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*William Zimmermann, Commissioner of the
City of New Rochelle, Won the
NYSRPS Distinguished Service Award at the
Annual Conference in April.*



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Pictured above, Maureen DePaoli accepts the Class I award for Flyers and Posters on behalf of the Village of Irvington from Dana Mayclim.

Pictured left, Gerry Byrne of the Town of Greenburgh presents the Distinguished Service Award to Bill Zimmermann for his thirty plus years of dedication to the field and his accomplishments and participation at the local, state, and national levels. The Distinguished Service Award is the society's highest honor! We're proud of you Bill!

49th ANNUAL AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

AWARDS:

Voluntary Service Award ~ Organization
Friend of Rye Recreation

E. Mario Cribari Voluntary Service Award
Yoko Battista ~ White Plains Recreation
Gwen & Stephen Jadge ~ Greenburgh Recreation
Department

Staff Associate Award
Colleen Breen ~ New Castle Parks & Recreation
Department
Camille D'Amico ~ Lewisboro Parks & Recreation
Department

Youth Sports Coaches Award
Tom Brennan ~ Town of Cortlandt

Mathew M. Dolan Innovative Program Award &
Grant
White Plains Recreation Department ~ "Annual
Spring Egg Hunt

SCHOLARSHIPS:

E. Mario Cribari Memorial Scholarship
Kathleen Sclafani ~ Yorktown Heights
FELLOWSHIPS:

Ruth M. Lederer Fellowship & Grant
North East Special Recreation ~ "Curling"

Dr. Sal J. Prezioso Professional Fellowship
Christine Ann Gray ~ Scarsdale Recreation
Department
Todd Orlowski ~ Yorktown Recreation Department

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CITATIONS:

Daniel C. McBride	30
William T. Zimmermann	30
Janet-Anne Guarasci	30

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CITATIONS continued:

Gerald J. Byrne	25
Robert O. Snyder	25
Nancy Troiano	20
Donna Asher	20
Matthew Hanson	20
Suzanne Busby	15
Fran Croughan	15

CALL FOR GRAPEVINE ARTICLES!

The next issue of the Grapevine is scheduled
to be printed in November 2006.

Anyone interested in submitting materials
must do so by Monday, October 2, 2006.

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President's Message
~By Fran Brunelle

I can't believe that two years have gone by, but as my run as president draws to an end, I am amazed at the willingness our Society has shown in pitching in and getting involved. I am proud to say that the Westchester Recreation and Park Society is the most involved affiliate in New York State. This is not only documented by our membership numbers but also by our turnout at various functions. I am encouraged with the future of our society and the enthusiasm our members display. I want to thank those who served with me on the board and trust the incoming officers and members at large will continue the long history of successes WRAPS has had.

We have some upcoming projects that you may find helpful including working with the Westchester County Department of Civil Service to coordinate job classifications, titles and job qualifications. We are also looking into the possibility of having the Westchester Recreation and Park Society host the NYSRPS Annual Conference.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your president. It has been a pleasure.

Stay Healthy,

Fran

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Pictured above: Sally Rogol accepts an NYSRPS award on behalf of Rye Recreation for the Special Event for communities under 25,000. The award is presented by Dana Mayclim for Rye's Skate Park Benefit Jam.

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BITS & PIECES

Congratulations and best wishes to the following WRAPS members...

The Stork has arrived!!!

Congratulations to **Matt Arone of the Village of Dobbs Ferry** and his wife Kristen on the arrival of their son Luke Fredric. Luke was born on April 26.

Aaron Podhurst of the Town of New Castle and his wife had a baby girl on February 17th. Courtney Ann Podhurst weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz.

Lesley Bornstein of the Town of Cortlandt had a girl, Ellie Rebekah, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz., on October 22, 2005. Congratulations and best wishes to all three families!

Congratulations to Citizen Award Winners at the 2006 NYSRPS Annual Conference & Business Exposition. **Mayor Joseph Delfino of the City of White Plains** was given the Public Service Award. Plus, the Arts and Humanities award went to City of White Plains for their Sculpture on the Plaza.

Karen Watts, formerly a Recreation Supervisor with the Town of Greenburgh, is the new **Commissioner of Recreation in Mount Vernon**.

