

LOCAL NEWS

COMING EVENTS

Everyday achievers will get their day in the spotlight

The inaugural Staten Island NFP Association (SINFPA) Community Service Awards will be held at a breakfast at 10 a.m. on Sunday Nov. 6 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Tickets are \$50 per person. Contact Vincent Lenza at 718-355-6228 or vlenza@sinfpa.org.

Every not-for-profit has one — the longtime volunteer who always gets the job done; a board member who truly believes in the organization's mission and provides professional services pro bono; the staff member who goes above and beyond to make sure the job gets done and the mission is served.

SINFPA has created this event to thank those unrecognized individuals for all of the outstanding work they do to serve the community. This awards event is designed to show these valued supporters how important they are to the continued success of our local organizations and to the improvement of the quality of life on Staten Island.

"In addition to serving as an opportunity to honor the great work of these specific individuals, the Staten Island NFP Association Community Service Awards also serve to remind the Staten Island community that any individual can make a difference at a not-for-profit organization, even in small ways," said

Vincent Lenza, executive director of SINFPA.

The honorees are: **Michael Accornero**, a family business owner in Port Richmond and long time supporter and board member of the Northfield Local Community Development Corporation.

Jay Anderson, board treasurer who oversees the Council for the Arts and Humanities of Staten Island's finances and is critically involved in strategic planning;

Jo-Ann Callan, chair of the committee that hosts the Alice Austen House Museum's annual gala which with her dedication and attention to detail has become a top social event.

Carmine Chisvette, vice president for facilities management with Staten Island Mental Health Society who agreed to go through a rigorous training course on his own time to obtain his LEED certification to be ready to manage the Society's new green building in St. George;

Ethel Calitri, 18-year vet-

eran of the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island who never says no to those who need assistance;

Sally Carp, reading specialist volunteer who has served the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island for 35 years;

Paul DeMarco, travel basketball coordinator at the Jewish Community Center for 7 years who has continued to volunteer his time beyond his children's participation in the program;

Noreen Heuser, a case manager with Community Health Action for 16 years who has helped innumerable Staten Islanders with HIV/AIDS and their families by securing benefits, medical care, and other services;

Dr. Eileen Hopkins, deputy executive director at Eden II Programs who started with the organization in 1990 as a job coach and teachers assistant and now holds responsibility for overseeing the organization's critical state funded programming;

Paul Johnson, operating room technician at Richmond University Medical Center of Staten Island who is always willing to volunteer his time and heart to help the patients at the hospital;

Carissa Mazzeo, a junior

at Tottenville High School who is president of the "Reality Check" tobacco control movement through the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island;

Dana Melis, teacher at the Lavelle Preparatory Charter School who works all summer to create information systems that help track student achievement;

Ericker Philips-Onaga, associate executive director who has woven a seamless continuum of care for clients at Project Hospitality;

Shari Schatzman, long-time staff member who has worked as a teacher, program coordinator, and director of training at Eden II Programs, and is involved in research into autism and behavioral intervention;

Alan Tamarkin, SCORE business counselor who has helped thousands of Staten Islanders start small businesses for 10 years;

Scott Walsh, facility manager responsible for making sure that the Staten Island Children's Museum is ready to welcome the thousands of visitors and groups who attend each year; and

Miriam Zapata, executive assistant to CEO of Community Resources, who embodies the spirit of the agency through her commitment to those it serves.

Museum will celebrate 130 years of growing

Celebrating its 130th anniversary, The Staten Island Museum will host a dinner on Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn, Bloomfield. Tickets are \$100 per person for Museum members/\$130 for non-members. For reservations, call 718-483-7113 or email cadolph@statenmuseum.org.

A special auction item is available to both attendees and non-attendees. It is a Hawaiian made, Lanikai ukulele and an autographed copy of Ingrid Michaelson's songbook, "Girls and Boys." Email your name, phone number, address and highest bid to rsonoma@statenmuseum.org.

Minimum opening bid is \$175; bidding closes on Nov. 10 at noon.

Four honorees will be awarded the Leng & Davis Award, named for two of the museum's co-founders, **Charles W. Leng** and **William T. Davis**, who were among the first Islanders to dedicate their lives to the enrichment of cultural life on Staten Island.

The honorees are: Council member **Domenic M. Recchia**, who serves as the council's finance chair; **Helen M. Granatelli**, a well recognized community activist and educator; **Edith Suskind**, an art collector and entrepreneur; and **New York Council for the Humanities**, which has supported the museum's humanities programs for over a decade.

The awards will be presented by City Council member **Debi Rose**; **Clay Hiles**, executive director of



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the Hudson River Foundation; **Alice B. Diamond**, wife of the late Advance publisher Richard E. Diamond; **George Way**, collector of 16th and 17th century art and antiques; and United States Congressman **Michael Grimm**.

The theme for this year's keepsake journal, the seventh in a series, is "Growing a Collection" which will shed light on how the Museum has grown its now expansive fine art collection starting with its cornerstone donations, the Francis MacDonald Antiquities Collection and the Kress Collection. Also showcased will be additional Medieval and Renaissance works, 19th and 20th century seascapes and landscapes, world art and some recent acquisitions.

The Honorable **Charles J. and Mrs. Norma D'Arrigo** are serving as honorary co-chairs.

The museum is renovating Building A, a New York City landmark on the Snug Harbor Campus, for the expansion to its future home in late 2013.



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