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Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck Announces Candidacy for Third Term in 2025 Election

Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck has officially announced her candidacy for re-election as Mayor of Glen Cove in the 2025 election. With strong momentum behind her leadership, Mayor Pam seeks a third term to continue building on the progress and accomplishments that have strengthened Glen Cove as a thriving community and plans to Keep The Momentum Going!

Under her administration, Glen Cove's financial outlook has significantly improved. Through responsible budgeting and smart financial planning, the city has eliminated its fiscal stress designation, reduced its deficit by \$3 million, and earned a credit rating upgrade from Moody's to Baa1, the highest since 2010.

Mayor Pam has led major infrastructure projects to enhance quality of life, support youth recreation, and boost tourism. Key improvements include upgrades at Morgan Memorial Park, the Glen Cove Municipal Golf Course, John Maccarone Memorial Stadium, Stanco Park, Pascucci Field, and Pryibil's Beach where a nearly completed pier project and a new volleyball court will enhance waterfront recreation.

Investments have been made to development, training and equipment upgrades for our Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, Auxiliary Police, and Harbor Patrol ensuring safety for our community. Major improvements continue to our water infrastructure, buildings and all city facilities.

Before entering public service, Mayor Panzenbeck spent 34 years teaching business and computer education in Levittown Public Schools. After retiring in 2008, she expanded her volunteer work, dedicating time to the Glen Cove Hospital Auxiliary, St. Patrick's Church, the St. Rocco Feast, and numerous civic and philanthropic organizations including the Rotary and Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians. She has also supported causes such as Diabetes Research

Institute, co-chaired blood drives, and volunteered with SCO Family of Services.

For leisure, she enjoys golfing with the Glen Cove 9 Holvers, relaxing at Pryibil Beach, and gardening in the Community Garden, where she is a charter member. She values the opportunity to work alongside Glen Cove's dedicated, community-minded residents to make the city a better place every day.

Her leadership and commitment to public safety were recently recognized when she was honored as the 2024 City of Glen Cove Police Department National Night Out "Person of the Year." She was also recognized by CEC Healthcare at their 10th anniversary celebration for her support of the community.

Mayor Pam is married to Bob Panzenbeck, and they have three grown children—Bobby, Billy, and Laura—and seven grandchildren.

Alongside Mayor Panzenbeck, the Glen Cove Republican Committee has announced its slate of candidates for the upcoming election, featuring a mix of experienced city leaders and dedicated newcomers:

City Council Candidates Seeking Re-Election:

- Kevin Maccarone – Elected to the City Council in 2017, re-elected in 2021, and seeking a fourth term. He is an attorney at his family's law firm and holds a bachelor's degree in business and information technology and a Juris Doctor law degree.
- Grady Farnan – A lifelong Glen Cove resident, elected to the City Council in 2023 after serving on the Glen Cove School Board. He works as an insurance tech in the Nassau County Attorney's Office and holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and finance from Adelphi University.
- Michael Ktistakis – Serving his first term after a previous appointment to the

Board of Zoning Appeals. A 1990 graduate of Glen Cove High School, he earned a finance degree from LIU Post and is the owner/operator of All Island Lawn Maintenance in Glen Cove.

Candidates Seeking a First Term:

- James Greenberg – An attorney with 25 years of experience in immigration, adoption, and family law. He has been a frequent speaker at legal conferences and serves as Vice President of the Glen Cove Jr. Soccer League. He is also an active board member of People Need Caring Inc. and serves on the Water Authority of the North Shore and the Glen Cove Planning Board.
- Ellen Pantazakos – A lifelong Glen Cove resident with over 30 years of

experience in real estate and property management. Ellen is an active member of the Church of the Holy Resurrection. She currently serves as a member of the Glen Cove Planning Board.

- Dan Grabowski – A lifelong Glen Cove resident, attorney, and proud parent. He is a member of the Glen Cove Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Pam and the entire Republican slate are eager to continue their dedication to Glen Cove's future, ensuring that the city remains a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family.

Stay tuned for campaign updates and opportunities to engage with the candidates as they work to earn your support in the 2025 election.



Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck

Glen Cove Fitness Donates Gear to GC Boxing Club



(L-R) Alvin Batista of Glen Cove Fitness; Mike Ktistakis Glen Cove City Councilman; Grady Farnan Glen Cove City Councilman and Anthony Queliza of Glen Cove Fitness.

Recently, Glen Cove Fitness partnered with Glen Cove Boxing Club with a donation of a level and decline sit up machines. Councilmen, Grady Farnan, Michael Ktistakis, and Kevin Maccarone brought together Mr.

Anthony Queliza and Mr. Alvin Batista from Glen Cove Fitness with Mr. Frank Pena of Glen Cove Boxing together for this endeavor.

Glen Cove Fitness appreciates the continued work that Mr. Pena provides for the youth in the community by mentoring and teaching them to be class "A"

Boxers. The items donated to the Boxing Club from GC Fitness were transported to Mr. Pena. The boxers were eager to get started on their core exercises to strengthen this area in the ring.

You can visit both facilities at <https://www.glencovefitness.com> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Glen-Cove-Boxing-Club/1380775062250993/>.

You can also email Glen Cove Fitness at info@glencovefitness.com to learn more about what their gym has to offer.

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Town and Village Officials Stand Against Albany's Latest Attack on Local Zoning

Once again, Albany bureaucrats are attempting to strip away local zoning control, and once again, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino and local officials are standing firm in opposition. Supervisor Saladino joined Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin, North Hempstead Town Supervisor Jen DeSena, and both town and village officials from across Nassau County to denounce the latest attempt by Albany to override local zoning laws.

This year, two dangerous bills threaten suburban communities: one that would limit the ability of towns, cities, and villages to impose zoning requirements, and another that seeks to establish a Social Housing Development Authority - a public benefit corporation with the power to seize land and build housing without local input.

The Town Supervisors were also joined by Oyster Bay Town Councilman Andrew Monteleone, Oyster Bay Town Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato, Brookville Village Mayor Daniel Serota, Malverne Village Mayor Tim Sullivan, Williston Park Village Mayor Paul Ehrbar, Rockville Centre Village Trustee Emilio Grillo, Hempstead Town Councilman Dennis Dunne, Sr., Hempstead town Councilwoman Laura Ryder, and Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray.

"For the fourth year in a row, Albany is attempting to take away our ability to protect our suburban communities," said Supervisor Saladino. "This latest proposal is just another backdoor attempt to impose high-density housing on our neighborhoods - putting our schools, roads, emergency services, and quality

of life at risk. My colleagues and I are standing strong to ensure that local governments - not unelected bureaucrats in Albany - continue to make the decisions that shape our communities."

At the center of this year's fight are Assembly Bill A.2586 and Senate Bill S.5674. Assembly Bill

A.2586 would limit a municipality's ability to impose certain zoning requirements, setting the stage for Albany to interfere in local planning decisions. Meanwhile, Senate Bill S.5674 would establish the Social Housing Development Authority, a state-controlled entity with broad powers to acquire land, rehabilitate properties, and construct new housing - bypassing local zoning regulations entirely.

"These bills are nothing more than an attempt to urbanize our suburban communities," added Councilman Monteleone. "Albany wants to eliminate single-family zoning, erase local input, and dictate how our communities grow, without concern for the residents who live here. We refuse to let that happen."

The fight against state overreach is nothing new. In recent years, Albany has repeatedly attempted to impose policies that would drastically alter the fabric of Long Island's suburban communities:

- In 2022, Albany pushed for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in single-



(L-R) Brookville Mayor Dan Serota, Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilman Andrew Monteleone and Tax Receiver Jeffrey Pravato

family neighborhoods - an attempt that was successfully defeated.

