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# Annual Concerts by Tzu Chi Foundation Voiced the Giving Spirit of Volunteers

By **Pauline Chun**

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island Branch held two annual Concerts in May and June by the Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra Long Island.

We believe music is a common language and it is a tool to beautify one's our life and uplift our spirit. Most importantly, with the tireless efforts of every devoted volunteer in preparing these events for the Orchestra and choir members, we strengthened our bonds and concepts in selfless giving. Together, we can make the world a better place.

On May 20, Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra Long Island performed their 4th annual Concert in Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University.

Choosing a performance location in the eastern part of Long Island was a supporting act to the newly established LI Tzu Chi Branch in Setauket, with the hope of not only drawing more audiences to this free Concert but also uniting the hearts of volunteers from the East.

Thanks to the skills of 25 string and flute players onstage, together with the effort of conductors Maestro Carol Kushner, Eric Stewart and Debbie Shen, the Tzu Chi Youth Orchestra made another resounding success with exciting music for all.

Stirring concert pieces such as The Light Cavalry Overture by Franz Von Suppé; and the Divertimento in D major by Mozart were applauded by many. The song "Love Illustrates the World" was performed in song by the choir, and in sign, along with support from Orchestra performers.

Recently, the Orchestra completed a one week Southern California Concert Tour to Tzu Chi Headquarter in San Dimas; and to other Tzu Chi branch offices in California. They held eight Concerts to spread the seeds of love among nursing home, hospital, and medical clinic patients, as well as to childcare centers.



The youngsters also participated in community service projects, such as Tzu Chi Mobile Food Pantry Program in Indian Springs High School in San Bernardino, California. On that day, Orchestra members helped in distributing fresh produce to the low income families; and entertained them with

extremely well played music. The Orchestra was also invited to perform at the Hollywood Backlot Stage in Disneyland. Our excited young musicians brought beautiful music and inspiration to audiences from all corners of the United States. Mr. John Hoppking, from Kentucky,

video recorded the entire performance, while Mr. and Mrs. Applebaum with their 7 years old daughter, Kristy enjoyed the Concert from the beginning to the end. The wonderful performance inspired Kristy who said she would practice her flute harder at home. The tour was truly an unforgettable experience, with fun filled activities, for each of the Orchestra members.

On June 4th, the 1st annual Concert of the Tzu Chi Choir took place at the Tzu Chi office in East Williston. It was definitely an important event to all the members of this newly established Choir.

Our Hall was packed with long time Tzu Chi supporters, and family members of the 22 Choir members.

In order to make this event a warm family event, Tzu Chi volunteers provided a very delicately planned refreshment reception after the Concert. Volunteers from the Tzu Chi flower arrangement team helped to decorate the area, while other volunteers created new recipes and prepared the food with the Tzu Chi Jing Si products such as instant rice and multi-grain mix, to make healthy sushi and pastries.

All the Choir members were impressed by the tireless support of the volunteers. In return for these efforts, the Choir rewarded every one with ten beautiful songs like You Raise Me Up, The Sky of Taipei, Joy of Snow, The Song from Mt. Ali, and many others. We all believe that, with music, we can make the world a better place for each other.

At present, both the Orchestra and Choir are actively recruiting new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the Tzu Chi Foundation Long Island Office by telephone at 516-873-6888 or by email to tcliusa@gmail.com. More information will be provided for audition and practice time.

# The Rotary Club of Williston Park Holds Their Annual Installation Dinner

On Wednesday evening June 21st the Rotary Club of Williston Park held their annual installation dinner at Piccolo's Ristorante on East Jericho Turnpike.

The following new officers were inducted for the coming year: Frank Oliveri will serve as the President, Karen Signoraci Suero will be the Vice President, Rosemary Graziano will be the Secretary, Angela Williams and Manny Lopez will be Co-Treasurers and Richard Dierlam will be the Sergeant at Arms. Rev. Christina van Liew of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection and Mary Jo Love will serve as Chaplains.

Past Presidents Nancy Zolezzi and Karen Wiley swore in Frank Oliveri as the new President and outgoing President Raymond Haller swore in the



new team of Officers.

Two other Rotarians received significant awards at the annual dinner.

Louise Schwarzchild was awarded Rotarian of the Year for her fine work throughout the year and Frank Oliveri



received the Paul Harris Fellowship, one of Rotary International's highest honors.

The members of the Rotary would like to thank the Franceschini family and their staff for a great evening.



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# East Williston Remembers Bob Campagna

By James Daw

East Williston lost a great man when Bob Campagna died on June 16. I lost a friend. Bob exemplified the Lincoln quotation on the Village Green, as a man who was truly “proud of the place in which he lived,” and he backed that sentiment with more than two decades of dedicated public service as the Village Building Inspector, and as the guiding force behind the Village Hall which greets everyone who enters our Village.

For Bob, his chosen profession, architecture, was not merely a job, but a calling. He told me many times that he viewed architecture as a public responsibility to make the places he worked more beautiful, more welcoming, and he did that throughout the more than 30 years that I knew him, in East Williston and beyond. He exemplified a quotation he once read to me from his favorite architect, Frank Lloyd Wright—“we create our buildings and then they create us. Likewise, we construct our circle of friends and our communities and then they construct us.”

Bob loved East Williston from the moment he first saw the Village. He moved here with his wife, Vivian, and raised his children Michael, Matthew, and Elise here. Bob based his practice here, working with his daughter Elise. As Building Inspector he saw his responsibility as more than being simply a bureaucratic checkpoint. He was incredibly generous with his time and would spend countless hours going over plans with residents, answering questions and making suggestions. Instead of simply saying “no” he would say “how about if you tried this” which invariably gave the resident a better project than the one submitted. He wanted to make sure that, to the extent possible, East Williston remained the same Village that he moved to because he loved the look and feel of the place.

