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Village of Williston Park Organization Night

On Wednesday evening April 4th, the Village of Williston Park held its annual Organization Night at which time all the newly elected village officials were sworn in to their newly elected positions:

- Mayor Paul Ehrbar was sworn in by former Williston Park Mayor, the Honorable Doreen Ehrbar;



- Mayor Ehrbar then swore in Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne and Trustee William O'Brien;
 - Village Justice Kevin J. Kiley was sworn in by his father, Donald T. Kiley.
- All other Village Officials, and the members of the different Village Committees, were then sworn in by Mayor Ehrbar.



Top left and clockwise, Village Justice Kevin J. Kiley being sworn in by his father, Donald T. Kiley, Jr., Esq.; Village Justice Kiley with his very proud parents, Donald and Cathy; Mayor Paul Ehrbar being sworn in by former Mayor Doreen Ehrbar, Trustee William O'Brien being sworn in by Mayor Ehrbar, Trustee and Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne being sworn in by Mayor Ehrbar.



The Williston Park Rotary Club Meets at Sangria 71

By Raymond Haller

The Williston Park Rotary Club is always hard at work planning and scheduling events to raise funds for charities, the majority of which are right here on a local level. On March thanks to our President Frank Oliveri and event Chairpersons Cuqui Arken and Mother Christina van Liew, the Williston Park Rotary Club got together to share excellent food and great camaraderie. That evening there was no business conducted, and no formal meeting, just good friends sitting together and enjoying each other's company.

The last drawing for Rotary's "Spreading the Good Will" raffle was held and wonderful prizes were won.



More importantly, much money was raised for the Rotary Club's charitable activities. The members and guests

enjoyed a DVD presentation of photos from past events, and were treated to the live cabaret music of Raffi Cabal-

lero in the bar.

Club President, Frank Oliveri and the Rotarians thank José Fernandez and his staff for the wonderful hospitality and delicious gourmet fare that they enjoyed. Sangria 71 is a wonderful venue for parties, as well as the perfect restaurant to enjoy a delicious meal with friends and family. If you've eaten there before you know what I mean and, in the unlikely event that you haven't had the pleasure you should do so.

Someone once said that there are gold ships and silver ships but there are no ships like friendships, and that describes membership in the Williston Park Rotary Club!



Maureen Corrigan about to enjoy some delicious paella; Mother Christina with other guests enjoying the evening; Jose Fernandez with Frank Oliveri and Cuqui Arken.

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Herricks Appoints Principals for Denton Avenue and Searingtown Schools

Herricks Public Schools appointed two new principals at its March 22 Board of Education meeting. Loren Borgese will take the leadership post at Denton Avenue School, while Diana DeGiorgio will do so at Searingtown School. They will carry out the responsibilities currently held by Mary Louise Haley, who is retiring after many years at Denton, and Robert Neufeld, who joined Searingtown as an interim principal this school year. The new principals will be effective on July 1.

Ms. Borgese will come to Herricks from P.S. 115 in New York City, where she has been principal for five years and implemented numerous initiatives in the areas of science, technology, robotics, engineering, art and mathematics. She oversaw the introduction of a robotics lab, a makerspace area, a STEAM lab and other technology resources as well as new instructional programs. She also expanded the arts program to include dance and music studios and unique instrumental opportunities through grants. She previously served as assistant principal and literacy staff developer at the Daniel Mucatel School, prior to which she was a fifth-grade teacher.

With approximately 23 years of ex-



Herricks Public Schools appointed two new principals at its March 22 Board of Education meeting, Loren Borgese (top) and Diana DeGiorgio for Denton Avenue and Searingtown schools, respectively.

perience in education, more than half of which involved administrator positions, Ms. Borgese also has a strong background with dual-language programs. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education/psychology from Hunter College, a Master of Science degree in TESOL from Adelphi University and a Master of Science degree in supervision and administration from Touro College.

“I feel honored to be joining the Herricks community,” Ms. Borgese said. “I look forward to forming relationships with both parents and staff members to ensure that every student meets his or her full potential in our global society.”

Ms. DeGiorgio is currently director of elementary special education in the Oceanside School District, where she has chaired the committee on special education and led several professional development initiatives. She spent seven years in the Wantagh School District as a special education teacher. During that time, she served as lead teacher of the Wantagh Elementary School, DASA coordinator, and Principal of their summer services program.

In addition to her work in special education, Ms. DeGiorgio is experienced in and passionate about the inte-

gration of technology into instruction for all students. She earned her Master of Science degree in educational technology from LIU Post and holds technology certifications as well. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in child study/speech communication from St. Joseph’s College and an Advanced Graduate Certificate in educational leadership from Stony Brook University.

“I am thrilled to have been selected as the Searingtown School’s new principal,” Ms. DeGiorgio said. “I look forward to sharing my passion and enthusiasm for teaching and learning with the Herricks school community.”

“We are excited to welcome both of these outstanding child-centered educational leaders to our team,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fino Celano. “Ms. Borgese and Ms. DeGiorgio each impressed our entire search committee with their knowledge, enthusiasm and experience. We are confident that each of these professionals are child-centered educators who will be supportive of teachers and will work in partnership with parents and our community to ensure that our students reach new levels of growth and academic achievement.”

A Life Well Lived A Williston Park Icon, Paul A. Petrillo.

It is with great sadness that we inform our readers that Paul A. Petrillo of Williston Park died on March 28, 2018 after suffering from a long illness. Paul Petrillo was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, veteran of the Korean War, and was an active member in our community, especially wearing numerous hats at American Legion Post #144.

Mr. Petrillo was an active member of the Williston Park Historical Society, as well as the Beautification Committee and the Anti-Graffiti Team. He

was also named Citizen of the Year by the Williston Park Rotary Club and he was dubbed “Mr. American Flag” by the Chamber of Commerce of Williston Park for his efforts in distributing American flags to the residents.

There is no doubt that Paul Petrillo had a profound love for his family and for his friends and neighbors in Williston Park, and a strong commitment to God and country. He will be missed. May he rest in peace, and may perpetual light shine upon him.



Medal of Honor Mail Call

By Frank J. Oliveri

Every morning on the way to work at this newspaper I listen to Sixty on Six with disc jockey Phlash on Sirius XM Radio. Recently I heard an interview he conducted with Ms. Janine Stange “The National Anthem Girl,” who is a strong supporter of many veterans’ causes across the country.

They were discussing a program that Ms. Stange started last year called Mail Call. Ms. Stange is involved in the annual luncheon for all the Medal of Honor recipients in Washington D.C. and last year Ms. Stange started the “Mail Call” program. Ms. Stange arranged for veterans’ organizations and students at schools to write letters to the Medal of Honor recipients, which she then personally delivered to them at the luncheon.

Through Phlash I was able to personally contact Ms. Stange and she sent me the information on how to participate in the Mail Call program this year. I personally contacted Miss Oliver, the Principal at St. Aidan’s Catholic School, Ms. Sue Carly Fleischmann, Principal at Mineola Meadow Drive Elementary School and Ms. Lisa Haller, a teacher at Saint Martin De Porres Marianist School in Uniondale to request their assistance in having students at the schools participate in the program by writing letters to the honorees.