- In 2023, the state proposed mandating high-density housing around Long Island Rail Road stations without consulting local communities.

- In 2024, another proposal sought to override zoning laws by allowing mass housing developments on land owned by religious institutions.

Each time, Supervisor Saladino and fellow town and village officials have led the charge in successfully stopping these harmful proposals.

"This is about more than just zoning - it's about protecting the character of our neighborhoods, ensuring our schools aren't overwhelmed, and preserving the suburban way of life that families have worked so hard to build," added Tax Receiver Jeffrey Pravato. "We will not back down. We will continue to fight Albany's overreach, stand with our residents, and demand that local government remains in the hands of local officials."

TOB Appoints Andrew Monteleone to Town Board



Supervisor Joe Saladino Swears-in new Councilman Andrew Monteleone (Photo courtesy TOB)

By NIAL FITZGERALD

The Oyster Bay Town Board has appointed Syosset attorney and community leader Andrew Monteleone to fill the vacant seat on the Town Board left when longtime Councilwoman Michele Johnson was elected as a Nassau District Court Judge.

"It is an incredible honor to be appointed to the Oyster Bay Town Board," stated Monteleone. "I am deeply grateful for the trust placed in me, and I look forward to working tirelessly on behalf of our residents, and I am committed to preserving the values that make our town so great."

Monteleone previously served as a Board Member of the Town of Oyster Bay's Zoning Board of Appeals, and serves as prosecutor for a local village government.

He has been a leader in supporting youth development, and serves as a School Board Member for St. Edward the Confessor School in Syosset.

"Andrew's experience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our community make him a tremendous asset," stated Supervisor Joe Saladino. "I look forward to working alongside him to continue delivering responsible government for our residents."

Monteleone is also an active lecturer

at St. Edward the Confessor Parish and a coach for the Syosset Little League, helping foster growth, teamwork, and leadership in young athletes.

Monteleone's professional journey began as an Assistant District Attorney in Nassau County, where he prosecuted criminal cases from arraignment to jury trials. He later transitioned to private practice, founding a law firm, Monteleone & Siegel in Mineola, specializing in person injury litigation, and estate planning.

Monteleone has served as a President of the Former Assistant District Attorney's Association and Board Member of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County.

He is also an active member of the New York State Bar Association, Nassau County Bar Association, and Knights of Columbus.

A graduate of Chaminade High School, Andrew earned a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Political Science from Bucknell University, followed by a Master of Arts in Political Science from Long Island University - C.W. Post; and his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law.

Andrew Monteleone resides in Syosset with his wife, Tracey, and their two sons, Frankie and Gabe.

Four Men Arrested at Huntington Vape Shops

By ISHAN SHAH

Four men were arrested at Vape Shops in Huntington, for selling drug paraphernalia and tobacco to underage minors.

Arrested are Sabeeh Ataf age 25, of Central Islip; Yacoub Isselmou, age 27, of Huntington Station; Joseph Ruesda Medoza, age 20, of East Northport, and Daniel Fuentes, age 21, of Central Islip

Ataf was employed at Huntington Mart, located at 276 E Jericho Turnpike in Huntington Station; Isselmou was employed at Joe Joe Convenience and Candy Store, located at 212 Depot Road in Huntington Station; and Mendoza and Fuentes were employed at Higher Smoke, located at 2066 Jericho Turnpike, in East Northport. The Suffolk County Police Department conducted the vape shop raids to combat the spread of drug abuse among children and minors.

In each arrest, the vape shop employees sold "flavored vape pens" and other drug paraphernalia and products to underage people.

The raids were a result of multiple



The Joe Joe Smoke and Convenience Shop

complaints from community members to the Suffolk County Police Department Narcotics Crimes Section.

Officers investigated 22 local businesses for sale of illegal products to underage people, but only three (3) of the businesses investigated were caught selling these "vape" products to underage people.

One of the vape shops sold additional nicotine products to undercover police agents, disguised as young adults.

All arrested detainees were arraigned at the First District Court in Central Islip, and released pending trial.

EDITORIAL

ISLAMIST SYRIA'S CHRISTIAN AND ALAWITE GENOCIDE

In December, Syria experienced a violent "regime change." The secular dictatorship of Bashar Assad and his Baath Party, was overthrown by an invading Islamist militia - strongly backed by the Islamist Turkish government of President Recep Erdogan.

Many - particularly in the liberal Western media - hailed the overthrow of Assad as a "good thing," and the new regime under "acting President" Ahmed al-Sharaa (also known as Abu Mohammad al-Julani) as some kind of Nelson Mandela-like figure of hope.

Don't believe any of it.

Al-Sharaa is a cold-blooded Islamist terrorist and murderer, who spent five years in US and Iraqi prisons for terror attacks.

He has waged "Islamist struggle" against America and the West for over 20 years - and is responsible for hundreds of deaths - including dozens of American service members - when he sent suicide bombers to attack US and Iraqi military and civilian targets in Iraq.

His organization - the Islamist Al-Nusra Front - of which he served as "Emir" - is a radical Sunni Islamist terror group, designated by America and many nations as a terrorist organization. Yet that group is now the Syrian government and army.

As if on cue, the Al-Sharaa government sent its heavily-armed Islamist militias rampaging last week into the coastal area of Syria - an area that is not Muslim but is overwhelmingly Christian and Alawite - and murdered over 1,000 Christian and Alawite civilians. Many governments - and European media such as the BBC - have denounced the horrible mass murders as the start of a "Genocide."

When Al-Sharaa and his Nusra Front were first attacking Syria 13 years ago during the "Arab Spring," their slogan was "Christians expelled to Lebanon; Alawites hung from the lamp posts." They openly called for ethnic cleansing and genocide.

This newspaper has long called for a partition of Syria into its ethnic territorial components: An Alawite State in the mountains north of Lebanon; a Druze State in Jebel Druze province and across from Israel's Golan Heights border; a transfer of the Christian enclave in Wadi Nazarene (Valley of the Christians) to Lebanon; and a Kurdish State either independent or joined to the Kurdish State in Iraq. This was basically the original plan of France during the 1920's and 1930's, when they ruled Syria.

Currently, Syria is 14% Alawite; 10% Christian; 3% Druze; 10% Kurd; and about 60% Sunni Arab. Both the Druze and Alawites practice a "syncretic" religion, combining elements of Christianity, Islam and local spirit traditions. They have gender equality; no mosques; educate women; drink alcohol; and no hijabs. As one Middle East scholar recently proclaimed, "they are normal people."

But they - and the Christians - are viewed as "heretics" by radical Sunni Islamists like Al-Nusra - fit only for extermination.

An Islamist terrorist Syria is in no one's interest. But equally, no one is going to invade and topple the new terror regime. However, we cannot just stand-by while 4 million people are mass murdered by Islamist radicals. Because just like the Taliban and September 11th - we will be next.

America's policy should be to partition Syria now - before Al-Sharaa and his Al-Nusra terror troops take full control - and allow Syria's pro-Western people to live without being mass murdered.

The Publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Leader has received several unsigned letters to the editor. We will respect an author's request for anonymity, but must have your name, address, and phone number. We want to hear from you and publish your opinions, so in the future, kindly include the above requested information.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

To the Editor;

"Do you believe in the dignity of the working man?"

I'll never forget it. She was about 60 years old and answered the door although she was clearly busy cooking dinner. Yet, she invited me in to sit and talk.