His own designs were mirrored that desire—his new buildings fit the streetscapes for which they were de-



signed and made them even better, while his renovations were seamless, with the new work fitting precisely with what had been there before. His was a sunny personality, and his buildings were notable for using windows to take maximum advantage of natural light. The lobby of the Village Hall is a warm place on the coldest of days because it is such a light and airy space.

The Village Hall itself is a lasting testament to his vision and love for East Williston. He was presented with a simple problem, the need to make our upper floor meeting room accessible to all residents, including the older residents who contribute so much to Village life. It was his idea, drawn on research into the history of the building, to bring back a clock tower that had been part of the original Village Hall, and to use it to house an elevator, not only addressing a problem but creating a place of great beauty as well.

Mayor Tanner expressed the high regard the Village had for Bob when he gave him the annual Memorial Day Mayor’s Award. In announcing Bob’s passing the Mayor wrote that “our Village family has lost a good friend and a passionate public servant. Bob helped us build our dreams.” Bob was a true friend to his colleagues in the Village Office and they truly were an office family. Marie Kimlicka remembers his constant smile, warm personality and “on target” sense of humor. Bonnie Kreisman remembers his openheartedness for his family, his friends and his community. Mike Delury remembers as a new member of the staff being “adopted immediately” because “there was always room for another friend or extended family member.”

On June 21st, the Village said good bye to Bob with a New Orleans style jazz funeral procession and a pizza party on the Green, within sight of the Village Hall. That procession and party expressed the second half of the Lincoln quote because not only was Bob proud of where he lived, he lived so that his place was proud of him.

# A Summer of Learning at Herricks



The school year officially ended, but learning has continued into the summer at Herricks.

The inaugural Herricks Summer Art Camp was held from June 26-30 at Herricks High School for students entering grades 1-5.

Each day, under the direction of art teacher Allyson Zebrowski, participants learned about various forms of art and techniques as they made their own masterpieces. They explored printmaking in the style of Andy Warhol, Scratch Art, book making, photography, sponge painting, watercolor painting and more. They even designed and constructed their own rain stick musical instruments.

Camp Invention, which took place at Searingtown School from June 24-30, was open to all students in the district entering grades 3-5.

During the course of the week, students used recycled materials to experience

hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics. Under the guidance of Herricks teachers and Elementary Math and Science Coordinator Neepea Redito, students engaged in various activities that involved problem solving, collaboration and critical thinking. They invented duct tape products, which they pitched to classmates in a Duct Tape Billionaire activity, made models of planets going into orbit and launched rockets in Mission Space Makers workshops, built alarm boxes using old machines in Operation Keep Out sessions and made innovative use of physics in Have a Blast programs.

Pre-K through ninth-graders are currently involved in the YMCA Summer Recreation Program, which is being held at Denton Avenue School and Herricks Middle School until Aug. 11. Activities include arts and crafts, computers, dramatics, music, sports, swimming, field trips and other special events.



Clockwise from top left, Summer Art Camp students show off the instruments they created; Camp Invention participants create alarm boxes out of recycled, nonworking items such as old speakers; Third-grader Meagan O’Hara displays a painting she created in Art Camp; A group of Camp Invention students put their planet model into orbit. Photos courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

# Rotary Holds Reverse Raffle

On June 9th, the members of the Williston Park Rotary Club held their Reverse Raffle at the American Legion Post 144 Hall. It was a great evening of fun, music, dancing, great food from Dominick's Catering and, oh yes, several lucky people won some money.

A reverse raffle awards the main prize to the last ticket holder called, so the suspense goes on all night but, as always, it was the chance to spend time with friends that was the spirit of the evening.

The members thank everyone who bought tickets for this event for their support. Projects such as the Francis Love Memorial Scholarship reported on elsewhere in this edition of The Williston Post are made possible by this community support, and the Rotarians are grateful for this help from our friends and neighbors.



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# Summer Gardening Tips - July

Weed, water, prune and enjoy are the watchwords for July gardening!

Don't you wish your flowers, herbs and vegetables flourished as well as your garden weeds?

Stay ahead of the weeds by spending a few minutes regularly to remove them, rather than having to spend hours on the task. Weeds compete for scarce water in the hot summer and crowd out your flowering annuals and vegetables.

If you haven't already laid out mulch, add some now to suppress weed growth and preserve moisture.

Watering is important as the days get hotter and rainfall becomes scarce. Try to avoid top watering flowers and vegetables – use drip soaker hoses to water the roots instead. This is a more responsible use of water and one that is particularly beneficial for the plants.

Your lawns should be watered about twice a week unless it is unusually hot. Be sure to water early in the day to avoid having most of the water evaporate.

Now is the time to ensure that your perennials, roses and flowering bushes that provided such beautiful displays in May and June are prepared for a long, hot summer and are gathering the nutrition they need for next year's successful season.

If you haven't already pruned roses, rhododendrons and flowering lilacs be sure to do it now. Remove dead flowers and prune the bushes to avoid rampant growth. This is also the time to prune evergreens if necessary.

For those who are lucky enough to have blueberry or raspberry bushes, strawberry plants or other berries, be sure to pick the fruit daily so that you can enjoy it before the birds have a feast!

Herbs are also ready to be picked to enliven your meals. If your herb garden is particularly successful, many herbs can be dried or frozen, and saved for the bleak days of winter.

