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WE CARE
GOLF & TENNIS
CLASSIC

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

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LIFETIME RECOGNITION AWARD
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The WE CARE FUND
would like to recognize the life and service of
The Honorable Elaine Jackson Stack

for her commitment to her family, the legal community,
and above all, the people of Nassau County through her
work as a Judge and with **WE CARE**

Judge Stack is an example to all
that a life worth living means a life of giving.

We Thank You and Honor You today, and every day,
through our continued efforts to lead with our hearts,
our voices and our best selves, as you did for so many years.



Tonight's Program

WELCOME	Jeffrey L. Catterson & Joseph Lo Piccolo
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MOMENT OF SILENCE	
WE CARE TODAY	Christopher T. McGrath
INTRODUCTION OF GRANT RECIPIENT	Christopher T. McGrath
PRESENTATION TO HOWARD FENSTERMAN	Samuel J. Ferrara
PRESENTATION TO ELENA KARABATOS	Joseph DeMarco
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PRESENTATION TO BARBARA GERVASE	Stephen Gassman
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PRESENTATION TO MARTHA HAESLOOP	Stephen Gassman
LIFETIME RECOGNITION AWARD	
PRESENTATION TO STEPHEN W. SCHLISSEL	Christopher T. McGrath
RECOGNITION OF THE HON. ELAINE JACKSON STACK	Joseph Lo Piccolo
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS	Jeffrey L. Catterson
50/50 RAFFLE & GOLF AND TENNIS PRIZES	Joseph Lo Piccolo
CLOSING REMARKS	Deanne M. Caputo

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to seeing you in **2022!**

NOTE: All prizes and awards, including silent auction, golf, and tennis awards, can be claimed after the closing remarks in the raffle area.



Welcome

These past two years have been quite challenging and nothing makes us happier than to finally welcome each and every one of you to the 25th WE CARE Golf and Tennis Classic. It is amazing to be back and to finally host this amazing event once again.

The WE CARE Fund is the nationally recognized charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, started by Past President Stephen Gassman. The Fund's initiative was always to give back to the community and help improve the lives of children, their families and the elderly, regardless of their age, race or religion. To date, the Fund has raised over more than \$ 5 million and this money has been gifted and granted to various organizations and causes. WE CARE has supported camps and school, athletic, health, housing and food programs and so much more. The WE CARE Fund also gives scholarships to deserving students in high school and law school and hosts a number of events throughout the year for the benefit of less fortunate members of our community. These events include a Children's Holiday Party, where over 250 children come to the Bar to enjoy an afternoon of food, dancing, games and gifts; as well as a Thanksgiving Luncheon where local seniors are invited to the Bar to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal and an afternoon of celebration while being served by the members of the Bar Association and their families.

Tonight, we celebrate each and every one of you for your attendance and support, along with our amazing honorees, who do so much for our community. Our 2021 honored guests are Howard Fensterman and Elena Karabatos, Stephen W. Schlissel, Martha Haesloop and Barbara Gervase.

WE CARE Co-Honoree, Howard Fensterman, a managing partner and co-founder of one of the largest full service firms on Long Island, is an extremely accomplished attorney who has achieved great success throughout his life. Elena Karabatos, a partner of a highly revered matrimonial firm, is also one of tonight's Co-Honorees, and is also a Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association. Tonight's recipients of the Stephen Gassman Award are Barbara Gervase and Martha Haesloop. Both recipients dedicate so much of their time to our annual fashion show, Dressed To a Tea, to help make it a success. Receiving the Lifetime Recognition Award is none other than, Stephen W. Schlissel, founding member of his highly respected matrimonial firm and the founder of this Classic. He is a major reason why WE CARE is where it is today and has achieved so much throughout the years. To each of you, congratulations to an honor well deserved.

Our goal is to continue to expand our reach and help improve this community. We invite you all to our other annual events: Vegas Night, Dressed to a Tea fashion show and next year's Mets v. Yankees game and Golf & Tennis Classic. Please visit our website, www.thewecarefund.com, to learn more.

A special thanks to Bridget Ryan, Ann Burkowsky, the entire WE CARE Advisory Board and our incredible Golf and Tennis Classic Committee. The amount of time and effort you each dedicate to this event never goes unnoticed. It is because of each of you that we are able to help so many children and their families in our community and help significantly change lives.

With Sincere Gratitude,
Deanne M. Caputo, Co-Chair



We would like to welcome and thank all attendees of the 25th Anniversary of the WE CARE Golf and Tennis Classic ("The Classic"). WE CARE has been helping those in need throughout Nassau County for 33 years through the generous support of events such as The Classic.

It is our pleasure to recognize and honor Howard Fensterman, Esq. of Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP and Elena Karabatos, Esq. of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. Howard is an experienced and accomplished litigator, as well as a successful businessman as the Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP. He has overseen and guided every aspect of the firm's expansion since its inception with 13 attorneys in 2000 to its present incarnation of over 110 attorneys. Howard's support of WE CARE has only increased with each passing year and for that we thank and honor him today. In addition to being a highly respected advocate and litigator on behalf of her clients, Elena is the Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association ("NCBA") who led the bar through a reorganization needed to keep up with the changing dynamics of the legal community and the Courts. Elena's support of WE CARE is long standing and ever present. Whenever she is asked to help the people of Nassau County through donations, events and the like, Elena is there without hesitation and in any capacity needed. Thank you and congratulations, Howard and Elena.