It was 20 years ago and I was running for Mayor of Mineola. As part of my campaign, I went door to door to introduce myself, ringing every door bell in the village. Repeatedly, residents invited me in to chat. I learned firsthand what was at stake for them and their families -- a first-class education in what really matters.

But that question, "Do you believe in the dignity of the working man?" resonated with me and does to this day. Yes, I did. And I still do believe in that dignity. My father was an immigrant from Portugal who came to this country with nothing in his pockets but a lot of ambition and determination in his heart. He worked tirelessly in construction, engaging in back-breaking work all week, many times even on weekends to help make ends meet. He did it for his family. He'd go the extra mile and he knew he was lucky to have the opportunity. You know, I never heard him complain.

When he went on to become a successful business man who employed hundreds of people, he remained a role model. He owned a union shop because it was "the right thing to do." And he hustled to line up enough jobs to make sure all his people could keep working. We were all in it together and he understood that he had an obligation not only to his employees but to their families too. Another lesson I learned from my old man.



Jack Martins

That's one of the reasons I went into government, to somehow even the playing field. And it's why I recently introduced two bills to help New Yorkers keep more of what they earn. One eliminates state income taxes on cash tips and the other eliminates state income taxes on overtime pay. As New Yorkers face stagnant wages and rising costs of living,

exempting tips and overtime pay from state taxes is a very real way to put more cash in the pockets of thousands of service industry and hourly workers state-wide.

Tip earners are usually on the lower end of the socio-economic scale and have the least disposable income, so every dollar they earn

has a much greater impact on the bottom line of their family finances. In many cases they are women, young people, or single heads of households who have no other source of income and rarely receive a financial break.

Overtime earners tend to be nurses, cops, construction workers, or in some type of service industry where wages are tied to hours. They make a conscientious decision to sacrifice their personal time to do more and work harder. Why are we penalizing them for their industriousness? It's better to incentivize the work and reward them instead by keeping government away from their earnings.

Whether it's a waitress in Syracuse or a cop in Brooklyn, these policies would have a ripple effect on every neighborhood in the state. The

more people keep the more they spend in their local economies and a rising tide lifts all boats. Just today I watched a New York Times Instagram video that explained why middle-class people are leaving New York, California, and Illinois in droves. The answer was simple: affordability. So, it's clear we need to start reversing that trend and fast.

The current tax code already provides breaks for passive income. Investment dividends, corporate profits, and inheritances all enjoy special tax treatment. Yet people who rely on just their labor see their hard-earned tips and overtime taxed at the same rate as regular wages. This imbalance disproportionately impacts workers who are already struggling but these new laws would help correct this inequity.

And it shouldn't be debatable. During the lead-up to national elections, both sides of the aisle had embraced these very same policies. But it seems that now that the dust has settled, working people are again on the backburner.

I'm proposing these new laws for working men and women like my dad and countless other moms and dads across the State. Eliminating taxes on tips and overtime pay is a common-sense policy that would provide immediate relief to hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers, stimulate the local economy and promote fairness in the tax system. It's time to prioritize those who go the extra mile - and honor the dignity of the working man.

Jack M. Martins
NYS Senator

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Op-Ed: The Financial Burden of Illegal Immigration

BY STEVE LEVY

For all those well-meaning but misguided folks who think that unbridled mass illegal immigration is a humane gesture, new statistics show that to be a cruel lie.

The huge surge in illegal border crossings has placed an enormous strain on the nation's healthcare system and housing market, especially for lower-income Americans.

The statistics are now out and they show that homelessness surged by an alarming 18% in 2024 over the previous year and by a shocking 39% for families, both records.

As noted in a recent editorial in the Washington Examiner, this cannot be chalked up to racism or just inflation. Inflation was even higher in the first years of the Biden administration and racism just didn't suddenly just come onto the scene over the last year.

No, the difference maker here is the millions of undocumented people who were welcomed to flood our cities and localities and are seeking housing of their own. When there's only so many units to be occupied, someone is going

to be left out, just like in a game of musical chairs.

Attention also must be given as to how our healthcare system is facing more and more stress as well.



Steve Levy

An outstanding article from the New York Post's Miranda Devine notes how illegal aliens have placed an enormous strain on our hospitals and overall healthcare system which aims to ensure no one is left out in the cold.

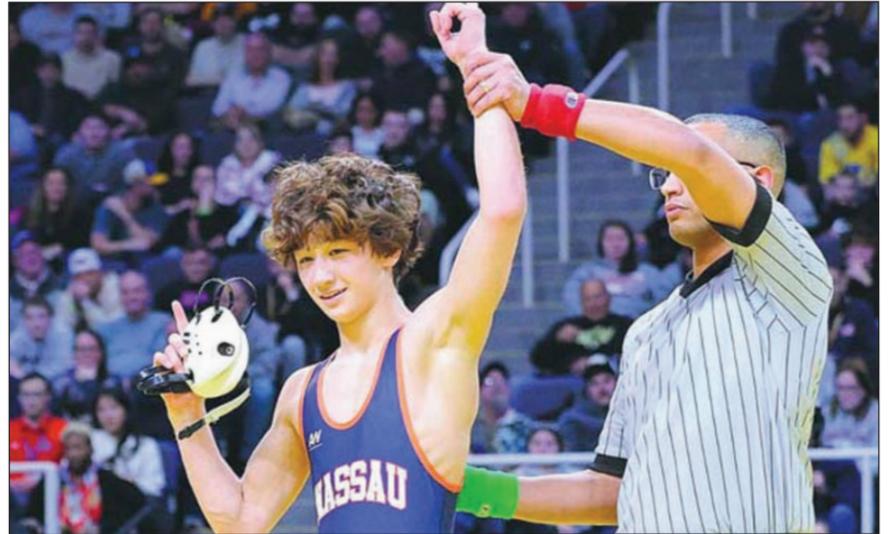
Waiting times at out hospitals for American citizens have increased sharply and costs to the overall system have also spiked because most of these illegal immigrants are not contributing

financially to the healthcare system. Their costs are made up by other people already in the system.

Real American citizens are being dramatically impacted. It is mean and inhumane not to feel for these American citizens who are being priced out.

Also note how you would have to search non-leftist media outlets to get this important information. The AP recently ran an article on the increased homelessness - and incredibly never mentioned the migrant crisis.

Colton Schmiesing Wins NY State Wrestling Championship



Oyster Bay High School's Colton Schmiesing

Oyster Bay High School's Colton Schmiesing has etched his name in the history books as the first member of the school's wrestling program to win a New York State Championship Title. Competing in the 108-pound weight class, Colton was crowned the 2025 NYS Division II 108 State Champion after a hard-fought final match on Saturday at the MVP Arena in Albany.

Colton's journey to the title was nothing short of remarkable. With unwavering determination, skill and resilience, he battled through the toughest competi-

tion in the state, showcasing his strength and technical prowess on the mat. His victory marks a milestone for the Oyster Bay wrestling program and serves as an inspiration for future generations of wrestlers.

Head Coach Thibault played a pivotal role in Colton's success, guiding him through rigorous training and preparation throughout the season. The entire Oyster Bay community is celebrating this historic achievement, recognizing the dedication and perseverance that led to this triumphant moment.

Op-Ed: A Responsible Federal Budget That Puts Long Island First

BY NICK LALOTA

Last week, I voted for the House Budget Resolution, a measure that helps set the stage for upcoming fiscal negotiations. While this resolution does not change tax rates, cut spending, or carry any force of law, it lays the groundwork for the much more important Budget Reconciliation process, where key issues like Medicaid and the SALT Deduction will be debated in detail.

