

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ball raises \$280K to help fight addiction

The 28th Annual Angel Ball, held on Monday, May 4, at the Garden City Hotel, raised over \$280,000 to support the Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence's substance abuse and intervention programs, the organization announced this week.

More than 285 donors, community members, elected officials, treatment providers and their family members turned out to support LICADD and ensure that the agency's life-saving addiction resources and recovery programs remain available to individuals and families across Long Island.

"LICADD is grateful for all of our generous donors and sponsors who support LICADD's substance abuse prevention programs," said LICADD Executive Director Steve Chassman. "It is because of people like Tara Conner, Debi Gade and Dr. Reynolds that LICADD remains the 'go-to' agency in the midst of this public health crisis and continues to implement effective and innovative programs to combat the effects of addiction in our community."

Board Chair Jeffery Cappazzi was on hand with Dinner Co-Chair Jay Matuk to deliver awards to the 2015 Angel Ball Honorees.

Conner, former Miss USA and recovery advocate, accepted the Humanitarian Award for her exemplary work as a recovery advocate.

"It's so important to understand that addiction is a family disease," said Conner. "I experienced this firsthand within my own family. But I've also learned that through treatment and recovery you can break the cycle."

Gade, Emmy award-winning producer for News 12, accepted the Founder Award for her series the "Heroin Diaries" highlighting the heroin crisis facing Long Islanders.

Reynolds, former executive director of LICADD and current president and CEO of Family and Children's Association, accepted the Leadership Award for his leadership in the field of addiction.



From left: Councilwoman Lee Seeman, Superintendent of Highways Tom Tiernan, Supervisor Judi Bosworth and Councilman Peter Zuckerman.

Beautification project sweeps town clean

The Town of North Hempstead recently wrapped up its two-week Operation Clean Sweep program where Town Highway Department street sweepers hit the road to clean dirt and debris from the winter season off of Town roads.

From April 27 to May 1, all roads south of the LIE were swept, and from May 4 thru May 8, all roads north of the LIE were swept. Highway Department

personnel also cleaned out catch basins and planted trees during this time.

Supervisor Judi Bosworth, Councilwoman Lee Seeman and Councilman Peter Zuckerman visited with the Highway Department on April 27 to wish them well on their two-week endeavor. Recent Operation Clean Sweeps have netted more than 4 million pounds of debris from the roadways.

EYES OF HOPE

Town of North Hempstead officials visited the Eyes of Hope mobile eye clinic on May 8. The Eyes of Hope mobile eye clinic, hosted by the Town this year, in partnership with Marchon eyewear offered free eye exams and a full dispensary with popular frame brands donated by VSP Optics Group, and finishing labs so that the glasses can be made on site. This service was provided to individuals without vision insurance.



North Hempstead officials visit the Eyes of Hope mobile eye clinic hosted by the Department of Parks and Recreation offering free eye care to residents. From left: Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman, Councilwoman Anna Kaplan, Councilman Peter Zuckerman, Town Clerk, Wayne Wink Jr.



The Eyes of Hope "Eyenstein" mobile eye clinic was hosted by the North Hempstead Department of Parks and Recreation offering free eye care to members of the North Hempstead community. From left: Town Clerk Wayne Wink Jr., Councilman Peter Zuckerman, Receiver of Taxes Charles Berman, and Councilwoman Anna Kaplan.

Bullying Awareness Walk slated for May 30

The Town of North Hempstead is teaming up with local school districts and community activists for the 3rd Annual Bullying Awareness Walk at North Hempstead Beach Park on Saturday, May 30 at 11 a.m.

The idea of the Bullying Awareness Walk was first introduced two years ago by a group of students from Herricks High School who decided to form an Anti-Bullying group called the "Young Optimistic Upstanders." For the third year in a row, the young fearless group is back again to partner with the Town, along with students from East Williston, Roslyn, Carle Place, Westbury, Herricks, and Manhasset.

"This event is an outlet for students to share their feelings



and experiences with others who have been in similar situations, while teaching students to take a stand against bullying," said Town Supervisor Judi Bosworth. "We are so excited to be partnering with such an amazing group of young activists in the community who are committed to this important cause."

The program will commence with a walk around North Hempstead Beach Park, followed by a keynote speech from Adrianna Sgarlata Schweizer, a former Miss Virginia who has spoken on Capitol Hill and made more than 200 appearances nationwide in an effort to ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow

up without fear from bullies.

Students from schools across the Town will provide musical entertainment throughout the day.

For more information please call 311, or (516) 869-6311 if you are calling outside the town. You can also follow the Bullying Awareness Walk through social media pages: