

## From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends:

It has been wonderful to be a part of the revitalization of our Rosa Lee Young home. It all began with the installation of the beautiful sign on the corner of the property. It makes me proud to see it each day as I drive up North Village Avenue.

Next came the side playground resurfacing. This project was more than just a renovation. I had the distinct pleasure of working with Matthew Quinterno, a young man fulfilling his requirements to become an Eagle Scout. Matthew, thank you!

The office renovation was completed this summer. This project was made possible due to the generosity of friends, board members and staff of

the center. The "office ladies" are still tingling with joy at (I feel awkward here--what word do I want?) the new work space. Now we look forward to

having our classrooms painted. Our grant has been funded and the work should begin in the next few months. Keep your eyes open for more. We are not finished yet!

Jeannine Rey  
Executive Director

## Parent Association Debuts

The Rosa Lee Young Parent Association made its debut at the beginning of the past school year and has already made a positive impact. Through its efforts, wonderful things have been happening. "This is something we always wanted," says Executive Director,

Jeannine Rey. The concept of a Parent Association was the brainchild of parent Stefanie Cook. Under Jeannine Rey's guidance and with the invaluable assistance of social work intern, Susan Flower, an exploratory committee was formed to create a mission statement and to outline some of the major goals that the Association hopes to achieve. Stefanie Cook was its first chairperson. Subsequently, a leadership committee was established.

The committee included Randy Arnold, Christine Federico, Fatima Duchatellier, and Barbara Conner.



*Parents and teachers (L to R) Lisa Streb, Stefanie Cook, Keith Boone, Kelvin Moore, Mitzi Burroughs, Sally Braman, Michele Fischgrund and Bethann Bambach at the Welcome Event*

One of the PA's goals is to foster warmer and closer relationships among the Center's families. Another goal is to present speakers or specialists to address

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## Annual Meeting

The Center held its annual meeting on February 17, 2005 at the Rockville Centre Library. Councilman Anthony Santino inducted the new board members and was on hand to swear in the slate of officers. Jeannine Rey, the Center's Executive Director, spoke about the positive changes at the school, including the addition of an active, energetic and enthusiastic Parent Association. The meeting ended with the serving of refreshments and lively conversation.



*Board Officers (left to right) Lori Druker, Mary Jane Huseman, Kathi Rosenberg, Grace Moran and Catherine Pucciarelli are sworn in by Councilman Anthony Santino.*



*Councilman Santino administers the oath of office to new Trustees, Barry Heffron and Randy Arnold.*

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## Parent Association Organizes Picnic Fun for All



*The Parent Association's Leadership Committee enjoys the picnic with Jeannine Rey (L to R) Fatima Duchatellier, Rey, Stefanie Cook, Randy Arnold and Christine Federico.*



*Clockwise from top: The group gathers for a picture; parents enjoy a chat; children get ready for games; Lacey Stanton (summer Assistant Teacher) and Jeannine Rey, friends since grade school; hula hoop fun.*




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## Mission Statement

The Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center is committed to providing high quality education and care to young children, programs for school age children, and support services for their families on a year-round, full day basis for the economically, ethnically and racially diverse working families and their children in Rockville Centre and neighboring communities.

## Our Students Explore and Discover



### Creating a Book to Foster Unity

Pre-K2 created a class book with descriptions of each class member. Through this project, the class learned how each individual is both unique and similar to others in many ways. The children drew their own faces and included distinctive handprints. In addition, the book included words about Spring. A photo collage was added to the book to mark off the year. The children were delighted with their work and were eager to see how each one's contribution fit to make a whole.

This project served as a catalyst to foster new friendships among the children. It also strengthened the bond between the children and their teachers, Barbara Quintero and Phoebe Pantaleon, who are enjoying their flourishing relationship as a new teaching team.



*Thomas O'Rourke and Manque Barry share a moment of friendship!*

### A Date With Mayor Murray

This past spring, the School Age class of the Center made a trip to Rockville Centre Village Hall to visit Mayor Eugene Murray. The class was greeted at the entrance and followed the mayor on a tour of the Hall. Seated in the courtroom, the children asked questions from a prepared list. The class learned about the duties and responsibilities of a mayor. More interesting were the details about his personal life. They found that he has many children and grandchildren and even great grandchildren!

Before leaving, Mayor Murray gave the group books in English and Spanish to take back to the Center. Everyone thanked Mayor Murray for his graciousness, who invited them to come again.