We are also presenting Barbara Gervase, Esq. and Martha Haseloop, Esq. with the Stephen Gassman Award, recognizing them for their tireless work on behalf of WE CARE. Barbara and Martha have been an integral part of WE CARE for years, always leading by example. They have Co-Chaired Dressed to a Tea for over fifteen (15) years, a herculean task as the event has grown into a sellout each year. They have also contributed their energy and experience to make so many other events a success. WE CARE has been able to help so many because of people like Barbara and Martha. Thank you and congratulations, Barbara and Martha.

We are also presenting Stephen W. Schlissel with the inaugural Lifetime Recognition Award. Without Steve's forethought and leadership, we would not be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of The Classic. Steve founded The Classic in 1995, and in its first 24 years has raised over a net \$4,000,000, which have gone to help those most in need in Nassau County. Steve has been a pillar of WE CARE serving numerous times as a Co-Chair of the WE CARE Advisory Board and being involved in The Classic every year without fail. His giving and guidance know no bounds and all of us are better for his shared leadership and experience.

The WE CARE Fund is the nationally recognized charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, started by Past President Stephen Gassman. This Fund has proudly raised more than \$4.5 million that has then been granted to well over 100 charitable organizations/causes in Nassau County that directly help improve the quality of life for children, the elderly and those in need, regardless of their ages, races or religions. The organizations supported by WE CARE range with respect to their mission and purpose. They include after school and summer camp programs, shelters, soup kitchens, therapy centers and so much more. In addition to the various grants given out by WE CARE, scholarships are also provided to deserving high school and law school students, to aid them in their higher education. WE CARE also hosts a number of events throughout the year for the benefit of less fortunate members of our community. These events include Dressed To A Tea, Las Vegas Night, Light The Night, Tunnels to Towers, Gingerbread University, The Children's Fair and Rebuilding Together. Each event attempts to raise funds and show support for our community of Nassau County.



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We encourage each of you to take the time to learn about our wonderful organization through this journal, and later on our website, www.thewecarefund.com. Our goal is to assist more local people in need each year. Through your generous contributions and support tonight, and hopefully in the years moving forward, we can continue to help those who need assistance with food, school, clothing and shelter through our charitable grants. Throughout this journal is a list of our upcoming events, as well as the charities WE CARE supports each year. We are fortunate that every dollar raised by a WE CARE event goes back to the community in the form of grants and donations with the generous underwriting of costs by the NCBA.

As this event has finally arrived, we would like to extend a special thanks to Bridget Ryan for her tireless efforts, the entire WE CARE Golf and Tennis Classic Committee and Volunteers who made this night possible, the WE CARE Advisory Board for its support and guidance, and all of our supporters. It is because of these amazing individuals, our sponsors and you, (the attendees of this evening's event) that we are able to host The Classic, which, in turn, allows us to give back to so many less fortunate people in need of our support.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L. Catterson, Esq. and Joseph A. Lo Piccolo, Esq.
Co-Chairs

Stephen W. Schlissel, Esq.
Honorary Chair



As Mohammed Ali said:

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth".

WOW! Welcome to the 25th We Care Golf and Tennis Classic. With this year's Classic, we will have raised well over \$4,000,000 in total net proceeds from all of the Classics. I am so sorry that due to a serious family health issue I cannot attend in person this year. Be assured I am there in spirit and via Zoom.

Thank you for awarding me the Lifetime Recognition Award. I gratefully accept it realizing it belongs equally to all those who helped me throughout my career and especially with the Classic, and I am thrilled that my grandson Ethan will be there to participate in the activities and accept this honor for me. I could not have accomplished any of what I have done without the support of my wife Joan and her strength, love and dedication, and that of my six kids (three daughters and three sons-in-law) and eight grandchildren.

The extraordinary story of We Care and the Classic began with Steve Gassman's brilliant idea to create the We Care Fund, a charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association. The success of We Care in general, and the Classic in particular, is due in significant part to Steve's continued support and generosity. Thank you Steve.

Congratulations to my friends and colleagues, Howard, Barbara and Martha, on the recognition today of their outstanding community service and support of We Care. Congratulations also to my long-term colleague, friend and partner Elena on her well-deserved honor. Thanks to Elena and our entire firm for its great support of the Classic since its inception and especially during her term as NCBA President when hardly a day passed without her expressing her support for We Care.

Thanks also to the NCBA Presidents who have supported and continue to support the Classic. Thanks to former NCBA Executive Director Dr. Deena Ehrlich, who threw her and her staff's full support behind the Classic from the very first day it was discussed. Condolences to Deena on the recent loss of her husband and the dear friend of so many of us, Jerry. Thanks, too, to NCBA Executive Director Elizabeth Post and her staff for all their efforts on behalf of all We Care events.

