



# Life Center of Long Island

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**OF LONG ISLAND**  
*A Voice for the Unborn  
on Long Island*

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## 37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

**Come Celebrate the**  
**LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND**  
*Our 37th Anniversary Gala!*



### *Our Honoree* **Deacon Frank Gariboldi**



**D**eacon Frank was ordained in DRVC on May 18, 1996. He was the DRVC's Project Rachel Coordinator while Msgr. Jim Lisante was the Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese. There Frank learned how important it is for women and men who have experienced abortion to be reconciled with God and to encounter his love, mercy, and forgiveness. So, when he learned about the Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Program, he and Lorraine, the Executive Director, brought the program to the Life Center on Long Island. Since then, Frank has coordinated and attended 25 weekend retreats, with over five hundred participants, and over 1,000 aborted babies being memorialized during Retreat Masses.

Frank also established the Life Center Baby Bottle Campaigns here on Long Island which have been going strong for over 17 years. The funds raised through these campaigns have been vital in helping us expand our reach throughout Long Island to save babies from abortion.

Frank and Lorraine have been married for 31 years. Together they have seven adult children, twenty-six grandchildren and thirty-three great grandchildren. They now reside in Apollo Beach, FL, where they hope to implement the Rachel Vineyard Retreat program. Frank was a Board Member of the Life Center of L.I. and worked at the Hospice Inn, Melville, NY. One of Frank's greatest accomplishments was graduating from St. John's University with a degree in Theology at the age of 75.

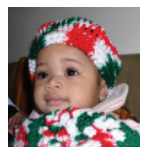


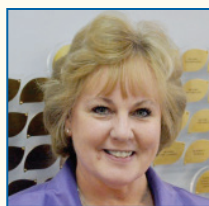
**Our Mission...** *"To promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life... from conception to natural death."*

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GLORIA SCHREIBER

# FROM THE DESK OF *The CEO* Baby Bottles!!



After learning about Baby Bottle Campaigns during a Heartbeat International Conference, Deacon Frank Gariboldi established the Life Center Baby Bottle Campaigns on Long Island which quickly grew into one of our most essential sources of funding, enabling us to save more babies' lives. This lifesaving work would not be attainable without the motivation of our volunteers.

**Margaret Lehbeck**, our devoted volunteer, has been our main Baby Bottle Campaign receiver and processor since the program's inception. While she is well-known and loved for her fun-loving spirit, spunk, and highly colorful fashion sense, she is also recognized for her many years of hard work and enthusiasm for our mission, including her constant attendance throughout the pandemic. She recently retired from this key role but will remain an everlasting presence, not only within the walls of our centers, but also within our hearts. Her knowledge and wisdom have left a permanent impact on each one of us. Over the years, **Margaret** has guided and trained our volunteers, holding them to the highest standards, which has brought the program to the level of success it is today. **Margaret** also prepared our other volunteers to sufficiently manage this program.



**Jeanette Butler** is one such volunteer. Her main responsibility is to process every single crate and bottle that is returned to the Life Center after each Parish's or organization's campaign. This is an enormous responsibility that requires an extensive skill set. **Jeanette** personifies dedication. She is unstoppable; neither rain, snow -- or even a flat tire -- can prevent her from completing the responsibilities she has set forth for herself. She perseveres until her goal is accomplished, all while producing high-quality work. Her focus, motivation, organizational skills, and attention-to-detail are truly amazing. **Jeanette's** most extraordinary character trait is her ability to take on whatever task is presented to her with a smile. She is an inspiration to us all. To know her is to love her and we can't thank her enough for her countless hours of faithful work. To say she is an integral part of our mission would be an understatement. **Margaret** and **Jeanette**, you are both valued and loved beyond measure! We are truly blessed to have worked alongside **Margaret**, and now **Jeanette**—two extraordinary individuals.



Blessings,

*Gloria*

and Lauren Phillips

Director of Client Services, Massapequa  
Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator

“And do not forget to do good  
and to share with others,  
for with such sacrifices  
God is pleased.”  
*Hebrews 13:16*

Give now and  
skip the mailbox



## JOIN OUR TEAM! AVAILABLE POSITIONS

**Baby Bottle Campaign Coordinator** - This part-time role is based out of our Massapequa office and will coordinate baby bottle campaigns with local parishes. Candidate must have strong organizational and communication skills. Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel skills are a must.

**Bilingual Staff** - Hiring full-time and part-time bilingual staff positions in our Deer Park, Smithtown and Hempstead locations.