*School Age children pose with Mayor Murray*

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## Parent Association

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topics of interest. To these ends, the PA sponsored the Spring Picnic at Eisenhower Park. The picnic was well attended by at least 70 people including parents, their children and members of the RLY staff. The PA also sponsored a presentation by Toni Leibman, Child Development Consultant, on the impact of "screen

time" on young children. In September, the PA sponsored a Welcoming Event. All activities and events are paid for by the PA's fundraising projects that include the sale of Avon products and in-house fundraisers. The Parent Association promises to be a wonderful and valuable addition to the school.



Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center welcomes two new teachers to our school, Jenn Burns (left) and Sara Gilbert. Both Jenn and Sara are “returnees”.

Jenn Burns was the first South Side High School graduate to receive the Rosa Lee Young Scholarship award. Jenn worked with us in the

toddler room just three summers ago.

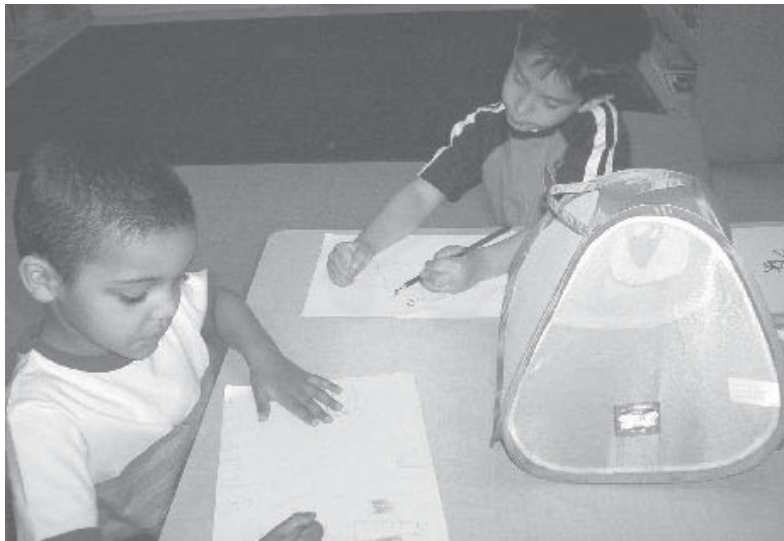
Sara Gilbert is the daughter of former board member (and past president), Barbara Gilbert. Sara volunteered at our center when she was in high school.

## From Caterpillar to Mariposa

The Pre-K/K class had the exciting pleasure of watching the metamorphosis of caterpillars into beautiful painted lady butterflies. They were able to see first hand the life cycle of this fascinating member of the insect world.

Although this is a science lesson, teachers Lisa Streb and Sally Braman built on the experience to reinforce other skills. The class learned about the concept of symmetry by drawing the butterflies. Reading included stories and poems about butterflies. The children honed their artistic skills by drawing, painting and coloring caterpillars and butterflies. Some children transformed play dough into caterpillars and butterflies to strengthen fine motor skills. During music and movement activities, the class used imagination to become dancing butterflies. The project also lent itself to a Spanish vocabulary lesson, including oriega (caterpillar), crisalida (chrysalis), and of course, mariposa (butterfly).

The class gathered in the playground to release the butterflies known as “painted ladies”. This project definitely flew!



*Children draw and write about the transformation from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly.*

## Water Table Play is Serious Learning

Toddlers are sensory oriented, exploring their environment through taste, smell, sound, sight and touch. Sensory explorations are encouraged because they are building blocks for more formal learning later on. One way to engage in sensory learning is through water table “play”.



*Children explore water play while helping to clean classroom toys.*

Young learners pour, fill, scoop and measure using various containers and utensils. They feel the wetness of the water, whether it’s warm or cool. Toddlers see the water’s shapes and hear the splashy, sloshy sounds it makes. In Fall, the water table holds leaves that the children find on their walks outside. Bags of leaves are emptied into the table. Then the toddlers study the changes in the leaves. They feel the rough texture, hear the crackling sound and see the green turn to red, gold and brown. These activities provide learning through direct experience and observation.



Theatre Night is one of Rosa Lee Young's major fund raising events each year. Our supporters and friends are asked to join us at Molloy College for a play presented by professional actors from the Broad-hollow Theatre. After enjoying the play, our theatre-goers are invited to a dessert and beverage reception at the College.