The Classic Committee has grown over the years to about 50 people, each contributing to the success of all of these Classics, led by terrific Chairs and Co-Chairs. Thank you all. A special shout-out to Jeff Catterson and Joe LoPiccolo, Co-Chairs for the last few years and whose efforts to put together this 25th event spanned two years. The exceptional results this year are in large part a result of their energy and leadership, as well as the efforts of all members of the Classic Committee and the We Care Advisory Board over the years. Thanks also to all the Advisory Board Chairs and Co-Chairs over all the years, especially recent Co-Chairs Deanne Caputo, Hon. Jeffrey Goodstein and Michael Masri.

All of those mentioned in this Welcome, and all the others who have supported the Classic over all these years, have more than paid their rent for their time on Earth by their contributions to We Care. Congratulations and thanks to all of you!

Hope to see you in person next year at the 26th!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve".

Steve Schlissel



25th
ANNIVERSARY

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The WE CARE Fund is a part of the Nassau Bar Foundation, Inc., the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association. It was founded in 1988 by then Bar Association President, Stephen Gassman. WE CARE is supported through donations and fundraising efforts of the legal profession and the community-at-large. The money is disbursed through charitable grants to improve the quality of life for children, the elderly, and others in need throughout Nassau County.

EXAMPLES OF WE CARE PROJECTS AND GRANTS

- ◆ Donations to food pantries and soup kitchens
- ◆ Donation of holiday gifts for youth and families in emergency homeless shelters
- ◆ Annual holiday party for disadvantaged and physically challenged children
- ◆ The Safe Center LI, formerly Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- ◆ Nassau County Family Court Emergency Fund
- ◆ Sponsorship of children to Summer Day Camps throughout Nassau County
- ◆ Safe homes for abused families
- ◆ Sunrise Day Camp for Cancer Kids
- ◆ Breast cancer prevention education in under-served communities
- ◆ Kamp Kiwanis for underprivileged and physically challenged children
- ◆ Sponsorship of Girl Scout troops in minority areas and a Boy Scout troop for the physically challenged
- ◆ Thanksgiving dinner for the elderly
- ◆ Programs for non-English speaking children entering Kindergarten
- ◆ Built a model courtroom at Hempstead Middle School
- ◆ Scholarship grants to high school graduates and law school students
- ◆ Supervised Visitation Center
- ◆ After School Programs throughout Nassau County
- ◆ Support for the Nassau/Suffolk Law Services Committee, Inc., providing legal resources to low-income individuals
- ◆ Support for Crisis Center Education in Nassau County Schools

The **WE CARE** Fund gratefully accepts general contributions as well as donations in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion. Upon receipt of a contribution, acknowledgement cards are sent.

Note: 100% of donations benefit recipients, as the Nassau County Bar Association pays all administrative costs. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

To get involved or make a donation to **WE CARE**, please contact Bridget Ryan at (516) 747-4070 ext. 1226 or BRyan@nassaubar.org.



HOWARD FENSTERMAN, ESQ.

Honoree

An experienced and accomplished litigator, as well as a successful businessman, Howard Fensterman is the Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Abrams, Fensterman, Fensterman, Eisman, Formato, Ferrara, Wolf & Carone, LLP. Mr. Fensterman has overseen and guided every aspect of the firm's expansion since its inception with 13 attorneys in 2000. The firm currently includes over 110 attorneys and 225 employees overall in five offices throughout New York state. His vision turned Abrams Fensterman into one of the largest full-service law firms on Long Island and the largest in Brooklyn.

Mr. Fensterman was appointed by Governor Paterson to serve on the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council in 2008 until his term ended in 2014. He formerly served on the Public

Health & Planning Council's Establishment & Project Review Committee. He was also Chairman of the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency from 2004 until 2009. Mr. Fensterman is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America - Long Island Chapter.

Since 2019, Mr. Fensterman has been named to City & State Magazine's Long Island Power 100 List, recognizing the 100 most powerful people on Long Island. Mr. Fensterman and his son Jordan were honored in 2016 with the Dor L' Dor – Generation to Generation award from the Chabad of Port Washington. In 2016, Mr. Fensterman was also recognized by Schneps Media as a King of Long Island. Long Island Business News honored Mr. Fensterman in 2014 at their Leadership in Law Awards ceremony which recognized those that demonstrate a standard of leadership in the legal profession and the community that has a positive impact on Long Island.

Mr. Fensterman received his J.D. from Georgetown Law Center. He is admitted to practice in the states of New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.



ELENA KARABATOS, ESQ.

