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## RUNWAY FOR RECOVERY WILL BENEFIT MARY'S PLACE BY THE SEA

Mary's Place by the Sea, located in Ocean Grove, provides a place for women with cancer to heal their mind, body and soul, during and after treatment. Founded by Michele Gannon and Maria McKean, Mary's Place offers many types of services for women dealing with cancer and relies on donations to keep its services going. Sounds to Go in Red Bank generously donated the venue for Runway for Recovery, a fashion show fundraiser for Mary's Place which featured models who are all cancer survivors. **Leslie Hecht** (left) was the chairwoman of the event and is joined by **Mike Hernandez** (owner of Sounds to Go) and **Teddi Bubnowski**, event volunteer.



Runway for Recovery organizer **Leslie Hecht** (left) with **Tease McDonald** (center) and **Melanie Knobel**, both representatives from Mary's Place by the Sea. One hundred percent of event proceeds will go towards building a new facility for Mary's Place. The "new home" is in the process of being built, and just recently "broke ground."

Some of the evening's models included (from left): **Pat Mayer**, **Chelsea Delaney** (owner of Sadie James Boutique in Fair Haven, which is the store that supplied the clothing and accessories for the models), **Monica Hogan**, **Linda Jensen** (nutritionist at Mary's Place and a cancer survivor), **Mary Jo Lombardo** and **Leslie Hecht**.



Another group of lovely models: **Kim Bradle**, **Patty Quaderella**, **Maria Moschitta**, **Val Zabaleta**, **Mary Ann Carroll**, **Marie Jackson** (owner of The Flaky Tart), **Brenda Wombough**, **Kerrie Patterson** and **Pat Mayer**. For more information about Mary's Place visit [www.marysplacebythesea.org](http://www.marysplacebythesea.org).

## ROCKIN FOR THE GOLD WILL HELP FIGHT CHILDHOOD CANCERS



Make Some Noise Cure Kids Cancer Foundation recently held their 5th annual "Rockin for the Gold" Event at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune to raise funds for research into possible cures for childhood cancers. The event honored **Kelly Terry** and the **Mya Lin Terry Foundation**, and **Bob Heugle**, and the **Francis Foundation**, as well as **Lori Ceraolo**, of the **Beauty Foundation**. Helping to "make some noise" was the local band **Goldenseal**. Pictured (in back) are Francis Foundation trustees **Kelly Reilly**, **Bob Heugle**, **Rocky Flammia** with (in front) warrior **Stephanie Bader** and honoree **Kelly Terry**. The Francis Foundation has been helping local families struggling with children's cancer for over 10 years.



**Malcolm Sutherland-Foggio**, 16, (center, founder of Make Some Noise, and a cancer survivor) is joined by event co-chairs **Michelle Boriello** (right) and **Gerri Grena Daneman**. The event welcomed guest speaker **Kate Ziegler** (not pictured), an Olympic gold medalist and world champion swimmer.



From left: **Lilly Daneman**, 15, (cancer survivor and junior board member of Make Some Noise, MSN), **Gerri Grena Daneman** (event co-chair, and VP of the MSN board of trustees), **Lori Ceraolo** (MSN Childhood Cancer Advocate of the Year Award recipient and trustee of the Beauty Foundation board of directors), and her husband **Brian Ceraolo** (also a trustee of the Beauty Foundation).



Warrior **Stephanie Bader** and **Kelly Terry** (of the **Mya Lin Terry Foundation**, both in front) with **Kaitlyn Bader** (Stephanie's sister), **Mary Beth Bader** (Stephanie's mom), Francis Foundation trustee **Kelly Reilly**, Francis Foundation President **Bob Heugle**, Francis Foundation Vice-President **Rocky Flammia**, and Stephanie's dad, **Ed Bader**. For more information on Make Some Noise visit [www.makenoise4kids.org](http://www.makenoise4kids.org). Photos courtesy Tom Zapic.



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## BEAUTY FOUNDATION'S WINE TASTING EVENT



The Beauty Foundation's mission is to alleviate the tremendous physical, emotional and financial strains that cancer treatment places on families. The foundation raises money to offset the expenses families incur which aren't covered under insurance. These include child care, household expenses, transportation costs associated with treatment and other needs from lifestyle changes caused by cancer, through direct monetary grants. **Dr. Gregory Greco** (second from right) and **Dan Ranger** (center) recently hosted a wine tasting event at their gorgeous Sea Bright home featuring wines by **Nicholas Harari** (left), owner of Restaurant Nicholas in Middletown. Also pictured are Beauty Foundation representatives **Krista Olsen Dibsie** and **Carla Scarabino** (right), both founders of the Beauty Foundation.



