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Annual Past Presidents Luncheon at Travelers Rest



Left to right seated: Anthony Giaccio, Bernie Guagnini, Dr. Sal Prezioso, Joe Davidson, Suzanne Busby. Left to right standing: Kevin Cook, Dana Mayclim, Sally Rogol, Daryl Sudlow, Fran Brunelle, Jennifer Fava, Ken Batchelor, Robert Snyder, Sue Menz, Joe Lemischak, Jim Arles, Kathy O'Connor, Sal DeSantis, Joe Stout, Bill Zimmermann, Bill Rodriguez, and Don Papa. Photo courtesy of Sally Rogol, a Past President and current Executive Board member. For more photos of the Past President's Luncheon, please turn to pages 4 and 5.

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Farewell to a Friend; Elliott H. Dalrymple

Our friend and colleague of thirty years, Elliott H. Dalrymple passed away suddenly on January 20, 2006 in his adopted home of Centereach, Long Island. For those who did not know this wonderful man, he was the most energetic, engaging and genuine individuals you could encounter in life. A very passionate, religious man who dedicated himself to service by caring for the disabled, especially the visually impaired, as his career ultimately lead to becoming the Executive Director of The Westchester Lighthouse and his personal commitment to caring for his ninety-two year old mom who survives him.

He served with distinction as President of WRAPS in 1984 after numerous local and state committee assignments, preceded by his sound professional work in our neighboring METRO Section prior to Westchester. Known to some as Doctor D; his laughter, sociability and friendship will be sorely missed! May god bless this fine soul, those he touched and may we all capture the spirit of his very full life!

Bill Zimmermann

Interested in the U.S. Open and in Helping a Good Cause?

Please consider volunteering at the U.S. Open played at Winged Foot Golf Club, in Mamaroneck, NY. As a volunteer, the work you perform will be credited to the Ronald McDonald Family Room @ Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla, NY. Volunteers will work at the food concession stand at the 17th green #2 tent. The duties performed will vary from working a cash register, pouring drinks, wrapping food, and stocking supplies. The food catering company, Prom Management, supplies a manager in the tent and there are between 10 to 30 volunteers working together at one time. There are 3 different shifts per day, and after your shift is over you will have free access as a spectator to watch the golf for that day.

Each volunteer will attend a mandatory orientation/training meeting sometime in May; there will be many dates and times to choose from.

WRAPS is being asked to commit to staffing all shifts, or a large portion of them, for a particular day to help keep record keeping more efficient. A volunteer may work as many shifts as they like, with or without their group. Parking each day for the volunteers is free and they will receive one meal voucher for each shift worked. WRAPS is targeting to volunteer on Friday, June 16th. For more information, call President Fran at 914 734-7275.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

~ by Fran Brunelle

As I am writing you it doesn't seem possible that summer plans are being made. But, as you know, this is the time that we, as professionals, start thinking pools and camp. Hopefully some of our luncheon topics will assist you in your planning process, starting with the Annual Vendors Luncheon (happening as I write this message).

We will be discussing *Civil Service Guidelines for the Recreation Field* at our March 15th luncheon and in May our topic will be *Customer Service*. Coming up on March 17th is the WRAPS Summer Audition at Osborne School in Rye. Call Matt Nordt at 967-2125 for further information. On April 2nd – April 5th the Hudson Valley Leisure Service Association and NYSRPS will be hosting the year's State Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson, New York. This is the State's 66th Annual Conference and Business Expo. I hope to see many of you there.

In June we have two important events; the first being the Awards and Scholarship Luncheon on Friday, June 2nd in Rye. The second is the opportunity for us, as an organization, to help raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities. We can do so by volunteering at the concession stand at this year's U.S. Open played at Wing Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck. The dates are June 12th – June 18th. Call me at 914 734-7275 for more information.

I hope all of your planning for the busy season is successful.

Stay Healthy,

Fran

ANNOUNCING...