With our national debt at \$36 trillion and an annual deficit of \$2 trillion, both parties in Washington need to collaborate on a responsible approach to budgeting. That's why my priorities are clear.

First, I am committed to raising the SALT cap to provide relief for Long Islanders, who already pay some of the highest taxes in the country. Hardworking families should not be double-taxed by a system that takes more from them than it gives back.

Second, I am focused on protecting and reforming Medicaid to ensure it serves those who truly need it. This means removing illegal immigrants

from the program so taxpayer-funded benefits go to American citizens. It also means requiring able-bodied adults to work or actively seek employment if they receive Medicaid benefits. Lastly, it



Nick LaLota

is essential to crack down on waste, fraud, and abuse, particularly in poorly managed programs like New York's, which cost taxpayers billions every year.

As we move toward the Budget Reconciliation process, I pledge to not blindly follow party lines. If my priorities as stated above are not met, I will not support my party's reconciliation bill. My record is clear—I have consistently put Long Island before politics and have been ranked in the top 5% of House Republicans to break with leadership when necessary (Roll Call, 2/28/25).

I will continue fighting for Long Island taxpayers and ensuring our federal budget reflects their needs and priorities.

Congressman Nick LaLota (R-Suffolk County) is a lifelong Long Islander in his second term representing Suffolk County in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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Linda Oristano as Suffolk County Woman of Distinction

Legislator Stephanie Bontempi (R-18th L.D.) proudly honored Linda Oristano as the Suffolk County Woman of Distinction for the 18th District, during the Suffolk County Woman of Distinction Celebration Luncheon at the H. Lee Dennison Building in Hauppauge on March 4, 2025.

A Northport resident for over 20 years, Linda Oristano serves as the Executive Director of the Northport/East Northport Community Drug & Alcohol Task Force. Her dedication to community service and advocacy has earned her numerous accolades, including recognition as one of Long Island's Top 50 Women, the Humanitarian Award from the Special Olympics, and the Soroptimist Award for Making a Difference for Women.



Linda Oristano

With extensive experience in counseling, advocacy, mentoring, and education, Oristano has devoted her time to supporting the elderly, individuals facing personal challenges, and those seeking spiritual guidance. She is a Certified Addiction Recovery Coach, a Certified Recovery Peer Advocate, M.A.T. trained, a CASAC-T, an Associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph, and a Credentialed Spiritual Director. Her career spans over 30 years in social services, community service, training, and healthcare.

"Linda's dedication to improving the lives of so many in our community is truly inspiring. Her work has made a lasting impact on our local families, and she is incredibly deserving of this honor," stated Legislator Bontempi.

TOB Seeks Nominations For Women Of Distinction Program



2024 winners.

Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joseph Saladino, together with Councilwoman Laura Maier and Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, announced that nominations are now being accepted for the Town's 2025 Women of Distinction Program. During Women's History Month, throughout the month of March, residents are invited to nominate extraordinary women who have made a difference in their communities.

"Each year, the Town has the honor of recognizing women who go above and beyond to improve the lives of those around them through our Women of

Distinction Program," said Councilwoman Maier. "If you know a special woman who helps make your community a better place to live, we invite you to nominate her to be a 2025 Town of Oyster Bay Woman of Distinction."

Women of Distinction will be recognized at a special awards ceremony hosted by the Town Board in May. Nominations may be submitted for any achievement or honorable cause performed by the nominee. The Town seeks to recognize individuals for their contributions to the arts, education, environment, athletics, community or civic service, volunteerism or business. Honorees must live or work in the Town of Oyster Bay.

To submit a nomination for the Women of Distinction Awards Program, please visit www.oysterbaytown.com/women or call (516) 624-6380 for an application.

Ridotto Concert in Huntington



East of the River Ensemble

Ridotto celebrates its 32nd season with a varied and exciting 2024-2025 Concert Series, Ridotto Concert: "IJA MIA": Music of the Sephardic People. 'Daughter of Mine', is a journey braiding the rich musical traditions of the

Sephardic diaspora through N. Africa and the Ottoman Empire. Infectious Eastern rhythms mix with the unique timbres of the instruments. The brilliant East of the River Ensemble performs, with Daphna Mor and Nina Stern.

Concert is on Sunday March 30, 2025 at 4 pm at Huntington Jewish Center, 510 Park Avenue in Huntington, NY 11743. Lots of free parking, hall is handicapped accessible, security on the premises. Tickets \$12 (student), \$25 (members), \$30 (seniors), \$35 (general admission).

Reservations: (631) 385-0373, or information: www.ridotto.org

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Locust Valley High School Students Have Works Exhibited



Fourteen Locust Valley High School student artists had their works selected for display at The Atelier at Flowerfield in St. James.

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Fourteen Locust Valley High School student artists had their pieces selected for exhibition in the fourth annual Middle and High School Artists Exhibition.

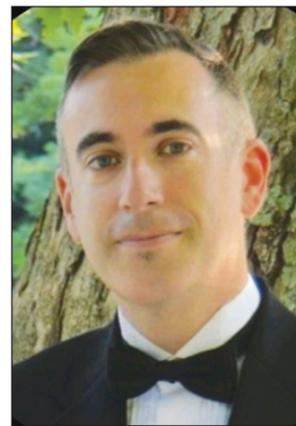
Jurors at The Atelier at Flowerfields selected the works of Humnaa Abid, Inshaal Abid, Chloe Arrata, Ava Becker, Amelia Bonterre, Molly Bowden, Emery de Lauzon, Abraham Diaz Gomez, Kali Frazer, Nicoletta Fredrich, Annemie Germans, Angelina Grygoriak, Tobias

Lamb and Olivia Wilde for their unique creativity, styles and attention to detail. These works will be on display at The Atelier in St. James from Feb. 27 to March 27.

"These students are so talented, and I am glad that the Atelier at Flowerfields acknowledged and selected these wonderful students," art teacher Melanie Mooney said. "Each of their works tells a story, and every viewer becomes a part of its journey."

NSHM Hosts "Canzoni Italiane" Fundraising Concert

The North Shore Historical Museum is delighted to announce "Canzoni Italiane," an enchanting fundraising concert taking place on Friday, March 21st at 7:00 PM. This special event features the debut performance of the museum's new Director, Christopher Judge, who will be showcasing his exceptional vocal talents. Accompanying him will be the brilliant pianist Elyse Sunshine, whose music will bring the heart of Italy to life.



Christopher Judge

The evening promises to transport

attendees to Italy with a selection of classic and beloved Italian songs, creating a romantic and passionate atmosphere. In addition to the mesmerizing musical performances, guests will be treated to prosecco and biscotti with their tickets, further enhancing the authentic Italian experience.

Event Details:

- Date: Friday, March 21st
- Time: 7:00 PM

- Venue: North Shore Historical Museum, 140 Glen St, Glen Cove.

- Ticket Prices: \$35 for the general public, \$25 for museum members

Proceeds: All proceeds will directly support the museum's vital programs and preservation efforts.

"Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable evening of Italian music and culture while supporting the North Shore Historical Museum's important work," said Christopher Judge, Director.

For tickets and more information, please visit www.nshmgc.org/events or call 516-801-1191 .

About the North Shore Historical Museum: The North Shore Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving and sharing the rich history of the North Shore region through engaging programs, exhibitions, and events. By supporting the museum, you help us continue our mission to educate and inspire our community.



