

Red Watch Band Program Educates High School Seniors

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As part of Manhasset High School's commitment to the health, safety and education of its students as they move beyond high school, it introduced the Red Watch Band Program (RWBP). The program is twofold, it includes CPR/AED certification and secondly, gives students an understanding of the impact of alcohol.

Through the Robbie Levine Foundation's "Teens for Life" initiative, the CPR/AED certification component was provided to every participant. Manhasset educators helped students understand the importance of alcohol overdose as a medical emergency and provided the knowledge to give them the skills and confidence to help prevent a tragedy. Many head off to college campuses where high-risk drinking can turn tragic. Manhasset High School provided Red Watch



Red Watch Band Organizers and Educators: From left top: Mark Giardino, physical education teacher, Nicholas Armstrong, social studies teacher, Lauren Majewsky, health teacher, Farran Funfgeld, physical education teacher, Stephon Sair, physical education teacher, Dr. Dean Schlanger, principal, Caryn Sawyer, Manhasset CASA. Bottom row: Pam McDonough, physical education teacher, Kevin O'Hara, Carl Strange and Kathy Musgrave of the Robbie Levine Foundation.

Band training for all graduating seniors on June 3 and 4. Manhasset School District administration, faculty, CASA and the SCA made the coordination and implementation of this program possible.

The RWBP was founded at Stony Brook University and the goal is to ensure all students get accurate information about the dangers of alcohol use and when, where and how to get help when every second counts. The program empowers students to recognize the signs of an alcohol-related emergency and how to intervene properly on behalf of a friend in need, while challenging student's beliefs and behaviors in regards to alcohol use. It helps them identify high risk drinking environments and educates them on the impact that high risk drinking has on their community at large.

For more information on the RWBP visit www.manhassetcasa.org or rblforever9@optonline.net.

MANHASSET COMMUNITY FUND NEWS

The Manhasset Community Fund has elected a new board of directors and officers. Iliza Bartels and John Morse were elected copresidents; Tom O'Malley, vice president; Paul Savage, treasurer; and Judy Cronin and Juliette Giambrone, co-secretaries. Linda Clarke and Linda Reilly were elected as new board members.

With the new board installed, a new fundraiser has been set for this Thursday, June 18, at Vineyard Vines located at 1950 Northern Blvd. The event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Shoppers will receive a 10 percent discount on their total purchase and Vineyard Vines will donate 10 percent of each purchase to the Manhasset Community Fund.

For over 68 years, the Manhasset Community Fund has supported vibrant local programs. Help local residents in need by donating to the fund to continue their work. Your donation to the Manhasset Community Fund helps so many. Check out www.manhassetcommunityfund.org.



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