Vegetables should be growing fast now – tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers,



etc. Stake your tomatoes and monitor cucumber, squash and pumpkin vines so that they don't overtake your gar-

den. Longer vines can be pruned to encourage plants to produce more flowers and fruit.

Enjoy your flowering annuals, hanging baskets and early vegetables, but mostly, enjoy your summer!



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# Herricks Middle School Makes Birthdays Special for Children In Need

As the school year ended, the helping hands and caring hearts of approximately 150 Herricks Middle School students came together to assemble packages for the Birthday Wishes volunteer organization.

They gathered in the building's cafeteria and worked together to create gifts that will turn into lasting memories.

Birthday Wishes provides birthday parties for homeless children in more than 200 homeless shelters and transitional living facilities on Long Island as well as areas outside of New York State. The group believes that all children, regardless of

their living situation, should celebrate their birthdays joyfully, surrounded by family, friends and others who care.

Herricks Middle School students and staff members were excited for the opportunity to be part of this meaningful effort.

They filled boxes with all the ingredients for a happy birthday: Plates, napkins, goodie bags, candles, streamers, balloons, gifts and most importantly, kindness.

All items were donated by students, school families and staff members. Hand-made cards were also included in each "Birthday in a Box."



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# The Willistons Celebrate the Glorious Fourth

The Fourth of July is always a special holiday in the Willistons. This year many of us were able to enjoy an extended holiday weekend as well. Saturday evening was marked by the always spectacular fireworks display at Wheatley Hills. We had the chance to spend time with family and friends, and the

Fourth itself was observed with a traditional small town parade in Williston Park, led by our veterans and enjoyed by spectators along the parade route.

Weekends like this are just another illustration of why we are so very lucky to live here.



# "Hears" To You: Are Your Ears Ringing???? Revolutionary Treatment for Tinnitus Sufferers

By Carolyn M. Genna, AuD, FAAA

Tinnitus is a hearing condition often described as a chronic ringing, hissing or buzzing in the ears. In almost all cases this is a subjective phenomenon that can only be perceived by the person with the condition.



Some people know when their tinnitus starts. They wake up one morning or

In addition to the different types of tinnitus sounds (e.g., ringing, hissing, buzzing, "wooshing", high-pitched tone) the frequency or pitch as well as the loudness of tinnitus can vary from person to person.

In some cases, a person may experience more than one type of tinnitus and they can also report that their tinnitus varies in pitch or volume within the same day, between days, depending on levels of stress, or their environment.

Tinnitus can be described as being unilateral (left or right ear), bilateral, or in some cases, it is described as being "within the head" or "outside."

experience an event that creates this terrible ringing sound that won't go away.

For others, it feels like the tinnitus crept up on them and they are not sure when it actually started. Tinnitus can start suddenly, build up gradually or come and go, but there are various possible causes, with some being common, and some rare.

By far, the most common cause of tinnitus is hearing loss due to ageing or noise trauma (e.g. from a work environment, music, or exposure to loud sounds). In these cases, tinnitus is thought to develop as a result of changes to the auditory brain as the brain attempts to compensate for hearing damage.

Our brains normally have the capacity to adapt and change. However, in some cases, they can change in ways that lead to undesirable outcomes. In the case of tinnitus it is believed that the hearing brain becomes too excitable leading to the perception of sound that is not caused by the outside world.

Hearing loss can initiate a process wherein the auditory cortex (the highest region of the hearing brain) attempts to compensate for reduced input. Our brain has the power to change and adapt, and the hearing brain is no different. The problem is that in some cases, the adaptation can make the hearing brain overactive, even when no external sound is present. This can contribute to the development of tinnitus.

Unfortunately, it is not just a matter of too much activity. The way the hearing brain processes information can also change. Our brain makes sense of different frequencies in sound, but with hearing loss, our ability to hear and process certain frequencies is reduced. In the hearing brain, this can also lead to changes where certain frequencies take over the ones we cannot hear as well.

There are still other changes that have been linked to tinnitus. What makes tinnitus so challenging to treat is that the changes can vary from person to person. This is indicated by differences in what their tinnitus sounds like.

Recent research has led to a greater understanding of how tinnitus is related to changes in our hearing brain. This has allowed the development of sound therapies that can provide the hearing brain with the type of sound input it needs to reduce tinnitus over time.

These forms of sound therapy must be customized to the individual tinnitus sufferer. Sound Options falls under this category and uses the most comprehensive customization by taking into account a person's hearing and tinnitus profile and making use a computational model of the hearing brain.

The brain that causes tinnitus can be the brain that helps you manage it. The sound therapy can provide your hearing brain with the type of sound input it needs to help reduce the tinnitus over time. This is thought to happen through the same brain plasticity mechanisms that contributed to your tinnitus in the first place. Because we are able to take your hearing profile and tinnitus profile into account, we can then use the same mechanisms to reduce the tinnitus being caused by changes to your hearing brain.

Dr. Genna is proud to announce that her office is one of only five on Long Island and in the 5 boroughs authorized to provide Sound Options Tinnitus Treatment.

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# What a Difference a Year Makes! St. Aidan's Stallions Are Middle School Catholic League Champions

Last year we had the pleasure of telling our readers about the introductory season of the St. Aidan's Middle School baseball team, the Stallions.

The team had a great season and, although it wasn't a winning one, the coaches and players realized that they had built the foundation for a winning program.

This year, in what was only their second season in the Catholic Middle School Baseball League, the "Stallions" of St Aidan's took the Catholic Middle School League Championship.