Representing Meridian Health were **Dr. Stephanie Reynolds** (director of the ER at Riverview and Beauty Foundation board member), **Kelli O'Brien** (COO at Riverview) and **Jennifer Smith** (executive director of the Riverview Foundation).

From above left: **Jim and Amber Marchese** (from the Real House Wives of N.J.), **Theresa Bulos** (board member), NYC designer **Aysha Saeed**, **Danielle Ruggiero** (board member) and **Michael DeMello**.

Representatives from Barnabas Health who attended the event included (from left): **Dr. Michael Arvanitis** and his wife **Kristin**, **Carl and Robin Embrey** (director of donor relations for Monmouth Medical Center), and **Tara and Matt Kelly**. Tara Kelly is the V.P. of development for the MMC Foundation.



Junior committee members from RBCHS: **Dana Passarella**, **Ceilie Reynolds** and **Catherine Scarabino**.

## NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR THE BOOK CELEBRATED N. J.'S 350TH ANNIVERSARY



New Jersey Center for the Book celebrated New Jersey's landmark 350th anniversary amid a collection of superb contemporary outdoor sculptures on more than 42 magnificently landscaped acres at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. The New Jersey Center for the Book honored sculptor **Seward Johnson** and author **Joyce Carol Oates** at the event. **Dr. Harry Swartz** (left) and Monmouth County Library Commission Chair and Chair of the New Jersey Center for the Book **Renee B. Swartz** are pictured with honorees author **Joyce Carol Oates** and sculptor **Seward Johnson**.



Monmouth County Library Children's Coordinator **Pat Findra** stands with the Monmouth County Library display at the New Jersey Center for the Book 350th Anniversary of New Jersey event at the Grounds for Sculpture.

## VNA HONORS LIZ AND TOM THEES AT 102ND ANNUAL MEETING



The Navesink Country Club recently hosted the 102nd Annual Meeting for the Visiting Nurse Association where Rumson residents **Liz and Tom Thees** received the 2014 Judith Stanley Coleman Award for exceptional community service. **Liz and Tom** proudly stood with their son **Matthew** (left), and daughters **Alexandra Thees** and **Camilla Thees Hill** (right).



Gathered together are (from above left): **Dr. Steven Landers** (president and CEO of the VNA Health Group), **Liz Thees** (vice chair, VNAHG Foundation), **Tom Thees** (former chairman and former interim president and CEO), **Mindy Minerva** (chair of the VNAHG Foundation board), and **Brian Griffin** (CEO of Empire Blue Cross of NYC and incoming board chair of the VNAHG).



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## CLEAN OCEAN ACTION'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: DENIM AND PEARLS



Clean Ocean Action's 30th Anniversary sold-out event was recently held at Windows on the Water at the Surfrider Beach Club, and let's say that this event made quite a splash! The event featured a silent auction, pearl-in-oyster raffle, an art gallery, food from seven area eateries, desserts from four more, plus fun dance music by Brian Kirk and the Jirks and Tom White and the Little Rogues. COA executive director **Cindy Zipf** (left) celebrated the success of the evening with **Rob and Dina Long** (Sea Bright Mayor) and **Mary-Beth Thompson** (COO for COA).



The Thompson Family (above) assembled for a fun group photo.



30th Anniversary committee members included (from left): **Bev Beveridge, Judy Garofalo, Debi Pomerleau, Jessica Baguchinsky, Nancy Pearman, Ann Donlon and Tory Woods.**



Another group of committee members: **Tania Lisitski, Donna Beriont** (DNB Events N.J.), **Ellen Korpar, Kristen Rankin** (of Solari Creative), **Maryellen Purcell and Carol Johnson.**



COA board members (from left, back row): **Jeff Martin, Leo Gasienica, Jim Lovgren, Tom Fagan and Bob Bennekamper.** In the front: **Valerie Montecalvo, Patsy Guttenplan, Suzanne Golas and Pat Bennekamper.**



**Jim LoBiando** (owner of Surfrider) with **Larry Meluso** (director of sales and catering). The Surfrider staff provided wonderful support with the hosting and the planning of this event.