The North Shore Historical Museum

Old Westbury Gardens Reopens for the Season April 2



Spring Dog-Friendly Weekend

Spring is on its way, and with it comes the much-anticipated reopening of Old Westbury Gardens! Beginning Wednesday, April 2, visitors can once again explore the historic estate and experience the beauty of one of Long Island's most treasured landmarks.

Tickets for the 2025 season will go on sale Thursday, March 20th. Whether you're eager to enjoy the first signs of spring, take part in seasonal programs, or simply relax outdoors, Old Westbury Gardens offers a diverse array of experiences. The 2025 season will feature a variety of new and returning special events that celebrate the beauty, culture, and history of the estate, offering both unique seasonal experiences and beloved traditions.

As preparations for the new season continue, excitement is growing behind the scenes.

"Anticipation is building as we prepare Westbury House and the gardens for the season ahead," said Maura Brush, President and CEO of Old Westbury Gardens. "March is one of the most exciting times in the landscape, with signs of renewal appearing almost overnight. The off-season has provided an invaluable opportunity to carefully clean and assess our collections.

"Beyond the house and gardens, I am especially proud of the dynamic public programming we have curated for the coming season. Beloved favorites like



The beautiful garden gazebo.

Photo: Beata Wroblewski

Dog Days and Midsummer Nights will return, alongside exciting new additions, including our inaugural Gatsby Weekend. From inspiring art programs and wellness offerings to a reimagined summer camp, this season at Old Westbury Gardens promises something for everyone."

New for 2025:

- The Easter Egg Hunt Eggstravaganza (April 19): Children ages 3-6, accompanied by a caregiver, are invited to enjoy a special storybook stroll, followed by an egg scavenger hunt for all ages.
- Regency Romance Weekend (May 3-4): A weekend celebrating the Regency-era, including period fashion, croquet, wisteria, embroidery, and an afternoon tea.
- Gatsby at the Gardens (September 19-21): Celebrate 100 years of The Great Gatsby with 1920s-themed activities.

Returning favorites:

- Spring Dog-Friendly Weekend (Apr 12-13), featuring the Spring Dog Festival on Saturday, April 12, from 11am to 4pm. Bring your leashed dogs to stroll the gardens in designated areas.
- Garden Days Weekend (May 15-17): A three-day plant sale and other garden related activities.
- Midsummer Weekend (Jun 19-22): Enjoy the gardens illuminated with lanterns, picnic spreads, a jazz concert, and extended hours into the evening.
- Summer Sessions (Jul 21-Aug 11): Four, week-long (5-day) camps for young explorers (ages 5-9), blending outdoor adventure, creativity, and hands-on learning through art, STEM, and history-themed activities.

• The Long Island Celtic Festival & Highland Games (August 23): Featuring feats of strength, pipe bands, music and dance, children's entertainment, Celtic food, shopping vendors, and more!

• Christmas at Westbury House (December): Holiday finery, a holiday market, festive refreshments, special events and Santa!

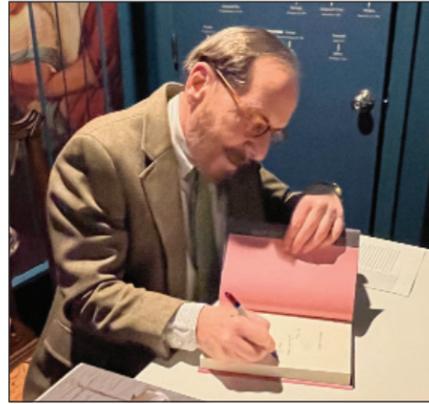
Old Westbury Gardens offers much more throughout the season including house and garden tours, weekly yoga and tai chi classes, classical music concerts, educational programs for both adults and children, lectures, and so much more. Whether you're seeking history, culture, family fun, wellness, or a peaceful escape in nature, Old Westbury Gardens is the perfect destination!

2025 Admission Fees: Adults \$18, Seniors (62+) \$15, Full-Time students (with I.D.) \$15, Children (7-17) \$8, Children 6 and under are free

Tickets and more information on our Calendar of Events will go live on our website on Thursday, March 20th. Visit www.oldwestburygardens.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For more information, visit www.oldwestburygardens.org, or connect with us on social media: facebook.com/oldwestburygardens, twitter.com/oldwestburygard, instagram.com/oldwestburygardens.

Townsend Talk: Birds of Long Island



Roger Pasquier signing his new book "Birds at Rest"

BY PATRICIA BREXEL

Friday, evening March 7th the Raynham Hall Museum hosted a Townsend Talk on Birds of Long Island. The speaker was Roger Pasquier, an associate in the Department of Ornithology at the American Museum of Natural History, discussed the ever-changing birdlife on Long Island. From the time of the Townsends of Raynham Hall in the eighteenth century to the present. He spoke about the birds that must have been most important to the early residents of Oyster Bay. Some birds are now-extinct, and the impacts of birds deliberately and accidentally introduced to Long Island, and the wide range of species that have recently colonized Long Island from north and south in

response to changes in landscape and climate change.

Turkeys were plentiful here over 200 years ago, but the colonialists hunted them all for food. Many birds that lived in the plains of Hempstead disappeared due to the paving of all the roads.

Due to warmer winters Long Island is now the home of new birds, like the Flamingo that was spotted in the Hamptons. We are also seeing less Crows and more Ravens.

Roger was full of other interesting facts, like some birds can fly and sleep at the same time!

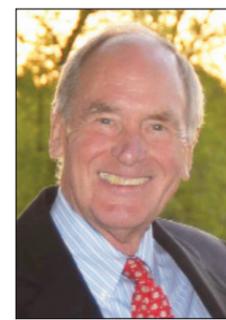
All the bird watchers that attended enjoyed the lecture.



The extinct Passenger Pigeon

Stephen Ely Obituary

Stephen Ely, 85, died peacefully on March 15, 2025, surrounded by his family. He was born in Washington, D.C. on April 12, 1939, to Sterling and Helen Ely, and attended St. Albans School, receiving varsity letters in track, football, and wrestling. He graduated from Princeton University, Class of 1961, where he was a varsity swimmer and member of the Charter club. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a sergeant, receiving a marksman medal, and later moved to New York City to work for Kuhn, Loeb & Co. where he became a partner in 1971. In 1983, he co-founded and was a partner of Haven Capital Management.



Stephen Ely

Stephen moved to Locust Valley with his growing family and first wife, Susan, 50 years ago. He was an active member of the Locust Valley community, serving as a board member for The Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club for 22 years and chairing the Susan Ely Memorial Scholarship Committee for 25 years. A black belt in tae kwon do, something he achieved twice, he loved to spend time playing croquet, tennis, squash, to shoot skeet, and to hit endless golf balls on the practice range. He also enjoyed playing backgammon and bridge, especially during his commute on the LIRR club car, a commute he made for more than 40 years. He had a wonderful sense of adventure and loved to travel, appreciat-

ing cultures beyond his own. He also enjoyed scuba diving, glider flying and flying small engine planes. More than anything, of course, he enjoyed time with his family, sharing his wisdom and warmth with each generation. His home was a gathering place for all, including

many of his friends and the friends of his children through the years.

He is survived by his second wife, Jennifer, his four children, Lyda Ely (Jeff Brodlied), Lynn Dixon (Brooke), Sara Hulse (Alex), Sterling Ely (Kelly), his stepdaughter Eliza Wehrle (JonPaul Turner) and his six granddaughters. He was predeceased by his first wife, Susan in 1997 and his sister, Lloyd Ely, in 2012.

