a gift from Firefighter Santa, and a memory to last a lifetime.



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## A Busy Early Winter At The East Williston Public Library

The East Williston Public Library will be a busy place in January and February. Here are just some of the things that you can do:

**On Site Passport Processing.** Come to the Library on Thursday January 24th from 5-8 p.m. to process a new passport or renew an existing one. Bring 2 forms of Government approved ID, which you will need to fill out the application, which you can find at <https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>. Photos will be taken on site for \$10.00, and this service is open to all. There are 2 fees associated with the filing—the execution fee paid to the Town Clerk's Office, and the application fee paid to the state. Payments for the execution fee can be made with cash, check, or credit. The application fee can only be paid by check. Appointments MUST be made, and can ONLY be made through the Town Clerk in Manhasset. Call 311, or 516-869-6311.

**Understanding Alzheimer's Disease.** Thursday January 24th from 7:30 – 8:30 there will be a program on Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia. Hear from an expert from the Alzheimer's Association who will discuss detection, causes, risk factors, stages and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. You must pre-register at the Library. The program itself is free of charge.

**How to Set Up a Business,** presented by SCORE, a network of volunteer business mentors. Learn the basics of setting up a business, including legal structures, paying taxes, keeping financial records, insurance, marketing basics and financing a business. Tuesday January 29th, 7-8:30 p.m. No charge, but you must pre-register at the library.

**Adult Paint Night.** Thursday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. hosted by the Little Art Studio. Come to the Library and paint your own spoon rest or napkin holder. There is an \$18.00 fee, and you must choose your item in advance, when you pre-pay and register.

**Adam the Science Guy.** Tuesday February 5th 1-2 pm at the village hall. Must pre-register.

**Evening Book Club.** Thursday February 7th at 7:00 p.m. The Seven Sisters by Lucinda Reilly

**Afternoon Book Group** with Kathleen Fallon Tuesday February 12th at 1:30—All the Light we Cannot See by Anthony Doerr.

**Women's Self Defense Class.** A safety and self-defense class specifically designed for women to effectively learn how to handle and defend themselves against an assault. Wednesday February 13th 7:30-8:30. You must pre-register at the Library.

**Valentine's Day Tween Edible Sea Glass Making!** Learn how to make beautiful and delicious candy that looks like the sea glass you find on the beach. Bring your creations home in a Valentine's Box. Thursday, February 14th. 4-5 p.m. There is a \$10.00 fee, and limited space, so pre-register and pay at the Library as soon as you can.

**Pre-registration for all programs (other than the Passport Processing Program) can be done in person, or by calling 516-741-1213. For further information on any of our programs please visit our website at [ewpl@ewlibrary.org](http://ewpl@ewlibrary.org).**

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# Herricks Musicians' Great Year Ahead

## Herricks Well Represented At LISFA Chamber Festival

A total of 12 Herricks music students shared their talents at the Long Island String Festival Association's Nassau Chamber Festival, held on Jan. 6 at Hofstra University.

This event was run by Herricks Middle School orchestra teacher Geoffrey Stone, who served as Festival Vice President.



## Herricks Orchestra Featured At All-State Festival

The Herricks High School Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Ms. Catherine Fish, was invited to perform at the NYSSMA All-State Festival at the Rochester Convention Center in Rochester, New York.

This group was one of only a few select groups in New York State to receive this honor and the only orchestra invited to perform.



Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

# Herricks Youth Against Cancer Toy Drive

Herricks Youth Against Cancer ran a schoolwide toy drive to benefit the Cancer Center for Kids at NYU Winthrop University Hospital. The hospital sent Herricks a wish list and with generous donations from faculty, students and staff members, Youth Against Cancer collected at least one gift from each of the items on the list.

Kim Krupa, the Child Life Specialist at the Cancer Center, coordinated the project with the Youth Against Cancer Board and Advisor Dan Doherty. The YAC Board consists of students Sanjana Ahmed, Odellia Kidanian, Melissa Lau, Maggie Lau, Anjana Menghrajani, Mariana Mohsen, Brittany Thomas and Talya Youdim. The Cancer Center for Kids works with children who are diagnosed with any form of cancer, as well as with their families.



