

# Port Jefferson Yacht Club's



# Bowspritz



Newsletter of the Port Jefferson Yacht Club

<http://www.portjeffersonyachtclub.com>

May 2021

## FROM THE HELM

May has arrived in a much different setting than 2020. Last year there were more questions than answers. Would we have a launch schedule? Would there be a sailing school? Would we even have an operating club? This year we did a 180 degree turn and its hard-to-find time to complete things. The club has never looked better. Each day the lower lot is filled with young sailors from SBU and our spring students getting their boats setup and ready for the water. The count of boats on moorings increase each day and we have had transient boaters staying on the docks already this past weekend. DOCKWA bookings are growing, and everything is pointing towards a very positive 2021 season.

I would like to wish all our member Moms a post Happy Mother's Day. I was lucky to have my Mom Sally over for brunch and she was telling me how excited she and a few of her friends are to sing at the upcoming 2021 PJYC Commissioning on May 23rd. Governor Cuomo may have held off Broadway from opening until this fall, but rest assured a show will be going on at the upper lot that Sunday!

I should not be jumping to the Commissioning when we need to recap the Commodore's Cocktail Party. The CCP was a huge success only due to the hours of work to get the club into Party Shape. Thanks to Kevin Broderick and Mitch Slochower along with their teams the House and Grounds proved to be a great setting to hold between eighty-five to ninety members and guests. However, the Gold Star Award must be presented to two women that worked to provide you all with a wonderful event. Our Social Director Laurina Nielsen and my better half Chrissy Brancaccio planned and executed a party that members are still talking about. When Laurina and Chrissy stand back-to-back it is a close tie on who is taller but, in my mind, these two women could give any WNBA player a run for their money. Ladies you nailed a few three pointers. Thank you for making our opening event such a fun night. I would also like to thank Mr. James Finke from the Port Jefferson Rowing Club for providing the live music. Great party for a great PJYC membership.

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Funds raised during the party from the 50/50 and raffle of the Port Jefferson Harbor Framed Artwork have been used to purchase the Hiland Stainless Steel Pyramid Patio Heater that was on the upper deck the night of the party. We have already used it at the last Friday Night Open Bar. It is a great focus point after those wonderful sunsets. Come down Friday night and see it for yourself.

We hope to see many of you on Sunday May 23rd at 1:00PM for the 2021 Commissioning. Do not forget to RSVP Kay Rachek ([kayrachek@optonline.net](mailto:kayrachek@optonline.net)) to help us with a head count. Please lend your hands to upcoming work projects and THANK YOU to all that have put in way over your required hours. I know many members just love being part of this club. I know I do.

Best.

Jeffrey W. Hausner—Commodore 2021



# BOARD REPORTS

## UPDATES FROM THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### VICE COMMODORE

I was going to write about how things are starting to look up as our lives and the club are starting to return to normal. Or about the great cocktail party last month, or that the Fishing tournament, Harbor Cup, Village Cup and club cruises are all on the calendar this year. Or that races will be with full crew and that there are plenty of social events on the calendar and the bar is open again on Friday nights with a brand spanking new patio heater on the deck under our soon to be brand spanking new awning. Or that the yard has undergone a super spring cleaning, the dock house has been renovated, the docks fitted for next year's expansion, the JSP dock expanded and the JSP registrations are filling up fast. Or that we will be hosting a new member night for all the new members from this year and last. But, you know all that, so instead, I will write about one of our favorite destinations Flax Pond. Well, many of you may already know all about Flax Pond too but read on anyway.

Flax Pond is a tidal wetland just a short sail or motor just west of the harbor entrance about midway between Old Field Point and Crane Neck Point. There is good anchorage in the sound, just north of the beach – do not try to go into the pond with your boat. For those with a sailboat, the water is fairly deep as you approach the shore and the sandy bottom holds well, bring a dinghy to get to shore. The southwest breeze and the current should keep your boat pointing toward the beach. If you have a shallow draft boat just pull in close to the beach. The water is pretty deep but always check your charts in advance and know the tide.

We find that the west side of the inlet has a larger beach with better access to the pond and inlet. Be sure to bring water shoes since, like most north shore beaches, the beach is rocky in spots with many shells. After several dinghy rides back and forth, with all of our troops ashore we either just relax and enjoy the sun and the breeze or more often go for a float in the “lazy river” - the “lazy river” being the inlet to the pond. Since flax pond is tidal, as the tide goes out the pond empties into the sound, via the inlet, creating a little stream. As the tide floods, the water flow reverses and the water flows back into the pond. The water in the pond is very warm and with an outgoing tide, the current will float you gently down the river and dump you into the colder water of the sound. Whether the tide is incoming or outgoing, it's a lot of fun. Be sure to bring a foam noodle, PFD or other float to enjoy the ride. If you're not into soaking in the sun on the beach or floating around the inlet, bring a kayak or paddle board and explore the wetlands of the pond just remember no motorized boats are allowed in the pond.

