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## **A GLORIOUS FOURTH IN THE WILLISTONS**



It was a beautiful Fourth of July morning in Williston Park when the annual parade celebrating the Declaration of Independence and the birth of our nation stepped off.

The parade was organized by the Williston Park Fire Department, and the line of march was led by members of American Legion Williston Post 144, and members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Members of the Williston Park Fire Department were proud marchers, as were their colleagues from East Williston and Albertson.

The Albertson Fire Department Band provided a medley of patriotic selections to march to, and they were joined by pipers from the Long Island Inis Fada Gaelic Band.

It was a special day for 50 year Williston Park Fire Department member Robert Schnall, who was recognized by County Executive Mangano for this extraordinary record of service to his community.

The three day weekend began with a brilliant fireworks display at Wheatley Hills Country Club in East Williston, and ended with family gatherings and good food throughout the Willistons.

Fourth of July celebrations are among the things that define small town life at its best, and we are happy to share with you the accompanying photographs to illustrate the point.





# HARPER'S FERRY AND WILLISTON PARK RECREATION COMMITTEE ARE A WINNING COMBINATION!



Clockwise from top right, Smiling faces were everywhere; Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne and Rotarian Louise Schwarzchild; Williston Post Advertising Director and Rotarian Frank Oliveri and Ann Marie Smith; Frisbees courtesy of Your Hometown Newspaper!; Rotarians Rosemary Graziano and Connie Daves distributed beach balls and necklaces donated by The Williston Park Rotary Club; Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lucille Walters and President John Gordon.

On a perfect Saturday evening in June, Kelleher Field provided the perfect venue for an evening of music and fun with friends and family.

The Williston Park Recreation Committee organized an evening of music by Harper's Ferry that brought out hundreds of residents from Williston Park.

Harpers Ferry is Long Island's finest Indie-Folk band! Their blend of old-American folk and country rock, influenced by the band's Irish heritage, provided a perfect musical experience for a beautiful summer evening.

The lawn at Kelleher Field was

covered with coolers, chairs and happy residents. Williston Park Rotary Club handed out beach balls, glow necklaces, and Hawaiian leis and The Williston Post, your Hometown Newspaper, donated frisbees that were tossed around throughout the night.

We all owe our thanks to Deputy Mayor Kevin Rynne, the volunteers from the Recreation Committee and the community itself for continuing to make Williston Park a place where the generations return to raise their families. This concert at Kelleher Field was an example of the sort of special event that welcomes people back home.



Center photo, Recreation Committee Members Tara Bridges, Tim Casey and committee.

# SEEN AROUND TOWN



Clockwise from top left, Happy 100th to Jo Jansen, seen here at her celebratory mass at St. Aidan's with Goddaughter Gerry and daughter Regina; East Williston Library Director Sue Corsello with mom and dad; Billy, Bernadette, James, Jim, Shannon, and Will Harrison, enjoyed a night out with the family; Jack and Chris Bransfield with daughter and son in law Stephanie and Sandy Keys.

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# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - THE BENCHES ARE BACK

We always enjoy bringing you news about young men in our community who have the commitment to travel the road to the Eagle Rank in Scouting.

We recently received a letter from Jared Bassmann, of East Williston, who is currently a Life Scout in Troop 267, Roslyn Heights, and is on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout.

We will let Mr. Bassman describe his project to you in his own words. Longtime residents of East Williston will appreciate the project he and his fellow Scouts have completed.

“For my Eagle service project I chose to build benches around three trees on the East Williston Village Green. To get an idea of what I’ve built please stop by the Village Green and visit them!

The project was more demanding than I initially anticipated, the most difficult part being fundraising. I had a plan and a schedule for my project and the only thing that held me back from accomplishing it quickly was funding, so I created a GoFundMe campaign and crowd sourced the project. This worked well, with donors from all over the Village and surrounding villages and towns donating. To all of my donors I would like to offer my most sincere thanks. None of this would have been possible without their backing and generosity.

Once my funds were in order I was able to purchase the necessary materials and then complete the physical aspect of the project—actually building the benches. This took two weekends, one at my house and one on the green. The first weekend was devoted to cutting, staining and painting all of the bench components. The second weekend was spent actually assembling the benches.

This worked well and—after shopping—I was soon able to complete the physical aspect of the project. This took two weekends, one at my house and one on the green, the first to cut, stain, and paint all of the bench components, and the second to assemble the benches.



I would not have been able to complete and assemble the benches without the help of my troop, Troop 267, the Wanamaker family for their on-site assistance and especially my father, Thomas Bassmann, for his carpentry know-how and support.

I had fond memories of sitting on similar benches on the Green as a child, enjoying the great scenery and events that East Williston has to offer. So, when it came time for me to decide on a service project to do one of my first thoughts was to recreate the benches that stood on the Green not so long ago. In having built new benches, I hope to give other local residents the opportunity to enjoy East Williston as much as I have—seated comfortably.”

Jared Bassmann is typical of the exemplary young men of our Community who have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. We thank him for his project and hope that our readers will think of him and his fellow Scouts while relaxing under the shade of East Williston’s Village Green trees, on the benches which were the result of Jared’s Eagle Scout project.