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Left to right: Kimberly Krupa, Maggie Lau, Anjana Menghrajani, Melissa Lau, Odellia Kidanian, Talya Youdim, and Dan Doherty.



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# "Hears" To You: Make A New Year's Resolution To Improve Your Hearing

By **Carolyn M. Genna, AuD, FAAA**

Hearing plays a major role in our quality of life, from our emotional well-being and physical health to our careers and leisure activities.

Despite the importance of good hearing, millions of people who have hearing loss let it go untreated, despite research showing links between untreated hearing loss and increased risk of falls, depression, anxiety, hospitalizations and even dementia.

When we hear at our best, there's nothing stopping us from enjoying the sounds of laughter, music, nature or conversations with family and friends. Hearing these sounds helps fuel us, and undeniably makes moments more memorable and life more enjoyable.

On the other hand, when hearing is impaired, the sounds we've taken for granted fade, leading to a cascade of changes that could impact us emotionally:

- Hearing loss frequently causes embarrassment;
- Missing favorite sounds might lead to sadness;
- Missing critical information could create anxiety;
- Not hearing conversations clearly might lead us to feel left out, and;
- Feeling left out can lead to depression and social isolation.

Hearing loss plays a significant role in our physical and mental well-being, with a growing body of research linking hearing loss to dementia and cognitive decline. When we hear at our best, it's easy to stay engaged and alert and active. When hearing is impaired, our sense of space shrinks, warning cues get missed, and we withdraw from social activities or situations. This leaves our physical and mental health vulnerable to a host of problems.

Here are just a few:

- Adults with hearing loss are up to 5 times more likely to develop dementia
- Hearing loss is linked to a three-fold risk of falling, and;
- Accidental injuries are up to 50 percent more likely for people with hearing loss.

More than anything else, hearing keeps us connected to the world around us. Whether it's communicating with friends and family, interacting with colleagues, enjoying a recital, movie or TV show, or waking up to birds singing outside your window, when you hear better, you simply live better. When hearing is impaired, those connections, interactions and moments can be muted and strained, which has an impact on our quality of life. When we can't hear well, we risk:

- Missing a grandchild's first words or a family dinner story;
- Feeling left out of a conversation or a good joke;
- Limiting once-enjoyed social activities;
- Feeling less independent, less confident and less secure;
- Frustrating loved ones with constant requests to repeat what was said, and;
- Not living life to the fullest because hearing loss is holding us back

### Why is it important to improve your hearing?

Treatment of hearing loss has been shown to improve communication in relationships, as well as intimacy and warmth in family relationships. Better hearing results in ease in communication, better earning power, a sense of control over your life, enhanced social participation, and increased emotional stability

It's a new year, so make a resolution this year to improve your hearing (and keep it). Schedule a hearing evaluation and take the first steps. Call (516) 873-9742 to schedule a complimentary consultation.

*Dr. Genna maintains her audiology practice at 99 Hillside Avenue, in Williston Park. For an appointment you can call her office at 516-873-9742.*

## Herricks Outstanding Physical Education Students Are Recognized

Congratulations to Nicholas Capelle and Liana Marino, who were recognized as the 2018-2019 Outstanding Herricks High School Physical Education Students. These exemplary young people were honored at the Nassau Zone of The New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance's annual awards and dinner ceremony on Dec. 3 in Woodbury.

NYS AHPERD recognized one senior young woman and one senior young man from each Nassau Coun-



ty High School. Those selected met a variety of criteria, including exhibiting a physically active lifestyle, demonstrating responsible behavior and good sportsmanship, serving as a positive influence on peers, upholding a healthy lifestyle, earning excellent achievement in physical education class and attaining a high level of fitness on a test.

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# A Literary Celebration At Willets Road School

## East Williston's Annual Bookies and Cookies

On December 12th, East Williston families gathered at the Willets Road Media Center for the third annual Bookies and Cookies celebration hosted by district library media specialists, Jo Beth Roberts, Karen Homer, and Diane Ilkiw. The Media Center was filled with students from all three schools, along with their families, and they enjoyed the chance to celebrate reading and the holiday season with a book swap and a cookie swap.