He will be remembered as a gentleman, kind and generous, with a wry sense of humor and an insatiable sweet tooth. Careful on the road, he may also be remembered as the slowest driver in Locust Valley as anyone who was stuck behind him can attest.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting The Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club, St. Albans School (D.C.), or Caringkindnyc.org in his name. Services will be held at St. John's of Lattingtown on Saturday, April 5, 2025. The family wishes to express their gratitude for the compassionate care from his longtime caregiver, Kirsis Hernandez.

The Esiason Father-and-Son Team Head Back to High School

This February, Gunnar '09 and Boomer Esiason returned to Friends Academy and invited high school students and faculty to their first public screening of the ESPN-produced documentary, *Second Wind: The Boomer and Gunnar Esiason Story*. The film, which debuted Dec. 24, 2024 on ESPN, chronicles the devastating impact of Cystic fibrosis on Gunnar and his parents, and how they channeled their hopes into the creation of the Boomer Esiason Foundation (BEF) in 1993, which \$175 million dollars and 30 years later has led to one of the most transformative stories in modern medicine.



Gunnar Esiason

In 2018 when Gunnar was 26, a new drug, Trikafta, which was supported by funding from BEF, entered clinical trials. A combination of three drugs, Gunnar was a candidate for a late-stage trial. "I remember coughing all this mucus out of my stems and then suddenly I stopped coughing and felt rested for the first time," he recalled. Taking his first full deep breath for the first time? "It was like nothing I will surely ever experience again."

"Money buys science... science buys life," Boomer reasoned in *Second Wind*. "We put a lot of money from BEF into biotech and research."

Following the film's FA screening, a special talkback session with Gunnar, his dad Boomer, the film's director Max

Brodsky, and ESPN journalist Jeremy Schapp, who had not seen the film yet with the Esiasons examined the impact of this incredible story for Friends Academy students. Just after the screening, a special reception was held for the Esiason family with BEF leadership and staff, and some moving reunions with Friends Academy faculty. "It was an honor to share one of the most transformative stories in medicine with such an engaged and thoughtful group of students—and to highlight BEF's important role in making that story a reality," said BEF President

Bob Planske. "Beyond honoring Gunnar's journey, we hope this story inspires students as they consider their own paths, whether in medicine, advocacy, research, or any field where they can make a meaningful impact on the lives of others," he added.

Reflecting on how many people have struggled and lost their battle with CF, Gunnar spoke to the privilege he felt in being able to tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end. "Oftentimes, when celebrities and famous people are confronted with these things... often the story doesn't end," said Gunnar. "Here we did endure the struggle and also saw the end as well. You guys at ESPN showed how much the struggle was — especially for the everyday people who don't get to feel the miraculous advances of science like we did."



US ESPN Premiere *ESIASONS 2025-19* – Friends Academy Upper School students and faculty watch the first public screening of "*Second Wind*" in the Helen A. Dolan Center Theater

The Suburban Art League Awards Ceremony

By VICTORIA CROSBY

An awards ceremony and art reception by members of the Suburban Art League was recently held at the Plainview/Old Bethpage Library. Following the viewing of the artworks, guests enjoyed refreshments. The presentation of awards and judge's critiques were given by Marilou Arcuri, Madeleine Giraldi, Lisa Corradi and Beth Drucker. The Anthony LaMarca Memorial Award best in show was presented to Theresa Cromwell for her watercolor "Back of the Train." The Dan Slappo Memorial Award of Excellence was presented to Marilou Arcuri for her oil painting, "All Aboard", and the Sue Dikowski Memorial Award of Merit was presented to Linda Rios for her oil painting, "Lake Tahoe". Honorable Mentions were given to three artists for their watercolors: Keneth Drasser for "Old Stone Bridge," Christine Greene for "Preparing for the Catch" and Pei-Dau Liu "Procida Seaport."

Founded in August 1963, the



(L-R) Madeleine Giraldi, Marilou Acuri, with Teresa Cromwell 1st place winner

Suburban Art League is a nonprofit organization formed to increase cooperation amongst artists, art students, and others engaged in artistic activities. Also to provide a registry of artists; to hold contests and exhibitions and to promote the improvement of study and appreciation of the arts.

Gerry Hirschstein a long-time member, former board member, Vice President, and an artist, said this about the organization; "Suburban Art League is different from other art organizations in several ways. They offer an educational experience for anyone who is an artist or has an interest in art. People who join don't have to be artists, but there is always something to learn about the art world. There are many workshops specializing in whatever a person is interested in learning. There are shows and exhibits with good artists." Gerry also stressed the importance of cooperation among other art organizations on Long Island.

The Suburban Art League meets on the first Tuesday of each month from September through June, at 8pm at the Syosset/Woodbury Community Center, 7800, Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury where they offer professional and free demonstrations in various mediums. All are welcome.

Volunteers are always needed to help in a variety of ways.

For further information visit www.suburbanartleague.com or email suburbanartleague@gmail.com



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Obituaries



BARKER, Dolores, on Mar. 8, 2025, age 90, of Bayville, formerly of Huntington. Beloved wife of Frank. Loving mother of Frank Jr. (Joanne), James (Elizabeth), and Stephen (Charo). Cherished grandmother of Frank III (Amy), Jennifer Thompson (Brandon), Jodi Lichtman (Mike), Devin Cecora (Peter), Jamie (Jackie) Alyssa, Kelly, Jacqueline Preziosa, and Alexi Ezdrin. Proud great grandmother of Julianna, Brianna, Aubrey, Avery, Finn, Stella, Sylvie, Tess and Penelope. Dear sister of Sonny Solomito, Mike Solomito and Al Solomito. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Dory was one of 12 children. She learned at an early age service before self, as she helped her mother with her handicapped brother. She also picked beans at Young's and Bailey's farms. Her mother saved that money for her.

Dory met Frank Barker on a beach in Bayville. It was love at first sight. They were married a year later April 10, 1955.

Frank worked pumping gas, getting to know the truckers, he wanted to buy a truck so he could make more money for his family. Dory loaned Frank her \$350. that she made from picking beans, to buy a truck. The rest was history, from one truck he built a multi-million dollar business. She used to joke with him that he never paid her back the loan!

The secret to their success was hard work, and generosity. Dory was a women of strong faith, and believed in Luke 6:38. She was also a very humble person, Matthew 6:1-4. Dory and Frank enjoyed helping many people, and organizations, such as Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Make a Wish, Christa House, The INN, Hope House, and a Haitian orphanage.

Dory also loved volunteering at the St. Patrick's Church Thrift Store in Glen

Cove, and The Village Church Thrift Store, in Bayville.

When not volunteering, Dory enjoyed spending time with her family, especially all the grandchildren. She managed to find time to play golf, with her friends at the Glen Cove Golf Course. She touched so many lives, she will be missed.

In lieu of flowers donations in her memory can be made to Hope House Ministries P.O Box 358, Port Jefferson, NY 11777. Entombment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

COTTEN, Donald Edwin, on Mar. 6, 2025, age 94, of Bayville, NY. Beloved husband of the late Evelyn. Loving father of Glenn (Susan), Clifford (Yi Wang-Cotten), and Forest. Cherished grandfather of Brian, Shailyn, Kevin, Katherine, Ian, Attelia, and Haichen. Also survived by many loving relatives and friends. Interment is private. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

EDWARDS, Bret formerly of Glen Cove, NY on March 4, 2025 at age 59. Father of Kenneth, Brandon, Quashon, Brittany, Maximus & Xena. Son of Betty & the late William. Brother of Lance. Soulmate of Tonya for over 20 years. Grandfather of 9. Bret attended the Glen Cove school system, loved watching western movies, as well as basketball & football games. He also enjoyed traveling on cruise ships. The wake will take place at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home on March 15th from 1pm-2:30pm. Service to follow at the funeral home beginning at 2:30pm. Interment private. www.DodgeThomas.com

MARINO, James Vincent, on Mar. 5, 2025, age 76, of Bayville, NY. Beloved husband of Lucia Ann. Loving father of Cathryn Violetti (Jonathan), & Matthew Marino (Kelly). Cherished grandfather of Sophia & Alexa Violetti. Also survived by brother Richard Marino

(Dagmar), sisters Joyce Quagliarello (Vincent) & Diane Kempter (David) and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family will be creating a scholarship fund in memory of James Marino for Copiague High School graduate(s). If you would like to contribute, please send a check payable to Diane Kempter at 22 Division Ave, Blue Point, NY 11715 with "James Marino Memorial Scholarship Fund" in memo. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity, Jim's family.

