

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** **November 27, 2018**

**NASSAU LIBRARY SYSTEM** – Jackie Thresher officially retired as of October 31, 2018. Caroline Ashby is the interim acting director. I have been in contact with Nicole Scherer in regards to assisting us with updating the library's five-year plan. I am waiting for a response as to whether or not she will be able to attend the December 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**PROGRAMS** – The veterans program held on November 18<sup>th</sup> – introducing the Lift and Shift Foundation was a huge success!! Over 60 people attended, including Town of Hempstead Supervisor, Laura Gillen, Town of Hempstead Clerk, Sylvia Cabana, Town of Hempstead Councilman Ed Ambrosino and Nassau County Legislator, Vinny Muscarella. Ada Cruz stopped by from Senator Todd Kaminsky's office stopped by to present citations to the CEO of the Lift and Shift Foundation, Tom Smoot and to board member, Jason Knowlton. Nassau County Executive, Laura Curran, sent a citation honoring Tom Smoot for his service to wounded veterans. Nakeem Grant, editor of the West Hempstead Herald was present along with his photographer. He wrote a great article and included some great color photos in that week's Herald.

We were graced with the presence of two-star Major General Tony Kropp (in full military uniform), who presented medals to the 2 members of the Lift and Shift Foundation that were present. Many people present were happy and deeply touched that he was present, especially Laura Gillen. She appeared to be having a nice conversation with him.

The Central Nassau County Rotary Club provided refreshments, including a club member who is an assistant manager at the Plattdeutsche, who donated hot appetizers. The food was a big hit.

We also had volunteers from the Molloy College Mens Rugby team, on both Saturday for the set-up and Sunday to help with food service, crowd control etc. They were a great group of young men and did a fantastic job assisting in this event.

Elana Gensler is in the process of working on the winter newsletter. She hopes to have it to the printer right after Thanksgiving.

**COMMUNITY** – We had to have the electronic bulletin board repaired. The parts were covered under the initial warranty of 5 year but the labor was not. The Rotary Club offered paid for the labor charges.

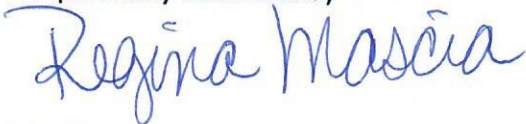
**STAFF** – In 2005, two staff members, witnessed the signing of a will. When the woman passed away in 2013, two of the woman's children, contested the will. Since 2013, Peter Fishbein has been going back and forth with their attorney regarding this issue. Tomorrow, November 27, I will be accompanying the staff members to testify in Surrogate's Court.

**FACILITY** – Phase 2 of the Lighting Project is scheduled to begin on November 28<sup>th</sup>. The first set of lights scheduled to be installed will be flat, square lights that fit in to the ceiling tiles, running the length of the walkway from the teen room to the front lobby.

We do not have enough storage space for the items we have to store for different departments, which is just about every department. I am going to look in to purchasing a storage container that can be kept in the library parking lot.

The CSTL Stem Center at the West Hempstead Public Library will begin programming in January, 2019. Equipment will begin being delivered in December. I should have a more definitive information at the December board meeting. In your packet is a calendar of classes scheduled so far. It is a light schedule so far, so CSTL can see what will work and what needs to be tweaked.

Respectfully submitted,



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