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Golfing for a Great Cause at Mill Neck Manor's Swingin' Summer

A gentle breeze and plenty of sunshine greeted the golfers who participated in Swingin' Summer, a benefit tournament held on June 27. The annual event took place at the luxurious Cold Spring Country Club, with proceeds supporting the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, which provides programs and services locally, nationally and around the globe for children and adults who are Deaf or have other special needs.

Golfers made their way to the course following a hearty brunch at the clubhouse. During their round of golf, they also enjoyed contests, refreshments and a barbeque lunch on the course. Later, they were joined by other guests for the Champions Dinner, featuring awards, silent auction, numerous raffles and, the highlight of the evening, recognition of honorees. Each of the 2016 honorees were recognized for their selfless dedication to the Mill Neck Family's mission, whether this dedication has existed for a quarter century or began more recently.

For Marianne Artinian, support for Mill Neck began more than 25 years ago. Mother and grandmother of Mill Neck alumni, Artinian is currently the Administrative Assistant at Mill Neck's audiology facility, Mill Neck Services Center for Hearing Health. During her often humorous speech about Artinian, Dr. Susan Antonellis, Operations Manager of the facility, had a number of serious reflections to share. "Her smile and beaming personality surrounds the office.

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She knows every person's name: treats them like family. She is an advocate for the Deaf and hearing impaired. Most importantly, her wonderful contribution is the empathy she offers to all families that walk through the doors with their children who are newly diagnosed. Marianne is up there, front and center, with a kind word, some advice or a hug," said Antonellis.

PBI Payroll owners, Joe and Valerie Giacinto, have been associated with Mill Neck since 2008 when PBI began processing the organization's payroll. Over the years, PBI has repeatedly shown their support of Mill Neck. As noted by Kathleen Lagalante, Mill Neck's Director of Human Resources, who presented the Giacinto's with their honoree recognition, PBI not only hired candidates through Mill Neck Services, but "also showed they were all in by sponsoring several of Mill Neck's golf events. Countless golf balls, tees, foursomes and even sponsoring holes were graciously donated from PBI over the last eight years."

When not pursuing the next great shot, professional photographer Ken Thalheimer uses his time and talents as a volunteer docent at Mill Neck Manor. Whether leading a small gathering at the monthly Sunday tours of the mansion that stands on Mill Neck's campus or guiding a group of 50 through the house, Thalheimer tirelessly imparts his in-depth knowledge, often sprinkling his talk with humor. He came to Mill Neck several years ago via a Designers' Showcase® event and ever since, continues to give his time whenever called upon, including volunteering for the Mill Neck Manor Archive Committee.

Acknowledging that this event is the result of many helping hands, the Mill Neck Family of Organizations wishes to thank the golfers and guests, volunteers, committee members, parents and students for supporting another Swingin' Summer and, by extension, the programs and services of the organization. Recognition is due to the following sponsors and contributors as well: BMW of Oyster Bay; General (Hole in One Sponsors); JLJ Enterprises; PBI Payroll; TNT Industries (Champions Dinner Sponsors); Bank United; Capitol One; Core BTS; Samuels Datacom, LLC; Wilson Elser (Eagle Corporate Sponsors); Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation; Celeste and Hank Pinkerton (Birdie Sponsors); Apple Bank; Fiduciary

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At Swingin' Summer, golfers participated in several challenges on the course, the Hole in One contest, sponsored by BMW of Oyster Bay and Beat the Pro, among them.



Honoree Marianne Artinian, a long-time employee of Mill Neck Services Center for Hearing Health pictured with her two sons, husband and Mill Neck Family President and CEO Michael Killian (far left).



Nancy Leghart, Director of Advancement for the Mill Neck Family of Organizations, presented an honoree award to Ken Thalheimer, volunteer docent at Mill Neck Manor.



JJ DiBartolo, a former student at Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, enjoyed the Champions Dinner.



Mill Neck Family Director of Human Resources, Kathleen Lagalante and Mill Neck's Director of Advancement, Nancy Leghart with honorees Valerie and Joe Giacinto of PBI Payroll.

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