



The Life Enrichment Center AT OYSTER BAY

Celebrations and Upcoming Events
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In true "Center" fashion, the Annual Mother's Day celebration was a smash. As usual the volunteer team at Silver Threads hosted the fashion show complete with models in all sizes and shapes decked out to the nines in beautiful outfits and matching accessories from the store. Our Social Work Coordinator, Beth Spickler Lerman, did a great job with a script prepared by SAB Member Betty Kassner, a volunteer for the shop. A traditional English Tea was served in lovely teapots and Member's own favorite teacups with a smorgasbord of desserts donated by corporate friends from the Atria, Excel at Woodbury, Oyster Bay Manor/Harbor House, and Senior Helpers. Favorite Mother's Day poems were read and a poem written by Member Jo DiCicco reminded us just how much our mothers mean to us. Program Coordinator Mary Frignani, Program Assistant Nancy Farinaccio, our Chef Anthony and his crew did a great job as always putting their special dose of love into every detail.

The annual Father's Day picnic on Thursday, June 16th promises to be another wonderful day sharing personal memories, some surprises and "gaming activities" dedicated to our Dads. Everyone is welcome for donuts and coffee to start off the day at 10:30 a.m. and Members are encouraged to come early and challenge each other and staff to their favorite games. Don't miss the chance for some fun and our traditional Father's Day barbecue.

We strive to build a calendar packed with fun events and activities for our Members while ensuring your vital needs and concerns are being addressed. As a follow-up to last month's calendar report, visits with Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand's staff provided Carol Waldman and I more information about how the Older American Act funding is disbursed and highlighted the importance of a visit to the Governor's Office. As we continue this important advocacy work we will develop clear and concise ways that each of you can help have your voices heard when elected officials are making critical decisions on how to allocate funding for seniors.

Our commitment to building relationships on behalf of seniors continues to be priority. To that end, our Corporate Development Committee will be hosting an event for businesses throughout our service area and senior service providers to solidify relationships. We thank our "Professional Alliance for Seniors" Members who donated desserts for Mother's Day and who sponsor activities all year round. Our event on June 14th will launch our efforts to build a list of providers that offer discounts and quality services to support your general needs while providing financial support to the Center.

Keeping with their promises to make the Center their priority, the Board will be hosting two major fundraising events this year. On Saturday, June 18th "Mercy Seat", a Country Gospel Music Association award winning duo will perform a concert on behalf of the Center. This non-traditional gospel group has its beginnings in Rock and Roll and promises to provide upbeat music and entertainment. The Board has already begun planning its Second Annual Gala to be held in November with a Parisian theme. "An Evening in Paris", like Havana Nights, will include music, French cuisine, an auction, and many surprises.

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