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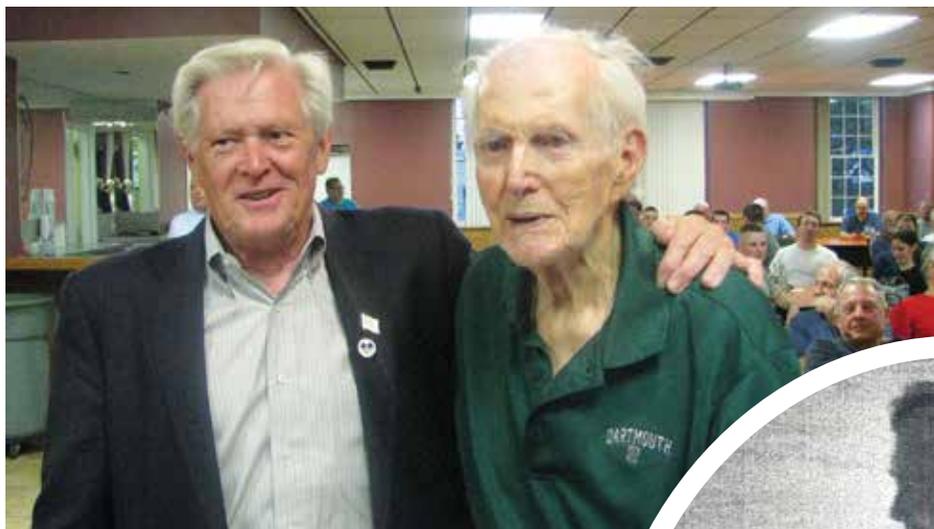
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THE HONORABLE ROGER FAY, "MR. WILLISTON PARK," CELEBRATES HIS 99TH BIRTHDAY

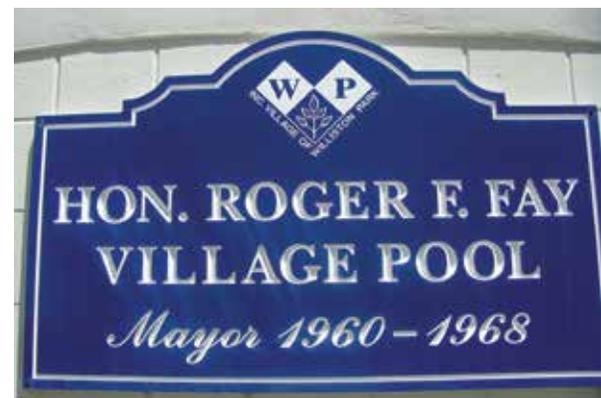


On Tuesday evening, July 19th, the Williston Park Fire Department celebrated the 99th birthday of former Mayor and fellow Fire Department member, the Honorable Roger Fay.

Many of his fellow firefighters praised Mayor Fay for his many years of commitment to the Fire Department and the Village of Williston Park.

Mayor Fay has long been referred to as "Mr. Williston Park" as a testament to his decades of dedicated public service, as well as his demeanor and unfailing courtesy to all those with whom he comes in contact.

The staff of the Williston Post join the members of the Williston Park Fire Department, and the Williston Park residents who he served with such distinction, to wish Mayor Fay a very Happy 99th Birthday.



THIRD RAIL DANGERS--T.G.N.H.!

By **Raymond Haller**

Recently I was in my car heading east and was stopped for the Long Island Railroad as a train pulled into the East Williston Train Station. I was the second car in front of the gates as something chilling unfolded in front of my eyes that I want to share with you all.

Four young boys, junior high or freshman age, were walking west on Hillside Avenue approaching the downed railroad gates--all of them were carrying skateboards.

The first boy got on his board and skated over the tracks, flipped his skateboard in the air and, defying the laws of gravity, he landed on his skateboard on the other side of the tracks. I must say I was quite impressed.

The second lad performed a similar maneuver, also twisting and turning and flipping his board, and he too landed on his board on the other side of the tracks. It was acrobatically precise, yet scary to say the least.

The third boy was not quite as agile as the others and tried to make a plain jump across the tracks. The move was well executed, simple and somewhat safer than the others, and he, too, landed on his skateboard on the other side.

The last boy tried to do a fancy maneuver like the first two boys, but he fell on the ground between the tracks. His skateboard landed no more than a foot from the third rail (and maybe less), and the boy ran over to retrieve it from where it landed without any hesitation and with no apparent regard for the third rail. It was that obvious, and I exclaimed to myself "Oh my God!"

For those who are reading this column and may not know, the third rail (covered by a wooden plank) transmits 750 volts of electricity which runs the trains.

This is more than enough to electrocute, or seriously injure, someone who inadvertently touches the rail while grounded, that is, with a foot on the ground.