In 2017, St. Aidan's fielded two middle school teams, with each team a mix of both 7th and 8th grade players. The teams played other schools in the League, and even played against each other in scheduled games. The teams split their two game season series with each team earning a win!

It is certainly a tribute to the popularity of the program that St. Aidan's was able to field two competitive teams this year.

The St Aidan's "Blue" team finished with 10 wins and 2 losses for the league crown while St Aidan's "Red" finished third with 7 wins and 5 losses.

Both teams played in the very competitive CMSAA baseball league. The team played such powerhouses as Kellenberg Latin School in Uniondale and St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

St Aidan's Blue Manager Ken Solosky was very proud and pleased with the St. Aidan's baseball program performance. The "Stallions" played an incredibly exciting brand of baseball and had several come-from-behind wins to pace their season. Their "never give up" attitude was the basis for many of their victories

The 2017 St. Aidan's Blue team was managed by Ken Solosky, along with Mike and Tony Cavallaro. The team consisted of Jack Lane, Aidan Scott, Colin Fisch, George Sekavec,



Peter Murphy, Patrick Solosky, William Cavallaro, Patrick Mavrakis, John McCune, Patrick O'Gara and Michael Crespo.

The 2017 St Aidan's Red Team was

managed by Gerard Arnold. The team consisted of Nick Ungania, Michael Nutley, Jack Mackay, Kieran Gilbert, Joe Allard, Joe Mariani, Joe Arnold, TJ McManus, Chris Marotta, Joseph

Franzini, Gianfranco Niola and Robert Dimilia

The pitching staff consisted of Patrick Mavrakis, Patrick Solosky, Jack Lane, Aidan Scott, Peter Murphy, Patrick O'Gara Nick Ungania, Michael Nutley, TJ McManus and Chris Marotta. The starting catchers for Blue and Red respectively were Colin Fisch and Joe Arnold.

As was the case last year, when asked to sum up their season, most of the players simply said that is was "fun", which is really all that baseball can and should be.

The boys really enjoyed playing for their school with their friends, and Manager Solosky was proud to describe what he saw as the team's greatest achievement, when one of his players told him that the 7th and 8th grade boys had become friends largely as a result of St Aidan's baseball and that their school spirit soared as a result.

Put this successful season in the books, and here is to many more seasons of great baseball from St. Aidan's!

## The U10 East Williston Wildcats Are District Champions

It's been quite a season for East Williston baseball. The East Williston Little League U10 team beat Port Washington 14-8 to win the New York District 28 Championship! Thanks to all who came down to Devlin Field to show your support!! The team will now also move on to the Sectional round of the 2017 Williamsport Little League Tournament.

Let's go Wildcats!



## Brianna O'Brien State Champion in the 3000 Meters



Graduating Wheatley Senior Brianna O'Brien capped her high school track career as the New York Division 2 3,000 Meter Champion with a time of 10:04.66.

Brianna will be attending the University of Connecticut next year, and we wish her many additional successes, as an athlete and a scholar, in the years to come. Congratulations Brianna!

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# The Williston Post Congratulates the Classes of 2017



### Herricks High School Graduation

On June 22, Herricks High School's Class of 2017 moved onward and upward during the 58th annual commencement ceremony, as they celebrated years of accomplishments and a fresh start filled with boundless opportunities.

Herricks High School PTSA Co-Presidents Debbie Imperatore and Rosemarie Polo presented farewell remarks to the graduates. Salutatorian Alan Chen addressed his classmates, as did Student Government representative Joseph Carmody, and Valedictorian Setu Mehta.

Before the evening concluded, members of the Class of 2017 took part in the symbolic "turning of the tassels," representative of their new designation as graduates. They fervently tossed their caps upward, signifying their enthusiasm for the next phases of their journeys.

### Mineola High School Commencement 2017

On Saturday June 24th Mineola High School held their Commencement Exercise. Ms. Sandra Pinto was this year's Valedictorian and Ms. Elizabeth Ryan was this year's Salutatorian.

### Wheatley High School Commencement

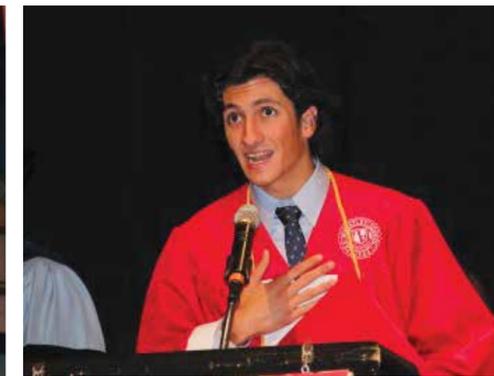
On Sunday, June 18, Wheatley's Class of 2017 celebrated Wheatley's 60th Commencement Exercises. It was a wonderful ceremony filled with outstanding student speeches and musical performances.

Class President Jakob Gilbert welcomed the proud parents and guests. Honor Essays were delivered by Michelle Lin, Laura D'Angelo and Lianna Golden.

Musical Performances by Wheatley students included "Here Comes the Sun", "Astonishing" from "Little Women" and the familiar "Rondeau" by Jean Joseph Mouret.

Dr. Feeney presented the Class of 2017, their diplomas were awarded by the Board of Education Trustees, and Dr. Feeney then delivered closing remarks.

It has been our pleasure over the past three years to share stories of the successes and growth of these wonderful young people. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors, and congratulate them, and their parents and families, on the start of what will certainly be lives of service and high achievement.