Honoree



Elena Karabatos, Esq. is a partner in the matrimonial practice of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. Ms. Karabatos is a Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association (NCBA). She is a Past President of the New York Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. She is a Fellow of the American College of Family Trial Attorneys. She serves as a member of the Attorney for the Children Advisory Committee for the Tenth Judicial District and she is a member of the Matrimonial Practice Advisory and Rules Committee for the New York State Office of Court Administration. Elena is also a member of the ADR Advisory Committee for the Office of Court Administration as well as a member of the New York State CLE Board. She served as Chair of the Matrimonial Law Committee of the NCBA (2009-2011). She is the co-author of the second edition of

Separation Agreements and Marital Contracts (Michie 1997). Ms. Karabatos was a member of the Nassau County Bar Association Delegation for the New York State Bar Association House of Delegates (2009-2012) and she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Family Law section of the New York State Bar Association. In addition, she is certified in advanced mediation by the Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution and by the New York City Bar Association in mediating custody and visitation matters. Ms. Karabatos taught a course on negotiation at Hofstra Law School for over fifteen years. For many years, she served as the course chairperson for the continuing legal education program on Matrimonial Litigation and Equitable Distribution at Fordham University School of Law, where she lectured on various topics such as negotiating separation agreements and litigating matrimonial trials.

Elena is regularly selected for inclusion in "Best Lawyers in America" and "New York Super Lawyers" in the area of Family Law. In 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 she was also listed as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in the New York Metro Super Lawyers. She has been recognized by "Ten Leaders" in the field of Matrimonial and Divorce Law, Long Island, and she has also been recognized in the "Who's Who in Women in Professional Services" for the Long Island Business News. In 2017, she was voted as one of Long Island's Ten Top Legal Eagles by Pulse Magazine. Elena was also named one of Long Island's Power Women in Business by Long Island Press. Ms. Karabatos received her B.A. from Tufts University and her J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.



BARBARA GERVAE, ESQ.

Stephen Gassman Award Recipient

Barbara has been in the private practice of law since 1985. She is currently the principal attorney at Barbara Gervase, P.C. Barbara has devoted her practice to the areas of matrimonial, family, mediation and real estate law. Barbara is a member of the Nassau County Bar Association, Matrimonial, Real Estate, Family Law and Procedure and Adoption Committees. She is currently the chairperson of the Adoption Law Committee and is a past chair of the Women in the Law Committee. She also serves on the Fee Dispute Panel. A longtime member of the WE CARE Advisory Board of Directors, Barbara has proudly co-chaired the Dressed to a Tea Committee for over 12 years. Barbara is passionate about raising funds for those less fortunate; a trait she inherited from

her mother who taught her from a very early age the importance of giving back to the community. A proud member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association (NCWBA), Barbara presided as president for the 2010 - 2011 term. She also served on the Board of Directors of the NCWBA for several years, and co-chaired the Women's Bar Golf Committee for seven years where she helped raise funds for the Nassau County Women's Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the NCWBA. Barbara also served as the past president for two terms of the Long Island Chapter of the National Association of Professional Mortgage Women. Barbara graduated from Southwestern University School of Law and Central Connecticut State University. She is married to Jack Bills, and enjoys spending time with her family, summer days on their boat and time with friends.



MARTHA HAESLOOP, ESQ.

Stephen Gassman Award Recipient



Martha V. Haesloop, Esq. has been a Principal Law Secretary/Principal Court Attorney for Judges in the Nassau County Supreme Court Matrimonial Center, Nassau County and Queens County Supreme Court, County Court of Nassau County, and the Nassau County Family Court for over 34 years. Martha began her career as an Assistant District Attorney of Nassau County and was also in private practice. She is a former member for the Nassau County Board of Directors, former Chair and Vice Chair of the Women in the Law Committee, member of the Matrimonial Law Committee, and the Family Law and Procedure Committee.

Martha is a long time member of the WE CARE Board of Directors. She has been a Cho-Chair and member of the Dressed to a Tea Committee and fund raising event for 15 years. This event features court personnel

and members of the Bar Association as models in a themed fashion show and clothing drive. This much loved and successful event has raised much needed funds for WE CARE charities including Momma's House, Bethany House, Farm Workers of Eastern Long Island, Prom Boutique, and many more. Martha is also a long time member of the WE CARE Golf Outing Committee, and the Children's Festival, Scholarship, and Grant committees.

Currently a member of the Nassau County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York Nominations Committee, Martha is a Past President of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association, and a past Co-Chair and member of the Nassau County Women's Bar Association Golf Outing Committee. Over the years, Martha has been previously involved in the Irish Americans in Government, Nassau County Courthouse Kiwanis, and the Catholic Daughters.

A graduate of St. John's University School of Law with a JD Degree, Martha is admitted to practice in New York State, the U.S. District Courts, Southern and Eastern Districts, and the United States Supreme Court.

Martha wishes to express her gratitude to the dedicated members of the WE CARE Board/Committees, the Staff of the Bar Association, and members of the Bar Association who have provided her with the assistance and opportunities over the years. Special thanks to her friends and family, especially, her daughter Kate, and her son Robert, for their love, understanding, and support./Principal Court Attorney for Judges in the Nassau County Supreme Court Matrimonial Center, Nassau County and Queens County Supreme Court, County Court of Nassau County, and the Nassau County Family Court for over 34 years. Martha began her career as an Assistant District Attorney of Nassau County and was also in private practice. She is a former member for the Nassau County Board of Directors, former Chair and Vice Chair of the Women in the Law Committee, member of the Matrimonial Law Committee, and the Family Law and Procedure Committee.



