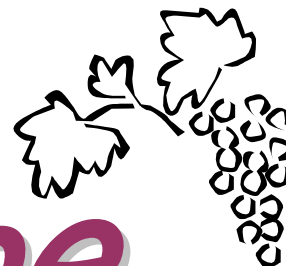




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## *President's Message*

*By: Matt Arone*

I recall playing baseball in college as a freshman and being disregarded by the upper classmen for the better part of the season. It's one thing if you are asked to keep quiet and earn your stripes, but to be excluded is a more difficult hurdle to overcome. Eventually, I earned the respect of my teammates and never looked back, however I never forgot how rough it was at the beginning. So when it was my turn to lead as a senior captain, I wanted to change the way we handled business in regards to the treatment of our new teammates. I wanted everybody to be included and feel like they are a contributing member of the team. Now that I am finally ending my term as WRAPS President, I can say I am most happy with the improvement and increase in camaraderie and teamwork in our society. Much like my experience on that baseball team, I was interested in having more people feel included. Things were never bad to begin with, but I know since I first became a board member, membership has increased, the vendors are coming back and more people are interested in becoming part of the executive board. We have a frequently viewed webpage, an active Facebook page and enjoy various new social and fundraising events. Also don't forget that at the Awards and Scholarship luncheon in June of 2017, we had every potential award category filled with winners. All of these are encouraging signs and I hope to see it continue in years to come.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as Member-At-Large, Vice-President and President over the past few years. It has been a privilege and an honor. Many thanks go to all the hard-working, talented and dedicated members, both past and present that have served WRAPS. This current

executive board is knowledgeable and strong and will continue accomplishing positive results and making improvements.

Lastly, as I move from the position of President to Past President, I'd like to say the most rewarding part of my presidential term was getting to interact with so many of you. You might not know how many phone calls, e-mails and texts the WRAPS President gets from colleagues asking for advice, looking for assistance or just needing a therapy session. We all need breaks from the daily grind at times so I was happy to help and enjoyed those moments.

We are all fortunate to work in Westchester County where recreation professionals care so deeply about our profession and our society. Keep up the good work everybody!

**“The Zen philosopher Basho once wrote, ‘A flute with no holes is not a flute. A donut with no holes is a Danish.’”-Ty Webb.**

## *DATES TO REMEMBER!*

**September - TBD**  
WRAPS BBQ

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Downstate Conference



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## *Let's Play it Forward*

The first collaboration between WRAPS and Let's Play It Forward on May 16<sup>th</sup> was a success. Despite the rainy weather, Let's Play It Forward was able to collect quite a few boxes and bags of sporting equipment. Organizations such as Grand Slam Baseball Cages in the Bronx and the Delancy Street Foundation in Brewster were just two of the benefactors of the equipment donated. WRAPS executive board members Matt Trainor, Kim O'Brien and Daryl Sudlow helped collect at the Mt. Kisco drop-off site while Sally Veltidi, Bob Kaczmarek and Matt Arone assisted at the Greenburgh site.



Basketballs, baseball and softball equipment seemed to be the most popular equipment donated, however some tennis and lacrosse equipment made its way to us as well. A special thanks to Joe Lucasey and Gerry Byrne at Greenburgh Recreation for allows us to use their parking lot as a drop-off site.



We are proud and thankful for our partnership with Let's Play It Forward. Thank you for all of those that participated and keep an eye out for similar sporting good drives in the future.

## *Camps Care About Hunger*

In an effort to fight hunger in Westchester County, WRAPS is continuing our "**Camps Care About Hunger**" campaign. Expanding on the efforts from last year, we would like to ask that your camps take part as we work together to help feed the hungry in our county by supporting this great cause this camp season.

### **To participate simply:**

- Pick a date that works best for you
- Select a food bank/pantry or soup kitchen you wish to support (list attached if needed)
- Insert your departments name and the benefactor of your choice in the attached flyer
- Copy and distribute the flyer
- Collect the items
- Deliver them to the benefactor of your choice

For additional assistance or information please contact Bob Kaczmarek at [rkaczmarek@scarsdale.com](mailto:rkaczmarek@scarsdale.com)

For further inspiration please visit the WRAPS website at <http://www.wrapsny.com> then click on the Socials & Events tab for a fantastic video created last year to help promote the cause.

Our goal is to help feed those in need while promoting our departments and our profession.

Hopefully through all of our efforts we will help make an impact in someone's life that goes beyond the fields or studios.

Thank you for your understanding and support in making this worthwhile effort a huge success.