When I was growing up in Wil-



liston Park, parents always told us to walk our bicycles across the tracks, always look both ways and never cross the tracks when the gates were down. Most importantly, we were told never to go near the third rail under any circumstances.

I think that today's kids are so absorbed in technology, computers, iPads and iPhones and "I-Everything", that just maybe parents have taken the railroad crossings for granted and never



explained to their children about the dangers of electrification and the third rail.

If you don't know about the high voltage, there's nothing about the third rail that looks particularly dangerous, after all.

One thing I've also observed, and as you can see from the accompanying photograph, there are no danger signs at the crossing indicating the presence of a third rail or the dangers

associated with it, and telling people to "Keep Away" or warning of "Danger, High-Voltage".

This is a particularly glaring omission at a time when almost anything you buy comes complete with blood-curdling safety warnings permanently attached.

In this context, the absence of warning signs at the third rail could be interpreted as an absence of a hazard, which is far from the case.

While we don't usually encourage any form of political activism here at The Williston Post, this is an issue that might call for a concerned letter or two from our readers to our elected officials and to the LIRR to get the signs we need.

That being said, as you know The Williston Post only publishes the good news and so I'm happy to say T.G.N.H.....Thank God, Nothing Happened !!!

Please don't take the third rail for granted - teach your children, and write those letters!

HERRICKS WELCOMES DR. JAMES A. RUCK AS INTERIM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The Herricks Public Schools have appointed Dr. James A. Ruck as interim principal of Herricks High School, effective August 15.

Dr. Ruck replaces Dr. Samuel Thompson who left after serving one year as the principal of Herricks High School. Dr.

Thompson has returned to Farmingdale to become principal of Farmingdale High School where he worked for eight years prior to joining Herricks.

"The board of education and cen-

"I am really excited about becoming part of one of the premier districts on Long Island, the State and the country."

- Dr. Ruck

tral administration considered a number of candidates for interim principal," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fino Celano.

"We believe Dr. Ruck's wealth of experience makes him well-qualified to lead our high school, and help us to continue the tradition of excellence that makes Herricks a unique and outstanding school. Dr. Ruck is a talented, hard-working and caring educator who is very student-centered.

We look forward to working with him throughout the new school year."

"I am really excited about becoming part of one of the premier districts on Long Island, the State and the country," Dr. Ruck said. "I look forward to bringing my experience to Herricks and getting to know people quickly. I'm sure it is going to be a nice match."

Dr. Ruck brings four decades of experience as an educational administrator, including a 13-year stint as superintendent of the Sachem Central Schools - New York State's largest suburban school district.

From 1981 until 2005, Dr. Ruck worked in Sachem. In that capacity, he effectively led a student population of 15,500 and staff of 2,315 and played an integral part in the completion of a major capital projects referendum.

He held various roles at both building and district levels in Sachem where he served as an assistant superintendent, executive principal of two high schools and principal of one high school before taking on the superintendent of schools responsibilities and title.

Dr. Ruck most recently served as principal of John H. Glenn High School in Elwood, N.Y. for two years, prior to which he was principal of Harrison High School in Westchester for seven years.



Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

In addition, Dr. Ruck has served as the principal of Dobbs Ferry Middle-Senior High School.

He began his career in the Northport Schools in 1968 as a biology teacher and social worker, eventually moving on to hold assistant principal and science chairperson posts within the district.

Dr. Ruck obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Gettysburg College, his Masters Degree from Syracuse University and his Doctorate Degree from Dowling College.

He has actively participated with a number of professional education organizations throughout his career.

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CARNEGIE HALL CONCERT CELEBRATES TZU CHI FOUNDATION'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By **Pauline Chun**

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island Branch, located on Roslyn Road in East Williston, held a concert on Saturday, June 11, in Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, and our New York Chapter's 25th anniversary.

Last year, Tzu Chi's Long Island Branch celebrated its 20th anniversary.

In 1966, the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation started from Taiwan, and

The effort of the volunteers in spreading great love around the world and inspiring lasting compassion will never stop.

now has gone to over 94 countries to provide compassion as well as disaster relief with love and dedication. The effort of the volunteers in spreading great love around the world and inspiring lasting compassion will never stop.

The concert program included three Tzu Chi groups from Long Island, the Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra of Long Island, the Tzu Chi Choir and the Tzu Chi Sign Language Team.

All of the performers in each group were volunteers. They all believe that music has no boundary and is and should be enjoyed by all.

At the beginning, a short video introduced the scope of charity works of the Tzu Chi Foundation around the world.

The video also presented senior official Mr. David L. Myers who delivered a greeting from President Obama to celebrate the 50th Birthday of Tzu Chi Foundation in Hualien, Taiwan in May.

Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra of Long



Island was formed in 2013 by volunteers and parents, with the goal of incorporating humanity into music to cultivate the minds of the young musicians; and in hope to touch more people's heart with their music.

Parent Peggy Wu said, "After learning the core values in the orchestra's humanity class, my daughter Claire becomes more compassionate in helping people. She even saves money in the Tzu Chi bamboo savings bank on a daily basis and donates it to help the needy."

To start the night's program, Tzu Chi Chamber Ensemble performed the "Sutra of Innumerable Meanings".

It was then followed by many beautiful compositions, including Swan Lake, The Phantom of the Opera, Die Meistersinger and Mozart's Symphony No. 40, as well as a selection of Tzu Chi songs.

The programs were conducted

Left, Tzu Chi Sign Language Team of Long Island, mostly formed by Tzu Chi commissioners, vowed to become a living bodhisattvas and lent helping hands to people in need as they presented the song "World of Thousand Hands"; bottom, Conductor Yvonne Cheng proudly presented the Tzu Chi Choir to the audience.



Top, beautiful music played by the Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra of Long Island and conducted by Maestro Carol Kushner earned the applause from the audience; Tzu Chi Choir members use their beautiful singing to express the maternal love and the traveler's gratitude in the "Hymn of the Traveler".

by Maestro Carol Kushner and Eric Stewart. Both conductors are dedicated to each student's development as a unique and integral part of the orchestra. They are delighted and honored to conduct this wonderful group of young musicians at their Carnegie Hall debut which also served as their 3rd Annual Concert.

Our guest artist, Dr. Joanne Chang, is a classical pianist who has performed extensively worldwide as a recitalist, soloist with orchestras and in various chamber music ensembles. She has

been awarded many scholarships and prizes which propelled her career as a pianist on the stages of many major concert halls in five continents.

At the concert, she played three piano pieces by Ernesto Lecuona who was sometimes referred to as the "Cuban Gershwin". Dr. Cheng beautifully bridged the popular music with the classical that the audience loved so much.

With the belief that music beautifies our life and our spirit, members of the Tzu Chi Choir sing not only to al-

In the earlier days, the founder of Tzu Chi Foundation, Venerable Dharma Master Cheng Yen realized there were many hearing impaired families. Tzu Chi volunteers then started to form sign language teams to ease the difficulty in communication when providing assistance with the families.

Sign language draws people closer with the use of body language, and even breaks the language barrier when volunteers provide help in other countries. Sign language has since become part of Tzu Chi's lovely tradition.

The Tzu Chi Sign Language Team of Long Island is mostly formed by Tzu Chi commissioners who commit to lend helping hands to people in need.

In the song "World of Thousand Hands", they emanated the kindness deep from their hearts, and called for the audience to stretch out a helping hand to soothe the ailing people in the world. The performers believe, with thousand helping hands, we will for sure make the world a better place. The action with compassion and love will also turn oneself into a living bodhisattvas to others.

The tireless effort in the past six months cultivated the performers' mindfulness in contributing their best, and helped them to present successfully the music to the audiences.

In addition, they naturally delivered the message Tzu Chi message of kindness and compassion in the concert.

If you want to learn more about the Tzu Chi Foundation and become a volunteer, or if you are interested in our orchestra, please call (516) 873-6888 or contact the Tzu Chi by email at tclicusa@gmail.com

THE WILLISTON PARK POOL - A NEIGHBORHOOD TREASURE

The heat is on in the Willistons and the place to cool off with friends and neighbors is the Williston Park Pool!

Starting each year in June, the residents of Williston Park are able to enjoy the Williston Park Pool every day through Labor Day.

Whether you're a parent or grandparent watching your little ones enjoying the kiddie pool, a teenager "practicing for Rio" on the diving board, or at that time in your life where you just want to do laps and enjoy the shade from a large oak tree, the pool has become a haven for its members.

Each year the pool is managed by



a great office and life guard staff who ensure the safety and enjoyment of all members. Many members of the staff are Williston Park residents and return year after year for summer jobs at the Pool, adding to the friendly nature of the pool.

The Williston Park Pool was the result of the foresight and hard work of the Honorable Roger Fay and the Board of Trustees who obtained the land and laid the groundwork for a Village amenity that has been the delight of generations of Williston Park residents.



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THE VOICE DOES IT "HIS WAY" AT CASSARIANO

It was the perfect way to spend a summer night. The huge wall of doors were all open, the Peroni was flowing and the crowd was enjoying authentic Italian cuisine while watching the next Frank Sinatra come alive.

Sal Valentinetti, a guy from Bethpage, Long Island, recently received the famed Golden Buzzer from Heidi Klum on NBC's hit show America's Got Talent and that was only the beginning of the pandemonium.