STEPHEN W. SCHLISSEL, ESQ.

Lifetime Recognition Award



Steve Schlissel is an honors graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School. He was a founding member of Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos, PLLC. His areas of expertise include matrimonial and family law, and appellate work.

Steve has spent a considerable amount of time on projects the goal of which was to help others, both in the judicial system and in the community at large. In 1995, Steve was invited to join the We Care Advisory Board, and served numerous terms as Chair or Co-Chair of the Advisory Board. He founded, and for the first 15 years chaired or co-chaired, the annual We Care Golf and Tennis Classic (the "Classic"), which this year is celebrating its 25th anniversary. The Classic has raised over \$4,000,000 net of Classic-related expenses in its first 24 years, all of which monies were used via grants for those most in need in Nassau County, as the Nassau County Bar Association ("NCBA") pays all of the administrative expenses for We Care.

In initiating the Classic, Steve reached out to lawyers and business people providing services to lawyers to create a broad effort at fundraising for the Classic. Many of those volunteers stayed involved throughout most of the 24 years of the Classic and some of the non-lawyers have become significant NCBA Partners.

Steve has been chosen to every edition of Best Lawyers and Super Lawyers and was a Diplomat of the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, whose country-wide membership is limited to 100. In 2010, Steve was chosen as one of the top 100 Super Lawyers, out of 64,000 lawyers in the New York metropolitan area, and was the only attorney in the top 100 whose office was not located in Manhattan. He was also a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and a Master of the New York Family Law Inns of Court.

Steve was a co-founder of Parents Education and Custody Effectiveness (P.E.A.C.E.), one of the first education programs for divorcing and separating parents in New York dedicated to reducing the emotional impact of divorce on children. P.E.A.C.E. won two national awards. He was the first Chair of the initial group bringing together New York's then existing parent education programs to create standards and guidelines for such programs. He was also a co-founder of the Nassau County Interdisciplinary Forum, bringing together judges, lawyers, and mental health professionals working for children and families. Steve was the first male Co-Chair of the Nassau County Judicial Women in the Courts.

Steve taught as an adjunct professor for 57 semesters total of Hofstra, Brooklyn, and Touro Law Schools. He has lectured throughout the country and has authored the first edition and co-authored the second edition with his partners Elena Karabatos and Ron Poepplein, of a two-volume work on matrimonial law. He was also a lead attorney on his firms' success for establishment of new law in several significant cases, two of which were assuring the less monied spouse has sufficient counsel fee awards to "level the playing field".



STEPHEN W. SCHLISSEL, ESQ. (CONTINUED)

Steve served as a member of the Grievance Committee for the 10th Judicial District for over seven years and also served on its Committee on Character and Fitness for that District. Steve was an original appointee for, and served 20 years on, the New York State Attorney-Client Fee Dispute Resolution Program. He also served on the Second Department's Judicial Hearing Officer Review Committee for Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Over the years Steve served on various NCBA committees, included the Judiciary, Ethics, Grievance, and Matrimonial Law Committees, and served three terms as an NCBA Director. He has helped raise monies for repair and improvements to "Domus", the home of the NCBA.

In 2013 Steve received the NCBA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Medallion, which is awarded to one individual each year for service that has enhanced the reputation and dignity of the legal profession.

Steve's other charitable activities have included helping United Cerebral Palsy of Nassau County, assistance to the Safe Center (formerly the Nassau County Coalition Against Domestic Violence), and to the Nassau County Bar Association's Lawyer Assistance Program. Schlissel Ostrow Karabatos has also devoted, pro bono, many hours of legal work for those who could not afford legal representation, and the firm has continuously contributed to the success of We Care and the Classic.

Steve has been married to his wife and best friend Joan since he started his second year of law school. He knows he could not have accomplished anything without her strength and support, love, and dedication. Joan and Steve have three amazing daughters, each of whom is married to an amazing son-in-law. Debby is married to Larry, Marni is married to David, and Amy is married to Howard. They are the proud grandparents of, in age order: Sarah Vieux, Zoe, Scott, Ethan, Harrison, Maddie, and Jackson.



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The Bethany House Safe at Home Program is an expansion of the Emergency Assistance Fund for Families, which helps to assist homeless families with the costs associated in attaining and securing safe permanent housing.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF LONG ISLAND

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters Long Island Bigs in Blue Program is a one to one mentoring program that connects youth with police in communities throughout Nassau and Suffolk County through a strong, trusting, lasting relationship with a member of law enforcement. These relationships can help children develop into confident adults and help build stronger bonds between law enforcement and the families they serve.

CAMP HORSEABILITY

Camp HorseAbility has partnered with local organizations, institutions, individuals, private practitioners, and hospitals to offer Equine Facilitated Programming at our Center in support of families and individuals negatively impacted by COVID-19. It includes grief and support counseling facilitated by a mental health practitioner, therapist, counselor, partnered with an Equine specialist.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Child Abuse Prevention helps to prevent bullying and cyberbullying in Nassau County by expanding and enhancing its programs and responding to the demand for bullying and cyberbullying programs in elementary and middle schools throughout Nassau County.

