



# GRAPEVINE

## WESTCHESTER RECREATION AND PARK SOCIETY

June 1992

### 1992 Award & Scholarship Winners

E. Mario Cribari  
Voluntary Service Award

#### Organization

Rye Little League

#### Individual

Eleanor Krupi

Joseph DeChristopher

Staff Associate Award

Armand "Red" Brugger

Patrice Cuddy

Irwin "Red" Klein

Commercial Award

Carvel of Bedford

### Professional Service Awards

35 Years

25 Years

20 Years

James Arles

Donald Papa

Stephen Nickerson

Barry Samuel

Frank Magaletta

Kathleen Burleson

Peter J. Mayers

Award for Merit

William V. Zimmermann

E. Mario Cribari Scholarship

Dawn Simonsen

Dr. Sal J. Prezioso Fellowship

Maureen Esperito

Ron Kalban

Bruce Riehl

Suzanne Senk

Irvington

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant

Scarsdale

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## Presidents Message

by William Rodriguez

Changes are taking place all around us. Every municipal, private and public agency that is charged with the delivery of recreation services is being impacted by the economic climate that currently exists. Recently two municipalities in the sound shore area eliminated positions within the recreation operation. Short term projections do not offer brighter days ahead at least on the

immediate horizon. Pressure on the local, state and national levels to avoid tax increases will determine to what extent recreation functions will be funded. As professionals we can be better prepared to meet the challenges that lie ahead. Instead of fearing the future we can allow it to stimulate our creativity and develop opportunities that may not exist. Those professionals who become visionary in their approach will continue to be successful. Cutting services should not be the only option to budget cuts. Rather, as professionals, we should be exploring alternatives to providing those services that are in demand. Associations

like WRAPS become more vital during difficult times. Sharing ideas, resolving conflicts, discussing trends and exploring options are all part of the intangible services that WRAPS can offer. I encourage all members to stay involved or get involved in WRAPS. Your active participation will benefit the entire membership and keep you in touch with your own operation. There are many committees and programs that need your assistance. Give me a call at 967-2535 to discuss how you can help WRAPS. Together we can meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.

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## Parks Corner

by Don Brandes

The WRAPS Parks Committee was busy this past winter, conducting three parks maintenance workshops. In January, a program on RECYCLING IN THE PARKS was presented by Jim Hogan, Westchester County's Recycling Director. The program, which was hosted by the Scarsdale Recreation and Parks Department was attended by more than 30 park maintenance personnel as well as many park and recreation administrators.

POND MANAGEMENT AND D.E.C. REGULATIONS, HOW TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE YOUR PONDS was the topic of our second program held at the Village of Hastings Recreation and Parks Department Community Center. Steven Ho of Aquatic Management and Terri Brocket of the NYSDEC discussed pond management and maintenance techniques along with present and future regulations concerning pond management activities. 18 persons attended this program.

Our March program was a trip to Yankee Stadium for a program on BALLFIELD MAINTENANCE HELD ON March 31st after two postponements due to inclement weather. 25 park and recreation managers and maintenance staff participated in this program. Bus transportation was provided courtesy of the Town of Cortlandt Central Operations Department Parks and Recreation Divisions. Yankee Stadium Superintendent Frank Alvohn and his ballfield maintenance staff provided an opportunity to see Yankee Stadium pre season field preparation in progress and answered countless questions regarding ballfield maintenance techniques.

Future activities of the Parks Committee include a survey of all municipal and county parks departments, the possible establishment of a PARKS EQUIPMENT SHARING PROGRAM whereby parks departments in need of specific types of equipment could borrow this equipment from another department for periods of time as opposed to having to buy their own equipment. The Parks Committee hopes to have a report on the results of the survey ready in September which will be made available to all municipal and county recreation and parks departments. Further information regarding the PARK EQUIPMENT SHARING PROGRAM should also be available at that time.

The Parks Committee is already working on a full slate of programs for 1992/1993 which will begin in September and run monthly thru March. Programs which we are looking into include: PARKS WINTERIZING, PARK GROUNDS EQUIPMENT EXPO, TRIP TO NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS, and an all day PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP. If anyone has comments regarding these programs or ideas and suggestions for other programs related to park maintenance and management, we would like to hear from you. Please feel free to call me or any other member of the Parks Committee to let your thoughts be heard. Listed below are the WRAPS Parks Committee Members along with their office phone numbers:

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TONY ZACCAGNINO 835-2000

Anyone interested in working on the Parks Committee should contact a member listed above. We welcome new members and new ideas! The WRAPS PARKS COMMITTEE wishes everyone a successful and enjoyable summer season.

## SAFE SUMMER CAMPAIGN TARGETS SWIMMING AND BOATING

by Jane Sbarra, Chair  
Substance Abuse Committee

During the summer months, ads promoting drinking abound, and there are many opportunities for young people and adults to get into trouble with alcohol.

The National Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions/Westchester, Inc., and the Westchester County Department of Mental Health are targeting swimming and boating for their Annual Safe Summer Campaign in 1992.

- \* About 30% of drownings are alcohol-related
- \* About one-half of all people injured in diving accidents have used alcohol
- \* Alcohol is involved in 70% of boating accidents.

We all have an opportunity to affect some of these statistics by encouraging healthy, safe and fun activities for kids, teenagers, and families. The Council on Alcoholism will be offering Safe Summer posters and pamphlets for display and distribution at your pools and other facilities, as well as prizes for your special events this summer. For more information, call Doreen Lockwood at 683-1213.

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## County Corner

by Barry C. Samuel

Westchester's Municipal Parks and Recreation Departments are staffed by many highly respected professionals. Sometimes it is nice to be able to ask other professionals for some advice and technical assistance. Therefore, I would like to offer the services of the staff of PRC for projects where you feel some additional advice and suggestions might be useful.