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Every year I say, we should organize a club cruise to flax pond but the summer days just fly by too fast. Who knows, maybe this will be the year.

For more info on flax pond go to the NYS DEC website:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/112697.html>

And a useful map can be found here:

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions\\_pdf/mapflaxpond.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/regions_pdf/mapflaxpond.pdf)

Tim



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### REAR COMMODORE

Starting this year we will be using DockWa to accept summer/winter dinghy rack applications. This will streamline the process and allow members to pay the \$50 per boat fee via credit card.

You can also sign up for winter storage at the same time or wait until the fall if your plans are uncertain. Winter storage is an additional \$50 per boat.

Small Boat members can store one boat at no additional charge on the dinghy racks. However, additional boats are \$50 per boat. The winter storage charge is not included in your membership dues so the \$50 per boat charge applies.

If you do not have an account with DockWa, it is free and enables you to make on-line reservations at marinas and yacht clubs, such as PJYC.

<https://dockwa.com>

You will have to create a new boat (or boats) for your dinghy/kayak in DockWa and call it either T/T big boat name, kayak, dinghy, catamaran etc. as well as basic information such as name (if applicable), length, beam etc. In the “Year” field can you type your hull color as this will make it easier to identify kayaks.

If you have an engine we will require its registration and for boats that have insurance, the company name and policy number. Unfortunately, registration and insurance is a required field in DockWa so just enter “no” for these fields and today's date if it does not apply. Same for the “Request” box where you can enter “Dinghy/Kayak Storage Request” and the desired rack number if you have a preference. As mentioned above, you can also request winter storage at this time. DockWa also requires you to select either power or sail. We know a kayak is neither so just select power as the default.



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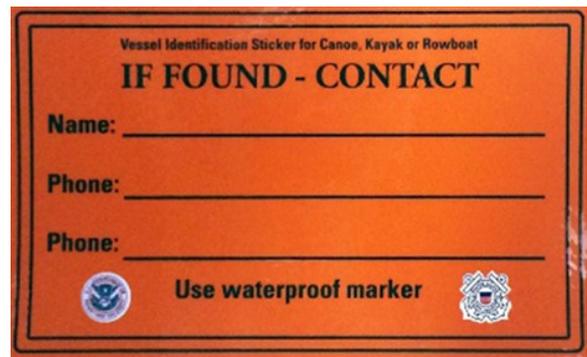
## REAR COMMODORE

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Once the application is submitted via DockWa, it will be approved and a contract created. You will then sign it electronically and return along with your credit card payment. A message will be sent via DockWa informing you of your rack number.

A PJYC sticker will be available in the dock house that is to be affixed to your boat. As in prior years, a Coast Guard lost boat sticker will also be available in the dock house. Please make sure your boat has this sticker and it remains legible as they tend to fade over time.

The DockWa link for dinghy registration is available on the members section of the PJYC website.



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## CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

### Happy Spring

Happy Mother's Day to all of you wonderful moms at the club. I hope everyone had a wonderful mother's day being spoiled by your husbands, your children, and or grandchildren. Being a mom of three boys, I always enjoy the cards and enjoy my boy's sense of humor.

We have had lots of new people join as members this year which is so exciting. I want to welcome all of you and I do hope you come down to the club and enjoy it. The bar is now open on Friday night and last Friday it was so nice to come down and see some familiar faces and chat with friends. The sunset never disappoints either. While it was a little chilly the new heater paid for by money raised by the 50/50 at the Commodore's Cocktail party kept everyone quite comfortable.

Saturday I went down to the club on a mission to replace the liners of the hanging baskets up at the top deck. Being budget conscious we decided to buy a full roll of the coco liner instead of the replacement insert. What a daunting task? I had just started when Kathy Segalowitz who was working on her boat joined me and offered to help. One more reason to love this club because of the people in it. She was not just good company but what a big help. Took a couple of hours but we got it done. Tim also showed up and was put to work. So a big thank you to Kathy and Tim for coming to my rescue.

