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Yaphank Opens!

Grand Opening of SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. East Yaphank Annex

On Thursday, March 25, 2010, SeniorNet proudly celebrated the grand opening of its new computer-training annex at the Family Service League East Yaphank building complete with refreshments and ribbon cutting ceremony. Rooms and hallways were crowded with happy smiling guests that included Town of Brookhaven dignitaries and elected officials, Family Service League Board members, administration and staff, SeniorNet members, volunteers and various SeniorNet supporters. The group was treated to short and often humorous congratulatory speeches many of which provided insights onto the complex issues involved in opening this annex.



Slava Vero, Co-coordinator, who first championed the idea and became the driving force behind the project, provided some background and thanked everyone involved for his or her hard work.

Karen Boorshtein, FSL President and Chief Executive Officer, welcomed the guests and described how SeniorNet has been such a good match with FSL

.Kate Browning, Legislator Suffolk County 3rd District addressed the group and presented a Welcoming Certificate of Congratulations.

Patricia Eddington, Brookhaven Town Clerk presented a Congratulatory Ribbon Breaking Certificate.

Dominique Salice, Senior Aide to state Senator Brian X. Foley presented a Grand Opening Recognition Certificate.

Bilal Malik, Senior Aide to Congressman Tim Bishop of New York's 1st District congratulated the group.

1st District Assemblyman Marc Alessi was represented by Jenn Maldonado who presented a Certificate of Appreciation.

4th District Legislator Thomas Muratore was represented by his senior aide Jessica Proios who presented a congratulatory certificate.

Holly Rhodes-Teague, Director of the Office of Aging, thanked SeniorNet for opening this much needed facility

Barbara Page, FSL Board Chairwoman congratulated the group for their amazing achievement.

Sheila Alger and Michelle Williams from SeniorNet Headquarters mentioned how important SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. was to the whole SeniorNet organization.

Jean Tesoriero, from the nationalgrid Foundation, described the computer-refurbishing program it has partnered with SeniorNet "elves" over the past 10 years.

Eena May Franz, President of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Retired Association congratulated the group's achievement.

Bill Baker, Co-coordinator elect, described how Huntington volunteers supported the startup with instructors and coaches driving long distances until local volunteers were recruited.

Jim Burke, who set up the new lab with his "lab rats," provided insights into the amount of work involved to obtain and install the hardware. He described what his lab rats do to keep both the Yaphank and Huntington labs running smoothly.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Robyn Berger-Gaston, FSL's Division Director for her help and continuous support as FSL liaison to the Yaphank Annex.

Last but not least, our appreciation goes to all SeniorNet volunteers (Huntington and Yaphank); their hard work and dedication keeps our Learning Center as one of the top Learning centers in the country. You make us proud.



With the speeches over the chatty group slowly made its way to the computer lab where they all crowded inside for pictures and ribbon cutting ceremony.

(Pictures provided by award winning photographer and SeniorNet volunteer Sam Gerber)



SeniorNet at FSL, L.I continues its Winning Ways

During this award season, we've seen many celebrities receive Grammys, Oscars, and Emmys, which are the coveted awards in the entertainment field. With much less fanfare SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. received comparable awards.

2009 Best Practices and Ideas Award

In December 2009, SeniorNet headquarters named SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. a winner in the fierce competition among Learning Centers for claim to best ideas and practices in:

- Succession Planning
- Advertising
- Maintaining a robust volunteer staff

The winning multipage submission can be seen on headquarters' website.

2009 Chairman Award for Excellence

SeniorNet headquarters again honored SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. with its most prestigious Chairman Award for Excellence in:

- promoting and advertising classes
- increasing SeniorNet's brand image in our communities and nationally
- maintaining a thriving volunteer staff
- growing membership and student base
- implementing succession planning and skills transfer in their center
- demonstrating and sharing best practices
- hosting a vibrant website

Since the establishment of this highest award three years ago, SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. has received it twice – in 2007 and 2009 – and given the Exemplary Center Award in 2008.

Proclamations

Huntington Town Board recognized the achievements of SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. At a Town meeting on March 9, 2010, Huntington Town Councilwoman Susan Berland presented SeniorNet Co-Coordinator

Slava Vero and Co-Coordinator elect Bill Baker with two proclamations in recognition of SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. being named by SeniorNet National as one of the top Learning Centers in the country. Supervisor Frank Petrone, Councilman Mark Mayoka, Mark Cuthbertson, Councilwomen Susan Berland and Glenda Jackson congratulated SeniorNet for making the Town of Huntington proud.



Left to right: Nick Radesca, Publicity Chairman; Jim Burke, Lab Co-Coordinator; Moss Rawn, Co-Coordinator; Slava Vero, Co-Coordinator, Emily Strenbell, Lab Co-Coordinator elect; Fred Atkin, Coordinator emeritus; Bill Baker, Co-coordinator elect

As Co-Coordinators of SeniorNet at FSL, L.I., (Slava Vero and Moss Rawn) we feel privileged and fortunate to be part of this special group of dedicated volunteers who serve its senior community so well.



Slava Vero, Co-Coordinator and Bill Baker, Co-Coordinator elect displaying proclamations. The Huntington town board is shown in the back row

Spring 2010 Registration

SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. had an exciting and successful Spring 2010 registration at both its Huntington Center and East Yaphank Annex. The Open Houses at each location were well attended by guests and volunteers.