Entombment Pinelawn Memorial Park. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

MARINO, Louis John, on February 25, 2025, age 93, of East Williston, NY. Beloved husband of Dorothy "Ann" for 66 years. Loving father of Joseph (Mike), Louis Jr. (Karen), and Robert (Lynn). Cherished grandfather of Julia (Chris), Emilia, and Krista. Dear brother of the late Rose (Clem). Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.oysterbayfuneralhome.com

NIPER, Margaret Ann "Peggy" (nee O'Keefe), 89, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2025, at Franciscan Hospice House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Margaret (Peggy) was a former resident of Glen Cove, New York. Peggy lived a life of faith, service, and devotion to family.

She was born on October 2nd, 1935, in New York, New York to the late Timothy J. and Dorothy O'Keefe. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald L. Niper; her brothers, Joseph T. O'Keefe and James D. O'Keefe; and her sister, Dorothy Schultz. She is survived

by her loving children: Catherine Giordano and her husband Thomas Giordano; Thomas Niper and his wife Dianne Niper; and James Niper and his wife Malinda Niper. Peggy was a cherished grandmother to Michelle Smith and her husband Alex Smith, Michael DeLuca, Joseph Giordano, Timothy Niper, and Matthew Niper. She was also a proud great-grandmother to Nicholas Smith, Liam Smith, and Hayden Smith. In addition to her immediate family, she leaves behind many nieces and nephews who will fondly remember her kindness and warmth.

A woman of deep faith, Peggy dedicated much of her life to serving others through her church community. She was a devoted member of the Catholic Daughters for twenty-five years and actively participated in the Ministry of Consolation at St. Boniface Martyr Church. As a Eucharistic Minister at St. Boniface, she found great fulfillment in sharing her faith with others. Her love for quilting brought her into the fellowship of the St. Boniface Quilters, where she formed lasting friendships while creating beautiful works of art.

Peggy's generosity extended beyond church walls—she was known for baking delicious carrot cakes for The Wicker Basket and Once Upon a Moose in Sea Cliff, NY. Her culinary talents were just one way she expressed love for those around her.

Peggy's legacy of faith, kindness, and service will live on in the hearts of those who knew her. May their memory bring comfort to all who mourn her passing. www.Whitting.com

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OSLANSKY, AnnaGrace – Born into Eternal Life on March 6th, 2025. Beloved sister of Mary E. Predeceased in death by her loving parents, Ellen and Steven. Loved by countless long-time friends, cousins. Lifelong educator in the Bayville and Locust Valley School District as teacher and Principal. Proud graduate of Saint Patrick's Elementary School, Glen Cove; Saint Dominic's High School, Oyster Bay; The College of Saint Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ and Master's in education from SUNY New Paltz. Generous supporter of numerous philanthropic causes including The Grenville Baker Boys/Girls Club, Saint Patrick's Glen Cove, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception/Diocese of Rockville Centre and many other local charities. Interment at Holy Rood Cemetery immediately following funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers donations in AnnaGrace's name may be made to Saint Patrick's R.C Church, Glen Cove and the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, Oyster Bay NY. Arrangements entrusted to McLaughlin Kramer Megiel Funeral Home, Glen Cove NY.



RODRIGUEZ, Ramiro of Jackson Heights, NY on March 10th, 2025 at age 93. Born in Puerto Padre, Cuba. The youngest of 14 siblings and last surviving sibling. Beloved father of Eileen Otto (Jonathan) of Glen Head. Loving grandfather, "Lolo," of Angelica, Rex, Julian and Charles. Cherished husband of Irene. Interment at Locust Valley Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

RYDZEWSKI, Audrey (Nee Maas) at the age of 89, left us peacefully on March 5, 2025, after a long 22-year bat-

tle with breast cancer. Having grown up in Sea Cliff, she attended Sea Cliff school districts where she met her high school sweetheart Joseph. Audrey was a devoted and loving wife for over 69 years. She lived a purposeful life impacting the community with her kindness and contributions. Her vitality remained after retiring from the Locust Valley School District where she continued devoting her time volunteering over 50 years at the Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club, The Reformed Church, St Luke's Church & Glen Cove Hospital. In her remaining days she continued to be active at the Locust Valley Garden Club and Member of the American Legion Post Auxiliary 962. Audrey is survived by her loving husband Joseph, daughter Susan (John) Grandchildren Kevin (Rina) and Kasey and God Daughter Jean Chapman-Herold. She joins her brother Donald and son Richard up in heaven. May God grant rest to their souls and may Audrey's memory be everlasting. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Locust Valley Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club & Locust Valley Fire Department.

SANTOS HERNANDEZ, Abilio of Glen Cove, NY on March 4, 2025 age 74. Husband of the late Gloria. Father of Elmer, Enry, Edwin, Ever & LiLivey. Survived by 8 siblings. Grandfather of 8. Mr. Santos was a chef at a local restaurant for 28 years. A prayer service was held at Dodge-Thomas Funeral Home. Interment East Hillside Cemetery. Dodgethomas.com

STANCO, Carmela of Glen Cove, NY on March 5th, 2025 at age 97. Born in Sturno, Italy. Beloved wife of the late Carmine. Loving mother of Albina Cangero (Angelo) and Alfredo (Antonietta). Proud grandmother of Rocco and Maria. Special great-grandmother of Isabella, Gabriella and Nicholas. Entombment at Holy Rood Cemetery. www.DodgeThomas.com

Lenten Day of Prayer at Huntington Seminary



Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM

Friends of the Seminary are hosting a Lenten Day of Prayer. The event will take place on Laetare Sunday (4th Sunday in Lent) March 30, 9:30am to 3:30 pm at The Immaculate Conception

Retreat and Conference Center .

It is presented by Rev. Patrick J. Griffin, CM, he is the Executive Director of Vincentian Center for Church & Society of St. John's University.

The program starts at 9:30 am for Registration; 10:00 am Presentation I; 10:45 am Break; 11:00 Presentation II, Noon Lunch and Confession; 2:00 pm Presentation III; 2:45 pm Mass.

Tickets \$60.00 per guest and \$50.00 for Friends of the Seminary Members.

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Roland's auction had offerings from



Pair of Sevres Palace Urns

painting on panel depicting "Madonna in Floral Wreath", in an ornate gilt frame, sold for \$18,200, while an After Titian: Venus with Mirror – Painting Palatial allegorical painting on panel depicting Venus and putti, in ornate gilt frame, sold for \$16,900.