And while we are talking about rescue, Tim had gone down earlier to trim some trees that are overhanging the awning so he went up onto the roof and while using his saw the cord got wrapped around the ladder and the ladder fell to the ground. He was now stuck up on the roof but he had his phone. Several other members were working down in the lower dock but no one was answering their phone. Luckily for him, he shouted down to Joe Gatz, our launch driver, and Joe came to his rescue. Be nice to your launch driver, you never know when you will need rescuing.

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Finally, I will be planting flowers sometime later this week so if anyone has a nursery, a discount to a nursery, or any other recommendations, shoot me an e-mail. I welcome any input.

Hope I see all of you at the commissioning it's always a fun day.

Corresponding Secretary

Kay Rachek

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### DOCKS & FLOATS

The docks are almost complete with a little work to be done on the existing electric and some plumbing drips. The work continues to enable us to run the new cables for the new stanchions to accommodate the finger pier layout. We are still waiting for ACOE (Army Corps of Engineers), NYSDOS (...Dept of State), and NYSDEC (... Dept. of Environmental Conservation.) final approvals. Nothing has been bounced back so it continues to work its way through the various puzzle palaces.

Alan Johnson



# RACING

**The Marks are ready to go in!!!**

John Doherty has them all shiny! And knows his alphabet!

**Schedule:**

Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>—Skippers Meeting via Zoom at 6 PM

Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>—Gear Tester Race—1300

Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup>—First Tuesday Night Race! 1900

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>—Harbor Cup—1300

Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>—Ladies Day Race

Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup>—Village Cup

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>—True North Distance Race



Regards,  
Dave Hubbard  
davechub@gmail.com



# Cruising

## 2021 Cruises

Date	Location	Cruise Captain
Friday Sunsets	Race Mark 'G' at 7 PM	Starting May 21st
May 29-30	Northport Yacht Club	Beach/Goroff
June 12	Milford CT	
June 26	Branford CT – Fireworks	
July 3 - 14	Long Cruise (Bristol RI)	Beach/Goroff
July 24	Bridgeport - TBD	
August 14	“Cruise to nowhere” – Conscience Bay BBQ	
August 28	Clinton CT - TBD	
September 4-5	Centerport Yacht Club	Babits

Last week I was delighted to hear from Northport Yacht Club that they were open and that we were all set for our Memorial Day Cruise. We have nine or possibly ten boats in sailing. We also have others coming by car for a dinner on Sunday. If you haven't let me know you are coming for dinner, please do so this week. I will be discussing the menu with them this week. Looking forward to our first cruising event of 2021.

June 12 - Milford CT. I am really looking forward to Ice Cream at Scoopy Doo's. I will be keeping an eye on the status of any covid restrictions for the use of the picnic area as well as the other facilities there.

June 26 – Branford CT. Hot off the Press! Brandford Parks & Recreation department has told me that the Fireworks are ON for June 26th. We will be hosting drinks and snacks aboard Ripple.

The Bar is open Friday evenings. We will have a cruising meeting this Friday May 14th starting at 7:30 come down and enjoy a drink and talk cruising plans for this summer.

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## Long Cruise

We will be cruising to the Herreshoff Museum for the long cruise with a nice stay on Shelter Island on the way back. Feel free to join the long cruise for any of the nights. I have tried to structure it so that the first weekend, July 3 and 4 could be a long weekend as well as July 10 and 11 in shelter island. July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> we plan to be at the Herreshoff Museum in Bristol RI. It is their golden Jubilee! I am working on getting a special tour. Each leg has roughly 4-6 hrs of sailing time. Newport to Shelter Island is the exception which is long. If you are interested in any parts of the long cruise, please email me so I can facilitate moorings etc. Here are the tentative stops.

Fair Winds

Chris

# SOCIAL!

## Social Words

The 2021 Social activities are off to a nice start.

The commodores cocktail party was well attended while managing to stay within CDC guidelines for a socially responsible party. They say that we do not plan to fail we just sometimes fail to plan but planning with Chrissy and Jeff was efficient and pleasant. Thank you, Chrissy and Jeff.

Looking forward, we are in the preparatory stages for the 2021 commissioning event. In addition to the social aspect of this event there are invitations and programs to prepare, there are flags to order, ceremonies to organize and house and grounds to beautify. I can only suggest that if you would like to join in on these preparations you contact any director especially Mitch Slochower and Kevin Broderick who have been working almost all by themselves to prepare for the 2021 season.