# SHOES FOR ALL DONATES 60 PAIRS OF BASEBALL CLEATS TO P.S. 55

Shoes For All, a not for profit organization formed in 2010 by Dr. Mary Carlson, Podiatrist of Williston Park Long Island, donated over 60 new pairs of baseball cleats and coaches’ cleats to the students of Principal Luis Eladio Torres, of P.S. 55, in the South Bronx.

The elementary school is located at 450 St. Paul Place, Bronx New York, 10456.

This event provided an opportunity for students from ages 8 to 10 to have much needed cleats to participate in athletic activities.

Athletic teams foster teamwork, camaraderie and commitment. Shoes For All was happy to help these young children to participate in America’s favorite pastime—baseball.

Shoes For all has been giving away new and gently worn shoes for the past six years throughout Long Island and the five boroughs. To date they have given away 48,000 pairs of shoes to poor and working poor families in need of this basic necessity.

The overwhelming need for this type of outreach was and continues to be evident, and Dr. Carlson continues to be a catalyst to encourage those who have, to give to those less fortunate.

SFA hopes to continue this partnership with P.S.55 and perhaps help other groups in need of footwear.

Please visit us at [www.shoesforall-sfa.com](http://www.shoesforall-sfa.com) for more information.

More information about Dr. Mary Carlson can be found on her website: [www.DrMaryCarlsonDPM.com](http://www.DrMaryCarlsonDPM.com) or by calling 516-248-8188.

More Information about Shoes For All can be found at: [www.ShoesForAll-SFA.com](http://www.ShoesForAll-SFA.com).



Top, P.S. 55 students with their cleats.  
Bottom, Dr. Carlson with P.S. 55 faculty.



# SHARING EAST WILLISTON’S HISTORY

Thank you to Brenda and Lou Sasso for transporting their Original East Williston Road Cart along with some vintage cars to The East Williston Railroad Station on a beautiful Sunday afternoon.

The East Williston Road Carts were manufactured in the Village by the East Williston Road Cart Co.

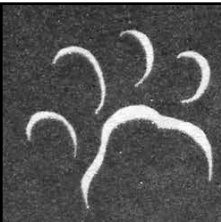
Designed, patented, and built by Henry M. Willis, the East Williston Road Cart was considered a vehicle of superior riding quality and was very popular due to its unusual balance.

Many local families were treated to a trip down memory lane from Lou and his wife Brenda, who share a love for our local history.



Left to right, the Nizzo family; Lou and Brenda Sasso.





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# CLARK BOTANIC GARDENS AUXILIARY HONORS MARILOU PFEIFFER

Every year the Auxiliary of the Clark Botanic Gardens honors a member who has committed his or her volunteer services to the work of the Auxiliary and the enhancement of Clark Botanic Garden.

This year's honoree was Marilou Pfeiffer, and Auxiliary President Louise Schwartzchild, of Williston Park, gave the following heartfelt remarks commending Ms. Pfeiffer's service to the Auxiliary and to Clark Garden.

"While considering how I might speak about this year's Auxiliary member, I happened to read, in Daily Word, some verses from Katherine Merrill's poem, "Heart's Garden."

She wrote: 'My heart is a garden where thought flowers grow. The thoughts that I think are the seeds that I sow.' Immediately, I thought of Marilou, and I knew how I would compose my speech.

For Marilou Pfeiffer, sows seeds of kindness. She thinks positive thoughts about others, and she maintains a very positive attitude about herself.

Quietly, and without attention, she encourages people by sincerely complimenting them, smiling, lending a hand, and showing appreciation. I have found her to live from her heart. She sows seeds of kindness, beauty, and goodwill.

Marilou has used these qualities



through her many years of volunteer work, and executive board experience, in the Clark Botanic Garden Auxiliary. And I might add, she has been a great support to the present executive board members.

Thus, it gives me great pleasure, on behalf of the members of the Clark Botanic Garden Auxiliary, to present you, Marilou, with this certificate of recognition and gift to Hick's Nurseries.

We thank you; and we know you will continue to offer your support to the Clark Botanic Garden for years to come."

So many things that enhance the quality of our lives here in the Willistons are dependent upon the unselfish donation of time and talent by volunteers such as Marilou Pfeiffer.

We are happy to be able to share with our readers the recognition by her peers of her service to Clark Botanic Garden, which is an amenity available to us all.



# AMERICAN LEGION WILLISTON POST 144 INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

By P.C. Frank J. Oliveri

On Wednesday evening, June 15th, Members of American Legion Williston Post 144 elected and swore in their new Officers for Calendar Year 2016 through 2017.

They are:

|                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Commander:             | P.C. Frank Busa       |
| First Vice Commander:  | Robert Valentine      |
| Second Vice Commander: | P.C. Robert Guastella |
| Chaplain:              | Brian Dyke            |
| Finance Officer:       | Robert Mitchell       |
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# FARM TO TABLE COMES TO THE WILLISTONS!

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Now we all have the chance to get the wonderful fresh produce and other food items which are still produced on Long Island but which have become increasingly hard to find, and to find them right in the neighborhood.

Here is an introduction from Sunnyside Markets, which describes the program.

### Farmers Market

“What better way to kick off your day than to swing by your local Farmers’ Market and purchase some freshly-picked greens from our very own Long Island farmers!

Get up early and come hang with

us every Friday and Sunday!