**Camping and Safety Services** - sleep away and specialty camps, first aid and CPR training, emergency plans for facilities.

*Chip Mathews 593-2623*

**Conservation & Volunteers** - environmental education programming, nature area and trail design, volunteer recruitment, training and care, beautification projects and children's summer ecology programs, and other environmental topics.

*Mary Davis 593-2647*

**Forestry** - tree care and protection, insect and disease control, pesticide use and safety, planting recommendations, and other forestry related topics.

*Ted Kozlowski 593-2645*

**Landscape Design** - all aspects of part and playground design.

*David DeLucia 593-2644*

**Public Relations** - how to best reach the media, writing press releases, public service announcements, brochure writing techniques and how to organize a publicity campaign.

*Adele Dowling 593-2600*

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## Education, Training & Research Committee

by Donna Esperito &  
Bob Snyder

Based on the survey results, our committee would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Luncheon programs should follow a broad based format.

23 broad based topics

11 specific topics, i.e., T.R., Parks

2. The Education Committee will take on the role of facilitator of CEUs in conjunction with the various sections.

3. The Committee would like to propose that the entire Executive Committee should be CLP, CTRA or CTRS by 1996. To hold office by 1994 the officers must be certified and any new Member-at-Large up for election in 1996 must be certified.

Members-at-Large elected before 1996 may finish out their term. However, after their term expires, they must be certified to be reelected to the Executive Committee. The Executive Board is presently looking into these recommendations and will make the final decisions.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who has participated in the surveys that our committee has distributed in the past two years including Mr. Don Papa.

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## Icot Alert

by Joseph Arduino

Don't forget to call #593-2628 to book your next sports clinic or umpires/officials clinic. We can provide clinics all year round.

Just remember when training youth coaches an "ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

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**I.C.O.T.**  
**"COACH OF THE YEAR**  
**('91 - 92)"**

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This year's recipient is Dr. Jerry Sack of Scarsdale. Jerry has coached soccer for ten years and has been soccer chairperson for Scarsdale Recreation.

On April 8th at the Scarsdale P.T.A. meeting at Edgewood School, Jerry accepted his plaque and was well received by the Scarsdale P.T.A. Board.

## Editors note:

Thank you to all who have assisted by sending materials on a timely basis. All the best for a great summer. See you in September.

Deadline: September 4, 1992 

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## Therapeutic Corner

by Dan Maloney

A half-day seminar for TR professionals, and other related fields, was held on November 21, 1991, at the Osborn Retirement Community in Rye, New York. Over-50 participants heard Dr. Robin Kunstler, CTRS, Professor of Recreation at Lehman College, present the topic of "Enhancing Your Skills in Writing Goals and Objectives." Dr Kunstler, in a very clear and insightful manner, led the workshop participants through a morning of lecture, case studies, and actual practice sessions of writing goals and objectives. As indicated by the workshop evaluations, the participants found the presentation to be extremely interesting, as well as provide information which will be of help in their jobs. This very successful workshop proved to be a huge financial success as well!

With the beginning of the New Year 1992, the TR Committee saw a need to revitalize and take a new look at the future mission of the TR Committee. The Committee has been in existence for over 9 years and has accomplished a great deal. With the many changes in the field of TR and its membership, it was felt that a survey was needed in order to get input from the membership, as to the future mission of the Committee.

Throughout the year, Committee members have met to discuss various topics related to the field of TR and network with other professionals in the field. Meetings were held at various sites throughout the central part of Westchester.

If interested in learning more about the activities of the TR Committee or in attending a future meeting, please contact Allan or Yvonne, Co-Chairs, at Burke Rehab., TR Dept., 948-0050, Ext. 2497.

## Special Program

Lois Pellegrino, CTRS, will present a program on "Catch the Spirit: Play for the Health of It" at the First Unitarian Society of Rockland County, Pomona, New York, on Sunday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. All are invited to this Sunday service which will emphasize participation by the congregation. The service is free; an offering is voluntary. For more information, contact Lillian Schayer at (914) 352-4680 or the Unitarian Society Office at (914) 354-1789. The Society is on Concklin Road near the North Exit 12 of Palisades Interstate Parkway.

Lois Pellegrino is Director of Therapeutic Recreation Activities and Vocational Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, Harrison, New York. Coffee is served after the service.

## Social News

The Westchester "Hackers" participated in the team tennis forum at the New York State Conference this past April. The team consisted of Captain Suzanne Senk, Mark Hyson, Sally Rogol, Peter McMillan, Daryl Sudlow and John Palmiotto.

It was great fun. The format allows for men's and women's singles doubles and mixed doubles and for a twist - you are allowed to make substitutions during the match. The team was victorious over the Niagara Frontiers in this first ever Team Tennis Exhibition. Billy Jean King as National Spokesperson for Team Tennis was present to kick off the event. The icing on the cake for us was Billy Jean King autographing our team shirts.

P.S. In a previous contest, Jill Fisher and Sally Rogol defeated Bill Zimmermann and Andrew Voekel at doubles volleyball at the WRAPS Opening Day Picnic in September. Want a rematch.....

## Bits & Pieces

by Joanne Marchesani

Congratulations to Henry Jamin on his recent marriage on April 25. Best of luck to Bob Snyder, new Superintendent of Parks & Recreation in New Castle. Frank Bernabei and wife Rita are proud to announce the arrival of their twin daughters Lynn Frances and Diane Cara who were born April 13. Best of luck to you all! Welcome to Susan Mouris, new recreation Director for the Westchester/Putnam Adult Day Center for the City of Peekskill.



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