Sal Valentinetti has been performing at Cassariano Italian Eatery since late 2015. If you ask any of their patrons they will tell you that his live performance is more than deserving of all the buzz.

Over 26 million Facebook views and other social media outlets have exploded with footage of Sal singing the infamous "My Way" by Frank Sinatra in a way that would bring chills to the biggest Sinatra fan. It is safe to say that

Sal Valentinetti is breaking the Internet, his way.

This scene of warm lighting, large crowds and good times is a common one at Cassariano Italian Eatery in Mineola. William Conte, General Manager and Co-Owner is always on the floor to ensure that your experience at Cassariano is top notch.

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If you are interested in finding out more about this or any other event happening at Cassariano Italian Eatery this summer please contact them at 516-280-8990 or via their website at www.cassarianoNY.com



THE WINTHROP SWIM-A-THON RAISES MORE THAN \$53,000 FOR WINTHROP'S CHILD LIFE PROGRAM

Nearly 175 swimmers made a splash at Winthrop-University Hospital's 15th Annual Swim-a-Thon at Hofstra University's Swim Center.

Participants raised funds for the Hospital's Child Life Program, a program through which certified Child Life Specialists utilize play and education to improve children's understanding of medical procedures, teach relaxation techniques to help young patients cope with illness or surgery, and provide emotional support for the entire family.

The 2016 event raised more than \$53,000, bringing this event's total contributions to the Child Life Program since its inception in 2002 to more than \$400,000.

Participants enjoyed massage therapy



by Licensed Massage Therapist Denise Cooke, RN; live music by Central Beat rock band; crafts provided by Cathy Grossfeld of All about Kids; yoga by Donna Dragani, prizes and more. Saf-T-Swim, Winthrop's proud affiliate in swim training, also joined participants poolside.

"We are grateful for the community's support in making the event such a success, and every lap goes a long way," said Ron Marino, DO, MPH, Associate Chairman and Director of General Pediatrics at Winthrop, and organizer of the annual fundraiser.

Swimmers at the 15th Annual Swim-a-thon to benefit the Child Life Program at Winthrop.

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SEARINGTOWN SCHOOL SPIRIT SHINES AT LIP SYNC CONCERT

As the 2015-16 school year came to a close, Searingtown School gave students the chance to be the audience for a change.

Teachers, administrators and other members of the staff put their stage presence to the test by leading a special lip sync concert.

The stars of the show performed an assortment of popular songs, opening with an upbeat group dance to Justin Timberlake's "Can't Stop the Feeling."

Some with props, others in costume, the staff members followed this number with individual and smaller ensemble renditions of favorites such as Twenty-One Pilots' "Stressed Out," Cyndi Lauper's "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" and many more.

The students were all smiles as they saw their teachers and school leaders in a completely different light.

What a great way to end the school year!



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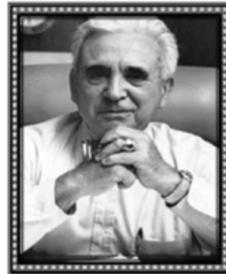
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EAST WILLISTON LIBRARY SUMMER EVENTS: YOU'RE A GOOD MAN CHARLIE BROWN

A beautiful summer night on July 20 brought families and friends to East Williston's Village Green for an outdoor production of "You're a Good

Man Charlie Brown".

Residents of all ages came together to enjoy the characters and plot that appeal to all generation in a lovely out-

door venue.

Children who have not had the opportunity to get to know and love the characters from the Peanuts gang were

able to meet them on the Green and, for some, to see their first live theater production.

Sponsored by the East Williston Public Library, the live performances on the Green have become another tradition that provides an opportunity to get together with neighbors and enjoy an evening out.

Be sure to note the next Summer Event on the Village Green – a special program of "Frogs, Bugs and Animals" that is scheduled for Monday, August 15 at 7:00 P.M (Rain location is the East Williston Village Hall.)

This event is sure to be a hit with children of all ages.



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Through My Lens: Clark Botanic Garden



David Rolnick, a senior horticulturist at Clark Memorial Garden, recently sent us a beautiful folio of photographs of the flowers on display throughout the garden. Entitled "Through My Lens", Mr. Rolnick described the Garden as "a wonderful place to stroll and to contemplate Nature's beauty in a photographer's paradise." We were more than happy to share these photographs with you, and look forward to receiving other photographs from Mr. Rolnick on a regular basis.

Enjoyable as it is to see the photographs, however, we hope that our readers will take up Mr. Rolnick's invitation to stroll through the garden and to contemplate its beauty.

Thank you, David, for this wonderful glimpse into the beauties of this wonderful Garden.