The Market offers plenty of great fresh food, honey, organic olive oils, pickles, olives, baked breads, coffee, sauces, tasty pretzels that come in a variety of toppings, all natural chicken burgers which taste just as good if not better than a hamburger, but with better nutritional value, and a hot sauce that will knock your boots off!

Keep an eye out for the Market’s weekend cooking demos, live music and family – friendly activities.

We will be open through late October, outdoors--Fridays 10 am – 4 pm at the American Legion Parking Lot located at 730 Willis Ave and Sundays 9 am – 2 pm at Copperhill Restaurant Parking lot located at 234 Hillside Ave.

For more info visit us at [www.sunnysidemarkets.com](http://www.sunnysidemarkets.com)

See you at the market!”



# ASTORIA BANK SUPPORTS WILLISTON PARK AMERICAN LEGION HALL RENOVATION

The Williston Park American Legion Post 144 and Astoria Bank both have a long history of serving and strengthening the local community.

When the members of the Post determined that they would need to make major repairs to the roof of their meeting hall, they turned to neighborhood businesses for help.

Astoria Bank responded with a contribution to help fund the repairs, ensuring that the facility will be able to continue serving the needs of over 200 local veterans, as well as providing a meeting space for other area clubs and non-for-profit organizations that use the facility.

“We’re so pleased that our Williston Park Branch Manager Deborah Connelly brought this need to our attention,” said Brian Edwards, executive vice president and managing director at Astoria Bank. “This collaborative effort with the American Legion is one of the ways we are able to show support for veterans and make a difference in the communities we serve.”

The Williston Post is happy to thank Astoria Bank for this generous offer of help, and Branch Manager Debbie Connelly, who is also a member of the Rotary Club of Williston Park, for her efforts to make this happen.

Left to Right, P. C. Robert Robesch, Astoria Bank Williston Park Branch Manager Deborah Connelly and Robert Mitchell, Post 144 Finance Officer.



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# EAST WILLISTON LIBRARY NEWS

### Programs

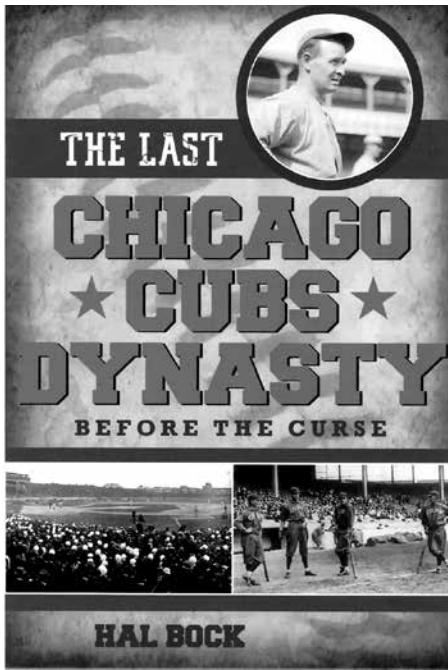
Summer is always a busy time at the East Williston Library. There is an ongoing program of Stories and Crafts on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30.

In addition, of course, the Summer Reading Program—On Your Mark, Get Set, Read—is in full swing.

On July 20th, at 7:00 p.m., the Library will present a live performance of “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” on the Village Green.

It promises to be a delightful way to spend a warm summer evening.

The rain date is July 21st, at the same time.

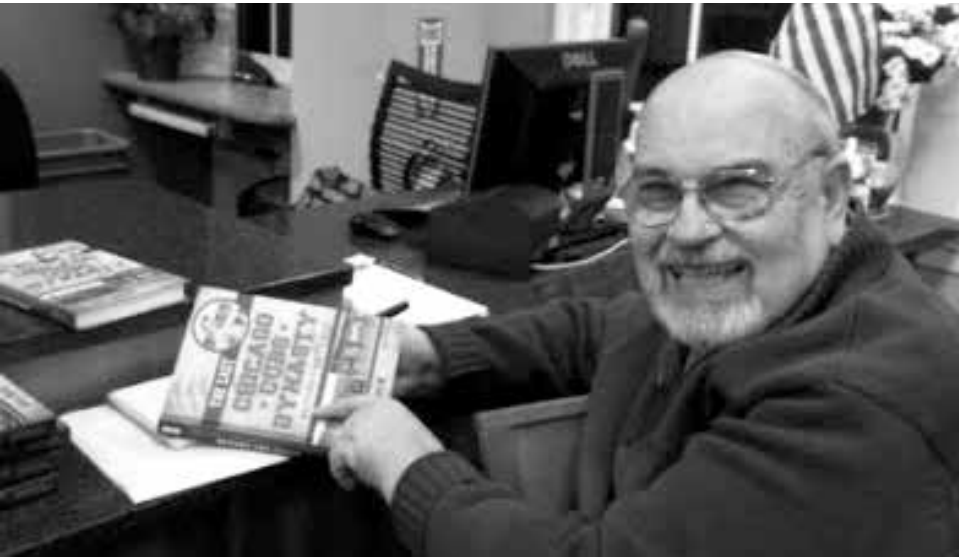


### Displays

In June, Anne Messina of the East Williston Public Library Friends shared her collection of frog sculptures and related memorabilia in the Library display case. In July visitors can enjoy a selection of paintings on velvet by East Williston resident Gregg L. Sasso. Be sure to take a look when you come to the Library.

