



THURSDAY'S THOUGHTS

From Suffolk County Legislator

William R. Spencer, M.D.



GREETINGS 18TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT RESIDENTS!

– Greenlawn – Centerport – Northport – Asharoken – Eaton's Neck – Huntington – Halesite –
– Huntington Bay – Huntington Station – Lloyd Harbor – Cold Spring Harbor – East Northport –

CELEBRATING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH



Mentors and Mentees during a group outing to Outback Steakhouse in December 2016

Dear Neighbor,

Every child has hopes and dreams. Mentoring brings caring adults together with children in need through safe, effective programs. By being a consistent adult presence in a young person's life, mentors can offer advice, share their life experiences and help a young person navigate challenges. Research has shown that children who have caring adults in their lives have a better chance of staying in school, out of gangs and away from drugs. It is for these reasons and more that I have sponsored a weekly Mentoring Program at the Tri-Community Youth Agency since taking office in 2012.

Mentoring gives a young person the ability to see his or her own talents, the support to pursue them and a sense of life's possibilities. When you give people new ideas and open doors for them, it truly changes their outlook and course. I am so pleased with the positive impact this program has had on the young people who currently attend and I will be forever grateful to the Mentors who dedicate their time and support on a weekly basis.

Jerene Weitman one of our mentors shared, "Six years ago a neighbor invited me to consider becoming a mentor at the Tri-CYA. I had retired from public school music teaching and was still giving private flute lessons in my home studio. I wasn't sure I had the skills to be a meaningful mentor but decided to give it a try, and soon learned that my life experience was more than enough to help guide those young people through the challenges of their difficult lives. For me, our weekly sessions are special times of sharing the week's events and concerns. We have become an extended family that provides a safe, caring place for the young people to grow socially, emotionally and academically. The satisfaction of helping contribute to that positive change keeps me involved year after year."

National Mentoring Month is an annual designation observed in January. It celebrates mentoring and the positive effect it can have on young lives and raises awareness of mentoring in various forms. For more information about the program, call my office at 631-854-4500 and ask to speak with Linda.



Students along with their mentors and Legislator Spencer Today Celebrating "Thank Your Mentor Day"



[Sign-up for the SCPD's Civilian Police Academy](#)



The Civilian Police Academy (CPA) is an award-winning educational program designed to expose community members to police policies and procedures. The goal of this course is to improve communication between the police and the public they serve and dispel misconceptions as to how the Police Department operates. The course consists of 16 sessions, one session per week, between 6:30 and 9:30pm, at the SCPD Police Academy on the campus of Suffolk Community College in Brentwood.

[Who can apply?](#)

Any resident of Suffolk County (21 years or older). Preference is given to people in active leadership positions in their communities (members of civic, community, business, neighborhood watch or taxpayers associations, elected leaders, school officials, etc.

[What does it cost?](#)

There is no fee or charge of any kind.

[How do you apply?](#)

You can contact your local precinct's Commanding Officer or **download an application [here](#)**. **[Make sure to include a](#)** copy of your current, valid photo ID with the completed application.

**For information contact Officer Mitch Savino
@ 631-853-7064 or email mitch.savino@suffolkcountyny.gov.**



Is Hiring For 1,300 Positions!

The new operators of the Nassau Coliseum have begun a search to hire 1,300 full and part-time employees, ranging from account executives to ushers and cooks, to staff the arena when it reopens in April after 18 months of renovations.

To apply for a position, visit the NYS Department of Labor Website at <https://labor.ny.gov/careerservices/nassau-coliseum-recruitment.shtm>

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EMERGENCY
SERVICES**

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS

Become a local fire or emergency medical service volunteer and join our extraordinary community of heroes.

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Maple Sugaring Program

at Caumsett State Historic Park Preserve, 25 Lloyd Harbor Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743



Saturday, January 28th from 12:30 - 2:15 PM
Saturday, February 11th from 10:30 - 12:15 PM

This hands-on program will teach you how to identify and tap a maple tree so you can make real maple syrup at home. You will also learn the cultural, historical, economic, and scientific background of this uniquely American craft. *Please note that this program is geared for the average adult, and is not recommended for children. There is a short-walk during the program. ***\$4.00 per person. Registration is required. Call (631) 423-1770 to sign up!**

Legislator Spencer Once Again Selected as Chairperson of the Suffolk County Health Committee

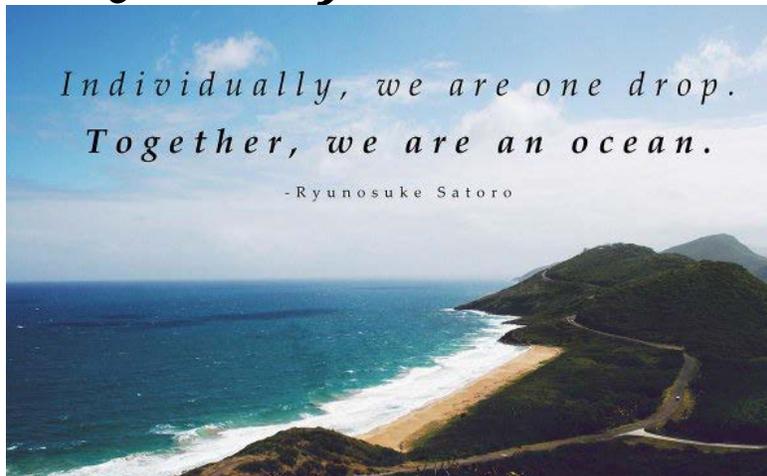
Suffolk County Legislator William R. Spencer, M.D. was pleased to receive the confidence of Presiding Office DuWayne Gregory who once again selected him as the Chairperson of the Suffolk County Legislature's critically important Health Committee. In addition to his appointment to the Health Committee, Legislator Spencer will serve again as Vice Chair of the Ways & Means Committee and a member of the Public Safety Committee.

"As the first physician elected to the Suffolk County Legislature it has been my privilege to lead this committee. Protecting the health and well-being of Suffolk's residents has always been a top priority of mine, and together we have successfully moved forward legislation and initiatives aimed at doing just that," said Legislator Spencer. "I thank the Presiding Officer for this honor and I'm eager to continue working with my colleagues to address public health issues and improve quality of life for our constituents in 2017."

The Health Committee has jurisdiction over all matters and legislation affecting the County Department of Health Services, the enforcement of the County Sanitary Code and health related regulatory laws. Some of the programs that the Health Committee has oversight over include: the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Division; programs focused on addressing public health issues such as infant mortality; disease control; health education; AIDS prevention services; breast cancer; managed care; mental health services; patient care; the Emergency Medical Services Division; pre-natal care; and handicapped services.

The first meeting of the Health Committee in 2017 will take place on Thursday, February 2nd at 2:00pm in the Rose Y. Caracappa Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Hauppauge, New York.

Quote of the Week...



Sincerely,

William R. Spencer, M.D.

**Suffolk County Legislator
18th Legislative District**

Feel free to stop by my office or contact me by e-mail, william.spencer@suffolkcountyny.gov, or by phone at (631)854-4500. Like receiving Thursday's Thought? Be sure to tell your friends about it!

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