# Herricks Highlander Mike Saleme Plays in Empire Challenge

Herricks High School congratulates 2017 graduate and varsity football player Mike Saleme for his excellence on the field at the 22nd annual Empire Challenge Game, held on June 21 at Hofstra University's Shuart Stadium.

Also known as the Boomer Bowl, this annual event features the Long Island All-Stars vs. the NYC All-Stars, and represents the best of the best in high school football.

Each year, coaches select the top high school football athletes from Long Island to compete against those



from New York City. Mike is the first Herricks Highlander to have been selected and represented his district and community with outstanding sportsmanship and skill.

New York City beat Long Island

37-35 on a last-minute field goal.

Mike started the game at wide receiver and had one reception for 10 yards. He also played on special teams.

Mike is one of the most prolific receivers in Herricks history. He totaled

75 receptions for 1165 yards and 14 TDs for his career.

Mike will go on to play Division I football at Stony Brook next year.

*Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools*



# Cameron Stalters Claims All-American Honors at 2017 NCAA Division II Outdoor Championships

Proud grandmother Carolyn Stalters tells us that her grandson, Fitchburg State University Sophomore Cameron Stalters, was named a Division II All-American in the Javelin throw at the 2017 Outdoor Track and Field National Championships.

Cameron is the son of Brian and

Gretchen Stalters of Massachusetts, and grandson of Carolyn and the late Thomas Stalters of Williston Park.

Cameron placed first overall in the Javelin with a toss of 64.35 meters at the Spire Institute in Geneva Ohio. Earlier in the season he collected several Conference of New England ac-

colades and recently placed 2nd in the Open New England championships at Williams College.

Congratulations to this young athlete. We hope to be able to continue to share his successes with our readers.



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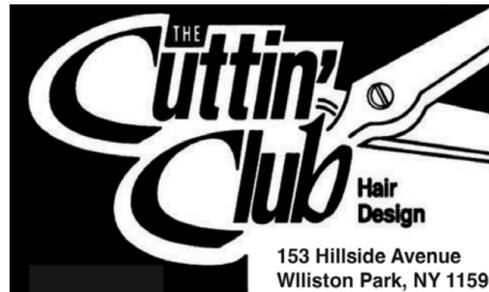
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# Herricks Students Earn High Scores on National French Contest

Herricks High School students attained exceptional results on Le Grand Concours, or the National French Contest, administered by the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). They were among the top scorers of all test-takers nationally and locally and reflected a strong interest in and passion for foreign language learning. Le Grand Concours is a national competition in which students have the option of participating each year they study French. More than 85,000 students in all 50 states competed in the 2017 event.

Six Herricks students ranked in the top ten in the entire nation at their respective levels, and were also among the best in Nassau County. At Level 2, freshman Derek Chen earned a perfect score and placed first in the nation. Kristen Aloysius and Carrie Hsu achieved second-place and Vandana Menser and Mary Tsahas, all freshmen, took third both nationally and in Nassau County.

At Level 3, sophomore Christina Kim placed seventh in the county. Representing Level 5, junior Aashna Brahmhatt earned a fourth-place spot nationally and a first-place one



Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

Front row: Christina Kim, Nora Koe, Aashna Brahmhatt, Derek Chen, Carrie Hsu, Vandana Menser, Kristin Aloysius, and Mary Tsahas. Back row: Teacher Kari Schiano, Principal Dr. James Ruck, Daniel Thomas, Alan Chen.

in Nassau County. Seniors Nora Koe, Daniel Thomas and Alan Chen placed eighth, ninth and 10th in the county, respectively, at Level 5. AATF President Catherine Daniélou described French students who rank

nationally in Le Grand Concours demonstrate a superior level of global responsibility, integrative cultural competence, language skills and commitment to excellence and dedication. They significantly increase their com-

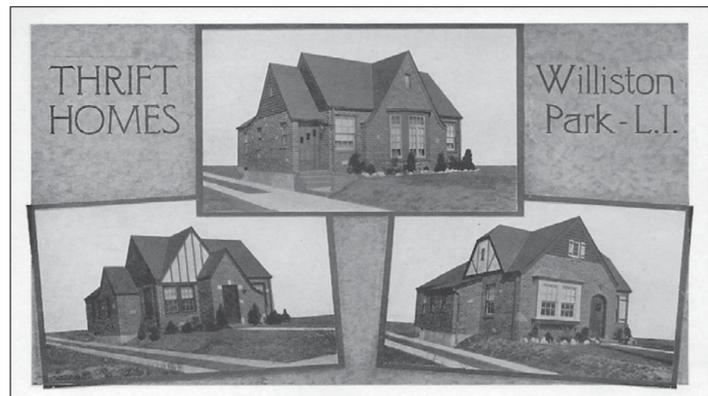
munity's international profile. Their French teachers, whom they honor, work hard to produce responsible world citizens with multilingual capabilities.

# Williston Park Historical Committee

This is another in a series of collector postcards donated to the Historical Committee and sent to The Williston Post by Bob Valentine of the Committee to graciously share with our readers.

This post card, dated October 20, 1932, is an advertisement for new houses being built in Williston Park.

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planned and substantially built for the conservative American family, who can now have that '\$10,000 home of the dreams' for less than half."

Many of these houses can still be seen as part of the streetscape in Williston Park, and it's clear that these charming houses have been lovingly tended during the 85 years since they were first built. It's true that the price of dream houses in the Willistons has gone up just a little bit since this card was mailed, but our community is still made up of "houses of dreams."

# News from the Williston Park Public Library

By Donna McKenna, Director

## Adult Programs:

**Author Appearance**—Thursday—July 27—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Debut author Eddie Joyce will discuss his novel *Small Mercies*, an intergenerational story of family dynamics and one Staten Island family's struggle with grief. Copies will be available for purchase.