NOTES FROM THE GARDEN



Peonies

If you live on Long Island, you've certainly seen herbaceous peonies blooming in late May and June.

If you have never tried planting them you can be excused for thinking that a plant that produces such enormous, beautiful, intensely fragrant flowers just has to be impossible to grow but, in the case of peonies beauty is also relatively easy, and very tough.

Peonies are pretty close to being a bulletproof plant. They survive extreme frost, their roots go deep so they are relatively drought resistant (although you do have to water them), and they live for a very long time.

Because they are so top-heavy with flowers, you need to give them some support when they are in bloom, but that can be done in early spring, when the first leaves begin to show.

The plants will then grow into the supports. Most garden centers sell circular peony frames, and good ones will last as long as the plants.

As a bonus, the herbaceous varieties die back every fall so, if you plant them along your driveway, once you have cut down the dead growth you have a very convenient place to put the winter snow.



With peonies the initial preparation is everything. You have to dig the beds deep (eighteen inches to two feet is not too much) and you must do a very thorough job of improving the soil. Use lots of compost, and maybe an inch or two of topsoil at the top of the bed.

When you plant the new plants be sure to plant them shallow, so that the

pink buds you will see on the dormant plant are showing (that's where the topsoil comes in handy).

The roots will be long on a quality plant, so be sure that they can go down into soil that you've broken up and enriched.

If you do it right, you will have decades of beautiful flowers to show for an afternoon's work.

One point worth keeping in mind is that these thoughts only apply to herbaceous peonies. The other variety, tree peonies, are also long lived, extremely hardy and very beautiful but, if you plant them, whatever you do don't cut them down in the fall. It will be a long time before they grow back.

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Summer is a great time to enjoy the results of our labors in the garden in fall and spring. It's also a great time to think about new projects, and carrying out long

deferred plans. Here are some thoughts about late summer and fall plantings that will reward you with beauty, and fruit, for many years to come.

and Apple Trees.



An apple tree is a gift that you give to yourself and to future generations. With a little work you can get years of delicious fruit in the fall, and beautiful foliage in the spring.

In addition, when you grow your own, you can determine what sprays and other items you use on your trees, and thus the fruit that you eat.

Fall is really the best time to plant



apple trees, and the rules for success are very simple. The old maxim was "dig a \$10 hole for a \$2 tree" and while there aren't too many good \$2 trees around the principle remains the same.

Dig a deep wide hole (several feet down and several feet wide for a sapling), fill it with enriched soil and compost and plant the tree in an area where it will get sun.

Placing the tree can be an issue on a suburban lot such as many of us have in the Willistons, but even if you are on a 40 or 60 by 100 lot, you can plant an apple tree or two. Recently several varieties of self-pollinating columnar trees have reached garden centers. These trees are compact, growing perhaps two or three feet across and eight to ten feet high.



Another possibility is to choose a self-pollinating dwarf variety of apple tree. You can either place it in your yard with room for it to grow out into the normal tree shape, or plant it against a wall or fence on a trellis, called an espalier.

Here too you get both a decorative planting and really good fruit, because studies have suggested that espaliered fruit trees produce more fruit than those that grow in their normal ball shape.

The people at your garden center will tell you all about pruning the new tree, and a good book will give you an illustration of the steps you need to take the first year or so that the tree is in the ground.

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A SPECIAL HOMECOMING

Recently completing 6 months of basic training in Great Lakes, Illinois, F.N. Tyler Eckoff celebrated his birthday with Mom and Dad, Charlene and Bob Eckoff, before reporting to his new home for 4 years on the USS Gerald Ford in Norfolk, Virginia.
Happy Birthday Tyler!



THE OBER BOYS

Williston Park native and FDNY Member Mike Ober recently had a visit from his 3 boys at his firehouse.

The boys got to see dad's full size Tonka Truck, the famous Tower Ladder from Tower Ladder 124 in Bushwick, and look as happy as can be to share this moment with their proud dad. Thanks for sharing this delightful photo with our readers, Mike. From left are Johnny, Daniel and then Matthew on Mike's lap.



HOLE IN ONE FOR MAYOR EHRBAR!

The Cutchogue Open may not be a well-known golfing event on Long Island, but it is an annual event held in July at the Cedars Golf Course in Cutchogue, New York and enjoyed by four Williston Park families.

The Flemings, Ehrbars, Novellinos and Griffins played their 27th Open this July. Mayor Paul Ehrbar is a reluctant participant, but has endured the event for nearly three decades.

This year on the final hole of a four round, two-day event, on hole # 9, Paul teed up the ball, struck it firmly and we all watched it sail straight to the green, bounce twice and drop into the cup.

Congratulations, Paul on your hole-in-one! Good luck next year!