From left: event chair **Donna Beriont, Tory Woods** (events coordinator for COA), **Tom Fagan** (COA board president), **Cindy Zipf** and **Mary-Beth Thompson.**



**Brian Zinski** (from Summa Love Surf Camp, Long Branch) and **Gina Kaegle** with **Tyler and Allison Thompson.**



**Nancy and Lance "Chick" Cunningham** and their daughter **Emily** were Tahitian Pearl Sponsors.

**Cindy Zipf** proudly posed with the **entire event committee**, all of whom are fellow ocean advocates.

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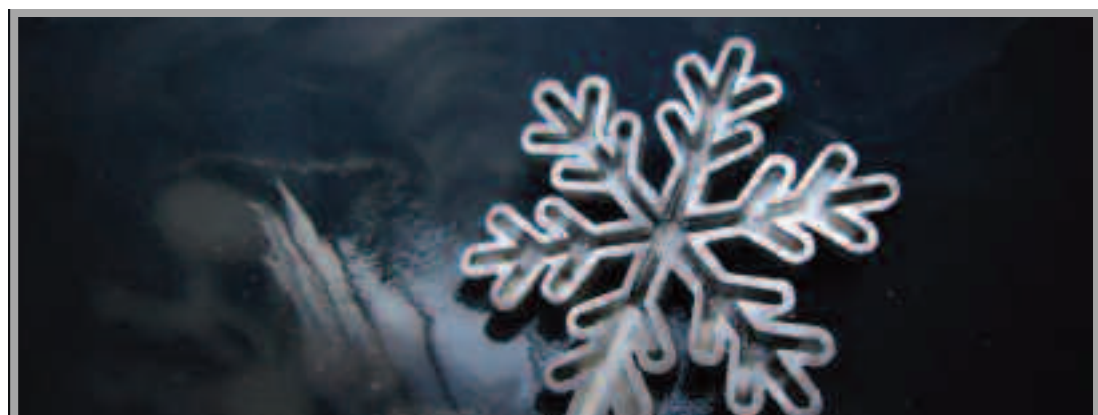
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## JUNIOR LEAGUE HELD WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARD LUNCHEON



The Junior League of Monmouth County recently held its Women Making a Difference Community Volunteer Award Luncheon at the Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank, to recognize 21 fabulous women who were nominated by various non-profit organizations in the Two Rivers area. Each organization nominated one woman whom they felt was their most important volunteer and the winner went home with a \$1,000 check for their charity compliments of the JLMC. The honorees are pictured in this large group photo with Freeholder **Serena DiMaso** (far right).



Event co-chair **Jeannie Sanchez** (left) is joined by JLMC director of development **Christine Hayden**, JLMC president elect **Shannon Dolan**, **Deborah Petrone** (current president), Freeholder **Serena DiMaso** and event chair **Samantha White**.



Nominees included (from left): **Beth Sarre** (Mary's Place by the Sea), **Susan Sandlass** (Shore House), **Jen Amabile** (Life Guard Ecumenical Foundation), **Paula Fasciano** (Fragile X Association of N.J.), **Debbie O'Donoghue** (Family and Children's Service) and **Patty Whittemore** (Community YMCA).



The JLMC Women Making a Difference Luncheon fundraising committee came together for this lovely photo.



JLMC sustainers present at the luncheon: (back row): **Suzanne Biga**, **Jan Kent**, **Laura Oncea**, **Barbara Sabatis** and **Laura Wallach**. In the front row are **Gail VanWinkle**, **Barb Etter**, **Monica Faett**, **Sher VanFossen** and **Paulette Roberts**.



Another group of wonderful nominees (from left): **Pam Callender** (Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth and Middlesex Counties), **Amy DiFilippo** (Literacy Volunteers of Monmouth County), **Hana Wolf** (Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County), **Kathy Logan** (Bridges at the Shore), **Denise Wegeman** (Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide), **Breanna Feith** (Florham Park First Volunteer First Aid Squad) and **Jonela Grimaldi** (SPUR-Monmouth County Park System). Nominees not pictured are: **Beth McLoone** (Holiday Express), **Lore Macdonald** (Horizons), **Katherine Koehler** (Room in Our Hearts), and **Delia Graziano** (American Red Cross).



JLMC current "movers and shakers": **Christina McGuigan**, **Lauren Porter**, **Linda Bricker**, **Amy Almasy** (leaguer of the year), **Debbie Popovich** and **Stephanie Brannagan**.



And the winner is ... **Amy DiFilippo** (left, of Literacy Volunteers), pictured here with JLMC president **Deborah Petrone** and **Serena DiMaso**. Congratulations to Amy and to all of the nominees for your wonderful contributions to our community!



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