The schools’ response was enthu-



Clockwise from top left, William Swenson, Mayor, Army, & Ms. Janine Stange; Roger H. C. Donolon, Colonel, Army Air Force; Ms. Janine Stange; Gary L. Littrell, Command Sergeant Major, Army; Walter J. Marm, Colonel, Army.

East Williston Seniors Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day

Over 40 East Williston seniors enjoyed an afternoon celebrating St. Patrick’s Day on Thursday, March 15. Everyone was treated to a delicious lunch of corned beef sandwiches, turkey sandwiches, cold salads, and a shamrock-decorated cake and cookies for dessert.

The seniors were entertained by Just Ducky Quartet, a lively group of four male singers. The barbershop



quartet sang songs from the Big Band era, songs in honor of St. Patrick’s Day, and oldies as well. Everyone joined in reminiscing and singing along with the group.

The East Williston Seniors meet every month on the third Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Village Hall. The April meeting welcoming Spring will feature a magician. We look forward to seeing you at that time!



Winthrop Needs Your Help

NYU Winthrop Hospital is looking for a few good men and women to serve as volunteers in the Gift Shop, located within the main lobby of the Hospital at 259 First Street in Mineola.

The Gift Shop offers an array of unique items for purchase for staff and visitors to the Hospital, with gift purchases typically going to appreciative patients being treated at the Hospital. Volunteer responsibilities include working with staff to provide outstanding customer service to patrons, replenishing merchandise and assisting with sales transactions.

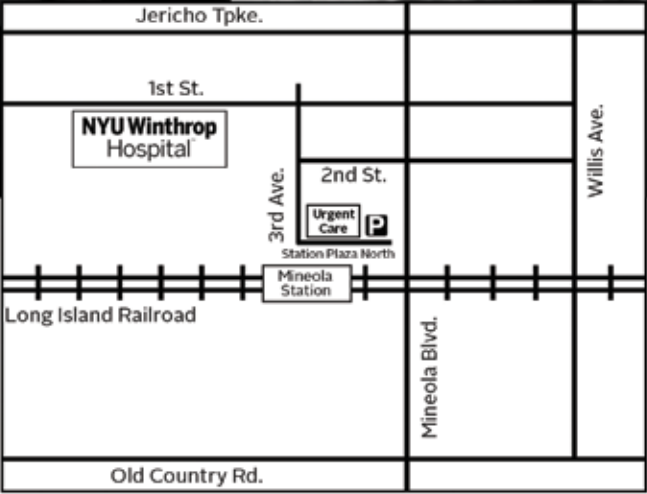
While enriching the lives of people as they interact, NYU Winthrop volunteers discover the challenge, joy and sense of well-being that is derived from helping others. As a member of the Hospital’s dynamic multi-talented team, volunteers are respected, recognized and appreciated.

The Gift Shop is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m. Volunteers are needed during all hours, especially evenings and weekends.

Interested individuals (18 years of age and older) should call NYU Winthrop’s Volunteer Office at (516) 663-2391 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday for additional information.



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"Hears" To You: 8 Rousing Reasons to Put a Hearing Test at the Top of Your "Done" List

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

Of all the life hacks for better living, taking care of your hearing is among the smartest — and it yields an incredible ROI. In short, getting a hearing test is worth it. No matter what your age, untreated hearing loss can take its toll. The catch is, hearing loss is stealthy. It's usually hard to notice at first. In fact, it tends to come on so gradually that it tricks you into oblivion. Then it robs you of more than you realize, sooner than you realize.

From pilfering away at your relationships and quality of life, to putting you at risk for other health conditions, untreated hearing loss is a silent thief. And don't think for a minute that you're too young to think about hearing loss — you're not. It's a noisy world. You're part of it. And the numbers show that hearing loss is becoming more common among younger adults — in their 20s and 30s. So make sure you value your hearing. It's a treasure worth keeping.

To give you an extra push, here are eight reasons why you should get a hearing test today.

1. *It may help your pocketbook.* Research shows that middle-aged people with hearing loss have about a third more in health care payments than those without hearing loss. A study by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI) shows that using hearing aids reduces the risk of income loss by 90 to 100 percent for those with milder hearing loss, and from 65 to 77 percent for those with severe to moderate hearing loss. People with untreated hearing loss lost as much as \$30,000 in income annually, the study found.

2. *Your mind may benefit.* Research shows a link between hearing loss and dementia, leading experts to believe that interventions, like hearing aids, could potentially delay or prevent dementia. Certainly, notable researchers believe that addressing hearing loss may at least help protect cognitive function.

3. *It could boost your job performance.* Most hearing aid users in the workforce say it has helped their performance on the job. That's right. Getting a hearing test

could benefit all those employees (a whopping 30 percent) who suspect they have hearing loss but haven't sought treatment.

4. *Life's challenges may not seem so intimidating.* Research shows people with hearing loss who use hearing aids are more likely to tackle problems actively. Apparently, hearing your best brings greater confidence.

5. *Your zest for life might get zestier.* Most people who use hearing aids say it has a positive effect on their relationships. They're more likely to have a strong social network, be optimistic, feel engaged in life, and even get more pleasure in doing things.

6. *It could protect you against the blues.* Hearing loss is linked to a greater risk of depression in adults, especially 18 to 69-year-olds. But studies also show that treating hearing loss can boost quality of life. BHI research shows that people with hearing loss who use hearing aids are less likely to feel down, depressed or hopeless.

7. *You'll probably be more likely to get the drift.* Most people who use hearing aids say it helps their overall ability to communicate effectively in most situations. The majority who bought their hearing aids within the past five years say they're pleased with their ability to hear in the workplace, at home with family members, in conversations in small and large groups, when watching TV with others, in lecture halls, theaters or concert halls, when riding in a car, and even when trying to follow conversations in the presence of noise.

8. *Your heart and health may benefit.* Cardiovascular and hearing health are linked. Some experts say the inner ear is so sensitive to blood flow that it's possible that abnormalities in the cardiovascular system could be noted here earlier than in other less sensitive parts of the body. But it isn't just about your heart. Hearing loss may signal or exacerbate other health conditions as well, including depression, sleep apnea, cognitive decline, and the risk of falling and hospitalization.

So do it for your health. Do it for your happiness. Get a hearing test.

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.

An East Williston Road Cart On Display

The East Williston Road Cart was designed by Henry Willis and built by him and by the firm of Oakley and Griffin on the site now occupied by TR's.

Over 1,000 of them were built between 1889 and the early 1900's, but only a few remain in existence. Mr. Lou Sasso of East Williston is the proud owner of one of the few surviving Road Carts, and he and his family had it out on display just off Roslyn Road on March 31st.

As you can see from the photo the Cart is an original and in remarkably good condition. The horse is, obviously, a replica.

Many thanks to the Sasso family for preserving this beautiful example of local history!