Throughout the evening, the students and families enjoyed coloring, book trivia, creating bookmarks, reading books, playing book bingo, and even participating in a rousing game



of Mad Libs, all while feasting on delicious cookies. They were led by librarian Karen Homer and hosted by librarian Jo Beth Roberts.

The students of Wheatley's Book Club were also in attendance and were amazing with the younger children as they played and even performed an original script called Bad Kitty Goes to Grandma's. At the conclusion of the performance, children's storybook character favorite "Bad Kitty" made a live appearance to take photos with the students. It was a wonderful family night that highlighted literacy with lots of holiday cheer.

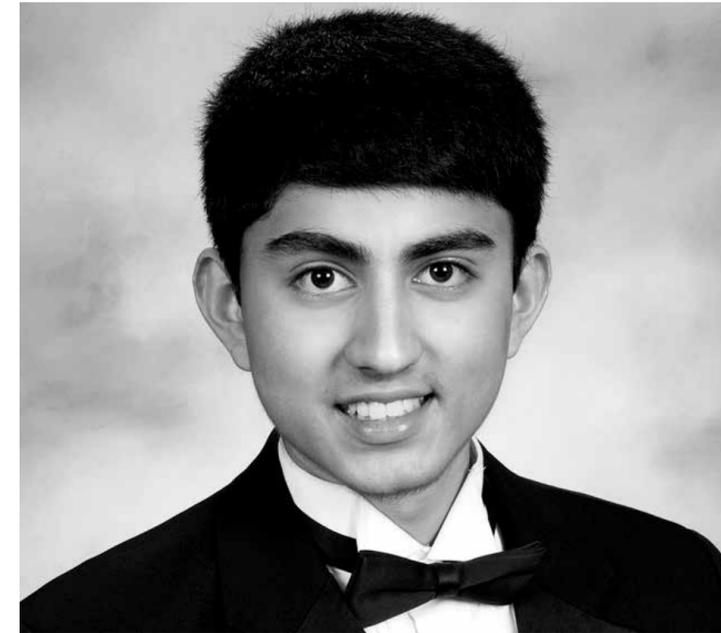


# Herricks Congratulates Regeneron Scholar

Herricks High School senior Eish Maheshwari has been recognized as a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar, as announced on January 9th by the Society for Science and the Public. He was selected from a pool of 1,964 applications, which were received from 601 high schools in 48 states, two U.S. territories and eligible students living in seven other countries.

The 300 scholars were selected based on their exceptional research skills, commitment to academics, innovative thinking and promise as scientists. This year, research projects covered topics from bioengineering to environmental science to physics. Later this month, 40 scholars will be named Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists.

Eish conducted research in Trans-



lational Medicine for his project at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He spent two summers studying the properties of curcumin-loaded nanoparticles. His senior research is titled "Design of a Red Blood Cell-Based Drug-Delivery Platform for Improving Curcumin Pharmacokinetics and Bioavailability via Reengineered Silica Nanoparticles."

Eish is the Valedictorian of the Class of 2019 and has numerous science research awards and other distinctions to his name. He was a Grand Prize winner at last year's Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, also known as World Intel, and is a four-year participant in the Herricks High School Science Research Program, under the mentorship of Mrs. Renée Barcia.

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**Looking ahead....**Our February meeting will take place on Thursday, February 21st. A program featuring chair Yoga will take place.

# Wheatley Debate Team Wins Big At First Regional Competition

The Wheatley School Debate Team, one of Wheatley's newest student clubs, recently went to their first regional competition at the World Journalism Prep School in Flushing, Queens.

As part of this American Debate League Fall Classic Tournament, the team as a whole and a number of Wheatley students met success for the first time out. Congratulations to faculty advisor, Pilar Principe-Franco, to the following students, and to everyone who participated.

### Novice High School Sweepstakes

1st Place: The Wheatley School

### Intermediate High School Sweepstakes

1st Place: The Wheatley School

\*Sweepstakes is an overall determination of which school won the most rounds in each division.