WRAPS gives a great big thanks to the members of the Awards and Scholarship Committee of 2006:

Annette Hroncich, Chair	Brian Gray
Donna Esperito	Amy Maltese
Lesley Bornstein	Kevin Cook

Joe Archino of Irvington shares his appreciation of life: "I watched a flower bloom this morn as a robin sang on a branch yonder. The wind gently moved my hair as the smells of spring danced around me."

The Grapevine Editor shares some humor:
Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

TO REACH THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Anthony Giaccio	693-2203
Joe Lemischak	864-7036
Dana Mayclim	232-6162
Susan Menz	271-3006
Sally Rogol	967-2535
Joe Stout	864-7004

In September 2006, your new officers will be:

President:	Jennifer Fava
Vice President:	Dana Mayclim
Secretary:	Daryl Sudlow
Treasurer:	Kevin Cook
Past President:	Fran Brunelle

Replacing Anthony Giaccio, Joe Stout, and Dana Mayclim as Members-at-Large will be: Kevin Donnelly, Brian Gray, and Fran Croughan. Welcome new board members!

3rd Annual RED CROSS SWIMS WESTCHESTER To benefit the American Red Cross in Westchester County

**Kick-off Event
Saturday ~ July 8th**

**For more information call:
Barbara Bischoff
Director, Health & Safety
(914) 946-6500 Ext. 250**

*Highlights of the 2006 NYSRPS Annual
Conference & Business Exposition at
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa*



Pictured above: Lifetime WRAPS Member Dr. Marilyn Glasser (right) speaks with Peggy Payne of Playground Medic (left).

Below left: Sisters Donna Esperito, Recreation Supervisor of New Castle Recreation, (left) and Maureen DePaoli, Assistant Superintendent of Irvington Recreation, (right) enjoy some family bonding time.

Below right: Some "Networking" with WRAPS members from Scarsdale, Rye, Briarcliff Manor, New Castle, and Westchester County.,



Pictured Above: Brian Gray accepts an NYSRPS award on behalf of Scarsdale Recreation for Brochures and Publications in Class I (under 25,000) from Dana Mayclim..



Healthy Kids Leadership Training

is coming to Westchester in the Fall of 2006 for FREE!

The New York State Recreation & Park Society (NYSRPS), in collaboration with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (NYSOCFS) is privileged to provide the 2006 Healthy Kids Training Institute Program. As the demand grows for structured, supervised care of our youth during parents' work hours, the demands on the skills of New York's Recreation and Park Program Leaders also grow tremendously. Recognizing the need to provide more tools and skills to the employees of recreation centers across the state, NYSRPS has prioritized the implementation of a LEADERSHIP Training, which would provide such skills to their Program Leaders.

Healthy Kids Training is a 3-hour training session delivered to Recreation and Park Program Leaders to provide the skills they need in both Leadership and Health and Fitness. This seminar will be utilized as a Train the Trainer Model (TOT) in which NYSRPS professionals will be trained to deliver the final training to recreation and park Program Leaders. Once NYSRPS professionals have been through the training, these personnel are now ready to go out and deliver the training to all their agency staff. The training covers 3 essential areas of expertise for Program Leaders:

1) The 4 Tools System: Creating a Brain-Friendly Environment

This section encompasses both EMOTIONAL HEALTH and PHYSICAL HEALTH. An additional benefit is lowered incidences of discipline problems

2) LeaderSHAPE

This section gives Program Leaders the essential leadership, communication, and conflict resolution skills needed when working with children.

3) Health & Fitness

This section gives Program Leaders an understanding of basic physical fitness for young children and pre-teens. It also teaches them how to focus on different aspects of fitness in an inclusive way that allows heavier children to feel comfortable and capable when participating in "fitness" activities.

Did I mention this is FREE and will only take 3 hours out of your work day?
Plus, you will receive a manual and a CD-ROM to print additional training materials.

The session will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 9 AM to 12 Noon at the New Castle Recreation Community Center, 10 Senter Street in Chappaqua.

Reserve your spot early, since space is limited!

Call Sue Menz at Croton Recreation (914) 271-3006 or e-mail
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I'll need your name, agency name, and phone number.