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

By **Bob Valentine**

We are happy to see a weekly "Farmers Market" on Fridays at the American Legion Post on Willis Avenue and Sundays at Copperhill Restaurant. There the community will be able to buy fresh vegetables that are in season. But did you know that you could do just that every day, at the Rushmore Farms stand? Located at the south corner of Dartmouth Street and Willis Avenue, it is now the parking lot of St. John's Church.

The Rushmore family once had a farm in the Roslyn area but by the mid 1900's they had sold it and moved to East Williston. Their simple farm stand, as pictured October 1953, is all that remained.



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NOTES FROM THE WINE CELLAR

Chasing Lions Cabernet Sauvignon

By Gregory Munder

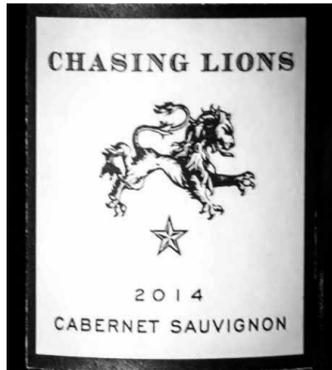
This has been such a hot summer, and it would seem appropriate to discuss thirst quenching white wines.

However, if you are like me, you have been grilling frequently throughout the season.

For some of you, that means meat, and for some folks like me, that means veggies and mushrooms. This column is dedicated to the red meat and mushroom lovers.

Chasing Lions is a recent discovery of mine that has been gracing many backyards and dining rooms.

I simply can't get enough of it. Since I started learning more about wine I have been fortunate to sample some higher-end vintages from famed



producers such as Stag's Leap Cellars "Artemis" and Grgich Hills Cabernet Sauvignon.

While both of these wines run north of \$40, this fantastic find from Napa Valley tends to run around \$15

a bottle.

The nearly unbelievable part is just how delicious and satisfying Chasing Lions is at this price. Wine lovers will look at you when they taste it, absolutely agog that you opened this wine for them.

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This wine goes as well with quality burgers as it does with steaks, but my particular favorite is how well it goes with Portobello mushrooms.

If you allow your meat or mushrooms to marinate in a cup of wine before grilling the best qualities of Chasing Lions can infuse them.

Chasing Lions is a big Cabernet, which means that, on the color and boldness chart, it ranks highest of the noble grapes.

My friends and I agree that the quality we tend to like so much about it is the "fattiness" of the mouthfeel.

While it isn't aggressively tannic, the wine is bold and fruit forward.

Although it tastes great alone, for your first time drinking it, I suggest pairing it with food, and of course with a table full of friends.

Whatever you choose, I hope you lift a glass soon!

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, JUST MINUTES AWAY.

By Raymond Haller

Where on Long Island can you race a car at 80 miles an hour and not get a speeding ticket? I'll tell you where--Slots-a-Lot Raceway located in Franklin Square.

Slots-a-Lot is Long Island's oldest and largest slot car racing facility, where compact cars race around your choice of three 150 foot long tracks. There is also a simulated quarter-mile dragstrip and the top speed recorded so far is 110 miles per hour--pretty fast for an indoor track.

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Slots-a-Lot is a place for the entire family to have fun. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, the fun and excitement that comes from racing your car and watching others (or competing against them) is thoroughly entertaining.

Slots-a-Lot is owned by Frank Galalis of Williston Park. Frank is an active member of the Williston Park Rotary Club, continues to play an active role in the Boy Scouts of America and owns his own horse.

Frank recently invited the entire Rotary Club over for a night of racing. Frank was gracious enough to supply pizza, other food and beverages while members raced each other around the tracks. Frank had the whole evening organized. We all were racing to the finish line as we were competing for medals.

The first place winner won the gold medal and the second and third took the silver and bronze. As you can see from the pictures, we all had a great time and really didn't want to go home.

So if you're looking for a fun evening out, you can call Slots-a-Lot at 516-253-5379 or go to their website at: www.slotsalotracerway.com for racing times and directions.

If you visit the website, there is a five dollar off coupon per racer for track time on your first visit. The first twenty people from Williston Park or



East Williston who race at Slots-a-Lot will be entered in a special drawing sponsored by The Williston Post for your very own racecar and controller.

This is a one-time only drawing with a value of \$165. Slots-a-Lot is one place where you can feel like a kid again, and boy did that feel good. So for an afternoon of family fun and excitement, and an updated "blast from the past," race on over and see Frank at Slots-a-Lot!

By the way, did you know that there was once a raceway much like Slots-a-Lot in Williston Park? If you can tell me what current day business is in the building where the Raceway was, you will win a free \$10.00 gift certificate for track time at Slots-a-Lot compliments of the Williston Post. The first correct answer will be the winner. Send your guess to contests@thewillistonpost.com, and Happy Racing!!!!



