

The Hagedorn Little Village School *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*

December 2017 Newsletter



Casino Night

Thank you to Casino Night Chairpersons **MaryAnne Hyland, Kristin Maisano** and all the committee members for making the event a great success. An extra special thank you to all of our sponsors and supporters, especially our Grand Sponsor, **Alice Cromarty**, Bar Sponsors: **Paul and Angela Adimando, James & Maureen Fitzhenry and Gregory & Danielle Spina**, and Silver Sponsors: **Matthew & Jessica Leiser** and our Friends at the **Westbury Fire Department**.



Casino Night



Babysitting Night

On Friday, December 8th, Little Village staff hosted another Babysitting Night for our students and their families. For what has become a twice a year tradition, parents were able to drop their children and siblings at school for a couple of hours of free time to do some holiday shopping, catch a movie or just relax for a couple of hours!

Thanks to all of our **staff, family members, and friends as well as the Occupational Therapy students from Stony Brook University** for volunteering their time to give our parents a much-deserved night out!



Babysitting Night



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The 2018 Annual Golden Rule Award Dinner



Michael Raab
CMS LLC

Golden Rule Award Recipient

Save the Date!
Thursday,
January 25, 2018



Honorable Joseph S. Saladino
Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor

Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipient

Golden Rule Award Dinner
Event Sponsor



Fresh Meadow Country Club, Lake Success, N.Y.

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Apples For Sale!

The students in rooms 8, 21, 60 and 61 held a fruit sale for the staff. They learned about buying and selling, how to make change and what to say to their customers. In advance of the sale they made posters and hung them in the hallways. The children enjoyed using their skills to run the store and did an awesome as the apples, oranges and clementines were sold out in the 2 day event!



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We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

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Thank you to Board Member **Armand D'Amato** for recommending us to Toys For Tots. Toys for Tots is a program of the United States Marine Corps Reserve, whose objectives are to "help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and distribution campaign; and to contribute to better communities in the future."

This month, **SSgt Quinton, J.D., of the 2d Battalion, 25th Marines** coordinated a donation of approximately \$10,000 worth of adaptive toys and equipment to Little Village. Our teachers and therapists were given the opportunity to select the items that would best serve the needs of our students. *We are very grateful for the kindness and generosity of our U.S. Marine Corps!*



The Drew Weidhorn Wing at Little Village

Thanks to a very generous donation from **Ed and Leah Frankel** and in honor of our past Board Member **Drew Weidhorn**, we are pleased to announce the dedication of the Drew Weidhorn Wing at Little Village.

Drew, who sadly passed away in May of 2017, was most recently recognized in January as Little Village's Golden Rule Award honoree. Drew was an extraordinary man who loved Little Village and generously and continuously supported our students and families. He is greatly missed by everyone who had the honor and privilege of knowing him.



Drew and his wife Missy



Giving Tree & Giving Hearts Collection

*Celebrating the generosity and uniqueness of
The Hagedorn Little Village Family*



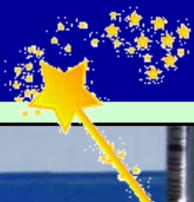
For the last 7 years, we've been sharing our story of the *Giving Hearts Collection*. This effort, led by Little Village Movement Supervisor **Sue Lasher**, has helped dozens of Little Village staff families who have faced difficult times. This unique program is a way for Little Village staff to help each other and extend kindness and generosity to those around us who might be in need during the holiday season. **Thank you Sue and all of our terrific staff** for this amazing demonstration of giving and caring.

The Giving Tree is another way Little Village staff help families in need. The Giving Tree contains leaves with gift ideas on each leaf. A staff member takes a leaf and buys a gift and the gifts are subsequently donated to our students' families that are in need. In addition to Little Village staff, parents and friends of Little Village also contribute to this great cause. This year, we provided holiday gifts to more than 20 families.





Magic Al Entertains Our Kids!!



MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble Performs For LVS

Little Village was extremely fortunate to have the Guitar Ensemble, the A cappella members of the high school chorus and members of the middle school chorus perform for all of the Little Village students again this year. **Ms. Grande**, the director of the Middle School Chorus, is pictured center below with her adorable son, Vincent, who attends HLVS. All of the Little Villager's were treated to a wonderful show of holiday songs and dancing - they all had a great time!

Our deepest appreciation to **Mr. LaClair** for organizing this event and bringing the very talented students from McArthur High School and Jonas Salk Middle School to HLVS. The show truly brightened the spirits of the students and staff. We wish them all a joyous holiday season!



Pumpplekin Bake Off Winners

Thanks to all of the staff that participated in Little Village's 6th annual staff **Pumpplekin Bake-Off** and to Sue Lasher and the HLVS Morale Committee for organizing another great time! Our Winners were:

- MOST CREATIVE—Stephanie Yarusso—Apple Cupcakes
- TASTIEST—Liana Moran – Caramel Apple Cheesecake
- BEST APPEARANCE—Melissa Brown—Caramel Apple Pie Cupcakes
- OVERALL FAVORITE—Spephani Philippou—Cake with Maple Frosting



♪♪♪ *Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow....* ♪♪♪

It may be winter but its never too early to
Save the Date
for Little Village's 2018 Golf Classic once again at the beautiful
Pine Hollow Country Club!

Monday, June 4, 2018

For information about the 2018 Golf Outing or
any of Little Village's events, please contact
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