**Book Discussion**—Wednesday—September 6—7pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Copies of *My Brilliant Friend* will be available at the Circulation Desk.

**Legal Assistance Van**—Monday—August 7—10am-3pm—in front of the Library. Call 746-5924 to make an appointment.

## Children's Programs:

**Story Hour for Tots**—Thursdays—July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17—11am in the Library. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Green Meadows Farm**—Saturday—July 15—11am in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Children of all ages are welcome to attend!! Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Build a Better World Library Adventure**—Tuesday—July 18—6pm in the Library for children ages 8-15. Track down hidden clues and materials to solve the puzzle. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Portable Planetarium**—Monday—July 24—3pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children ages 5+. Come and learn about the sky and stars! Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Imagination Playground**—Tuesday—August 1 in the Assembly Room of Village Hall. Children of all ages are invited to imagine, create and play! AGES 2-6: 11AM-12PM; AGES 7-12: 12-1PM. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Ceramic Flip Flop Box**—Friday—August 4—4:30 pm in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children in grades K+. \$5 non-refundable material fee due at registration. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

**Let's Get Ready for School**—Thursday—August 24—10:30am in the Assembly Room of Village Hall for children ages 2 ½-5 years old. Sign up at the Circulation Desk.

For more information visit the Library website at [www.willistonparklibrary.org](http://www.willistonparklibrary.org).

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# Patriots' Day at Hampton Street School

As part of a Patriots' Day Program, Hampton Street School in the Mineola Union Free School District recently welcomed veterans and local service men and women.

The school decorated in flags, stars and stripes and students sang "America The Beautiful" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The second-grade chorus, together with teachers and staff, also sang the "Preamble of the Constitution" and the "Fifty Nifty" naming all 50 states. The event paid tribute to all of the community's veterans.



# Meadow Drive School Celebrates Flag Day

On Tuesday June 13th Meadow Drive School in the Mineola Union Free School District celebrated Flag Day under the direction of their Principal, Dr. Fleischmann, and her enter staff.

This year Meadow Drive had a special guest, Commander Weiss of the United States Navy, who is an alumnus of Meadow Drive School. Commander Weiss presented the American Flag that has flown over our military

base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba to Dr. Fleischmann.

Members of the American Legion Williston Post 144 presented our Nation's Colors and the students, under the direction of Ms. Kathy Crawley, said the Pledge of Allegiance and then sang many patriotic songs.

As the students and parents left the festivities, members of Williston Post 144 handed out small American Flags to all the students.



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# Awarding an Author

The Mineola Union Free School District congratulates second-grade student Khloe Taylor from Hampton Street School for winning the National Reading Council Young Authors' Contest for Nassau County with her narrative titled, "The Dance."

She was honored during a reception at Molloy College where students read their narratives to the audience.



Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

# Fidgeting with STEAM



Kindergarten through second-graders working with STEAM teacher Denise Maynard at Hampton Street School in the Mineola Union Free School District created their own fidget spinners.

Prior to making their spinner, the class discussed the components of a fidget spinner, including the importance of the bearings and how to balance the weight. Students were given recycled materials such as pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, bottle caps, tape, clay, paper clips and toilet paper rolls to use to build their spinners.

Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

# Great News at the American Legion

On Thursday evening June 8th Ms. Mary Ann Busa was sworn in as President of the Nassau County American Legion Auxiliary Unit for the calendar year 2017-2018.

Ms. Busa is a very active member of the American Legion Williston Post Auxiliary Unit 144, and it is no

surprise that she was chosen to serve as overall Auxiliary President for the County.

The staff of The Williston Post join her fellow Auxiliary members, and the Legionnaires of Post 144 in congratulating her on being chosen for this esteemed position.



# East Williston Little League News

East Williston was invited to participate in a North Shore Commissioner's Softball Tournament that ran simultaneously with the local stages of the Williamsport Tournament.

The towns that participated were: Port Washington, East Williston, Garden City and Carle Place.

Each town had multiple 4th/5th grade teams from which they each created an All-Star Team to compete. There were 3 pool play games followed by a 2 game tournament on Father's Day.

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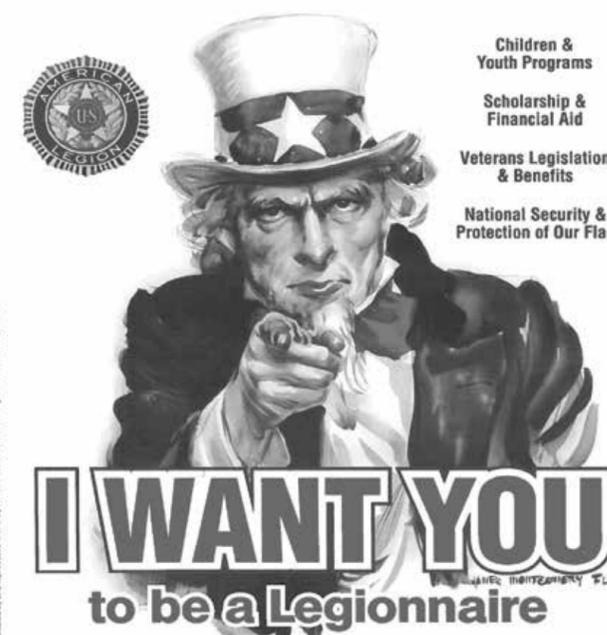
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# East Williston Library News

It is going to be a typically busy summer at the East Williston Library. Kuddles the Clown and her assistant helped to kick off the Summer Reading Program with balloon animals and games. The program will end on August 8 with a Pool Party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Williston Park Pool for all of the children who complete the Program.