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A GREAT TOURNAMENT SEASON FOR EAST WILLISTON LITTLE LEAGUE 10U BOYS TEAM

The Williston Post joins the East Williston Little League and some very proud parents in congratulating their 10U Boys baseball team, the Wildcats, for an outstanding performance in the 2016 Williamsport Tournament.

They started by winning the Tournament for District 28, made up of teams from the East Williston, Williston Park, Manhasset, Merrillon, Port Washington and Albertson-Herricks Little Leagues.

The tournament was hosted by East Williston, with all games played at Devlin Park Field. The Wildcats outscored the opposition 44-9 and earned the eighth District Championship in East Williston Little League history.

The team then moved on to the Sectional Competition where they defeated Oceanside but ultimately lost to Massapequa in the rubber game of a three game series.

This talented team was led by pitcher Bryan McCleary, who displayed excellent control and velocity. Reliever Michael Santarelli was a reliable closer, and Catcher James Tercynzski was on the receiving end of the battery and



Back row: Coaches Chris Desarno, Larry McCleary, Mike Rosenberg, Chuck Santarelli
Front Row: Christian Azzara, Michael Santarelli, Peter Vitucci, Evan Sheinman, Patrick Desarno, Bryan McCleary, Dylan Rosenberg, Daniel Tifano, Louis Baldasano, James Tercynzski, Daniel Gillette.

was an outstanding backstop throughout the tournament.

On the occasions where the opponents made contact with the ball, the defense answered the call with a wall of talent that committed only two errors over the four games of the District Tournament. Outfielders Evan Sheinman, Peter Vitucci, Louis Baldasano,

and Daniel Tufano all made spectacular plays which made the games exciting to watch. The infield was equally impressive, with Dylan Rosenberg at Shortstop and Patrick Desarno at 2nd Base making light work of ground balls and turning double plays that would capture the attention of any scout. Steady hands at the corners with

Christian Azzara and Daniel Gillette alternating at 1st Base and Michael Santarelli at 3rd Base also provided the pitching staff with the confidence to throw their best stuff to opposing hitters.

At the plate the Wildcats also looked terrific, including an impressive 11-0 shutout of Manhasset (with a 7 run 2nd inning) to win the District Championship.

Bryan McCleary and Christian Azzara registered one HR each, while several extra-base hits were collected by many, including Michael Santarelli, Dylan Rosenberg, Peter Vitucci, Patrick Desarno and James Tercynzski. Opposing pitchers could not catch a break in the lineup as many rallies were sparked by leadoff hits and smart base running from the bottom of the batting order.

All in all it was a great season, played with great skill and enormous heart.

These young players are just at the start of their Tournament careers, and it's appropriate to say "Wait 'til next year" because we know that we will be hearing from them again and again.

PIRATES T BALL

Elsewhere in this edition of The Williston Post we were able to report on the great post season of the 10U Boys Tournament Team, the East Williston Wildcats.

Here is a younger version of that same team, the T-Ball Pirates Team at their trophy ceremony to end the season.

We suspect that we will be seeing more of these young players as they advance through the East Williston program but for now it's just nice to see a photo of young kids who had a terrific time playing baseball.

Congratulations and thanks to the coaches who obviously did so much to make this season a great one for these young players.



Back row coaches, left to right: Coach Jimmy, Coach Mike and Coach John.
Back row kids left to right: Julian, Michael, Seth, Max, Ethan, Josh.
Front row left to right: Jimmy, "Jonesy", Sydney, Bennett, Jack, Gabriel, Jack.

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COMMON COURTESY - NOT FORGOTTEN, I HOPE!

By **Raymond Haller**

I was walking along Hillside Avenue last weekend, going in and out of the shops, and something I really never expected to see took me by surprise.

I held the door open for a woman to enter the store when two young gentlemen scooted by her to get through the door before her. The woman looked at the two boys as I did, and she turned to me and said thank you. I also said you're welcome and in the same breath I said to her, chivalry isn't dead. With that, she laughed and went into the store.

I thought about this, and asked myself "what's the matter with those two?"

Growing up in Williston Park, we were taught certain things in school and by mom and dad, and we did them without thinking about it.

One of them was holding a door open for people, and not just women or senior citizens. If someone dropped something, we would pick it up for them. Opening a door, giving your

seat to an older person or a pregnant woman on a bus, a train or in church was just something that we did.

It goes without saying, of course, that if someone else was holding a door open for someone we would not have imagined scooting ahead of that person to go through.

These things, or helping someone across the street, carrying a package to a car or bringing it to a person's front door takes less than a minute but it was part of an act of kindness that was expected of us. These acts were known to me as chivalry then, and I suppose that the concept went back to medieval times, but now it's just a matter of common courtesy.