### Recent Lectures

Local Author Hal Bock recently gave a talk about his book The Last Chicago Cubs Dynasty—Before the Curse. Mr. Bock has an encyclopedic range of knowledge about baseball, and he gave a very entertaining lecture. And he also wrote an excellent book, which would be well worth checking out.



## THE FRANCESCHINI FUNDRAISER A HUGE SUCCESS!



The entire Franceschini Family takes this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting their Annual Debra Ann Franceschini Foundation’s fundraiser for Winthrop University Hospital’s Cancer Center for Kids.

The June 17th evening, at Piccolo’s Restaurant, with good food, music, great raffle prizes, and friendly sociability helped to make this year’s Franceschini Fundraiser for CCFK a huge success.

Again, we say, “thanks,” and we all look forward to seeing you at our 2017 Debra Ann Franceschini Foundation fundraiser for W.U.H.’s Cancer Center for Kids.

- The Franceschini Family



# WILLISTON PARK ROTARY CLUB INSTALLS NEW OFFICERS

On June 23, the Williston Park Rotary Club installed new officers for 2016-2017 at a delightful dinner meeting held at La Parma Restaurant.

Raymond Haller will serve as the President for the coming year, Frank Oliveri will be Vice President, Adele

The team of new officers was sworn in by prior Williston Park Rotary Club President Nancy Zolezzi.

Of equal importance, outgoing President Karen Wiley, outgoing Vice President Morris Chimon and outgoing Treasurer John Marsala were hon-

Park in recognition of her service to the community as Rotary President, and her unselfish dedication to the Rotary Club.

There were other awards as well. Rosemary Graziano was selected Rotarian of the Year and Cuqui Arken

and John Marsala received Rotary Service Awards.

15 year Rotary membership pins were awarded to Rocco Iannarelli, Larry Kane and Bernadette Harrison, 10 year membership pins were awarded to Raymond Haller, Robert Shannon, Mary Reardon, Alan Sandler and Christy Lavelle, and 5 year membership pins were awarded to Cuqui Arken and Connie Dawes.

Finally on a sad note Bob Robesch, who is moving to the North Fork of Long Island, was presented with a gift from the club in recognition of his years of involvement and his assistance with the updating of the Club’s business records.

As always, the food at LaParma was delicious and the fellowship among the Rotarians was memorable.

Congratulations to the incoming officers and sincere thanks to those outgoing officers who have served so well.



Valenzuela, C.P.A. will be Treasurer, Rosemary Graziano will be Secretary and Manny Lopez will be Sergeant at Arms.

In addition, Mother Christina van Liew of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection and Deacon Frank Love of St. Aidan’s will serve as Chaplains.



ored by grateful Rotarians for their exemplary service over the preceding two years.

Williston Park’s Mayor, the Hon. Paul Ehrbar, was a welcome guest at the installation. Mayor Ehrbar declared June 23 to be Karen Wiley day throughout the Village of Williston



Clockwise from top left, Adele Valenzuela, Ray Haller, Frank Oliveri, Manny Lopez & Rosemary Graziano; Karen Wiley and Ray Haller; a delightful dinner at LaParma; Mayor Paul Ehrbar and Frank Oliveri; President Ray Haller, First Lady Lisa Haller and Bro. James Conway, S.M..



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# VICTORY CHALLENGE



Photo courtesy of the Mineola Union Free School District

Students from Mineola Union Free School District participated in the 2016 Nassau County Empire State Games Victory Challenge held at Mitchel Field and Athletic Complex.

Events that day included the discus, relay races, wheelchair basketball, swimming and table tennis.

The Victory Challenge is an annual event spanning more than 30 years. Sponsors provide the general support for more than 1,000 participants ranging in age from 5 to 21 to come together each year.

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# FLAVOR OF THE WILLISTONS IS A CULINARY SUCCESS!



Clockwise from top, everyone's favorite Vegan Bakery owner Michael Sabet and friend; Plum Tomato's Bob Berman; the gang from Harry's Hilltop; Former Williston Park Clerk Rae Caramanica and Barbara Afonso; Robert Debeneditis tries a Yummy Gyro; Paella with a smile from Sangria 71, American Legion Commander and ace bartender Frank Busa tending to the thirsty.

Williston Park has become a restaurant and good food destination, and the Chamber of Commerce showcased that happy fact by sponsoring the first "Flavor of the Willistons" on June 29th.

Over 300 people came to the American Legion Post #144 to sample signature dishes from 12 local restaurants.

Chamber of Commerce President John Gordon and his committee did an outstanding job of organizing the event, which will benefit the American Legion's much needed roof and building repairs.

Thank you to the Chamber, the gracious members of the American Legion and our generous restaurants; Angelina's Pizzeria and Restaurant, Taverna 38, Sangria 71, Memories 2 Bar and Grill, Frantoni's Pizzeria and Ristorante, Sweet to Lick Vegan Bakery, Plum Tomatoes, Cugini Pizzeria and Restaurant, Yummy Gyro, Sri Pra Phai Thai Restaurant, Harry's Hilltop Delicatessen and Polito Bakery.