CHRISTMAS DREAM

This annual charity program is geared towards providing underprivileged children and their families with items that stabilize their environments, such as home heating, school apparel, food, clothing and language skills. Recently, Christmas Dream bought backpacks and school supplies for 275 kids, underwear for 2000 students, snacks for 600 which must be delivered to school, toothbrushes for 250 that didn't have or were using a "family toothbrush", rented a bus to transport children to get free clothes in Lynbrook for school and purchase gift cards for food and clothes, and hired teaching aides for the language center.

ERASE RACISM, INC.

Long Island's Leaders of Tomorrow Program: This program consists of leadership development sessions for 250 high school students in Long Island school districts of varying student demographics. Sessions will cover goal setting, persistence, dispute resolution, etc. Full day convening of 80-100 students from across Long Island where participants will explore myths surrounding race, how we are different, and the history behind our region's segregated schools.



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FIVE TOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER, INC.

The Five Towns Community Center After School Scholarship Fund helps provide 10 families and their children after school programming services for free, throughout the course of the academic school year.

GIRL SCOUTS OF NASSAU COUNTY

Girl Scouts Where You Live brings Girl Scouting to girls who live in public housing, homeless shelters, communities with large numbers of non-English speaking residents, families with insecure living arrangements, and with financial difficulties. Programming is designed to strengthen a girl's sense of herself and boost her capacity to seek and meet challenges in her world.

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The After School Program is designed to provide a structured supervised program to Middle and High School students from when school ends until parents return from work.

THE INN (INTERFAITH NUTRITION NETWORK)

Long Term Housing Program is a comprehensive model which offers formerly homeless families and veterans a fully furnished apartment with utilities included at a significantly reduced fair market rate.

ISLAND HARVEST

The Food Collection & Distribution Program purchases and collects donated food and products. Island Harvest distributes to over 400 registered food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, day cares, senior centers, and other nonprofit organizations with feeding programs throughout Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

LONG BEACH REACH

The Harriet Eisman Community School will offer intense out-patient treatment services 3 trimesters a year typically offering 24 courses to approximately 75 students. The goal of the project is to help sustain and enhance the program which has suffered a severe reduction of funding due to the Nassau County fiscal crisis.

LONG ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food and Family Support Services supports the hunger alleviation and family support programs for low to moderate income populations in Nassau.



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LONG ISLAND CRISIS CENTER

The Building Healthy Lives Through Education Program provides workshops on-site in schools formatted for both students and professional staff, responds to emerging health problems and emotional dilemmas that are threatening our people and representing challenging behaviors for classroom teachers to resolve in an academic setting. Topics for students currently include: Suicide Awareness & Prevention; Anger Management; Cyber Bullying; Understanding Self-Injury; Understanding Homophobia; Understanding Transphobia; and Facilitating Gay/Straight Alliances.

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MAURER FOUNDATION FOR BREAST HEALTH EDUCATION

To promote breast health awareness to more high school students in Nassau County with our Breast Health Programs.

MOMMA'S HOUSE

The MOMMAS House Transitional Housing Program works with young mothers and their children by providing shelter, support, advocacy, instruction, and love for up to 2 years the young mothers and children may live here. We address homelessness, offer a stable environment to encourage mothers to obtain training and schooling, and create strong families by assisting the woman with independent living skills.

PARENT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM, NASSAU COUNTY (P.E.A.C.E.)

P.E.A.C.E an educational program designed to give information to parents about the divorce and separation process. The program presents information in a setting where parents can discuss it and have their questions answered. The program is run in two class sessions, nine times a year. The funding will pay for the Court Officers who are there to ensure the safety of the participants.

PORT WASHINGTON PARENT RESOURCE CENTER

The Port Washington PRC's primary purpose is to provide support for parents and children of all income levels, as well as the Outreach Program for families who are new to the country and/or who are low income which includes Thursday morning Stepping Stone class, Scholarships for the general programming of the PRC and summer camp, ESL classes for adults and Summer field trips.



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The Port Washington Senior Citizens Lunch Program is one of our more important programs. It is our members' main meal of the day and usually their only hot meal. The meals always contain a meat, vegetable, dessert, bread, coffee & tea.

SAFE CENTER

The Safe Center long Island helps provide timely and appropriate language translation services to domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault, and trafficking victims in Nassau County who do not speak English, or are of limited English proficiency.

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To expand a free-of-charge after school Scouting model: Scoutreach. Scoutreach is the Boy Scouts of America's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.