Once we are all commissioned up, I am looking forward to opening the clubhouse for more socialization. I sometimes feel that during the weekdays the club seems like a ghost town. A few years ago, I had an interview with Mayor Garant who stated that, the PJYC is the “Best Kept Secret in Port Jefferson”. With that in mind I just got authorization from the BOD to open the clubhouse on Wednesdays for a Game Day. So, May 26th will be the first game day. Come on down to the club, bring your game and players whether it be cards, Mah Jong, or whatever and we will see if we can get some games going. This is a work in progress so I do not have all the kinks worked out, but I will open the club house from 12PM to 4 and then again from 7 to 10. Stay tuned for flyers from me.

Think positive and test negative and be happy,

Laurina



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## PORT JEFFERSON YACHT CLUB

### 2021 Fishing Tournament



The Port Jefferson Yacht Club will hold its 12th Annual Fishing Tournament starting at 7:00 a.m. Friday 6/4 and ending 4:00 p.m. Sunday 6/6/21. Members and their guests are invited to enjoy a 3-day tournament targeting Fluke, Bluefish, Striped Bass, and Porgies. New York State now requires all anglers to register with the Marine Fishing Registry. There is no fee and it takes just a few minutes to register by phone 1-866-933-2257 or on-line at [www.dec.ny.gov/63.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/63.html)

An awards reception will be held from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday 6/6/21 where winners will be presented their trophies. Additionally, the Captains of each of the winning vessels will be presented with an award at the PJYC Annual Dinner Dance.

There is a registration fee of \$35 per participant (\$20 for children 12 and under). Registration forms are available at the club or by e-mailing Jack Bowman at [jjb@mindplusmuscle.com](mailto:jjb@mindplusmuscle.com). For further information call Jack at (631) 513-3632.

**Please register your boat and crew by May 21, 2021**

# SOCIAL!

## Commodore's Cocktail Party

Hosted by Commodore Jeff and Chrissy



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# SOCIAL CALENDAR!

## Upcoming Events

- May** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Race Skippers Meeting (6 PM) & 1st Sunset Cruise (7 PM)  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Gear Tester' Race!  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioning— 1:00 PM At the club!  
Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Northport!  
**BAR OPEN SATURDAYS!** Memorial Day thru Labor Day 5:00 —10:30
- June** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>—First Tuesday Night Race!  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> thru Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> Fishing tournament  
Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>—Cruise to Milford  
Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Harbor Cup  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>—Branford Fireworks Cruise
- July** 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Cruise to Nowhere
- August** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Commodores BBQ – possible raft -up
- September** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> — Village Cup!
- October** TBA
- November** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance—Tentative
- December** Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting

**The PJYC Clubhouse opening for CANASTA**

**Tuesday May 4th @ 6:30pm**

**Bring your own beverage & snack**

**Text Dianna 631-512-1068 to confirm**

**So Stay Safe, Think Positive and Test Negative. I look forward to seeing you all this year.**

**Laurina**

[laurina\\_n@hotmail.com](mailto:laurina_n@hotmail.com)

# HELP WANTED

## Race Committee Members Wanted!

Spend an evening on the water!

Enjoy the sunsets!

No Experience Needed!

Contact Dave Hubbard:

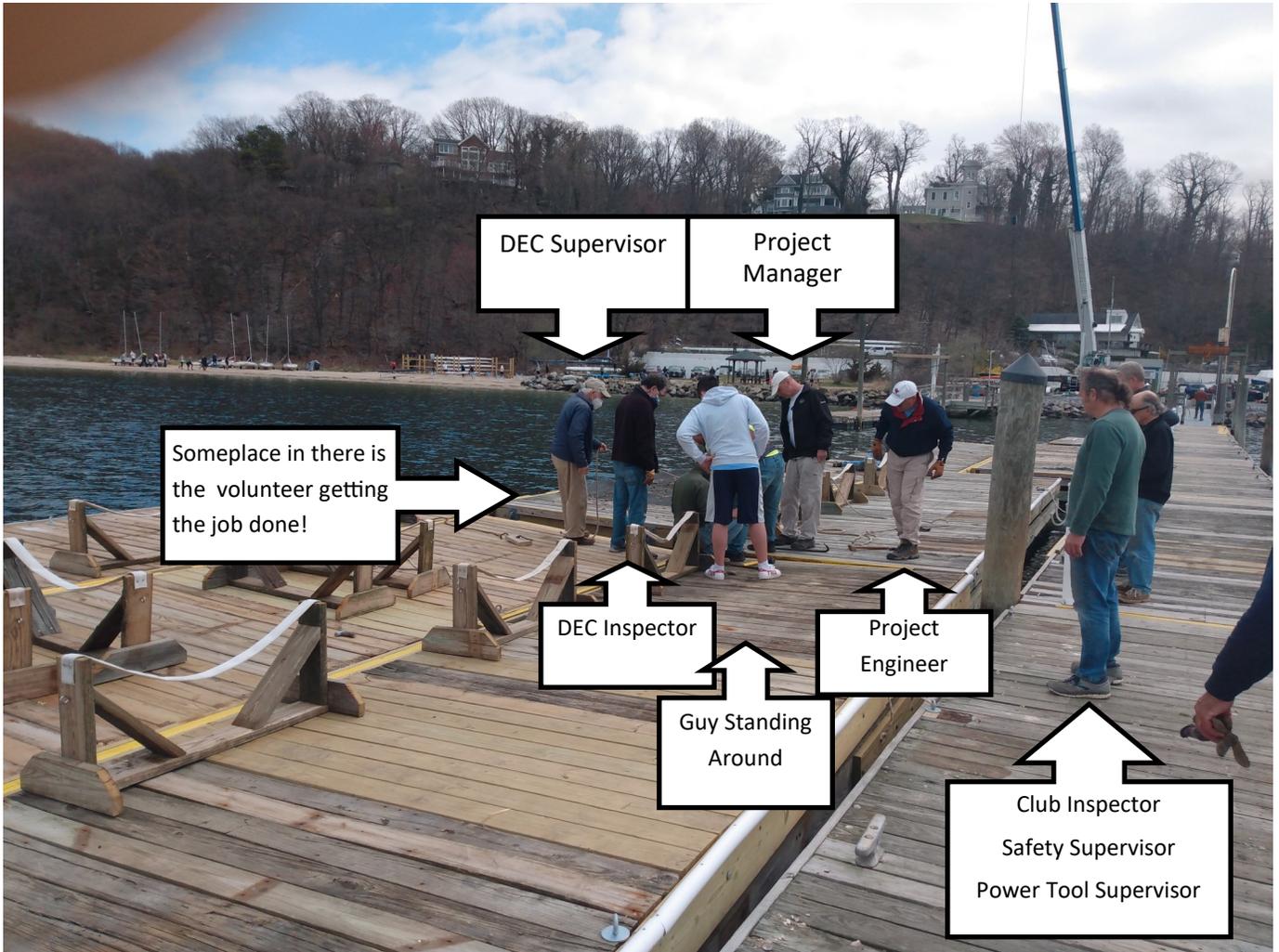
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# WHAT'S NEWS

NEWS AND STORIES BY AND FOR OUR MEMBERS

## Hard at Work on the School Docks!



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**Thanks to All who helped get the Docks Ready!**

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## WHAT'S IT?

April "What's It?":

John Lane was the only guess: Transmission Parts, possibly from a Yamaha. Work for me!



May "What's It?: Name this ship!



# THE EXCHANGE

(SELL, BUY, SWAP)

## **35 lb CQR Anchor & Rave Towable Tube (Reduced!)**

**Anchor:** Asking \$100, which is much less expensive than a new one (over \$500). If you need a short piece of chain with it, I have some 3/8 chain I can include for free..

**Rave Sports Nighthawk 3-Person Towable Tube:** Used fewer than 10 times. Very good condition. No leaks. Includes a tow rope. Asking \$100, which is much less expensive than a new one, e.g. \$300 at Dick's Sporting Goods (<https://www.dickssportinggoods.com/p/rave-sports-nighthawk-3-person-towable-tube-16rspunghthwkxxxwsr/16rspunghthwkxxxwsr>). This is a 3 rider, double decker, wing style tube and features a skim-fast bottom for a fast ride that offers great maneuverability. Foam handles with neoprene knuckle guards help you hang on tight as the Nighthawk whips back and forth across the water. An anti-chafe guard offers added protection. Holds 3 riders. Double decker swept wing style tube. Durable Nylon top cover. Heavy duty PVC bladder. Skim-fast bottom for a slick and fast ride. Anti-chafe guard. 6 foam-filled handles with neoprene knuckle guards. Quick connect tow point. Inflated dimensions: 73.5" x 77" x 25.5". Deflated dimensions: 77" x 80". Max combined rider weight: 510 lbs.

**Call or email Elliott (sv Senta) at 919-812-3975 cell, or [bennettquerrero@gmail.com](mailto:bennettquerrero@gmail.com)**

# COMMUNITY

## Making a Difference

To support our local community food bank, please make a donation to the following:

**Long Island Cares**

**10 Davids Drive**

**Hauppauge, NY 11788**

**[licares.org](http://licares.org)**

Thanks and stay well,

*Judy Suben*



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