Music was provided by the band Alibi. It was a perfect evening of good food, good friends and a worthy cause, and we are already looking forward to next year!

And of course, between now and then, please patronize the restaurants and bakeries that provided so much to make the evening a success.



Three center pictures, Lucky winner Lois Hanson with Bill Clark, Cynthia Obidienzo, and Christy and Mike Lavelle; Williston Park Florist owner Gus donated beautiful centerpieces; Taverna 38 owner John Alexopoulos and guest.

This page, clockwise from top, Jo Jansen enjoyed a night out with daughters Cathy and Regina; Reality Roofing's Bobby Shannon with Sangria 71's Jose Fernandez and Lauren Shannon; National Carpet's Grace and John Sirigusa catching up with Patti and Larry Kane; Williston Plumbing's Marilyn and Ron Doughty and daughter Lisa Collins; the Williston Park Retires! Jane and Alan Gelderman, Charlie and Stephanie Stanton, and, standing, Linda and Richie Santopetro. Chamber of Commerce President John Gordon with Bob Shannon, Loretta Helmich, and Diane O'Donnell, Former ; Williston Park Deputy Clerk Marilyn Wotruba and guest, Memories 2 Bar and Grille owner Joe Periera.





# GODSPEED, FATHER MICHAEL

St. Aidan's made a fond but sad farewell to Associate Pastor Father Michael Edathil on June 29th. Father Michael served at St. Aidan's, which was his first assignment after his ordination, since September of 2013.

He is a graduate of Villanova University and received a Masters of Divinity Degree at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, where Msgr. McDonald was the Rector.

Fr. Michael is the fourth and youngest child of parents of Indian origin, Philipose and Rajamma Edathil.

After completing his assignment at St. Aidan's, Fr. Michael will go to India in August to begin a one year assignment as an associate pastor in a Catholic Church in the state of Kerala in India.

Upon completion of that assignment he will return to the United States to serve the pastoral needs of first-generation immigrants who speak English and Malayalam, which is the mother-tongue of Fr. Michael's parents.

We wish Fr. Michael all the best, in his next assignment and in all his future endeavors.

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## OUR GARDEN PAD

Our garden is a little over one month old and thriving thanks to Larry and Manny who have spent many hours tending to the garden.

The garden is doing very well; all the plants are progressing on schedule.

The squash plants have beautiful yellow flowers. The tomato plants are starting to have fruit and the string beans and the egg plants are all showing early stages of producing delicious vegetables.

On Monday, when we were attending to the garden, we met up with Bonnie, Sue and Justin and compared notes about our progress so far.



*Top, Manny, Austin, Sue, Larry and Bonnie. Bottom, left to right, basil; Manny tending to the string beans.*



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# ROTARY CLUB OF WILLISTON PARK

By **Frank J. Oliveri**

Ms. Karen Wiley officiated over her last weekly meeting as President of the Rotary Club of Williston Park. Ms. Wiley has been President from 2013 thru 2016. Mr. Raymond Haller will be installed as President for 2016 – 2017 on June 23 at the annual installation dinner.

Special guest speaker at this week's meeting was Ms. Eileen Randle, Past Nassau County President American Legion Auxiliary and current Chairperson for the Girls' State Program Williston Post Auxiliary Unit 144.

Ms. Randle spoke about the American Legion Auxiliary's Girls' State Program, which teaches young women the elements of responsible citizenship through a week-long schedule of intensive study, which also requires the participants to work together as self-governing citizens of their State.

The Girls' State Program is one of the Auxiliary's Major Americanism Programs.

Ms. Randle then introduced Ms. Jane Baranello of Williston Park, the Post's Girls' State recipient for 2015.

Ms. Baranello described how her participation in the program has helped her to become more confident as a public speaker. In addition, she said, her time at Girls' State enriched her life by enabling her to make many new friends by giving her the opportunity to learn how to participate in the functioning of her state's government. That participation helped to prepare herself for her future role as a responsible and involved adult citizen.

President Karen Wiley and incoming President Ray Haller swore in and pinned Mr. Richard Dierlam as the newest member of the Rotary club of Williston Park.

On the lighter side, everyone wished Mr. Frank Galalis and Mr. Ken Marissael a very Happy Birthday.



Top, Manny Lopez, Ellen Randle, Jane Baranello & Karen Wiley; Center, Ken Marissael, Jane Baranello, Frank Galalis; Bottom, Ray Haller, Richard Dierlam & Karen Wiley



# NEWS FROM THE TZU CHI FOUNDATION

Many of our readers have probably passed the campus for the Tzu Chi Foundation at the corner of Roslyn Road and East Williston Avenue, and wondered what the Foundation was.

We are pleased to be able to introduce you to examples of the wide-ranging charitable work that this Buddhist Foundation has engaged in here on Long Island, and around the world.

Here are just two examples, sent to us by Pauline Chun of the Foundation. In the months to come, we hope to be able to tell you much more about this admirable charity.

### Tzu Chi International Medical Association Of Long Island To Sponsor A Blood And Bone Marrow Drive

The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch) affiliated TI-MA-LI and New York Blood Center



will jointly sponsor the annual Blood and Bone Marrow Drive on July 31, 2016 from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

It will be held at Tzu Chi Foundation Office located at 60 East Williston Ave., East Williston, New York 11596.