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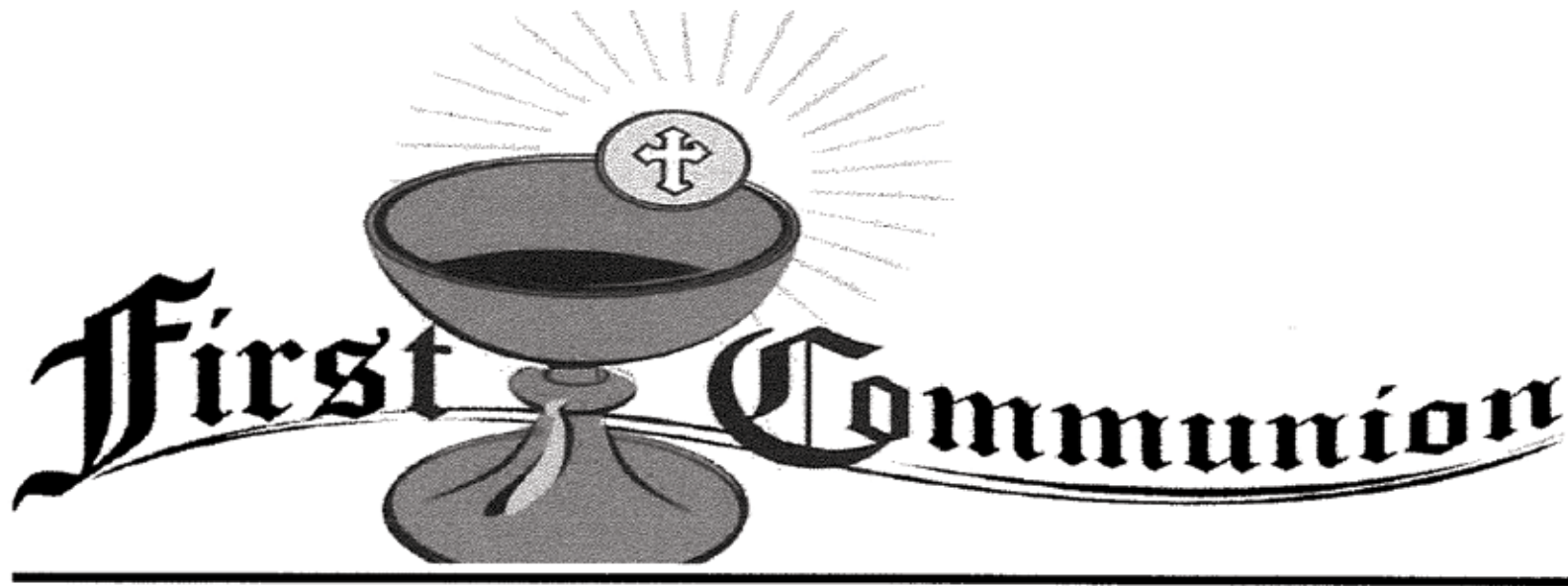
What has now become a much-anticipated tradition, the Mother-Daughter Brunch of the Wings of NYU Winthrop Hospital members, friends, and families of the Wings of NYU Winthrop Hospital was a great success. The Inn at New Hyde Park provided the perfect venue for a fabulous brunch, highlighting our "Pretty in Pink" theme. Bringing together generations of women for an afternoon of relaxation and celebration is always a privilege and joy to witness.

The Wings Co-Chair and president of the NYU Winthrop Hospital Auxiliary, Karen Wiley, and her committee, organized a fabulous day of brunching, shopping, wonderful raffles, and the ever popular "Photographer to the Stars" Anthony from High Voltage Entertainment. Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, cousins, friends, and neighbors have long supported this event, which allows the Wings to raise money for our own community hospital.

We will soon be getting our Committee together to start preparing for next year's brunch which will be on Sunday, March 3rd, 2019. If you would like to help you will be more than welcome. For information on this event, or on ways that you can get



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First Place Win at National Orchestra Festival

Herricks High School’s Chamber Orchestra was named First Place High School String Orchestra at the American String Teachers Association’s National Orchestra Festival, with a Superior rating and the highest overall score of 59.4/60. The ensemble members departed for Atlanta, Georgia on March 8 and, following a 17-hour bus ride, rose early the next morning to perform for a panel of highly esteemed judges and members of the public.

Sixteen high school ensembles from all over the United States were selected, via a rigorous audition process, for the prestigious honor of attending this festival to compete. Of those, 13 were in the category of High School String Orchestra. Judges, guest clinicians, and music teachers in attendance commented on the Herricks students’ refined and nuanced playing, their connection to the music and their conductor and their incredible passion and showmanship.

“These students made me as proud as I have ever been to be their teacher,” said director and conductor Catherine Fish said. “They are no longer merely students of music – they have achieved true artistry! Preparing for a National Competition is a rigorous and often grueling process that takes many months, but the Herricks High School Chamber Orchestra never balked at the work. They became a true team and worked together to create something so beautiful that it moved audience members, and myself, to tears.”



Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

The Herricks Leisure Club Overcomes Winter Woes

By **Dorothy Daly**

Waning winter – certainly one that was full of surprises – record cold and record warmth, silvery snow, the winds of March. But the seniors of the Herricks Leisure Club weathered the whims of the season and now look forward to the delights of Spring. Indeed, our members did not allow those diverse conditions to dampen our enthusiasm for life’s adventures as our club offered opportunities for braving nature’s wrath.

Although the “blizzard” of 2018 precluded our first meeting after the holidays on January 4, we were welcomed us back in force on January 11. Vice President Frank Vendinello entertained us with an excerpt from his joke repertoire. Corresponding Secretary Terry Lanese recounted her phone conversation with the Rallo’s who have moved to Ohio but still miss us. Terry also conveyed that Mary Wesley suffered a broken wrist and Renee Le Dour had back surgery. Treasurer

Jim Kovalsky offered a concise financial report and Director Hilda Escobar wished us a belated Happy New Year.

Our get-together on January 18 featured a celebration of 2 anniversaries and 11 birthdays conducted by our President Lillian Ciesluk. Lillian also encouraged us to use wipes during the flu epidemic and to file property tax grievances. Dave Monfort offered his services in obtaining tax rebates and Joan Wiener amused us with a timely anecdote.

Due to a special school function no meeting was held on January 25, but our assembly on February 1 presented the opportunity to honor this month’s 6 birthdays and the 57th anniversary of the Di Benedettos and 61st of the Vendinellos – our club is truly blessed with enduring relationships.

Our excursion to the exciting Yonkers Casino took place on February 7 followed by our meeting the next day. Recording Secretary Bud Taverna notified us that Legislative Chairperson

Tess Fiorentino had suffered a back injury. Membership Chairlady Jeanette Kovalsky thanked Bud for constructing new name tags for our group.

A most interesting presentation awaited us when we convened on February 15, Lori Ginsberg of Northwell Health captured our attention with her dissertation and slide show on the prevention of falls. Hilda also offered data on the new “hearing phone” for those with audiological impairment.

The President’s week school closing again precluded a meeting on the 25th but an edifying assembly ensued on March 1st. Our Vice-President spoke of his vacation in Cancun and notified us that long-time member Grace Flad had passed away. Mr. Kovalsky again reported on our fiscal status and Lillian supervised a lively remembrance of 17 birthday celebrants, two of whom had reached their 90th year – Sally Pihl and Gloria Sauber.