Respectfully,  
The WRAPS EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Bits ~N~ Pieces

Congratulations to **Aaron Podhurst** on his new position as Superintendent of Recreation at Hastings Recreation Department.

Congratulations to **Bill Garrison** on his new position as Superintendent of Recreation at Ossining Recreation Department.

Congratulations to **Doug Scott** on his new position as Recreation Supervisor at New Castle Recreation Department.

Congratulations to **Patricia Capizzuto** on her new position as Recreation Assistant at Port Chester Recreation Department.

## Guess the Pool Location!

Its summer time and pools are in full swing! Do you know where all of these pools are located? Answers on the last page!

- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1- Tibberts Brook Pool | a. Town of Mamaroneck     |
| 2- Gould Park Pool     | b. White Plains           |
| 3- Veteran Park Pool   | c. Hartsdale (Greenburgh) |
| 4- Memorial Pool       | d. Dobbs Ferry            |
| 5- Cook Pool           | e. Yorktown               |
| 6- Hommocks Pool       | f. Hastings               |
| 7- Saxon Woods Pool    | g. Yonkers                |
| 8- Chemka Pool         | h. Mt. Kisco              |
| 9- Jr Lake Pool        | i. Cortlandt              |



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## REC BABIES BORN!!!!



Above: (L to R) Nicole Stone, Erin Mantz and Angela Thornton taken in March before all three gave birth!

Congratulations to **Erin (Rye Rec) & Chris Mantz** on the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Bailey born on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7lbs 7oz and 19 inches long!



Congratulations to **Angela (Irvington Rec) and Kyle Thornton (Yorktown Rec)** on the birth of their son, Ryder Peter, born on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 8lbs 11oz and 20 inches long!



Congratulations to **Nicole Stone (Mt. Kisco Rec) & Trevor Caviola** on the birth of their daughter Reagan Marie on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6lbs and 18.25 inches long!



## *2018 Awards & Scholarship Luncheon*

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, WRAPS held its 61<sup>st</sup> Awards and Scholarship Lunch at the Shenorock Shore Club. This great event was well attended by many WRAPS members, award winners, friends and families!

**Below are the 2018 award winners:**

### **2018 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARDS**

40 Years	Joseph A. Stout
35 Years	Sia Tofano
30 Years	Henry Jamin, Linda Bellofatto Bruce Riehl, Susan Snyder (Menz)
25 Years	Mark Morin, Liz Dieter
20 Years	Mark Duncan, Emmanuel Morales, Robin Pell
15 Years	Sandy Korkatzis, Angela Thornton

### **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS**

Jerry Peters  
Janet Riley

### **Dr. Sal J. Prezioso Professional Fellowship**

Vicky Laoutaris, Town of Mamaroneck  
Scott Naylor, Town of Mt. Pleasant

### **E. Mario Cribari Scholarship**

Catherine Troiano- SUNY Cortland

### **Public Service Award: Individual**

Ralph Nicoletti Sr., Town of Mt. Pleasant

### **Voluntary Service Award – Organization**

Open Space & Preserve Committee, Town of Lewisboro

### **E. Mario Cribari Voluntary Service Award**

Jane & Walt Daniels, Town of Yorktown  
Brian McCabe, Town of Bedford



### **Henry B. Funking Youth Award**

Senator Bjorge, Croton-Harmon High School

### **Youth Sports Coaches Award**

Peter Westrell, North East Westchester Special Recreation



### **Staff Associate Award**

Andrew Liebman, Village of Dobbs Ferry

### **Irwin "Red" Klein Commercial Recreation Award**

The Westchester Road Runner Inc.

### **Ruth M. and Bill Lederer Fellowship & Grant**

Horseback Riding program, North East Westchester Special Recreation

### **Matt Dolan Innovative Program & Award Grant**

iMatter Program, Town of Greenburgh- Dept. of Community Resources  
Winter Festival, Town of Mamaroneck

### **Future Mentoring Fellowship**

Deanna Peterson, Village of Scarsdale  
Mentor- Lesley Bornstein

### **Peter J. Mayers Award for Merit**

Daryl Ann Sudlow, Town of Bedford





**Austin Welch PIERRE Award**

The Lasdon Glass House Conservatory, Westchester County Parks

**Joseph E. Curtis Achievement Award**

Jill Fisher, Town of Mamaroneck



**President's Award**

Karen Kuzio, Village of Briarcliff  
Kyle Thornton, Town of Yorktown

More Photos from the Awards and Scholarship Luncheon can be found on our Website!

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