There is a crafts program for Reading Club participants on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Village Hall from July 6th through August 3rd.

July 19th will mark the return of the very popular "Frogs, Bugs, and Animals" hosted by Jason Reilly at the East Williston Village Hall at 7:30 p.m. Children will have the opportunity to meet, touch, and pet Stickers the Tree Frog, Tickles the Hedgehog and other live animals.

The Library will be a great place for children and parents to be this summer. Be sure to make it a part of your enjoyment of this wonderful season.



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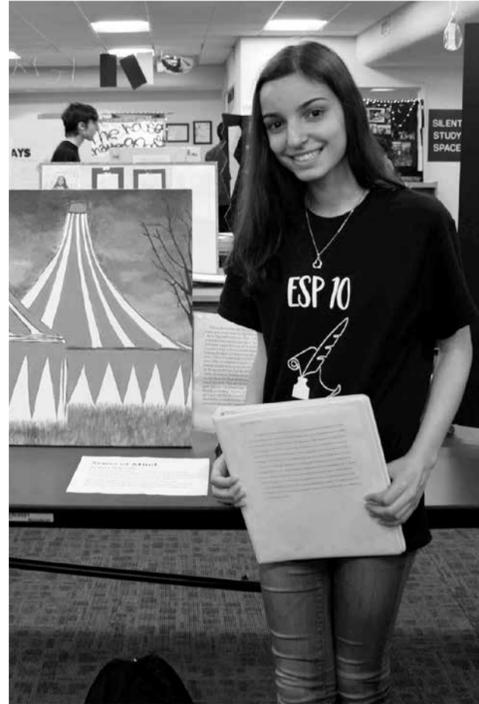
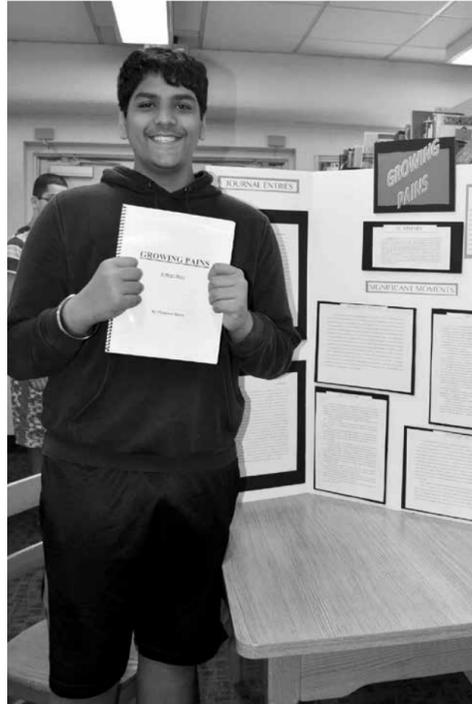
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# Herricks Writers Make Their Mark



Sydney Pelaez presented "Extraordinarily Ordinary."

Manveer Bains wrote the short story, "Growing Pains."

Ronit Shantoob presented the project, "States of Mind."

Herricks High School's English Scholars Program (ESP) hosted its annual exhibition of student work for guests to view and enjoy.

Parents and other guests attended an evening component on June 1, and the event continued during the following day when students and staff members toured the showcase of literary talent.

The Library Media Center was transformed into a gallery of creative displays developed by students who participate in ESP.

They presented poetry, essays, novels, short stories, plays and other pieces that they completed this year, with visual representations that brought their writing to life.

The event also featured poetry

readings of students' favorite and original works.

The English Scholars Program is an elective that fosters writing skills and creativity related to English Language Arts.

Held as a class on alternating days at both the middle and high schools, it enables students to pursue self-designed English Language Arts projects

in collaboration with a teacher.

Students meet with mentors from the English Department on a regular basis to design and implement an individual plan and may choose options from a menu or develop customized ones, such as writing for publications, creative writing assignments or research projects.

*Photos courtesy of Herricks Public Schools*

# Deacon Francis Love Scholars Announced

This year the Williston Park Rotary Club initiated a scholarship program in memory of our dear friend and departed member, Deacon Frank Love of St. Aidan's Parish. The scholarship is awarded to two St. Aidan's 7th Grade students in recognition of academic achievement, and community service.

Recently, Mary Jo Love, Rotary President Raymond Haller, and Karen Signoracci Suero, joined Miss Eileen Oliver, Principal of St. Aidan's School, in presenting the Deacon Francis J. Love Memorial Scholarships to Andrew Paternostro and Alanna Pettinato.

Alanna and Andrew recently wrote to the Rotary Club to express their thanks in being awarded the Scholarships, and their letters illustrate precisely why they were chosen.



Alanna said that Deacon Love was very special to her, that he taught her much about her Catholic faith, and that he was always generous with his

time for others.

She said that she would continue to volunteer her time to help those in need, that she would remember Frank Love while she did so, and that his memory would live on through the acts of charity and kindness that she was inspired to perform by his example.

Andrew expressed his thanks for the Scholarship and wrote of his memories of Deacon Love, and the kind person that he was.

We offer our congratulations to Alanna and Andrew as the recipients, and to their families for raising these generous young people.

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# East Williston Wildcats 12U Wins District 28 Championship

The East Williston Wildcats 12U baseball team won the New York District 28 Championship Thursday night in dramatic fashion and will now move on to the Sectional Round of the 2017 Williamsport Little League Tournament.