Alas, we were to meet on March 8 to indulge in a St’ Patrick’s luncheon

but another Nor’easter prevented that event from happening. The luck of the Irish eluded us this year, but March 14 found us motoring to the Empire Casino where we enjoyed a scintillating experience escorted by Rita Ruffini. Our next get-together on March 15 was a special one for it was the occasion of our “Trash and Treasure” event. We thank Jeanette and her helpers for producing a most engaging fund-raiser.

March 21 was scheduled to be our last meeting before the Easter and Passover break but a fourth Nor’easter arrived to scuttle our plans –was Mother Nature unaware that we were two days into Spring?

Indeed, this myriad of club activities which informed and entertained us has enabled the members of the Herricks Leisure Club to cope with the whims of winter and to anticipate the delights of a hopefully quieter new season.

A Hometown Hero Is Honored

On Wednesday April 4th, the Home Town Heroes Committee, with Mayor Paul Ehrbar, the Williston Park Board of Trustees and Mrs. Sue Redding, honored Marine Sgt. Erik Stanley Redding for having completed six years of service in the United States Marine Corps. His Hometown Heroes Banner was officially retired and given to him and his family in recognition of the completion of his service.

Sgt. Redding served with distinction during three deployments around the world, ranging from Libya, the Mediterranean Sea, the Persian Gulf, Kuwait, Bahrain, Dubai and Afghanistan. The Williston Post joins his proud family, friends, and neighbors in



thanking him for his service and for a job well done.

The Williston Park Hometown Hero Banner Program honors Williston Park residents who are actively serving the United States Armed Forces. If you know of a resident currently serving on active duty, and would like to help us express our gratitude, information can be found at Village Hall or our Village’s homepage (www.villageofwillistonpark.org). Applications can be downloaded. This program is made possible through generous donations from local residents, businesses and organizations. Donations can be sent directly to Village Hall. Thank you for your support of those who bravely serve our country today.

Local Gang Turns Ten

By **Audrey Santosus**

If you haven’t heard, a local Gang just turned ten. The Gang’s dedicated members use knives--and peanut butter, jelly, and bread. That’s right, I’m talking about the coolest gang on the street. The Peanut Butter Gang, started in 2008 by Janet and Louis Milo, Kelly Melore, Mary O’Keefe, and Rosemary Graziano. Their motto? “Families Feeding Families!”



The Gang met (and continues to meet) once a month on a Saturday morning from 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM. Those participating bring two loaves of bread, one jar of jelly, and one jar of peanut butter to the Saint Aidan’s School cafeteria where the Gang strives to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those in need.

The sandwiches are donated to food pantries and soup kitchens across Long Island.

The Gang continues to uphold its giving legacy and its members are always looking for new recruits.

If you are interested in joining the coolest gang, contact Rosemarie Cavallaro at (516) 746-6585 x 9410.

National Merit Finalist In Mineola

The Mineola School District congratulates Mineola High School senior Vijay Paliath who has been named a finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Competition. Vijay is one of 15,000 students nationwide, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors who qualified in

nary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered this



Vijay Paliath is pictured with Mineola High School Principal Dr. Whitney Smith. Photo courtesy of Mineola Union Free School District

the 63rd annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 1.6 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 Prelimi-

spring.

Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.

STEM Club Team Named International Finalist

Nine Herricks High School STEM Club teams participated in the Conrad International Spirit of Innovation Challenge and were selected as semifinalists, and one of the groups has reached the finals round. For this international competition, students work together in teams of two to five members to develop solutions to some of the world's most complex problems.

Team "Celery Sticks" is among five finalist teams selected in the category of cyber-technology and security. Members Derek Chen, Jesse Wang, Justin Jao, Jonathan Leung and Daniel Min developed the product "C.S. Nanobots" and, along with the semifinalists, wrote a series of essays, created a business plan and a graphical representation of their product of creation. They also produced a video pitching their product that can be viewed at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rd_wje0__iI

The STEM Club is led by adviser and teacher Danielle Tartaglia and provides opportunities for students in grades 9-12 to explore the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in various ways. The club's participants think and work innovatively as they review articles, participate in activities and explore job possibilities connected to STEM. They also spend many hours preparing for competitions.



Herricks team "Celery Sticks" selected as finalists in the Conrad International Spirit of Innovation Challenge. Photo courtesy of Herricks Public Schools

Connecting With Character Education



As part of their health classes, seventh-graders at Mineola Middle School are creating original children's character books. Working individually or in small groups, students are creating stories that teach lesson such as the value of honesty, loyalty, respect for others and positive decision-making. Once the story is completed, students will illustrate their work and actually create books, which they will then take to Jackson Avenue where they will share their original stories with the third- and fourth-graders.

The project provides a great opportunity for students in the District to connect with one another in a positive way and for the seventh-graders to act as role models for their younger counterparts.

From left, Nicholas Mroczkowski and Ishan Lohiya worked on their book, "Dank Dinos." The story is about three dinosaurs, each with a different skill it excels in; when they come together, they strengthen each other's weaknesses and learn from one other.

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Wheatley Sports News

Wheatley Defeats Garden City

Before the Wheatley Softball team could begin its Spring Recess, it had to face off against Garden City. The Wildcats posted a solid 15-3 victory on March 28th.

Varsity Baseball Action from 29 March!

The beginning of Spring Recess brought no rest to the Wheatley Varsity Baseball team, which hosted Oyster Bay on March 29th. The Wildcats posted a 5-0 victory over the Baymen, earning their third consecutive victory.

Wheatley Girls Lacrosse v. Herricks

On Tuesday, March 20th, the Wheatley Wildcats faced off against Herricks in a non-league lacrosse game. After being tied at the half, the Wildcats came out on top, 12-11. Sami Rothstein scored seven goals and an assist, while Julia Braitto scored four goals and an assist.

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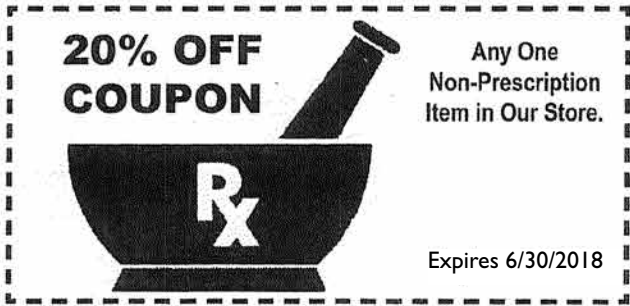
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Easter Egg Hunts In The Willistons



The morning of March 31st was crisp and beautiful, and provided perfect conditions for the traditional Easter Egg hunts in East Williston and Williston Park.

Thanks to the hard work of the Recreation Committees of the two Villages, thousands of Easter eggs were filled with treats, courses were laid out, and large Easter rabbits made their appearances to the delight of the young treasure hunters, as well as their parents and grandparents.

Particular thanks are due to Caroline Debeneditis of East Williston who has moved, but came back to help with the event.

The Village Recreation Committees can always use more help, and we urge you to consider contacting your Recreation Committee to see how you can lend a hand.



Mineola Presented The Pajama Game

Mineola High School’s Drama Department and Thespian Troupe 276 presented The Pajama Game on March 23 and 24.