Huntington Computer Learning Center at Family Service League

At the Huntington Center 15 courses were offered with a total of 194 possible seats. The Open House, held on March 19, was attended by 40 volunteers and 37 guests. The Special Events Committee provided refreshments, coffee, bagels, etc. Marty Kushnick, Moss Rawn and Slava Vero gave an overview to prospective students describing the benefits of "Higher Education" for seniors as provided by SeniorNet. An overview of Family Service League and their many community services was presented.

East Yaphank Annex computer Learning Center at Family Service League



Left to right top row: Bernie Gershen, Elvira Lubrano, Nick Radesca, Legislator Kate Browning, Slava Vero, Nina Saporito, Dave Berry; bottom row: Moshe Markewitz, Don Stone, Pat Corn, Jeane Miller

At the East Yaphank Annex, 6 courses were offered (up from just 3 courses last semester) with a total of 48 possible seats.

The Open House, held on March 16, was attended by 15 volunteers who hosted 20 guests. Kate Browning, Legislator of Suffolk County's 3rd District, made a surprise appearance. Our special thanks go to Family Service League's Division Director Robyn Berger-Gaston and her staff for their cooperation and help in hosting.

SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. Mourns the passing of Sally Healy

(Slava Vero remembers Sally Healy and has this to say about her:)

We met Sally Healy in 2001 when SeniorNet was just spreading its wings. Right from the start, after completing her SeniorNet classes as a student, in what we at SeniorNet called the "twins", Sally and Nina volunteered first as coaches, then took over as volunteer coordinators, as office managers and finally as coordinators of Special Events. What made Sally so special was her wisdom, humor and most of all her devotion to those she considered friends. Sally participated in many SeniorNet activities and was the one who inspired us to participate in different events such as monthly ladies lunches and theater trips to New York City. If there was one word to

identify Sally it would be "fun".



She was always fun to be with and a true friend. Those of us who knew Sally realized that we were dealing with a very special person. She was a woman ahead of her time with many new ideas and an extraordinary sense of planning. For those who pass on, we remember them for what they leave behind. Sally left us a crowded list of accomplish-

ments and was a very positive contributor to the future of SeniorNet. Everyone who knew Sally Healy has been deeply affected by her passing from heart disease on February 10, 2010. It is with a sense of great loss that we say goodbye to our friend Sally Healy.

Slava Vero, SeniorNet Co-Coodinator/Historian

A note of thanks from Slava

Dear SeniorNet Volunteers:

- Great news from SeniorNet land!!
- I was recently informed by Leslie Smith, SeniorNet National Chairman that we are the 2009 winner of the SeniorNet Chairman Award in excellence.
- **WE WON!!!**
- For the second time we are the recipients of the Chairman award in excellence and are sharing the prize with another two centers.
- Congratulation to all our volunteers!!!! What a great job.

This is a great honor and recognition for the excellent work SeniorNet at FSL, L.I is doing.

Thank you all, it's well deserved.

Slava Vero, Co-Coordinator

In the Works



SeniorNet at FSL, L.I. is in the process of creating its first planned course of study entitled **Computer Essentials for Seniors** that will lead to a **Certificate of Recognition** to be ceremoniously awarded to students at our October annual meetings. To earn this special Certificate a student must satisfactorily complete the following five (5) courses within a 3-year period:

Computer Essentials for Seniors (CES)

1. Intro to Computers 1 (Basic Processes)
2. Intro to Computers 2 (Basic Applications)
3. Intro to Computers 3 (Word Processing and other Applications)
4. File Management
5. Internet

Further details will be provided when they are finalized.



Please mark your calendar for the coming 2010 events

Suffolk County Office for the Aging Expo
Thursday, May 13th 8:15AM – 1:00 PM
Villa Lombardi
877 Main Street, Holbrook, NY 11741

Boomer & Seniors: Seminar Series:
Thursday, May 13th 3 PM – 6 PM

SeniorNet New Volunteer Training
Tuesday, May 25th 1:00 – 3:30 PM
East Yaphank Learning Center

Family Service League's Sammis Family House Tour
Wednesday, May 26th
10 AM – 4 PM Rain of Shine
For Tickets call (631)427-3700 Ext 255

SeniorNet Volunteer Breakfast/Training
Friday, June 11th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
SeniorNet at FSL Huntington, open to all volunteers

Open House and Student Registration
Tuesday, June 15^h 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
East Yaphank Learning Center

Open House for Student Registration
Friday, June 18th 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Huntington Learning Center

SNUG Meeting every 3rd Tuesday of the month
@ 3:30 PM
Open to all volunteers and guests. All are welcome

Check Scheduled Events Calendar and remember to volunteer and/or attend. Remember Snug Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month at 3:30PM! Except December.

Next Snug Meeting May 18th, 2010 with Jim Burke on WIFI and setting up a home network

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR SENIORS
Summer 2010 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SENIORNET AT FSL, L.I., ONCE AGAIN ANNOUNCES ITS REGISTRATION FOR EXCITING COMPUTER COURSES AND WORKSHOPS FOR SENIORS. HUNTINGTON SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY, July 6th, 2010.

E. YAPHANK ANNEX SUMMER CLASSES BEGIN, July 6th, 2010

SENIORS TEACHING SENIORS" IS OUR MOTTO. COME JOIN OTHER SENIORS AS LEARNING TAKES PLACE IN A RELAXED, FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE FEATURING SMALL CLASSES AND VERY LOW COST.

CLASSES FILL UP PRETTY QUICKLY SO TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT REGISTER EARLY.

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