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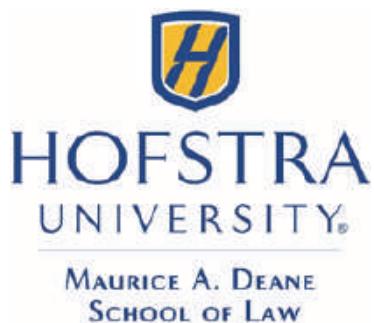
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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The Annual Children's Festival epitomizes what WE CARE is truly about and is my favorite We Care event. For the past 32 years, every February during Presidents' Week, the Nassau County Bar Association is transformed as WE CARE welcomes over two hundred of our County's underserved children for a spectacular afternoon of food, entertainment and games, including face painting, a live DJ and magician, game trucks, the Book Fairies, and special appearances by Mr. Met, and Quacker Jack. The Nassau County Police Department and the Garden City Fire Department join in the fun bringing horses, vintage cars, motorcycles, and firetrucks, allowing the children to get to know the first responders in their communities as they climb on the trucks and cars and pet the horses. Members of the Bench and Bar are our face painters, chefs and servers, DJ, Magician, etc., and every child leaves with bags filled with treats, toys, books, and every day necessities such as hats, gloves, sweatshirts and much more, and, most importantly a great big smile.

TUNNEL TO TOWERS

On September 11th, 2001, NYC firefighter Stephen Siller, who was assigned to Brooklyn's Squad 1, had just finished his shift when he got word of a plane hitting the North Tower of the World Trade Center. He called his wife and said he was returning to Squad 1 to get his gear. He drove his truck to the entrance of the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel, but it had already been closed for security purposes. So, he strapped 60 lbs. of gear to his back and raced on foot through the tunnel to the Twin Towers, where he gave up his life while saving others.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation honors the sacrifice of Stephen Siller, along with our military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. Each September, the Tunnel to Towers 5K Walk/Run traces Stephen Siller's steps through the Battery Tunnel to the site of Ground Zero. WE CARE members have participated annually, through the Warriors for a Cause group. For more information on how you can join thousands of New Yorkers in this incredible event on September 26, 2021, email warriorsforacause@gmail.com.

WALK FOR A WEEK WITH WE CARE

Out of the deadliest pandemic that we have ever known, came the Nassau County Bar Association with creative ideas to keep safety at the forefront but simultaneously raising money for our most in need and underserved. During the pandemic the WE CARE Walk-A-Thon was born. Our members raised money simply by walking and seeking pledges and donations for their efforts to raise awareness for those most in need. We raised over \$33,000 during this time, with ZERO expense. It is an event that must grow, because it's a win-win for all of us who participate contributing to our good health, simultaneously helping those who need basic necessities that the pandemic has further damaged. It is with this win-win mentality that this group will continue to grow with innovative ideas to motivate others to join and raise money for those who are being forced to do without.



WE CARE Events

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

The WE CARE Las Vegas Style Entertainment Night is one of the most anticipated WE CARE events. Not only does the night involve casino style gambling tables for craps, blackjack, and roulette, but it also includes performances by a comedian and/or singer. In addition, a Las Vegas style buffet is included in the price of admission. At the end of the evening, all winnings are "cashed in" for raffle tickets and redeemed at a raffle table that includes donated prizes ranging from restaurant dinners to gym memberships to custom suits to vacation packages. It is truly a riotously entertaining night made for socializing with members of the bench, bar and their families and friends.

LIGHT THE NIGHT

Team WE CARE has been one of the largest presences as a team at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Light the Night event going on for over a decade. WE CARE has walked as one of their largest groups, been interviewed by local press, and has contributed with money and time to help LLS raise funds in the support of their mission to cure Leukemia, Lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and Myeloma, as well as improve the quality of life of patients and their families. The importance of our presence is not only with our pocketbook, but equally important with lawyers and staff members of the Nassau County Bar Association out their walking with the community as truly one team. This year the walk will continue with Team WE CARE proudly holding its Nassau County Bar Association Banner on October 23, 2001 at Eisenhower Park. More information to follow. If you need assistance with donations and/or information regarding joining the walk, contact Dana J. Finkelstein at 515-280-7105 or dfinkelstein@bfclaws.com. LLS is excited that Team WE CARE will assist in joining them once again and leading the way until a cure.

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

The WE CARE Thanksgiving Committee is an important part of WE CARE's "charitable arm". Annually, the committee plans and hosts two events during the Thanksgiving Season. On Thanksgiving Eve, 200 Thanksgiving Baskets are delivered all over Nassau County to needy and deserving families. The baskets are filled with whole cooked turkeys, complete with all of the Thanksgiving trimmings. Children are so surprised to see the inclusion of a delicious large apple pie.

On Thanksgiving Day, the committee spearheads a Senior Luncheon. Lunch is served in the Bar Association's elegant dining room. There are several courses served to complete a traditional Thanksgiving lunch. Special favorites include chocolate turkeys and apple pie a la mode. Seniors from across Nassau County gather to celebrate Thanksgiving with WE CARE. Many of the guests do not have families and friends with whom to share the holiday and look forward to this gathering. The room is always filled with lively music, dancing and a disc jockey! Our WE CARE Thanksgiving events add wonderful blessings to Nassau County's Thanksgiving Season.