### High School Intermediate Speaker (Out of 24 students)

1st Place:--Aarushi Jain, 2nd Place--Neil Shah, 3rd Place--Emily Yagoda, 5th Place--Siddhant Jain, 11th Place--Samar Saleem.

### High School Novice Speaker

1st Place--Benjamin Casella, 2nd Place--Frederick Lin, 6th Place--Saad Haroon, 9th Place--Mahdi Bhalloo, 11th Place--Riya Mittle, 12th Place--Jacob Ribotsky, 18th Place--Marjan Alagheband, 19th Place--Declan Brady, 20th Place--Adam Aldad, 24th Place--Anika Mittle, 28th Place--Jaina Shah, 36th Place--Brooke Schwartz, 41st Place--Aisvarya Dhama, 48th Place --Anushka Shorewala.

### Novice Debate Team Results

1st Place--Benjamin Casella and Mahdi Bhalloo, 3rd Place--Frederick Lin and Adam Aldad,

4th Place--Saad Haroon and Declan Brady, 6th Place--Jacob Ribotsky and Brooke Schwartz, 17th Place--Jaina Shah and Aisvarya Dhama, 18th Place--Riya Mittle and Anika Mittle, 23rd Place --Anushka Shorewala and Marjan Alagheband.

### Intermediate Debate Team Results

1st Place--Neil Shah and Emily Yagoda, 2nd Place--Aarushi Jain and Siddhant Jain, 9th Place--Samar Saleem.



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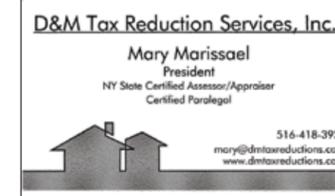
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# Meadow Drive Students Research And Display American Symbols

First-grade students at Meadow Drive School in the Mineola Union Free School District recently devoted some interesting time in researching American symbols on PebbleGo.

Working in groups, the students then chose a symbol, researched it, presented a historical fact sheet and then recreated it using Legos.

The students' creations, which included the Washington Monument and the American flag, became part of the Meadow Drive School Museum of American Symbols.

*Pictured, from left, Caitlin Torres' group recreated the American flag and Danny Driscoll's group worked on the Washington Monument. Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District*



# Irish American Society Of Nassau Suffolk and Queens Announces 69th Annual St. Patrick's Parade In Mineola

Irish American Society Parade Chairman, Jeff Clark, announced that, "The Annual St. Patrick's Parade in Mineola will be held on Sunday March 3rd, stepping off at 1:00 p.m."

Clark continued, "It will begin at the County Court House on Old Country Road. Marchers will proceed to Mineola Boulevard where the parade will turn north into Mineola. Marchers will continue to Jericho Turnpike and will turn right on to the Turnpike.

The reviewing stand will be just west of the fire house and the parade will end just one block south of the Center at Jericho Turnpike and Willis Ave.

Following the parade will be an Irish celebration at the Center on Willis Ave Mineola – all are invited.

We are very excited to host the parade and look forward to a great day."

The parade will be led by Grand Marshal Rita Lydon-Lenz.

She will be accompanied by her Aides – Carol and Mike Flannery, Patricia Navarra, Mary O'Connor and Dessie McWeeney of East Williston.

Rita, said she is honored to be chosen as Grand Marshal and, "I'm looking forward to a wonderful day. There will be many marchers and bands to join in the celebration."

For more information on the parade contact Jeff Clark, or the Society, at 516-746-9392.

# Registration Information For Full-Day Or Half-Day Pre-K In Mineola

The Mineola Union Free School District is significantly expanding the opportunity for parents to send their 4-year-olds to a full-day pre-kindergarten program for the 2019-2020 school year.

To be eligible for the 2019-20 program, students must be 4 years of age by Dec. 31, 2019 and be a resident of the Mineola Union Free School District.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Mineola will offer full-day Pre-K at three locations.

- Willis Avenue will host the UPK program which will house 54 students
- Hampton Street will dedicate four classrooms for Pre-K
- Meadow Drive will dedicate four classrooms for Pre-K

The district will also offer parents the choice to enroll their child in a

half-day program at either Hampton Street or Meadow Drive.