A union strike at a pajama factory generates plenty of steam heat in this toe-tapping comedic love story. Conditions at the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory are anything but peaceful, as sparks fly between new superintendant Sid Sorokin (Jake Lenze) and Babe Williams (Sarah Harty), leader of the union grievance committee. Their stormy relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7 ½ cent pay increase, setting off not only a conflict between management and labor, but a battle of the sexes as well.

The Pajama Game was awarded the 1955 TONY for Best Musical and,

over half a century later, claimed the award for Best Revival of a Musical – proving the story is truly timeless.

With an energetic score by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross (Damn Yankees), The Pajama Game is brimming with songs and dances that have become musical theatre standards, including “Steam Heat” and “Hernando’s Hide-away”.

Katrine Gulinao also starred as Gladys, the boss’s vivacious secretary and Nathan Bischoff as Hines, a time-study man who is also Gladys’ eternally jealous boyfriend. Joining them were Robert Shevlin as Mr. Hasler, the cantankerous owner of the SleepTite Pajama Factory, Sarah Carbain as Mabel, the spunky secretary, and Miguel Velasquez as Prez, the Union president and resident lothario.





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Proud Alumnae To Pay a Final Visit To Dominican Commercial High School

Dominican Commercial High School, located at 161-06 89th Avenue, Jamaica, Queens, New York is having a last reunion and walkthrough of the School before it is sold. A special committee is attempting to reach as many alumnae as possible, and the committee is inviting them to take part in a Dominican Commercial High School Tribute on Sunday, April 22, 2018 between the hours of 11:00 am and 2:00 p.m.

The school first opened in 1936. As of now there are over 900 registered to attend, with women from the 1946 graduation class to the last class of 1998 when the school officially closed for students.

There is a suggested \$20 donation for all attending, which will go to subsidize escalating health care costs incurred by the Order of Sisters of St. Dominic, and will also allow active Sisters to continue working in their various ministries. Alumnae are asked to consider making a gift in the amount of their year of graduation (i.e. a member of the class of 1980 could make a gift in the amount of



\$19.80).

All gifts will be very much appreciated, and can be made online at <https://www.sistersofstdominic.org/donate>. In the note section please include that your gift is in honor of the DC tribute event. Donations can also be made by mail. Checks should be made payable to “The Sisters of St. Dominic” and forwarded to The Sisters of St. Dominic Advancement Office at 555 Albany Avenue, Amityville, New York 11701.

Whatever you choose, we hope that you choose to come join us on April 22nd, for some laughter, good memories, light refreshments, and bidding a fond farewell to a place that alumnae will forever hold dear in our hearts.

If you can attend, or would like additional information, please email Cathy Burke Quinn-’79 at cathleenquinn@optonline.net. There is also a Facebook page called Dominican Commercial H.S. Tribute which provides further information.

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Growing Up In Williston Park, One Easter At At Time

By Raymond Haller

As a young lad growing up in Williston Park, I remember my first encounter in first grade at St. Aidan's with Sister Leone back in 1963 or thereabouts with the introduction of Easter. It was totally different than what I had imagined and really knew nothing about Jesus. Being a first grader it was tough to grasp the three persons in one God and for that matter, the concept of a man being born to die then rising from the dead. This is an extremely difficult concept for a child to fully grasp.

As the years went by, I realized how symbolic Easter really is. It is definitely the most important and significant Christian holiday. While my parents were stuffing my Easter basket, I remember being taught that Mary gave birth to a son Jesus, who was arrested, beaten and nailed to a cross, where he died, only to come back to life on Easter Sunday. Back in first grade we didn't understand the concept of being crucified, so nailed to the cross was more frightening and at the same time humbling,

I thank Sr. Leone for teaching me about the Easter Triduum--Jesus's Last Supper, Jesus's Passion and the Resurrection of Jesus. I'm sure she would be very proud of me today that

I remembered. As my mom's Easter lilies started to wilt and the Easter baskets were empty only with a few black jellybeans, I knew that in eight more months Jesus would be born again. That was pretty tough to figure out for a first grader

We always went to Easter Sunday Mass as a family. Mom and dad would buy my brother and me brand-new suits, each with a clean white shirt and a brand-new tie. Even all the girls on the block had new dresses and shoes with a brand-new Easter bonnet.

I always could tell when Easter was coming. It was early spring, and there were dozens of eggs in the refrigerator. Easter meant chocolate bunnies, chocolate eggs and jellybeans and the ritual of coloring eggs the night before. My dad would get an empty shoebox, put a few lettuce leaves and maybe a carrot or two and we were to leave it for the Easter

Bunny. As with Christmas, we were told that if we were good the Easter Bunny would leave us plenty of sweets.

Easter Sunday morning, before my parents woke up, my brother and

I had already eaten the ears on the bunny, picked out our favorite jellybeans and left a trail of colored aluminum foil all over the house. I can still hear my mother in the background yelling "don't eat too many

jellybeans you'll get a bellyache!" Too late for that, by then we were working on the yellow peeps.

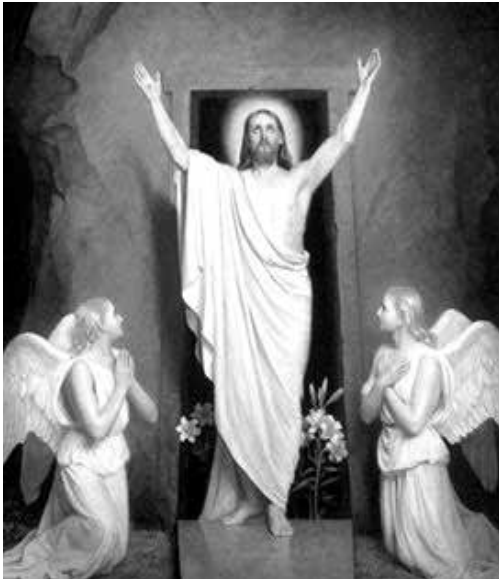
The Easter Bunny dates back to the 16th century somewhere in Germany. The Easter Hare or "Oschter Haws" came in the middle of the night and rewarded good children with sweets and colored eggs. Since when do Easter bunnies lay eggs? Supposedly, the eggs contain

new life within the shell just as the tomb of Jesus contained his body. Hard-boiled egg is also one of the seven symbols of Passover. The Easter Bunny as legend has it represented fertility because of the animal's high reproduction rate.

The tradition of coloring eggs is an ancient one. In one tradition the eggs were colored all red which represented the blood of Jesus. Another traditional legend has it that Simon of Cyrene put down his basket of eggs to help Jesus carry the cross. When he went to retrieve his basket his eggs have been miraculously colored and decorated. The tale and the various traditions eventually migrated over to the United States.

I leave you with this one word as an Easter wish, a word that takes on many meanings to many people. I wish you all BARIS, PAZ, POKOJ, MIR, FRED, VREDE, FRIEDEN, EIPNVN, SIOCHAIN, PACEM AND SHALOM. No matter how you say it, I leave you PEACE !

From all of us at The Williston Post, I wish you continued Easter blessings that remain with you throughout the year, and give you peace !



It's Monday, April 2nd, the day after a delightfully sunny Easter, and Opening Day at Yankee Stadium, and we wake up to...SNOW? Yes, this was truly the Winter That Never Ended but, fortunately for the Willistons, our Villages have dedicated public works crews that are always up for the job, no matter how hard it may be. In addition,

of course, our streets and public spaces are particularly beautiful right after a snowfall.

We at The Williston Post thank our hard working road crews for a job very well done this winter and hope that the next time somebody says "play ball" they are thinking of curves and sliders, and not snowballs.





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New Classes On Sustainable Yard Care at Clark Gardens

The Town of North Hempstead will once again be offering residential sustainability classes including; Composting Cooperative, “Recycle the Rain,” Native Gardening, Rain Garden and Sustainable Yard Care. The programs will run at Clark Botanic Garden in Albertson from May to September and are offered free of charge to Town residents.

The Composting Cooperative program is a 30-minute instructional class and, upon completion, residents can purchase a composter at the reduced rate of \$50. By using a composter, residents can create organic material for their soil by reusing kitchen waste that would ordinarily end up in landfills.



North Hempstead Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth encourages residents to sign up for the Town’s environmental programs.

North Hempstead’s “Recycle the Rain” water conservation program teaches residents the benefits of rain barrels and, after taking the 30-minute class, residents can purchase 50-gallon rain barrels at a discounted rate of \$50. The rain barrels can recycle as much as 1,800 gallons of storm water during in a single summer season.

The Rain Garden program is a free course that instructs residents the environmental benefits of rain gardens and how to create one. Rain gardens are gardens that are positioned near a water run-off source, like a downspout, driveway or sump pump to capture rainwater, keeping the fresh rainwater out of the sewer system and in the ground. By re-routing run-off, the rain garden helps to reduce pollution by filtering out contaminants as the water slowly seeps into the ground.

The Native Plant Gardening class is a 60-minute free class that will instruct residents on how to conserve water, reduce fertilizers and pesticides while providing food and habitat for wildlife. The president of the Long Island Native Plant Initiative will teach how to build and select plants for native gardens.

All classes are held at Clark Botanic Garden, located at 193 I. U. Willets Rd in Albertson, and are rain or shine. Residents must register in advance. Please note that only check or credit/debit cards are accepted for rain barrels and composters. For a full list of class dates, see below:

Upcoming “Recycle the Rain” classes will be held:

- Thursday, April 26 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

- Saturday, August 11 at 10 a.m.
- Thursday, September 20 at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Composting Cooperative classes will be held:

- Thursday, April 26 at 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 11 at 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, September 20 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Rain Garden classes will be held:

- Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m.
- Saturday, September 22 at 10 a.m.

Upcoming Native Garden Classes will be held:

- Saturday, May 19 at 12 p.m.
- Saturday, September 22 at 12 p.m.

For more information or to register call 311 or 516-869-6311.

Harley Riders Support Winthrop

On Saturday, March 31 the Long Island Harley Riders met for their 17th annual Ride for Winthrop. 65 riders, and 50 bikes from the Huntington-based club brought presents for hospital-bound children at the hospital and, in addition, raised over \$1,200 for the Hospital’s Child Life Program.



My Night Table Drawer

By **Raymond Haller**

Over the past dreary months of winter, I promised myself that when I got a chance I would fix my night table drawer. It was filled with years of important “stuff” and eventually got stuck in the halfway closed position, or open position depending upon your level of optimism.

So one evening, as the snow started to fall, I retrieved my flashlight and decided to fix my night table drawer once and for all.

After pushing and pulling and lifting stuff out from underneath the drawer, I finally got it open. I pulled it out and dumped the contents all over my bed. I then retrieved things that had gotten stuck behind the drawer, or had fallen into the cabinet itself. I was amazed at the amount of things that could be saved over the

course of a few decades.

Other than all the little tchotchkes I received over the years, I had saved a collection of well over 300 prayer cards of deceased family members and friends, brother Knights of Columbus and their families, veterans, classmates, and people who I grew up with in Williston Park or otherwise knew over the years.

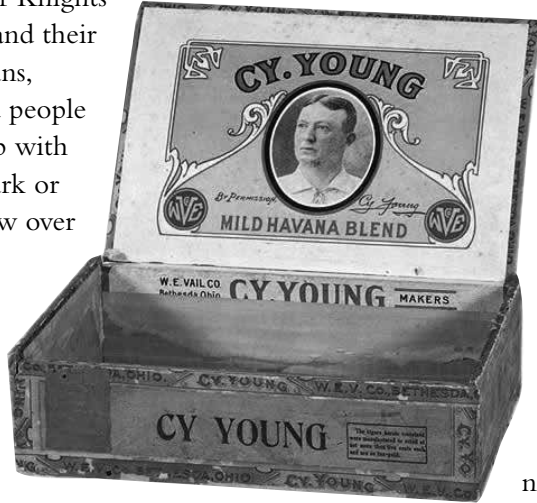
But now, having corrected the problem of the non-functioning drawer, what was I to do with all these prayer cards? In looking at each and every

one of them, I tried to remember a fond memory about the person named on the card and, in most cases, something came to mind. Clearly the prayer cards had to be kept, and a

suitable place had to be found for them.

I went down to my basement looking for an old cigar box full of baseball cards, removed those cards and replaced them with my prayer cards in what was now my new prayer card box.

Now that I have fixed my drawer, collected all my prayer cards and reminisced about of



all these fine people, I will continue to keep all of them in my prayers.

As I learned in Father Brown’s Theology class at St. John’s University, one of the Spiritual Works of Mercy is to pray for the living and the dead.

Much was accomplished. I had just proven to myself that I could do without my iPhone, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media as I put my time to better use. I regained some storage space, and retrieved many fond memories.

We all have a drawer, a closet or even a room that is similar to my night table.

Take some time to clean it out. You will feel a lot better inside when you remove the clutter, and you may even retrieve some treasured memories.

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Herricks Excels at 2018 National History Day Regional Competition

The National History Day Regional Competition held on March 18 was a resounding success for Herricks. With more than 750 students participating, Herricks Middle School and High School won a considerable number of awards and in some cases swept their respective categories. Both buildings will now send a number of exceptional projects to the New York State History Day Competition, to be held on April 23 in Cooperstown. The district congratulates the following winners:

Special Award for an Outstanding Entry on Aviation or Military History sponsored by the Cradle of Aviation
Group Website titled: “At the Whims of Monsters: The Liberian Conflict”
Christopher Lo, Eish Maheshwari, and Uttav Patel (Herricks High School)

Special award for Outstanding Entry on Labor History sponsored by the New York State United Teachers
Group Performance titled: “Clara Lemlich and the Strike of 20,000”
Celeste Zhang, Dheyala Simrin, Garima Jain, and Sanjana Lodha (Herricks Middle School)

Junior Individual Performances
1st Place: “Brown v Board of Ed: A Compromise that Led to More Conflict”
Rma Polce (Herricks Middle School)
3rd Place: “From Slavery to Freedom: The Compromises that Forever Changed America”
Ayesha Nadeem (Herricks Middle School)

Senior Individual Performances
1st Place: “Mariposas Cubanas”
Felisha Ma (Herricks High School)
2nd Place: “Freedom Knows No Compromise: The New Negro Speaks Out”
Anokhi Ladhani (Herricks High School)
3rd Place: “Sub lal hoga hai: For Freedom and Vengeance in British India”
Yashi Ladhani (Herricks High School)

Junior Group Performance
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East Williston Library News

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- Strive to understand and serve community concerns and interests

Preferred but not required:

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- Knowledge of Sierra and Overdrive
 - Knowledge of Wordpress
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 - Staff: work collegially with staff and oversee recruitment, training, evaluations and management.
 - Planning: evaluate the effectiveness of library services and resources.
 - Finance: prepare budgets, supervise expenditures and negotiate competitive costs for services and materials.
 - Community & Patron Relations: promote the library by interacting with schools and by representing the library at public events, listening and responding to community concerns.
 - Programs: Select, plan, coordinate and publicize programs.