WE CARE Events

REBUILDING TOGETHER LONG ISLAND

Rebuilding Together Long Island ("RTLI") is a non-profit organization helping needy homeowners maintain, renovate and repair their homes. RTLI assists in both, interior and exterior, work all over Long Island. The volunteer crews construct ramps, weatherize doors and windows, install alarms, floor and any other repairs that are needed. WE CARE has partnered with RTLI for many years providing much needed financial assistance, as well as manual labor. Each year, a team of WE CARE volunteers assist in a specific construction project in Nassau County providing much needed time, effort and sweat to Nassau County residents in need.

GINGERBREAD UNIVERSITY

The WE CARE Fund first opened the doors of Gingerbread University ("GBU") during the Winter holiday season of 2001 — immediately following the tragic event of 9/11. At that time, no one knew that it would grow into one of the most popular family events that WE CARE offers to members of the Bar and their guests. This year will mark GBU's 20th year. Founded on the premise of strengthening family ties and community inclusion, GBU was created with the hope of bringing families and friends together for a fun filled holiday "tradition" of decorating gingerbread houses in a festive holiday setting. The event has been featured on *Channel 12's holiday news*, *Newsday*, and in the *New York Law Journal*.

Children (our "students") are supplied with a pre-assembled gingerbread house, and all of the decorating "fixings" from icing to an assortment of candy attachments. We have kept the cost of tuition low, in order to allow as many children to attend as possible. Parents, other family members and guests attend at no cost.

There are life sized holiday mascots, such as Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer, Olaf from Frozen, Elmo, and, of course, Santa Claus (a WE CARE Board member who has been with us since the inception of GBU). Photo opportunities abound throughout each session, and many attendees use their photos for their holiday greeting cards each year. There is holiday music for the young and the young at heart, and an abundance of free refreshments for all. Personalized holiday tree ornaments and holiday headbands are for sale at a modest cost for those who delight in them.

GBU currently hosts between 200-250 children in attendance at the Bar each year. In addition, there is now a thriving "take out" business, which has grown over the years. The operation of GBU is made possible by the hard work of the Mineola High School volunteers (our "elves"), who set the stage for the event, assemble the candy and icing bags, act as greeters and helpers with house decorating ideas, and replenish the constant flow of refreshments. As the event grows larger each year, donations are welcomed and needed to keep this incredible family event going. All proceeds from this fantastic holiday event are distributed by the WE CARE Fund to those less fortunate in our local communities.

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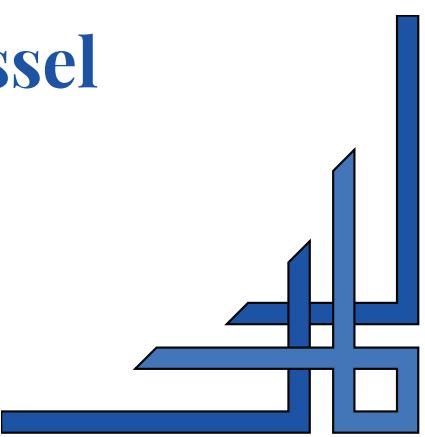
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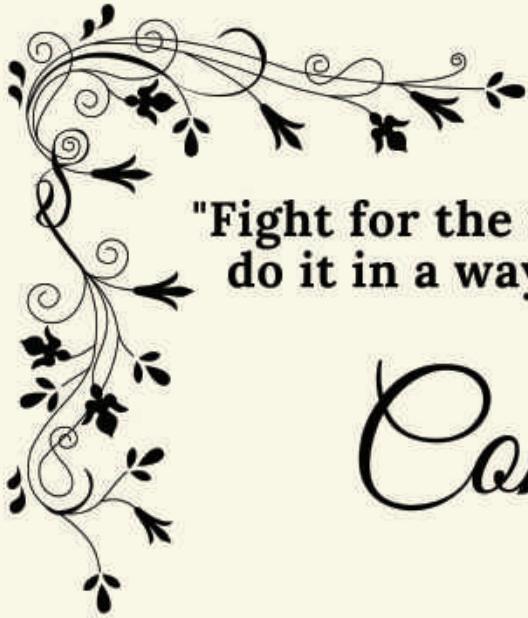
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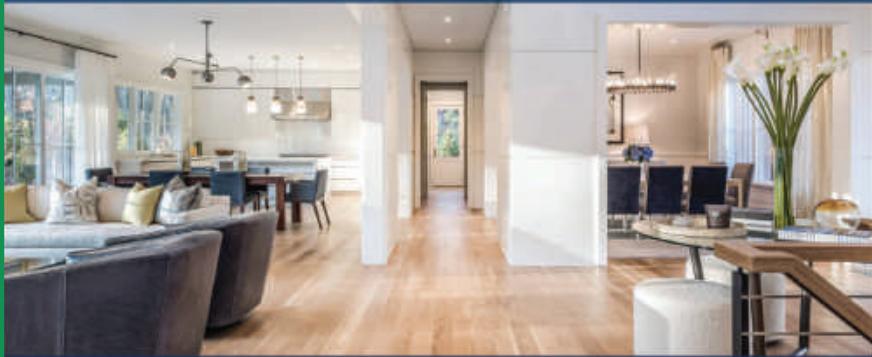
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