



The Life Enrichment Center AT OYSTER BAY

A New Year & New Opportunities
By Judy Palumbo, Executive Director

Welcome 2017! The New Year is a time to look ahead and seize new opportunities. An opportunity for some may mean a life-changing experience. For others it's simply a chance for a new tomorrow. It's a chance to reconnect with an old friend or reach out to someone new, another chance to tell a loved one how much they mean to you.

For me The New Year is all of the above! As I start in January as the new Executive Director of The Life Enrichment Center, it is certainly a life-changing direction. I'm excited (borderline ecstatic) to join this organization and work with the professional and caring staff, under the guidance of a dedicated board. I'm most excited about working with and for you: our members and seniors in our community.

I had the good fortune to spend time at the Center in December observing the day to day programs. I was inspired by the energy and benevolence of the staff and members. Dozens of baskets were assembled and sent to homebound seniors in the community, home-baked goods were donated for the **Holiday Cookie Sale** to raise money for the Center and over 110 people attended a festive holiday lunch to celebrate the season.

Before moving ahead into the New Year, join me in indulging for a moment in the memories of yesteryear. The year was 1977, when the cost of a new house averaged \$49,000, the average income was \$15,000 and you and your family were watching **All in The Family** or **Happy Days** on a TV. It may seem like a lifetime ago or just the other day. It was 40 years ago when The Life Enrichment Center, then known as The Double Day Babcock Center, was first started in the halls of Christ's Church. Join us as we celebrate the purpose and accomplishments of the Life Enrichment Center at Oyster Bay. Here's to the next 40 – **Happy New Year to All!**

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Save the Date: The Life Enrichment Center's **40th Anniversary Party** - Friday February 10th!



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