If you are interested in the position, please send your resume to ewpl@ewlibrary.org, attention to Mr. Joseph Hoffman, President of the Library Board by Monday, April 30, 2018.

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Herricks Musicians Perform at LISFA Festival

From March 2-4, the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) sponsored its annual Elementary Festival. After many hours of rehearsal with prominent conductors, Herricks' students in grades 5-8 performed at Uniondale High School among Nassau County's finest string musicians. Herricks student musicians from Center Street, Denton Avenue, Searingtown and Herricks Middle School participated in this festival.

The musicians from Center Street, Denton Avenue, Searingtown and Herricks Middle School are listed below:

- Center Street School: Eason Chiu, Cello, Grade 5.
- Denton Avenue Elementary School: Amanda Cui, Cello, Grade 5; Albert Kuo, Cello, Grade 5; Andrew Simons, Violin, Grade 5.
- Searingtown Elementary School: Justin Chen, Viola, Grade 5; Dhruv Gandhi, Bass, Grade 5; Enya Sakhrani, Viola, Grade 5; Ryan Yen, Cello, Grade 5.

- Herricks Middle School: Peter Aliprandis, Violin, Grade 6; Katherine Cha, Cello, Grade 6; Kyra Chan, Violin, Grade 6; Preston Chan, Cello, Grade 6; Isabel Comerchero, Viola, Grade 6; Alex Ha, Cello, Grade 6; Chloe Kim, Violin, Grade 6; Fiona Kuo, Violin, Grade 6; Justin Lau, Violin, Grade 6; Ryan Lo, Cello, Grade 6; Kaylee Luo, Violin, Grade 6; Yvette Park, Cello, Grade 6; Catalin Wong, Violin, Grade 6; Kevin Zhu, Violin, Grade 6; Maria Defex, Viola, Grade 8; Genesis Kang, Violin, Grade 8; Hailey Ko, Violin, Grade 7; Megan Kumar, Bass, Grade 7; Jovana Lau, Violin, Grade 8; Jeylin Lee, Viola, Grade 7; Rachel Lee, Violin, Grade 8; Esther Min, Cello, Grade 8; Kailey Simons, Violin, Grade 7; Katherine Yee, Violin, Grade 7; Emma Yen, Violin, Grade 8; Tina Zhao, Violin, Grade 8.



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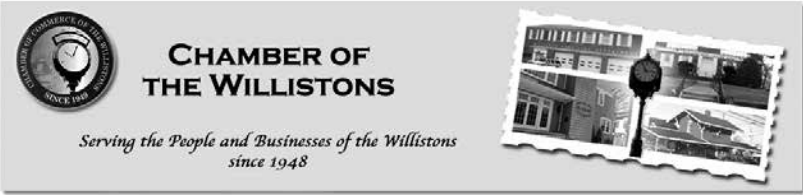
The March meeting of the Chamber of the Willistons was a very busy one. The Chamber welcomed Mr. Daniel Chun, the new owner of IHOP, to the Village and wished him much success.

In addition, Mr. Charles Marchiselli, father of Life Scout Alex Marchiselli, attended the meeting to accept a check from the Chamber to help fund Alex's Eagle Scout Project. Alex will be renovating the children's room in the basement of St. John's Lutheran Church. The Church has given Troop 200 space for their meetings and a place to store all their camping equipment for over 10 years.

Two big Chamber events will be taking place this year. 2018 will mark the 40th Anniversary of the Street Fair as well as the 70th Anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce!

We hope to have some special events at the Street Fair, which is Sunday, September 16th, as well as a party to celebrate our 70th Anniversary.

We will have more information for the community in the next few months and look forward to a great event for both residents and business owners.



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"Little Make a Difference Day"
Saturday, April 21, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Meet in Village Hall Parking Lot
(Rear of 494 Willis Avenue)

We will provide T-shirts, garbage bags and gloves. Please bring your rakes and shovels.

Groups will be assigned public areas within the Village and we only ask for an hour or two of your time to help clean up and beautify Williston Park for the Spring.

All school groups, Girls Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts (Accompanied by chaperone) and all residents are invited to join us.

Please call 746-2193 or email Village Hall (boardsecretary@villageofwillistonpark.org) for questions, information or to register your group.

Thank you!

"Together We Will Continue To Make a Difference"

Caring for Our Pets

Fleas



By **Victor LaGinestra, D.V.M.**

Fleas are small, brown or black, wingless, rapidly moving insects that feed on blood by biting affected animals. They can cause anemia, spread certain diseases, and tapeworms. Most dogs and cats are allergic to the flea’s saliva and a bite can cause intense itching, leading to licking, scratching, biting and chewing of the skin.

The flea has a complete insect life cycle: egg larva, nymph, and adult. The adult flea lays eggs in the hair of the pet and they eventually fall off into the environment. The eggs hatch

into larvae. They live in your carpets and cracks of your floors and eventually spin cocoons and become pupa. The pupae are very resistant to insecticides, drying and even freezing. Eventually, the adult flea hatches from the pupa and they find a dog or cat to live on and will lay 40 to 50 eggs per day. The whole lifecycle from egg to adult is usually about 2 to 4 weeks but can be much longer. It is important to remember that only 5% of the flea population are adult fleas; the other 95% are in the immature stages.