The location and number of half-day sections will be determined in July 2019 through the analysis of enrollment requests made by parents at registration.

Bussing will not be offered by the district.

Registration for pre-K will take place at the Central Registration Of-

fice, at 121 Jackson Ave., 2nd floor, from Feb. 5, 2019 through May 3, 2019.

Please email the District Registrar, Michelle Rescigno, at mrescigno@mineola.k12.ny.us or call her at 516-237-2031 to schedule an appointment.

Once your appointment has been scheduled, parents can pick up a registration packet at Central Office or she can mail them to parents.

Parents are asked to please have all the forms in the registration packet completely filled out, all necessary forms notarized and all the documentation required with them when they meet with Ms. Rescigno. This will ensure a complete and smooth registration process.

More information can be found on the district's website at: www.mineola.k12.ny.us and clicking on the Full Day Pre-K tab under Announcements.





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*We cordially invite you to attend our*  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, January 27, 2019**  
*(immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 12:30 p.m.)*  
 All parishioners and friends are welcome to visit our school.

**Together in Learning, Together in Christ**  
**AND EVEN Together After School!**  
 St. Aidan School students enjoy participating in a wide selection of after school programs and activities.

<p>Enrichment classes are offered during the fall, winter and spring. The children have the opportunity to create works of art, build Lego masterpieces, learn the intricacies of chess, solve STEM challenges, explore fun Harry Potter activities and work on physical education skills.</p> 	<p>Future lawyers and judges can sign up for our Mock Trial Team. Students in grades 6-8 compete against other schools as they try cases in front of actual lawyers. They get to role play as prosecutors, defense attorneys and witnesses.</p> 	<p>Athletics are important to middle school students. St. Aidan provides them with the opportunity to compete in various sports including baseball, basketball and volleyball. Our teams enjoy much success in these sports and learn from experienced coaches who assist them in becoming better athletes.</p> 
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*\*New Location\**

**GOLF OUTING**

**Thursday, July 18, 2019**

**1:00pm shot gun start**

**The Muttontown Club**  
 5933 Northern Blvd  
 East Norwich, NY 11732

**For more information please contact:**  
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**Organizations that benefit:**  
**The IGA Nephropathy Foundation of America &**  
**The DDI Foundation. A School for Autism**




# Williston Park Public Library News

By Donna McKenna, Director

### From the Director:

Please note that beginning January 1, 2019 the library will have new service hours. Monday: 10:00-7:30; Tuesday: 10:00-5:30; Wednesday: 10:00-7:30; Thursday: 10:00-5:30; Friday: 10:00-5:30; Saturday: 10:00-4:00.

On December 1, the Library will be switching to a new online reservation system for the Museum Passes. The process will be easier and more streamlined and can be done from home or at the library. An e-mail will be necessary to complete any registration.

### Adult Programs:

**Create a Soul Collage**—Tuesday—January 22—6:30pm in the Library. Creative self- exploration and gain insight into your life's purpose. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Changes in Family Law**—Thursday—January 24—6pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. New changes in family law will be discussed, including financial decision making and custody as well as strategies to keep the process amicable. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Top Hat Candy Dish**—Tuesday—February 12—6pm in the Library. There is a \$15 material fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Adult Book Discussion**—Wednesday—February 27—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Copies of Flicker of Old Dreams will be available at the Circulation Desk. The author will join the discussion.

### Children's Programs:

**Tiny Tykes**—Wednesdays—January 23, 30; February 6--10:30am-11:30am in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children 1 ½-5 years old. There is a \$45 fee due at time of registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Create Your Own Peace Plates**—Saturday—January 19—11am in the Library for children of all ages in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Day. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Story Time**—Thursdays—February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14—11am in the library for children ages 1-3. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Ceramic Emoji**—Friday—February 8—4:30pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children in grades K+. There is a \$5 material fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**"Knock 'Em Dead Comedy" Game Show**—Saturday—February 9—1pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children of all ages. A great way to kick off the Winter Reading Club. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

For more information contact our website at [www.willistonparklibrary.org](http://www.willistonparklibrary.org)



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### SAVE THE DATE

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