After winning their first three games by a combined score of 50-9 over 12 total innings, last night's championship matchup against Port Washington went the distance but the Wildcats prevailed by a score of 15-3 winning their second 12U district championship in three years.

Every player on the Wildcats contributed to their 4 game undefeated run to the District 28 crown as the team collected 72 hits, stole 17 bases, and crushed 14 home runs (Costa 5, Will 3, Dylan 2, Dylan 1, Eddie 1, Kevin 1, Mitchell 1).

Great pitching performances by Kevin Barrett, Colin Fisher, Will Karikas, and Anthony Tufano, who combined for 18 strikeouts, held their opponents to only 17 hits over the 4 games.

The other key driver behind the team's successful run was their solid defense,

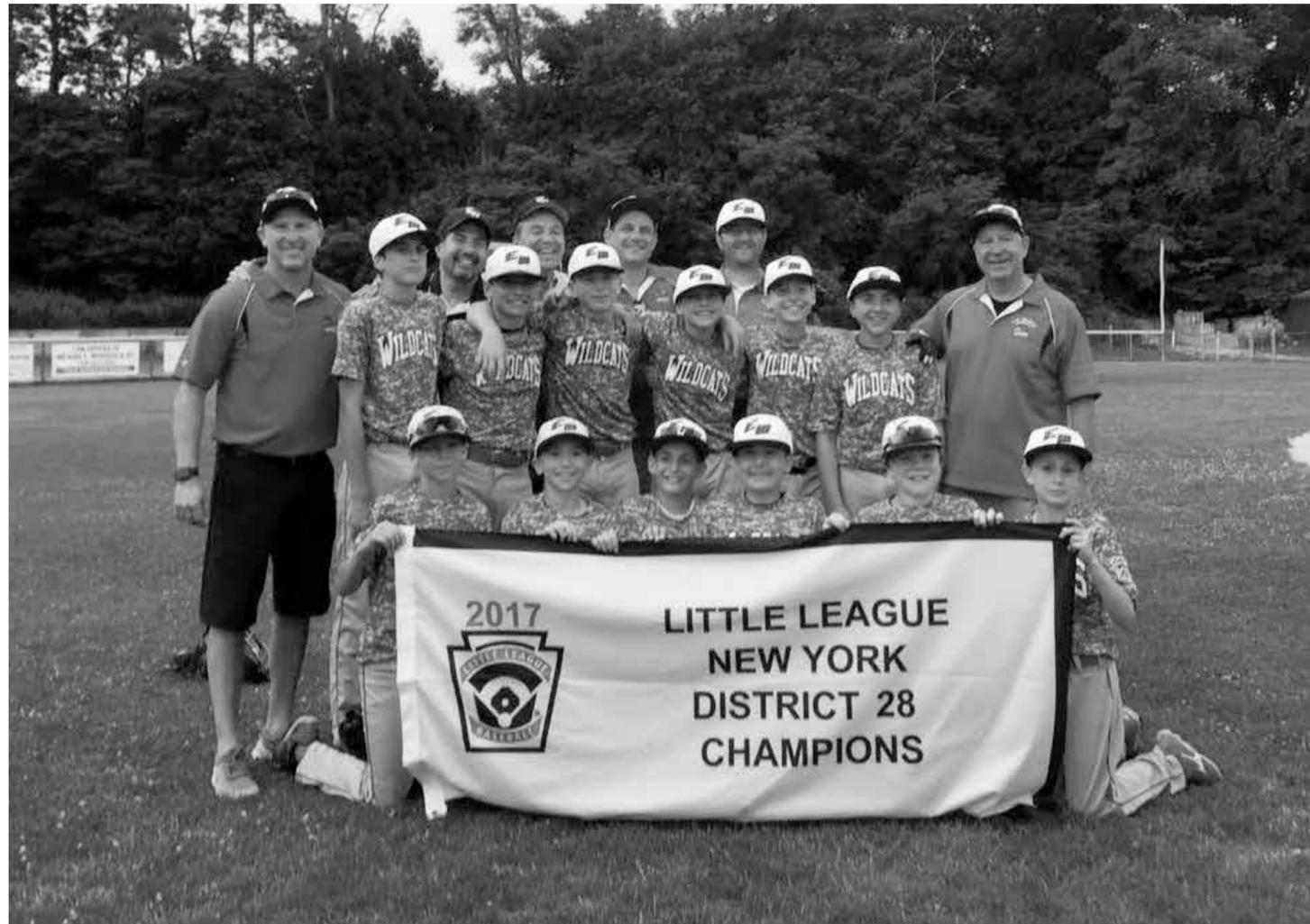
which committed only 4 errors and turned 3 double plays in the field.

Patrick Desarno, who went 2 for 3 and scored 2 runs in the Wildcats' first two games, landed on the disabled list and will be missed.

The team consisting of (picture: front row - Colin Fisher, Patrick Desarno, Dylan Rosenberg, Michael Santarelli, Bryan McCleary, Nico Papavero; second row - Kevin Barrett, Costa Koutsoftas, Will Karikas, Mitchell Baltzer, Eddie Olson, Anthony Tufano; back row - coaches Ted Karikas, Nick Koutsoftas, Brian Fisher, Michael Rosenberg, Anthony Tufano, Larry McCleary) pictured below will only have one week off before facing Massapequa International next Saturday, July 15th, for their first game of the New York Section 4 Round. The winner of this Round will play for the State Championship, which starts on July 25th.

It goes without saying that The Williston Post is happy to report this wonderful success, and we look forward to sharing the news of the next Rounds.

Look out, New York, here come the Wildcats!



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