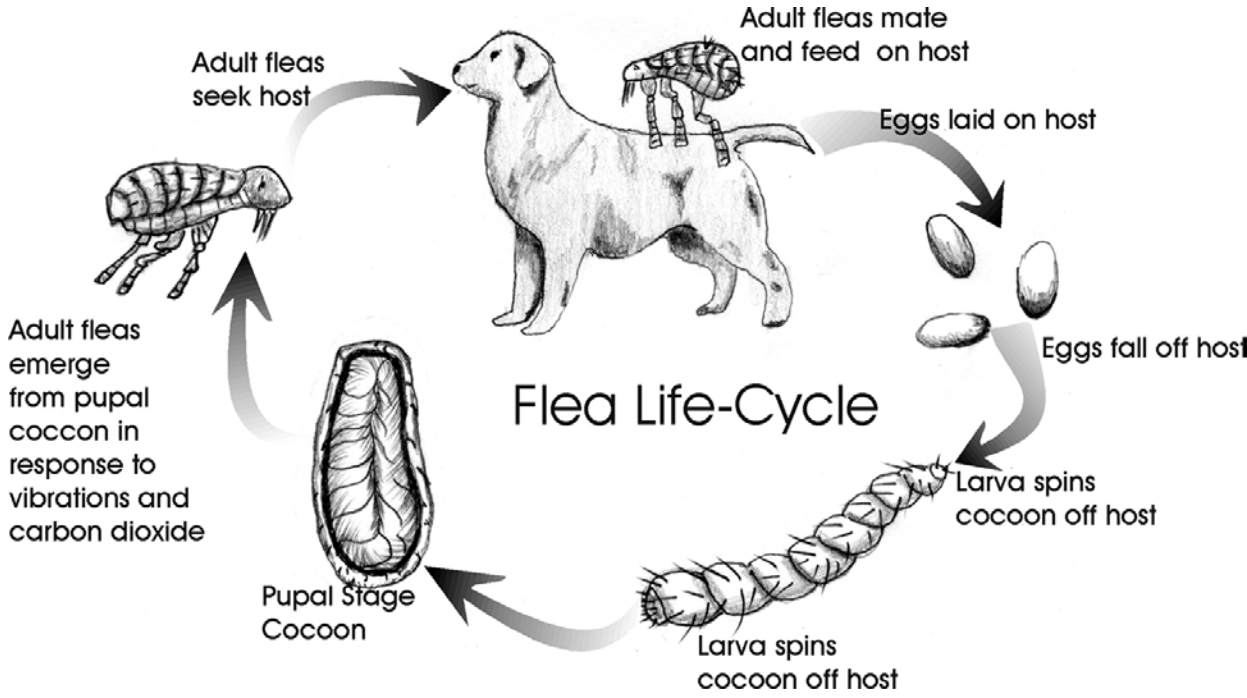
To have good flea treatments, we must treat all the animals in the environment, the home, and the yard.

Treating the Animals: To treat your dog or cat, there are oral products that you give monthly (one product is given every 3rd month), topical products that you apply on your pets back monthly, and a good flea collar made by Bayer called Seresto.

Treating the Home: The best method to control fleas in your home is to use a vacuum with good suction and to vacuum the floor, carpets, and furniture frequently.

Discard the bag or empty the bin after each vacuuming to prevent re-infestation. Steam cleaning your carpets will also help. In severe infestations, you might need to spray your home with an insecticide. In addition, wash your dog’s bed frequently.

Treating the Yard: To treat your yard, there are monthly yard spray treatments that attach to your hose. Spray the yard in the evening and let it dry overnight before letting your pets go back on the treated area. Make sure the insecticides are pet-safe before use.



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Peter Rabbit On Display at the East Williston Library

East Williston Library Trustee Barbara McWhirk has generously shared her collection of Peter Rabbit memorabilia with the patrons of the East

Williston Library. Her collection will be in the Library display case during the month of April.



BULLYING IS NOT COOL.
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DATE: Saturday April 14th, 2018
TIME: 2:00pm -3:00pm
LOCATION: Charlies Water Karate & Fitness
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Creating a Personalized College List

By **Tony Moschella**
*Independent Educational Consultant
University College Advisors*

As high school students begin to investigate appropriate colleges to add to their college list, establishing a reliable and effective framework will help to guide this process. The volume of available 4-year colleges is immense and can complicate the already confounding task of focusing the student's efforts to find the proper "fit schools". However, by following a clear set of principles and guidelines, structuring a personalized college list is well within each student's reach. There are four main objectives that should remain at the forefront when surveying schools: Difficulty, Timing, Fit and Cost. Let's examine these points individually to see how each is essential in linking colleges to student profiles.

The first element in identifying appropriate colleges requires matching a school's entry criteria with the student's personal profile. This includes locating schools where a student has a strong chance of being admitted based on their recent admissions history. In essence, comparing the student's resume (including SAT/ACT scores and GPA) with recent averages of admitted students helps to determine if a school should enter the student's "ballpark list" of colleges where admission is



reasonably possible. Most college guide books provide entry score parameters (difficulty indicators) to help in this effort. As an Independent Educational Consultant, I have found that locating schools where a student's test scores and GPA meet at least the mid-point scores for a given college enhances admissions chances and enables students to thrive academically, should they ultimately decide to attend the school.

The next factor is timing, that is, the preparation and gathering of all necessary documents to submit a quality application in a timely manner. Equally relevant is the timing of the application for submission: Early Decision, Early Action or Regular Decision. Once a final college list is established, there may be a single gem

school that stands above all others. Early Decision, a binding contractual obligation to attend if admitted, generally offers a higher acceptance rate partly due to the enhanced applicant pool that applies early. It also signals to a college the student's commitment to attend that school if admitted. Similarly, Early Action offers an earlier review and determination if the student's application merits an acceptance. Finally, most applications will fall under Regular Decision and will offer additional breathing room to submit a completed application.

Fit relative to preferences involves school characteristics that meet a student's personal criteria. Categories to determine a proper fit might include some or all the following: school size, setting location, prestige, religious affiliation, distance from home and program availability. While it is not essential to locate schools that satisfy all of the preferred features, it is vital for students to assess their personal wish list of characteristics that land within their comfort zone. With each school surveyed via website and guide book review and college visits, students can form their own model of an ideal educational setting. Matching colleges to a student's personal profile aids in finding the proper fit.

Finally cost, the anticipated ex-

penses that must be addressed to reach graduation. As the costs of tuition, room and board have accelerated, the ability to plan for and meet anticipated expenses has been challenging. The positive news is that, in many cases, students and their families are not paying "full freight" to attend the school of choice. Colleges, both private and public, dedicate a portion of their financial resources towards meeting the obligations of their students via work study, economic-based aid and merit grants. Recognizing the avenues for financial aid available directly from the colleges themselves eases the burden of meeting financial obligations. Whenever possible, survey schools in which a student's profile lands within the upper cohort of admitted students. Schools such as these generally have academic merit scholarship money (no obligation to repay) that can be tapped to bring down the final costs of a college education.

Utilizing the four elements of difficulty, timing, fit and cost, students are better able to target appropriate schools for investigation and to ultimately land on their personalized college list. By employing an effective strategy to explore colleges, students will find that they can create a college list that has desirable entries from top to bottom.

Museum Passes At The Williston Park Library

Thanks to the generous support of the Friends of the Library, the Williston Park Library has membership to the following local museums:

- LI Children's Museum
- Cradle of Aviation
- Firefighter's Museum
- Old Bethpage Restoration Village
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, and
- Old Westbury Gardens.

Passes to these museums are available at the Library. This list is also posted at the Circulation Desk. Please call the library or stop by to check availability.

Phil Maccietto Top Bowler In Mineola

Mineola School District congratulates Mineola High School eighth-grader Phil Macchietto who helped lead Nassau County's All-County Bowling Squad to a third-place finish in Syracuse, New York on March 10-11.

Phil had the best game of the tournament with a 266. He averaged an overall score of 200, making him the top bowler on the Nassau squad and earning him the rank of fourth in the state.

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Phil Macchietto, who is pictured with coach Helmut Bohringer, is ranked fourth in the state in bowling.

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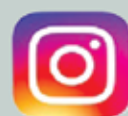
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