Respect for your elders and acts of kindness are something that was taught to us by our parents and something that we just did. Even in grammar school at St. Aidan's, I can remember when the principal, a priest or the teacher entered the classroom, we would stand up and we always said good morning or afternoon to that person.

I'm not sure whether this practice



continues today, although I would like to believe that it does, but call it what you want, it comes down to common courtesy and respect for your elders.

One Saturday I went to purchase groceries in a local store. The lines were long, even at the express check-out, and as I began to unload my cart there was a lady behind me with three items in her hands. I stopped what I was doing and offered to let her go ahead of me. She hesitated for a moment, but then said that it would be nice, and she thanked me. I let the next three people behind me

go ahead, which was no big deal and probably took 3 to 4 minutes of my time, but all of them were very grateful for just a simple act of kindness.

I can't see what all the kerfuffle is about. Call it common courtesy or chivalry, it isn't as common as it used to be.

The instinct to perform small acts of kindness may not have been forgotten, but I sometimes think that, somewhere along the line, these values have not been passed from generation to generation.

Yes, we're all very busy, and the pace of life can be overwhelming, but it would be a shame if that somehow eliminated the small acts of kindness that are such an enriching part of life. If you think about it it's rare that the needs of your day should actually prevent you from doing something nice for a stranger, and the rewards are so great, not only for the person receiving the kindness but for you.

It's simple - show an act of kindness to someone and feel the sun shine in return. After all, isn't that what life is all about?

MINEOLA SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

"Dance & Drama"

By **Aislinn Oliveri & Frank Oliveri**

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Due to the high enrollment and varied interest by the students a dance program was added, which included jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and a choreography class.

The accompanying photographs illustrate the students' performances in selections from "Aladdin" and "Beauty and the Beast" as well as the dedicated student volunteers and teachers who made the program such a success.



TAVERNA 38 – A NEW LOOK AND AUTHENTIC GREEK FOOD

After a brief stint as eclectic Mediterranean spot Xarello, partners Claudio Peralta and John Alexopoulos took a slight turn to traditional Greek dishes at Taverna 38.

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entrance, along with a glowing New York Times review, have transformed Taverna 38, at 38 Hillside Avenue, into another fabulous addition to Williston Park's "Restaurant Row" revival.

The two partners share very impressive resumes, and came to Wil-

liston Park knowing, and wanting to continue, the warm welcoming atmosphere that the former Ivy Cottage was known for.

John Alexopoulos said that he and Claudio hoped to create a place whose vibe was warm and inviting. "It's about 'philoxenia'" he said, using the ancient Greek word for hospitality, "making the stranger feel like a friend."

Claudio Peralta worked at Picholine for almost 18 years; John joined him in that dining room after a decade at the formal French restaurant Lespinasse (in the St. Regis Hotel) as well as stints at such world class restaurants

as Alain Ducasse, Molyvos, Bouley and Del Posto.

Taverna 38 offers a wide range of traditional Greek dishes, excellent grilled meats and fresh from the boat grilled fish all of which can be accompanied by selections from a well-priced wines list.

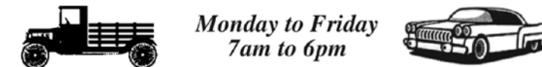
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A NOTE FROM A READER

We don't publish letters to the editor, as a general rule, but occasionally we receive a note that we would like to share with our readers.

The accompanying note that we received from Louise Schwarzchild of Clark Botanic Garden is one of them. She described our purpose for putting out this newspaper in the last paragraph - transforming "residents into neighbors, neighbors into friends."

That's what we set out to do, and we are encouraged to think that we are succeeding. Thank you for the kind words, Louise.

"To All of You..."

Thank you for your most generous support and assistance in the area of public relations for the Clark Botanic Garden and its Auxiliary as well as all the fundraising efforts of the Franceschini family for pediatric cancer and colon cancer research and education.

Believe me, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your help!

Each and everyone of you are so special. I say that not because of what you have helped me with in my public relations activities, but how you are reaching out and touching the hearts of those living in the Willistons and beyond.

This paper, through your hard work, is bringing our communities, and its people, together. The Williston Post is creating residents into neighbors, neighbors into friends. In this day and age, we definitely need this outreach.

- Louise"

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Coaches will contact their players when they receive their rosters. There is no guarantee that your player will be placed on a requested team.

Games begin Columbus Day weekend and are usually scheduled for any-

time on Saturday or Sundays but may be during the week as well.

The season runs through the end of the year with playoffs following for those teams eligible.

Please contact Matthew Miller with any questions at mattmanc@op-tonline.net.

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