WRAPS' 2006 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT AUDITIONS

The 2006 Summer Services Entertainer Auditions will take place from 9 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, March 17, 2006 at Osborne School in Rye. All WRAPS members should have received a blue flyer with directions to the site on the reverse side. The 2006 auditions are being coordinated by Matt Nordt of Rye Recreation. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the auditions. Matt can be reached at 914-967-2125 or mnordt@ryeny.gov.

WESTCHESTER TO HOST EMPIRE STATE GAMES IN 2007

Culminating a two-year lobbying effort, Westchester County will be hosting the Empire State Games in 2007.

County Executive Andy Spano said he has been informed by the state that it has selected Westchester as the site for this annual competition.

"I want to thank Governor Pataki and the state's Empire State Games committee for selecting Westchester," Spano said. "The county is an ideal site and this will be a fabulous event."

The games -- a multi-sport event for New York amateur athletes patterned after the Olympics -- will take place July 24-29, 2007 at various venues in the county (colleges, county parks). The event is expected to draw between 10,000 and 20,000 athletes, their families, friends and coaches to the region.

Spano noted that bringing several thousand tourists to the area in summer will positively impact the county's economy, with added business for restaurants, hotels, retail stores and entertainment and recreational venues. He said that funding for the games, a program of the New York State's Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, will come from the state, with additional private fundraising support here in Westchester.

Spano sent a proposal to the state during the fall of 2004 in an effort to be selected to host the 2007 Empire State Games. In addition, Westchester residents were asked to send electronic postcards (via the county's website) supporting the bid.

Most of the activity will take place at the campuses of five colleges: Manhattanville and SUNY Purchase, both in Harrison; Pace University (Pleasantville and Briarcliff); and the College of New Rochelle and Iona College, both in New Rochelle.

In all, 29 different sports, from archery to volleyball will take place in 21 venues, including all five college campuses, along with Westchester Community College, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle high schools, the Westchester County Center in White Plains, the ice rinks at Playland Ice Casino in Rye and Hommocks Park in Mamaroneck, and other cooperating public and private venues.

Athletes will be housed in the dorms, with many sporting events taking place within each campus. Shuttle bus transportation will carry them to offsite venues.

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BITS & PIECES

Welcome to WRAPS, congratulations, and good luck to the following individuals...

The Stork is coming !!!

Several of our WRAPS family and friends are expecting a blessed event. We extend our best wishes to **Gia Lemerise, Executive Director of NYSRPS, Trish Phillips of the Town of New Castle Recreation and Parks, and Kim Gallo of Peekskill Recreation and Parks.**

Congratulations to WRAPS Secretary, **Daryl Sudlow**, who is the new Assistant Superintendent of Recreation in **Bedford**. Filling her shoes in the **Town of Mount Pleasant as the new Assistant Superintendent will be Steve Loftus.** Steve was formerly employed by the Town of Greenburgh as a Recreation Supervisor.

Congratulations to **Ike Kuzio** who has taken a job with **Westchester County Parks, Recreation, and Conservation** as a Recreation Supervisor after working several years for Harrison Recreation.