Qualified candidates should send resume to Gloria Schreiber at [gschreiber@lifecenterli.org](mailto:gschreiber@lifecenterli.org)

**VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:** Students requiring community service hours



- English-speaking and bilingual counselors (excellent training provided)
- Layette Volunteers (to sort baby item donations and prepare layettes for new moms)
- Baby Bottle Campaign Speakers ~ Data Entry ~ Clerical ~ Gardeners
- Male Volunteers Needed.. to help property and building maintenance, management of baby item donations (ensuring items are in good, clean, working condition) and small handyman tasks as needed.

Please contact 516-798-8746 for further details.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

The Life Center is grateful for the recent visit to our Smithtown center from the **Waverly Respect Life Group**. We stand and work together in solidarity for the sanctity of life.



**Top Photo, L to R:** Bob Williams (Leader Waverly Respect Life Group), Mary Bebbler (Director of Client Services, Smithtown), **Bob's team:** Wykenna, Diane (Bob's wife), Fran (Patchogue Coordinator of Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign)

**Bottom Right Photo, L to R Front:** Carmela and Patricia; **L to R Back:** Mary and Betty

**YAI (Young Adult Institute)** and its network of affiliate agencies offer children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) a comprehensive range of services. **Pictured right** are residents from YAI. Committed to seeing beyond disability, YAI provides opportunities for people to live, love, work, and learn



in their communities, envisioning a "total life adjustment approach, emphasizing personal growth, social responsibility, employment goals, and the development of independence for the individual."

YAI residents volunteer their time on most Tuesdays and Thursdays to help out at the Massapequa Life Center location. They perform a variety of tasks, from preparing tagged bottles for our Baby Bottle Campaigns to helping with basic chores, such as light cleaning, vacuuming, and dusting. Their enthusiasm, selfless attitudes and smiling faces are an inspiration to us all. They are truly an example of how everyone can contribute to Christ's mission on earth according to their talents and abilities.



**Sidewalk  
Advocates**  
FOR LIFE

On June 17th, our Women First Pregnancy Options in Smithtown sponsored its first **Sidewalk Advocacy for Life** training. The event was well attended by many individuals who are passionate about the pro-life movement. Some were familiar faces; others were new to sidewalk advocacy. All came because they wish to take a more active role in putting an end to the atrocity of abortion.

We thank Mike from **Sidewalk Advocates for Life** who provided the basic training that included many aspects of sidewalk counseling. There was insight given on proper motivation and approach while assisting in this delicate yet vital ministry. The training consisted of 10 modules that covered essential concepts such as: The Battle for Life; Understanding a Woman in Crisis; Understanding the Abortion Industry; Reaching out to an Abortion-Minded Woman; Knowing our Rights as Sidewalk Advocates and much more.

The event was highly praised by those who attended. They spread the word, and we already received a request to schedule an additional training date for those who missed the original session. If you are interested in making a difference in the life of an unborn child, please reach out to me at 631-656-0441. I would be happy to get you onto the path to becoming a loving, peaceful and prayerful sidewalk advocate.

**"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you do unto Me.'" Matthew 25:40**

*God Bless,  
Mary Regina Bebbler  
Director of Client Services, Smithtown*

## FATHER'S DAY HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

*We pray for our fathers, in thanksgiving for their generous gift of self in protecting and supporting life.  
May God bestow on them His abundant grace, strength, and wisdom.*

**Tom Duffy ~ Wayne Boney ~ Joe Carola ~ Louis Dzurek ~ Tom Sr. & Ed Duffy  
Antonio Arcas ~ Chris Pekoff ~ Dr. Charles Pekoff ~ Peter Stable  
Robert G. Cronin ~ Sal Pekoff ~ Stanley Zambraski**

**May God Bless All our Fathers Living and Deceased**



# HONORARIUMS & IN REMEMBRANCE



The Life Center is grateful for donations made in honor of and in memory of the following...

In honor of:

**Estelle Carvelas ~ Father John Cox, OMI**

In memory of:

**Constance Vela ~ Dominic Cavaleri ~ Howie Shannon ~ Brian Shannon ~ Eileen Coyle**

**Kindly call Marina at 516-798-8746 to request Honorarium and/or Memorial Cards.**



## 37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND OUR 37TH ANNIVERSARY GALA!

**Sunday, September 24, 2023**

**1:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

**The Muttontown Club**

5933 Northern Blvd. | East Norwich, NY 11731

\$180 per adult ~ \$100 per student

\$1500 for a table of 10

Make checks payable to: Life Center of Long Island

Call 516-798-8746 or email: [infoma@lifecenterli.org](mailto:infoma@lifecenterli.org) for details

**Don't forget our Sweepstakes! You need not be present to win!**

**\$15 each or 6 chances for \$75**

**Grand Prize \$1000 ~ 2nd Prize \$500**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$180 per person, \_\_\_\_\_ seats at \$100 per student, or \_\_\_\_\_ \$1500 for Table of 10

I cannot attend, but wish to support the work of the Life Center.

Please accept my donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

**All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.**

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