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And the nominees are...

Nominations are now being accepted for the Philanthropy Day 2010 Awards, which honor individuals and organizations who through their philanthropic commitments improve the quality of life for Long Islanders.

The awards will be presented by the Association of Fundraising Professionals of Long Island at its annual Philanthropy Day on Nov. 19.

Awards include the Horace Hagedorn Outstanding Philanthropist Award, which goes to an individual or family whose generosity inspires others to give. The Gilbert Tilles Award is given to an individual, family, organization, business or foundation that exhibits unique leadership in philanthropic endeavors. Other awards include Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer, Outstanding Corporation, Outstanding Fundraising Executive and Leaders of Tomorrow.

“We encourage everyone who is involved with the nonprofit world to send in nominations for our Philanthropy Day Awards,” said Patricia Chambers Daly, chairwoman of Philanthropy Day 2010, in a statement. “This is a wonderful opportunity for nonprofits to recognize those who give so much of themselves, helping organizations fulfill their vital missions on a daily basis.”

The deadline for nominations is May 25. For information, visit www.philanthropyday.org.

Top dog days at North Shore

North Shore Animal League America in Port Washington held its annual Pet Adoptathon May 1 and 2, a 36-hour event in which more than 620 dogs and cats were adopted. The no-kill shelter was one of about 2,000 shelters in 26 countries participating in the annual mega-adoption event.

North Shore’s event, presented by Purina ONE, featured Cesar Millan, the “dog whisperer” from the National Geographic Channel. The event included acrobatic performances by the Purina Incredible Dog Team as well as kids’ games and tips from experts in veterinary care, training and grooming.

According to Devera Lynn, vice president of communications, the event was successful despite unseasonably warm weather. “Even though both days were beach days, there was a constant stream of adopters, and they seemed thrilled with the selection and their matches,” Lynn said. “We were so happy to be able to save so many lives.”

Car for the cure

This summer, the nonprofit organization Autoseum will build a custom car at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City. The car, called “Early Detection,” will be raffled off during a car show at the museum in late August, with proceeds going to Long Island 2Day Walk To Fight Breast Cancer Inc.

The Autoseum’s Custom Car Build event will be held on Thursdays in July and August. A 1972 Buick GS will be torn apart and custom-restored, while students, industry professionals and others observe the process. Autoseum is seeking sponsors to provide labor, parts and other contributions. For information, visit www.autoseum.org.

Putting hunger on the bill

The Long Island Ducks are hosting six food drives during the 2010 baseball season to benefit Long Island Cares Inc.-The Harry Chapin Food Bank in Hauppauge. The drives will take place one Sunday each month at Ducks’ home games at Citibank Park in Central Islip.

“The Ducks are proud to partner with Long Island Cares in the fight against hunger,” said Michael Pfaff, general manager of the team, in a statement. “We look forward to utilizing the ballpark as both a food collection point throughout the season and a platform to increase awareness.”

Helping students get the big picture about the environment

More than 35 teams and 225 Long Island high school students recently competed in the 12th Annual Long Island Regional Envirothon, sponsored by Lake Success-based Canon USA Inc.

The top Nassau team, Chaminade High School in Mineola, and Suffolk team, Sachem North High School in Lake Ronkonkoma, received scholarships and Canon products and will compete in the state competition in June. The national Canon Envirothon, in August, offers \$50,000 in scholarships and prizes.

The event at the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts in Wheatley Heights, focused on “Protection of Groundwater through Urban, Agricultural and Environmental Planning.” The objective of the event, also known as the Environmental Olympics, was to advance students’ understanding of natural surroundings while educating them about environmental conservation and sustainable development. The event was in collaboration with the Nassau and Suffolk County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.



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