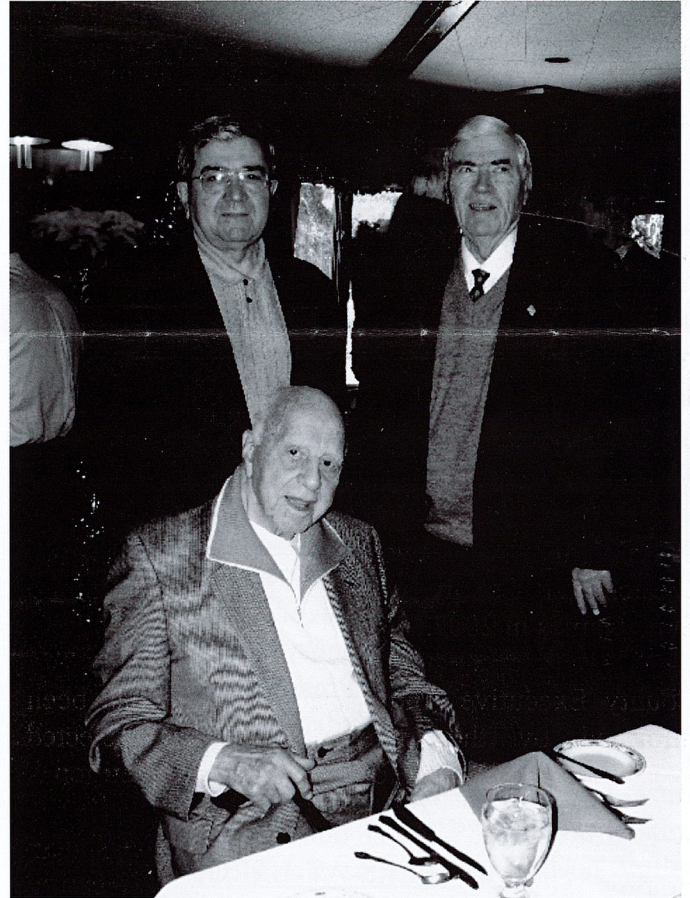
New Employees !!!

We welcome **Brenna Burrows to Ossining Recreation as a Recreation Aide.** She has a B.S. in Elementary Education from Pace University and is working on her Masters Degree in Education at Mercy College. Her last position was as a Teachers Aide with the Ossining Community Action Program. **Joseph Persichetti joins the Village of Pleasantville Recreation Department as a Recreation Assistant.** He has a B.S. from St. Thomas Aquinas College. **Chris Soi** takes on the challenges of **Briarcliff Manor as a Senior Recreation Leader.** He previously worked for NY City Outward Bound.

Congratulations to **Henry Atterbury, Superintendent of the Town and Village of Ossining Recreation and Parks Department,** who was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the "Family Ties" Organization of Westchester County. This organization provides advocacy and support services to families of children with emotional and behavioral difficulties.

A BIG THANK YOU to Don Papa for organizing the NRPA hotel reservations. Again he did a

fantastic job of finding the best deal in San Antonio as he has done so for many years. "The Don" is also a great source of good advice and a professional who continues to generously offer superb guidance based on his many years of experience as a leader and a professional in the field of Recreation and Parks.



Pictured above at the Past President's luncheon: Dr. Sal Prezioso seated, Jim Arles, and Joe Davidson. Below: Bernie Guagnini, Kathy O'Connor, and Ken Batchelor.



SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMMING SECTION

You are invited to collaborate, network and share your ideas on senior citizen programs. This section of WRAPS will address the needs and interests of professionals working in this growing field. Bring a copy of your current programs newsletter to share. Lunch can be ordered off the menu. RSVP to Sia Tofano at White Plains Recreation, 422-1424.

Mark your calendar for these meetings:

April 18	Yvonne's, Mount Vernon
June 6	Seaside Johnnies, Rye

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DATES TO REMEMBER !

March 15

Regular WRAPS Luncheon Meeting
Mt. Kisco, Holiday Inn

March 17

Summer Entertainment Auditions

April 2-5

NYSRPS Annual Conference
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April 26

Regular WRAPS Luncheon Meeting
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May 10

Regular WRAPS Luncheon Meeting

June

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President Fran Brunelle is socializing with Bob Snyder, Sue Menz, and Vice President Jen Fava at the Past President's Luncheon.



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WRAPS will bring another carnival to Blythedale Children's Hospital on Tuesday, April 11th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Volunteers can help with set up and decorating at 2:00 PM. Donations of decorations, costume characters, and carnival games are welcome. WRAPS members are asked to supervise games, give out prizes and assist a little with clean up after the entertainer and pizza. Eventengineers (formerly PM Amusements) provide the jukebox, video and children's games. Members interested may contact the following WRAPS members:

Jill Fisher	381-7865
Annette Hroncich	864-7064
Thomas Hroncich	939-2354

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

Anyone interested in submitting materials must do so by Friday, May 5, 2006.

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