Please join us in saving lives.

All donors must be between the ages of 17-75; weigh at least 110 pounds and in good health.

To sign-up, please contact office at 516-873-6888 or call Joe Chang at 917-678-2536, or just show up with a picture ID (passport or driver license or a donor card) and eat at your regular meal times before donation.

### Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Long Island Branch Will Participate In The Soup Kitchen In Brentwood, New York

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation (Long Island Branch) will participate in the monthly soup kitchen community service on July 30, 2016 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

It will be held at Saint Anne's R.C. Church at 88 Second Avenue, Brentwood, New York 11717.

If you are interested in joining us as a volunteer in this event, please contact our office at 516-873-6888 or email: tcliusa@gmail.com

## MANAGING YOUR HealthCare



### NEWS FROM DR. MARY CARLSON

#### Laser Treatments For Toenail Fungus

Toenail fungus is a serious condition that manifests itself with a variety of unpleasant symptoms.

These ailments include discoloration of toes, hardening of the feet, foot odor, and it can even lead to severe pain and discomfort.

This is a very common infection that can easily be contracted while exercising at the gym, trying on clothes in the fitting room of your favorite department store, or even while you are at work.

Individuals who suffer from diabetes and circulation problems are also at a high risk for getting this infection.

If you are one of the tens of thousands of Long Islanders suffering from the pain and soreness associated with toenail fungus, Dr. Mary Carlson and her friendly staff is here to help.

Dr. Mary Carlson has dedicated her entire career to providing patients with a superior in-office experience, state-of-the-art pain-free procedures, and most importantly, proven results.

If you are embarrassed by your condition or are fearful of a painful procedure, do not worry. Dr. Mary Carlson utilizes the latest in FDA approved laser technology which allows her to remove the fungus and alleviate the pain, all without having to perform invasive surgery.

Laser treatments penetrate deep into the skin which helps to accelerate the growth of healthy cells and tissue, remove the fungus, and restore your feet back to perfect health.

Many patients see progress in as little as one treatment and are able to go back to work immediately after the procedure.

With beach and flip-flop weather quickly approaching, schedule your

appointment with Dr. Mary Carlson today so you can finally have some well-deserved fun in the sun!

#### Shoes for All

Dr. Mary Carlson's passion and commitment to serve extends far beyond her the work she performs in her office.

As founder and president of "Shoes for All," a non-profit organization that collects and distributes new and gently used shoes to families in need, she has helped men, woman, and children all across Long Island obtain one of the most basic necessities that many of us take for granted.

Everybody can help make a difference by donating shoes that they no longer wear. It's that simple.

Please check out [www.ShoesForAll.org](http://www.ShoesForAll.org) or call 516-506-SHOES to donate. All donations are greatly appreciated!

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# ST. AIDAN’S MIDDLE SCHOOL INAUGURAL BASEBALL SEASON “PUT IT IN THE BOOKS”

On Friday, June 3, 2016 at the St. Aidan’s Parish gym, the St Aidan’s Middle School baseball team celebrated their inaugural baseball season with a season ending pizza party.

The players and their parents gathered for some fun and friendship as they recounted the highlights of the first baseball season in St Aidan’s Middle School history.

*“Our team, in just a few weeks, showed they could compete at this very elite level”.*

The Stallions of St. Aidan’s finished with 4 wins and 6 losses in the very competitive Catholic Middle School Athletic Association (CMSAA).

The team played such powerhouses as Kellenberg Latin School in Uniondale and St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

Manager Ken Solosky was very proud and pleased with his team’s performance.

“The decision to field a middle school baseball team was made just before the Catholic Middle School season started and we had to hustle to get in just a few practices before opening day. Most of the teams we played have been around for years and benefit from year-round training” Solosky noted. “Our team, in just a few weeks, showed they could compete at this very elite level”.

The 2016 St Aidan’s team was managed by Ken Solosky, along with George Poarch and St. Aidan’s alumni Liam O’Gara and Kenny Solosky.

The roster players were Patrick Solosky, Will Cavallaro, Kevin Megan, Stephen Poarch, Joe Dellolio, Liam Higgins, Sean O’Hara, Matt O’Leary,

Jack O’Sullivan, Aidan Scott, Aidan Tice, Brian Wood, Henry Villa, Colin Fisch, Joe Franzini, Liam Cooke, Jack Mackay and Chris Marotta.

The night began with a pizza dinner and the boys were then treated to an inspirational talk given by Mr. Bob Hazelton, Chaminade High School’s J.V. Basketball coach.

Coach Hazelton chronicled the success of 3 of his student-athletes who were similar to the St. Aidan’s players in front of him.

These 3 athletes went on to tremendous success in life. These players

were not the most talented athletes he ever coached, but rather demonstrated other characteristics that made them great; determination, preparation and attitude.

After Coach Hazelton’s brief talk, the players thanked their parents by presenting their dads with a baseball keychain and their moms with a flower to thank them for their dedication and support.

Finally, each player received a game ball and a certificate for participating in the inaugural season of St. Aidan’s baseball. The team was grateful for

the support and publicly thanked St. Aidan’s School Principal Miss Eileen Oliver and Middle School Sports coordinator Helene Pacher.

