



THE BERLAND BULLETIN

From the Office of Suffolk County Legislator
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Welcome to the 16th Legislative District's (16th L.D.) quarterly newsletter. This newsletter is a window into the happenings of the 16th L.D. and our hope in sending it is that we remain connected with you and keep you informed of the work we are doing to best serve you. I have been working diligently to introduce legislative proposals that will improve county services and the quality of life for the residents of our district and across Suffolk County. My office door is always open, and I look forward to working with you to best serve our common interests and address your concerns. Please visit our Facebook @FOLSusanABerland to see all of the events in our district.

All the best,



I was proud to host the 6th Annual Fisherman for a Day contest winners at the Halesite Dock as they were ready to board the James Joseph II with Captain James Schneider under the expert tutelage of Jim Howard and John Orris from the Suffolk County Senior Citizens Fishing Club and John Schoenig and Doug Cegelski of the Imperial Sportsman's Club.

At the Huntington Chamber of Commerce's Annual Cocktail Reception, I was proud to recognize Sheila Pariser with a proclamation



for receiving the 2018 John Klaber Memorial Award for her dedication, commitment and distinguished service to the community.



The Otsego PTA held their Installation Dinner where I presented proclamations and county pins to the Graduating 5th Grade Parent Volunteers.



The Brentwood community came together to showcase their cultural pride during the 52nd Annual Long Island Puerto Rican - Hispanic Day Parade. I was honored to be a part of the festivities.



The Korean War Veterans Central Long Island Chapter held their Annual ceremony to recognize the start of the war. This year the event marked the 68th Anniversary of the beginning of the Korean War.

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I was excited to attend a press conference to announce the Catholic Health Services 4th Annual Suffolk County Marathon. This year's race is dedicated to the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing with the proceeds going to organizations that service veterans across Suffolk County. The Marathon, Half Marathon, 5K and Relay Race will take place on Sunday, October 28th in Patchogue. Registration is open until October 26th! For more information or to register for one of the four races please visit <http://www.suffolkmarathon.com/>



I was proud to sponsor the 5th Annual Coral Park Co-Ed Basketball Tournament at Coral Park in Greenlawn.

In June, high schools throughout the 16th Legislative District held their Senior Award Ceremonies. I presented the deserving students with the Legislator Susan A. Berland Overcoming Obstacles Award.



2018 Recipient Sam Rosken from Half Hollow Hills High School East



2018 Recipient Blaise Urato from Half Hollow Hills High School West



2018 Recipient Taniyamol Tomy from Deer Park High School



2018 Recipient Cindy Richard from Walt Whitman High School



The Town of Huntington recognized Anne Frank's 89th birthday at its Anne Frank Memorial Garden Celebration.



2018 Recipient Nicole Markatos from Commack High School



Pronto of Long Island held their 49th Annual People Helping People Gala and I presented proclamations to the honorees.



Students from Brentwood High School won the "Truth About Stimulant Drinks" campaign video contest sponsored by Legislator William R. Spencer with their video "Tug of War." At our general meeting of the Legislature, I presented the winners and other contest participants proclamations.

As Chairwoman of the Legislature's Veterans Committee, I welcomed Edward Gialella, Project Director of the Suffolk County Veterans Court, to present before the Veterans Committee. The Suffolk County Veterans Court is a specialized part of the Suffolk County District and County Criminal Courts. The Veterans Court offers veterans a chance to address their problems or issues through treatment, rehabilitative programming, reinforcement and judicial monitoring. Please contact my office if you are interested in becoming a volunteer peer mentor or if you need any further information on the Veterans Court.



I was honored to attend Walt Whitman High School's Military Recognition Breakfast to acknowledge the students who have answered the call to service and will be entering the Military after graduation.



I was invited by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) to participate in the SAMSHA- VA Veterans Suicide Prevention Mayor's Challenge. The goal of the Mayor's Challenge is to build an interagency military and civilian team of leaders from cities and states that will develop and implement a strategic action plan to prevent and reduce suicide attempts and completions amongst veterans at the local level.



This year, seven students from the 16th Legislative District participated in the Presiding Officer's Distinguished Youth Award Program. Three of those participants, Alexandra Knell, Parker Keller and Alyssa Christiansen were in attendance at the award ceremony.

For more information on the Distinguished Youth Award and to find out how to register for next year, please contact our office.



Half Hollow Hills held their end of the year breakfast for the faculty and I was proud to present proclamations to Josephina Watt, a World Language Teacher of Spanish who is retiring after 13 years of teaching in the district and Patrick Rendon, Assistant Principal who accepted a position in the Long Beach School District as the Director of Instructional Technology.



The First Baptist Church in Bay Shore held their 4th Annual Big Tent Celebration where I enjoyed meeting and talking with members of the community.

The Chai Center held their Inaugural Friendship Circle Volunteer Awards and Annual CTeen West Suffolk Dinner and I was proud to present proclamations to these amazing volunteers and honorees.



Friendship Circle Volunteers



CTeen West Suffolk Honorees



This year's Senior Citizen of the Year for the 16th Legislative District was Esther Heimer. I was proud to congratulate Esther and present her with a proclamation and county pin.

At the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center's 30th Annual Adult Education Graduation Ceremony, I presented Certificates of Recognition to the graduates including Salutatorian Faith Goodman and Valedictorian Nancy Dom. Congratulations to the graduates!





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At a press conference with my fellow legislators and advocacy groups, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone announced the introduction of the RISE Act. The RISE Act will bar employers from asking applicants to supply their salary history. The goal of this legislation is to help end the perpetuation of the pay gap that women and minorities face by employers basing salary offers on an applicant's previous salary. This will ensure that salaries are offered based upon an applicant's qualifications and not their prior salary.



I presented proclamations to the High School Valedictorians from the 16th Legislative District at a celebration honoring their achievements.



I was proud to present Rev. Kimberly Gambino from Baby Blessings at Helping Hand Rescue Mission with the donations collected from the 16th Legislative District's diaper drive. The diapers, wipes and baby formula will go to over 100 moms and babies in need.



At the Huntington Historical Society's 28th Annual Evening of Wine Under The Stars, I recognized The Paramount and the gentlemen "Running the Show" Brian Doyle, Steve Ubertini, Dominick Catoggio and Jim Condron as the evening's honorees.