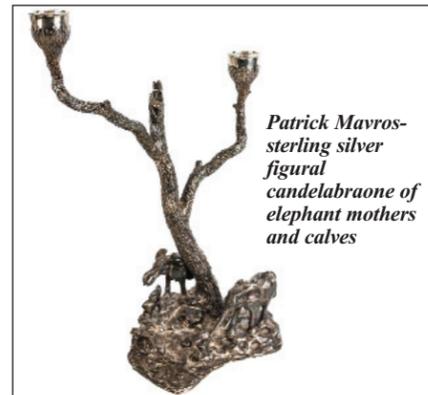
And, topping the silver was a Patrick Mavros pair of unusual sterling silver figural candelabra one of elephant mothers and calves with mopane, Zimbabwean, 1998, total 56 ozt., the other of two elephants with mopane, Zimbabwean, 1998, total 69 ozt., mark to base and bobeches. [12" H x 8.25" W x 4.5"], which went for \$16,900, while in Decorative Arts, a Pair of Louis XV gilt bronze figural candelabra, French, 20th century, sold for \$11,700.



After Brueghel or Rubens: Madonna – Painting,

several prominent and noteworthy estates, bringing together elements of New York City's theatrical and art world past, with other top sellers being in Decorative Arts and Fine Art,

In the art arena, an After Brueghel or Rubens: Madonna – Painting, Palatial



Patrick Mavros-sterling silver figural candelabra one of elephant mothers and calves

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Notice of formation of Sieveri Productions LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 9/11/2024. Office located in Nassau County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC: 12 University Rd, Bayville, NY 11709. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Honors

By VICTORIA CROSBY

A fundraising event was held at the Sea Cliff Yacht Club by the North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce honoring Gloria Agront, Leticia Blanco, Jeanine DiMenna, Eduardo Casuriaga, Lidi Flores and David Thompson for their contributions to the community.

During the cocktail hour guests could peruse the many raffle baskets and bid on them.

An invocation was given by Pastor Lorenzo followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by NSHC President Constanza (Connie) Pinilla. The National Anthem, the “Star Spangled Banner,” was sung by Camily Flores. A welcome to everyone and introduction of new members was given by Connie, and Vice President Ever Pinilla, who also thanked the many sponsors and donors which helped create a successful event. Glen Cove Mayor Pam Panzenbeck also welcomed guests and honorees.

The Exemplary Business Entrepreneur Giving Back to the Community Award was presented to

Jeanine DiMenna as the owner and head chef of Jeanine’s American Bistro in Glen Cove. Jeanine is the co-founder of the Tribute and Honor Foundation and a Member Emeritus. She has been featured in the Food Network’s Casino and is well known for her community spirit by providing restaurant space and a platform for the community to connect, network and collectively make our community a better place to live. Many local organizations in the various restaurants she has owned over the years, have been recipients of Jeanine’s generosity.



Jeanine DiMenna

The Community Leader Award was presented to Lidi Flores for her dedicated community leadership in serving as a Community Relations representative for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Lidi focuses on empowering vulnerable communities by enhancing their understanding and access to healthcare resources, leading to informed insurance decisions.

The Outstanding Community Supporter Award was presented to Leticia Blanco, a passionate community leader



Honorees l-r, Eduardo Casuriaga, Gloria Agront, Jeanine DiMenna, David Thompson, Leticia Blanco, and Lidi Flores.

and advocate dedicated to uplifting and empowering those around her. A strong advocate for the autism community Leticia works tirelessly to promote awareness, inclusion and support for individuals with autism and their families.

The Business of the Year Award was presented to David Thompson for building his thriving business as the founder and CEO of Extraordinary Auto. As an immigrant originally from Guyana, David is a source of inspiration by mentoring others and giving back to the community.

The Ambassador of Excellence Award was presented to Gloria Agront as a community ambassador who has devoted much of her time to guiding Hispanics in all areas of her life. As an insurance agent working for New York Life for many years she was also an integral member of the real estate company Value Home and subsequently ERA real estate.

The American Dream Awards was presented to Eduardo Casuriaga who came to this country in 2001 with only \$300 and is now founder and CEO of his own company, which he started in 2007 for carpentry, house painting and as a general contractor. Eduardo embodies the spirit of hard work and perseverance, grit and determination representing the American Dream.

Dinner was served buffet style with a DJ entertaining and providing music for dancing, which followed the awards ceremony and an announcement of the raffle basket winners.

The North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2019 with a mission to help bridge the Hispanic community to all parts of the community, and to help all businesses grow by providing education and resources that allow them to thrive in the community.

For further information visit www.nshchamber.org.

Christopher Judge is NSHM’s New Director



Christopher Judge

also to inspire future generations to connect and learn from the vibrant tapestry of stories that have shaped our region. Together we will continue to highlight the invaluable contributions and diverse heritage of the North Shore, ensuring that our history remains alive and relevant for all.”

By VICTORIA CROSBY

You may know of Christopher Judge who worked at Raynham Hall Museum in Oyster Bay for many years, and like many of their staff dressed in colonial attire for events at the museum. Judge has now been hired as the new director at the North Shore Historical Museum on Glen Street in Glen Cove. Judge will continue to work part time at Raynham Hall while also pursuing his MBA.

At Raynham Hall, Judge who had vocal training and is a section leader in the choir at Christ Church in Oyster Bay, would also sing while in costume. He’s a history buff and educator, who told me “As the new director of the North Shore Historical Museum I am honored to be at the helm of an institution dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of our beloved community. Our goal is to not only protect and showcase the past but

Two recent additions to the board of trustees at NSHM include Lydia Wen and



Koorosh Leibowitz

Koorosh Leibowitz. Lydia Wen is the reference librarian and archivist at the Glen Cove Library with expertise in history. Koorosh Leibowitz has an expertise in grant writing with a background in finance and economics.

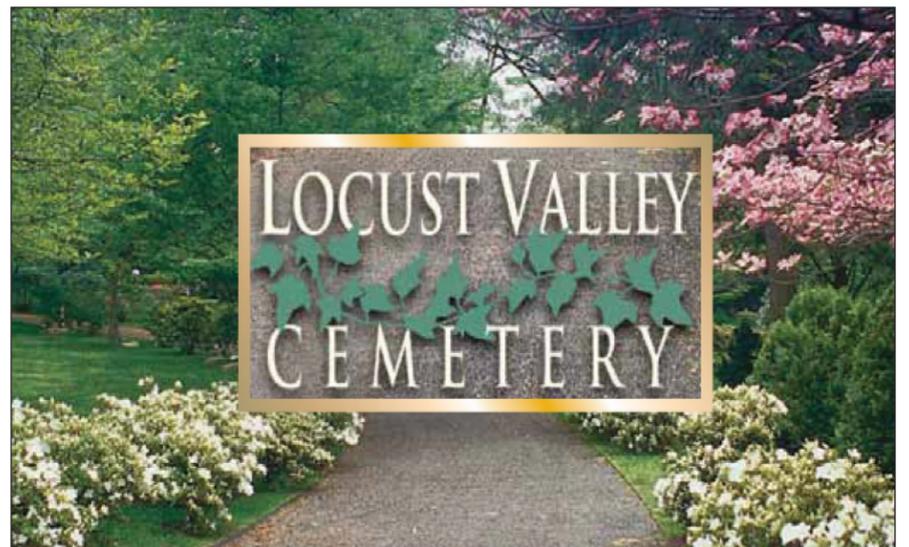
The mission of NSHM is to preserve the history of the north Shore of Long Island through the stewardship of its collections and historic structure - the 1907 Justices Court Building - to engage the public and to interpret the history of the North Shore, in particular the area known as the “Gold Coast,” through exhibitions lectures and programs.

NSHM is housed in the 1907 Old Courthouse and Police building at 140 Glen Street.



Lydia Wen

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