When asked to sum up their season, most players simply said “fun.” The boys really enjoyed playing for their school with their friends.

Solosky proudly proclaimed what he saw as the team’s greatest achievement; one of his players told him the 7th and 8th grade boys had become friends largely as a result of St Aidan’s baseball.

Mission accomplished!

## A WONDERFUL FATHERS’ DAY SURPRISE



Willie Park Cleaners owner Paul Lee received a wonderful surprise this Fathers’ Day.

His wife Annie, who works with him at Willie Park Cleaners, presented him with a new alto sax so that he can add to the beautiful music of their church choir!

# BODY IMAGE AND FITNESS THANKS THE WILLISTONS

One of the things we like best about publishing The Williston Post is the chance we have to welcome and showcase new businesses which have invested in our Community.

We recently received the following note from the owners of Body Image and Fitness, and thought we’d share it with our readers.

“We want to start by thanking everyone for making our grand opening on May 21st 2016 a truly grand event!

We had an awesome turnout of over 150 guests, some of whom came from as far away as Staten Island, Manhattan and Bridgehampton.

We ate, drank, talked, laughed and shared ideas.

We concluded that, with such a diverse crowd based on age and geographical location, that when you change someone’s life through fitness, it positively impacts many others that that person comes into contact with.

At the event, there was a raffle with the grand prize being an M’Core Training system, valued over \$1500! T shirts, nutritional supplements and personal training sessions made up the second and third prize giveaways.

We raised over \$400, which we donated to St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital which was the highlight of the event.

Again we thank the Community for being such a welcoming place, and for all the positive comments and feedback we have and will continue to receive.



We have already enrolled several residents into our fitness and senior fitness programs, and we hope to expand our reach and make Body Image Fitness the facility where the Willistons come to move, feel and look better.

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# JACLYN SMITH IS GOING TO RIO!!!

We couldn't be happier to report that Ms. Jaclyn Smith of Williston Park will be representing the U.S. in rowing at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio as a member of the Legs, Trunk and Arms 4 Person Crew, with Coxswain.

Jaclyn was in the boat that won consecutive silver medals at the World Rowing Championships in 2014 and 2015.

Congratulations to Jaclyn--your community and your country are very proud of you!



# MEA CULPA



We were mistaken in last month's edition of The Williston Post concerning the results of the East Williston Memorial Day 5k Race.

Without detracting from the accomplishment of this year's overall winner, we extend our sincere apologies to Isabella Rios, who was in fact the first female overall winner of the race, which she did in 2014.

Isabella was only 11 years old at the time and posted a very impressive time of 18:50.

The staff of the Williston Post belatedly congratulates Isabella on her amazing achievement!

# NEWS FROM THE SCHECHTER SCHOOL

Students from the Schechter School of Long Island's Israel Awareness club hosted high school seniors who attend the Orthodox Hebrew Academy of Nassau County (HANC) and public school students from Great Neck who attend Temple Beth El, a Reform Temple, in celebrating Jewish Unity Day.

These high school students participated in an intimate conversation with Avi Fraenkel, father of Naftali Fraenkel, of blessed memory, who was 16 years old when he was kidnapped in June of 2014 and subsequently murdered by Hamas.

**"It is our eternal joint prayer that they be remembered not simply as victims of a brutal tragedy but also as three "normal" boys who succeeded in bringing a nation together."**

UJA-Federation of New York has generously funded the participation of the New York community in this worldwide endeavor.

After their remains were found, during the week of mourning the parents of Naftali, Eyal Ifrach, and Gil-ad Shaer jointly chose to send forth a message of love and not of revenge, first by creating the Jewish Unity Prize and then declaring an annual "Jewish Unity Day."

Together with Jerusalem Mayor, Nir Barkat, an NGO called Geshet, and with support of many organizations throughout the world, the parents of Eyal, Gil-ad and Naftali are now visiting in Jewish communities to share their personal stories.

Schechter School of Long Island, a school affiliated with Conservative Judaism, is honored to host students from Orthodox and Reform backgrounds to meet with Avi Fraenkel.

As Mr. Fraenkel has said, "It is our eternal joint prayer that they be remembered not simply as victims of a brutal tragedy but also as three "normal" boys who succeeded in bringing a nation together.

May the memories of Eyal, Gil-ad and Naftali inspire us all to really live as one people with one heart."

Dr. Cindy Dolgin of the Schechter School said that "We, as Jewish people tend to pull together around tragedies, and then we go our own ways when the crisis ends. As Jewish Unity Day grows world-wide, the selflessness, compassion and dignity of the parents of these boys can truly empower the unity of the Jewish people for all time. Here at Schechter School of Long Island, we are so touched and humbled to host Mr. Fraenkel at one of hundreds of Jewish Unity Events across the globe."

## About Jewish Unity Day

On and around June 1st, all around the world, hundreds of thousands of people will come together to celebrate the diversity and scope of practiced (and unpracticed!) Judaism, which binds us together as a family, on the second anniversary of the kidnapping and murder of 3 Israeli teens.

The Jewish Unity Prize, and Jewish Unity Day are joint initiatives of the 3 boys' families, Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat, and Geshet, a non-profit organization dedicated to bridging the gaps between different segments of Israeli society.