*Clockwise from top left: Friends and supporters attend the Dessert Reception and Raffle after the performance this past February. RLY Trustee, Netty Becker, carefully reviews the raffle prizes. Joan Sheppard and Jeannine Rey at the February Theatre Night Fund Raiser*

The highlight of the reception is a raffle of delightful prizes donated by special friends and local merchants. The theatre party is held in late winter or early spring depending upon the play. The evening is truly a fun night out. We have included here some pictures from our last theatre evening and a list of the merchants who supported us with prize donations. If you have the opportunity, please thank our local merchants by shopping with them. Tell them you're grateful for their support of Rosa Lee Young.

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| A&S Fine Foods                       | Cielo                               | Happy Hostess                | Plaza Seafood                        |
| Accent on Eyes                       | Crown Shoppe                        | Home Appliance               | Printing Dynamics                    |
| American Burgers                     | Dodici                              | International Delight        | Rhea Nichols                         |
| Associated Foods of Rockville Centre | Dunkin' Donuts of N. Village Avenue | Café                         | Rockville Camera                     |
| Ayhan's Shish Kebab                  | El Mariachi                         | Jani                         | Scentiments                          |
| Bagelry                              | Estoril                             | Jordan Lobster Farms         | Segull's Sweet Zone                  |
| Barely Bent Books                    | Fantasy Theater                     | King Kullen                  | Simply Thai                          |
| Bargain Liquors                      | Frank's Steaks                      | Supermarkets                 | Sole                                 |
| Bialystok and Bloom                  | Freeport Concert Series             | Kollner's Prime Meats        | Starbucks Coffee of Rockville Centre |
| Blossom Heath                        | Front Street Bakery                 | Linen Closet                 | T&V Automotive Concepts              |
| Brennan and Carr                     | Garden Gate                         | Malverne Cinema              | Taiko                                |
| BroadHollow Theatre                  | George Martin                       | Masters and Company Florists | Tandoor Grill                        |
| Cabo                                 | Gino's of Rockville Centre          | Maternal Instincts           | Thai Table                           |
| Carvel's in Rockville Centre         | Wayne Goldberg                      | Max's Grill and Tavern       | Tomatoes                             |
| C D Island                           | Greek Town                          | Mill River Manor             | Trader Joe's                         |
| Cedarhurst Paper                     | Green Cactus Grill                  | Mormile Florists             | Village Liquors                      |
| Chez Peter                           | Green Chili Café                    | New Yorker                   | Village Luggage                      |
| Churchhill's                         | Halperin Shoes                      | Palace of Wong               | Waterzooi                            |
|                                      |                                     | Paradiso                     |                                      |

Special thanks to **Danny Nasta** of Associated Foods of Rockville Centre who underwrote the bulk of the cost of the reception room and to **Jerry Kokkinos** for his supplementary funding.

**Mark Your Calendar to Save This Date**

**Friday, October 28, 2005...**

is the date for Rosa Lee Young Childhood Center's **Outstanding House Tour** of beautiful homes located in Rockville Centre. Tours will begin at **5:00 P.M. and end at 8:00 P.M.** Refreshments will be provided. The cost for the tour is \$35.00 per person. All proceeds from the event will go to **Rosa Lee Young's bus fund**. Our current bus is in need of replacement. Enjoy seeing some of Rockville Centre's charming homes and help us keep the wheels on our bus going round and round. For information, call (516) 536-5674.

# Matthew Quintero: Eagle Scout in the Making

Eagle Scout is the highest award that can be achieved in Boy Scouts. A necessary requisite for this prestigious award is the conception, design and execution of a project that benefits the community. The Center was indeed lucky when Eagle Scout candidate, Matthew Quintero, decided that the renovation of the Center's playground would be his project. The challenge this 11<sup>th</sup> grade Chaminade student set for himself was a tall order. Matthew worked with constraints which were intrinsic to the playground space. He had to get materials and redesign the space. He persuaded some local merchants to donate supplies; and others sold materials at cost. Through Matthew's hard work the playground looks terrific. Rosa Lee Young thanks a young man who is truly worthy of the designation Eagle Scout.



*Matthew Quintero (center) with friends, Stephen Dackert and Thomas Jonas, refurbished Rosa Lee Young's playground.*



*(Above) The new playground looks great! (Below) Children enjoy the resurfaced play area.*



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