



# F-PAC SPEAKS

## Special Points of Interest in this NEWSLETTER:

10% Discount Coupon for FOSTER PARENTS at ONCE UPON A CHILD (Sayville, NY) - See Last Page.

This store has EVERYTHING!!!!

This is a GREAT store for all you foster parents who are signing your kids up for SUMMMER CAMP!!!!

ALL photos in this Newsletter are from the Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner!

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## *From the President's Desk*

What a great dinner we had at Villa Lombardi. The food was good, the DJ was soft enough to talk, and the folks that attended were in great moods. F-PAC helped the festivities with Foster Care Month Ribbons and water bottles. The raffles this year were really nice, and unfortunately, Bob won them all at our table, not me. Oh well, there is always next year. Thanks to the staff of Resource Development for all they did to make it a great time and celebration. Commissioner Blass had special words of encouragement for us as did Denis Nowak.

The scholarship winners were an inspiration to all of us. Such super girls!!! We were honored to meet them and present their awards. The Foster Parents of the Year, Chris and Dawn Quigialta are F-PAC members as are Cathy and Ed Degenaro, the winners of the Life Time Achievement Award.

Plans for our summer activities are underway. The first event will be Adventure land on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

We will meet at the side entrance by the double-decker carousel at 10:45AM.

The bracelet is good until 7:00PM.

Cost this year will be \$12.00 a person for **PAID** members and \$17.00 per person for guests.

I need a head count but will not purchase the tickets until that day. Money will be due that day. Please make checks out to: F-PAC.

They have a lunch package for \$6.00 That includes a hamburger, hot dog or nuggets, a small fry and soda. Let me know if you want that also.

You will receive a flyer soon with dates and cost of other events. They include a day at the beach, a picnic at Holtsville, Splish Splash, Boomers and a Duck's Game. The Ducks game will have a choice of just the game or the Bar-B-Q before the game and the game. I need to know about numbers for that also.

Please let me know of any events you think might be good for us to investigate.

Happy Father's Day to all our Dad's. Hope it a very special day for all.

Good luck to all our Graduates, you worked hard for that certificate.

~ Peggy



## Scholarship Awards

It has been about 25 years that we have been giving scholarships to the children in our care. For most of that time, I am embarrassed to admit, I have been handing them out. It is a pleasure to do so, however, and the caliber of recipients has been amazing. They have all overcome such adversity and made such a difference with the help of their foster families. One story has been more rewarding than the next. I am honored to be here again tonight to introduce you to 3 very special people.

The winner of the Michael Tomasicchio Memorial Scholarship, Krystina Rivera, is described as a positive goal oriented young woman. She has overcome many devastating events in her life. She has moved so many times but was able to maintain her desire to learn and grow as a person. She has gone from marks in the low 70's to being on the Honor Roll. She has stated that foster care was a meaningful personal experience as she received encouragement to be her best, follow her dreams and stick to what she believes in. She plans on attending Suffolk Community College where she is going to major in Early Childhood Education.

The Next Scholarship is the F-PAC Scholarship awarded to a teen adopted by their foster parents. I have known Jennifer Loscalzo Brandow for many years. She and my son are "arch enemies", but seem to always search each other out when in the same location. She has had so much pain in her life but has managed with the help of her parents become a productive member of society. In her own words, They broke down the walls I had built around myself for protection. They taught me to accept love and what the true meaning of trust, friendship, and love are. They taught me things I will take with me forever. They inspired me to be me. They also encouraged me to attend Buffalo University.

This year we decided to add another scholarship to our list, the Esmerelda Delgado Scholarship in memory of the mother of one of the F-PAC members. When she passed, her family requested donations to F-PAC in her memory. The donations were extensive and this is our way of saying thanks.

We decided to give this to the unsung heroes of foster care, the birth children who give so much to the foster children in time, sharing and their parents. This year's winner is her class valedictorian, is active in sports and other extracurricular activities. One of her references said that one of her most amazing contributions is her dedication and devotion to her siblings and the foster children in her home. She has changed the lives of many and her devotion to her family is to be admired. Alex Willenbrock is the best example of what our children do for our foster children. Alex is off to Penn State.





## Dates To Remember

June 16th - General Meeting 7:30pm

June 19th - Father's Day!

June 27th - Adventureland 10:45am



It is a wise father that knows his child

~ Wm.Shakespeare

## This and That...

Congratulations to the Meltzer Family on their adoption of **Aiden & Alexis**



See Last Page for **ONCE UPON A CHILD** Advertisement -n- **10% DISCOUNT COUPON**

**Guest Speaker for June 16th Meeting:**  
The speaker is Dr. Gina Cardone. She will speak on vision versus eyesight and how both can affect behavior and learning. She will also give parents ideas on how to tell if their child may need OT services as often these services are warranted but the classroom teacher either is not aware of the signs or just has too many to deal with.  
Gina is a doctor of optometry and they accept Medicaid!

*Thank you for  
loving me,  
Having me in.  
All you have given  
Now I hold within.  
Kid in a vacuum  
You made your own,  
Or else I had been  
"Un-nurtured and  
alone."*

~Author Unknown

# Happy Father's Day!



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Please send us your e-mail address to receive a newsletter. You can e-mail it to Peggy. If you want to just receive the newsletter, you do not have to formally join. However, you must be a paid member to participate in the activities.

## Membership Application

**Name:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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## Once Upon A Child in Sayville, carries the latest styles for less!

**They specialize in NEW & GENTLY USED brand name kids items.**

**Clothing is stocked for sizes newborn to youth 16. A variety of all seasons will be available all year long.**

**New items include toys, car seats, booster seats for the car and the kitchen, potty seats, walkers, safety gates, clothing and accessories.**

**Featuring a variety of Melissa & Doug items and their full line of arts and craft supplies. They offer great values on classic toys and games and they have never had a recalled item.**

For more information visit their website: [www.onceuponachildsayville.com](http://www.onceuponachildsayville.com)

Or better yet.... Stop in their store and check it out yourself!!!

They are located on Sunrise Highway in the shopping center next to the Sayville Bowling Alley.

	
<b>Foster Parent   <i>Discount Coupon</i></b>	
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