The Jewish Unity Prize's purpose is to recognize individuals and organizations who contribute to unity among Jewish communities and Israeli society, and it is distributed on the newly declared Unity Day, also created in memory of the teenage boys killed by Hamas in 2014. [www.unityprize.org/home-page](http://www.unityprize.org/home-page)

# CCEW CHOIR



Pictured above is the talented Community Church of East Williston Choir whose last performance before their summer hiatus was on June 19th.

Pictured in the upper row center is the Reverend Dan Fritz and Music Director Dr. Joseph Woo.

They will be back again in September, and we look forward to another season of beautiful music from this talented group of musicians.

# Veteran Organizations of the Willistons

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# WILLISTON PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS CARL DELVECCHIO MEMORIAL LIBRARY

By Donna McKenna, Director

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, we will be adding the Intrepid to our list of museum passes. We will let you know when the Pass is received.

Please note that we will be making reminder calls to those patrons with museum pass reservations on the morning of their scheduled pick up date. Patrons will have until the end of that day to pick up the pass. If it is not picked up, the reserve will be cancelled and the pass will made available to other patrons.

While our patrons have also been more than generous with book donations we are suspending the acceptance of donations until further notice. We simply do not have the storage space to keep the books at this time.

If you would like to receive e-mail notifications on upcoming programs, please send an e-mail to [willistonpr@yahoo.com](mailto:willistonpr@yahoo.com) with your contact information. You can be notified for adult programs, children's programs or general information, or you can add your name to all three!



## SUMMER PROGRAMS AT RESURRECTION CHURCH

The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection will be offering two innovative programs this summer, and all are invited to attend.

Celtic Worship will be taking a Summer Sabbath, and will resume in September. In its place, if you are looking for a worship alternative to Sunday morning services, starting on July 24, 2016, you can join the congregation for an early evening inclusive and relevant Prayer and Eucharist service, during "Sundays at Six." Come as you are for a fresh start to your week. The program will run from July 24 through the end of summer.

On Saturday, July 30th, join the Congregation at 7:00 p.m. for Mid-Summer Fun and Games. Cool off, laugh, snack and chat!

We look forward to meeting you this summer at one of these programs, or both of them.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Carl DelVecchio Memorial Library

From the Director:

Children's Summer Reading Club Schedule

July

5- Story Time & Crafts- 10:00 a.m.- 3 ½ & up  
9- Saturday Movie- 10:30 a.m.- all ages  
11- Pajama Story Hour- 7:00 p.m.- all ages  
12- Story Time & Crafts- 10:00 a.m.- 3 ½ & up  
13- "Rocket Ship" Tiny Tykes Special- 10:15 a.m.- ages 2 ½- 5  
14- Story Hour for Tots- 11:00 a.m.- ages 1-3  
15- Children's Ceramic Birdhouses- 4:30 p.m.- kindergarten & up  
16- Saturday Movie- 10:30 a.m.- all ages  
18- Pajama Story Hour- 7:00 p.m.- all ages  
19- Story Time & Crafts- 10:00 a.m.- 3 ½ & up  
20- Kids Zumba- 5:00 p.m.- ages 7-12  
25- Pajama Story Hour- 7:00 p.m.- all ages

August

2- Story Time & Crafts- 10:00 a.m.- 3 ½ & up  
2- Kids Yoga- 11:00 a.m.- ages 3-8  
2- Monster Hunt- 6:30- p.m.- ages 7-14  
3- Kids Zumba- 5:00 p.m.- ages 7-12  
4- Story Hour for Tots- 11:00 a.m.- ages 1-3  
6- Live Animal Presentation, Green Meadows Farm- 11:00 a.m.- all ages  
9- End of Summer Reading Club Pool Party- 11:00- Williston Park Pool- for all participants that complete the reading requirements.



# MEADOW DRIVE SCHOOL CELEBRATES FLAG DAY

By **Frank J. Oliveri**  
Past Commander

On Tuesday June 14th Dr. Sue Car-yl Fleischmann, Principal of Meadow Drive School, invited members of the American Legion Williston Post 144 to their 3rd Annual Flag Day Ceremo-ny to honor America and her heroes.

Our nation's Colors were present-ed by members of American Legion, Williston Post 144 Color Guard under the direction of Commander Robert Robesch. Dr. Fleischmann introduced each of the Legionnaires by name, rank and which war they served in.

The students recited of the Pledge of Allegiance and the second grade students sang many patriotic songs. Legionnaires handed out small Amer-ican Flags to all the students as they left the auditorium. The proceedings were enjoyed by all, and we are already looking forward to next year's Flag Day ceremony.



# THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES



After 16 years Al Olivera has left the room. Memories Bar and Grill is one of Williston Park's favorite go-to stops for guaranteed great food, friends, and quality entertainment.

Over the years Al has managed to highlight a fantastic array of great lo-cal bands that have been a huge draw for locals. Karaoke night brings out the best (and bravest) of the Willistons, and nobody did Williston Day better than Al.

For years "Meet me at Memories" has been the call to friends and fami-lies who come to the street fair. Al's famous Street Fair Chicken had lines waiting for hours while the bar and parking lot were standing room only enjoying live entertainment.

We wish Al all the best and look forward to reporting on continued good food, good times and good mu-sic with new owner Joe Periera who re-opened Memories on June 17th.

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