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## Student Aid Fund Establishes Scholarship In Memory of Walter Handelman, P.E.

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The Village of Great Neck Plaza recently announced establishment of a scholarship, "In Memory of Walter Handelman, P.E.," for the village's late beloved Village Engineer. Mayor Jean Celender presented a check for \$1,500 to Candy Gould, President of the Great Neck Student Aid Fund and Board of Directors member, Madge Kaplan.

In presenting the check, Mayor Celender stated, "Walter Handelman was an integral part of our village family. As Village Engineer for over 30 years, we in the village were devastated by his untimely death a year ago. It is our intent and desire to establish this fund as an annual scholarship to keep Walter's memory alive and thriving by providing a deserved, talented high school student with an opportunity for higher education that may not otherwise have been available."

Attending the presentation ceremony was Walter's widow, Marlene Handelman. Mayor Celender read a letter enumerating some of Walter's tremendous accomplishments and activities, not only in the Great Neck community, a community which he was a long-time resident and loved, but throughout his

illustrious professional engineering career in New York City, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The mayor added, "As part of the annual scholarship presentation, we would like the recipient to know about the life of a great man that this fund memorializes, with a copy of this letter." In addition to serving as Village Engineer, Walter Handelman was a retired engineer with the New York State Dept. of Transportation and had a long professional engineering career as a Construction Inspector and Engineer-In-Charge on many of the region's major state highway projects, including Prospect Expressway, Major Deegan Expressway, Northern State Parkway, Long Island Expressway (during its original construction in the 1960's and later in the mid 1990's to 2003 during the expansion of the 4<sup>th</sup> lane (HOV) and bridge widening projects), and the LIE/Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway Interchange Improvement Project. He was also Village Engineer and assisted several other Great Neck peninsula villages on roadway and traffic safety improvement projects.

The Village is pleased and honored to establish the scholarship "In Memory of Walter Handelman, P.E."

with the Great Neck Student Aid Fund. Walter was greatly admired by his friends and colleagues and one of his many talents was being a wonderful teacher. He so enjoyed sharing his tremendous knowledge and expertise in traffic engineering and construction to the people who worked side by side with him. "This scholarship is very befitting for Walter," reflected Mayor Celender, "in that learning and the imparting of knowledge will carry on for students fortunate to receive this scholarship in his memory."

Persons wishing to contribute to the Great Neck Student Aid Fund "In the Memory of Walter Handelman, P.E." or to support the fund's mission in general can make a tax-deductible contribution to Great Neck Student Aid Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 1067, Great Neck, NY 11023. With your help, the Student Aid Fund can make a difference for a local high school student. For further information, contact President Candy Gould at (516) 829-9437.



Dear Friends,

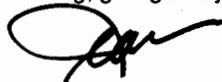
Wow, I can hardly believe that 2005 is almost gone. At this time of year, we reflect on the many successful events that have occurred in the village during the year. The Summer Concert Series in Jon's Park again was a wonderful season and soon we will be planning next summer's performances. The Allan Gussack Memorial Bicycle Challenge in May is building in spectators, offering more activities for a fun-filled family day surrounding the event, and ended with a concert in the park by Sterling Bailey, a jazz/reggae band that was awesome. In addition, for the Annual 21<sup>st</sup> Street Fair on September 25<sup>th</sup> we had good weather, great bands and activities, and a wonderful selection of antique cars. A good time seemed to be had by the many people who participated and enjoyed this annual street fair event sponsored by the Village and its B.I.D.

We also take time out during the year end holidays to spend time together with staff and friends at Holiday Parties and open houses to have relaxing and enjoyable times celebrating the season. I appreciate all of the offers to visit such parties and try to make it to your events. I have enclosed pictures from the Atria Holiday Party and my loving friends there. I so much enjoy the good company, the delicious food served and dancing together with my residents.

We will soon be having ceremonies to dedicate the Trompe L'oeil mural on Maple Drive and the naming of the roundabout after our

beloved village engineer, Walter Handelman, P.E. We have also established a scholarship in his memory with Great Neck Student Aid Fund (see Page 1) and I encourage you to contribute to it as a way to remember Walter and support this worthy charity. He's never too far from my thoughts and I see every day the many positive imprints he has made on this village.

I'm thankful to live in this beautiful community and to be surrounded by a wonderful, competent, professional staff, Trustees and judges in our village. I am thankful for the many blessings and dreams that really do come true. So I offer you my best wishes during this season of love, caring, giving and joy.



Jean A. Celender, Mayor



## Star Performer Awards Presented October 6, 2005

Here is a list of the "Star Performer" recipients and their nominators:

Joan Antonoff nominated three people who work at Waldbaums: Charlie Sladek, for being pleasant, helpful and cheerful to all his customers; Marie Cinelli for being knowledgeable, kind and concerned; and also Linda Flynn for always being willing to help her customers, and "She does it with a smile!"

Stephanie Oquendo of Pancho's, was nominated by Jay Confino for being friendly, patient, warm and accommodating; "Even under pressure!"

Valerie Oliver of Independence Comm. Bank was nominated by Morton Roggen for being going out of her way to make everyone who comes into her bank feel important.

Sam Nektal of Peter's Barbershop was nominated by Richard Shapiro for always being competent, calm, caring and creative when giving a haircut to Richard.

Barbara Harrison of the G N Post Office was nominated by Rosanne Dittersdorf for her professionalism, courteous nature and "caring for her customers 100%."

Joe Campione, manager of Rite Aid Store was nominated by Anne Falk because he is "always anxious to help me, even if the weather is bad he will deliver it personally when he knows I need the item. He is conscientious and deserves to have the recognition as a Star Performer."

Potential "Star Performers" greet you with a smile, are eager to help, treat you with dignity, respect and patience so that it's a genuine pleasure to do business in the Plaza.

If you would like to nominate someone who fits the description of a Star Performer, simply call 482-4500 and ask to speak to Carol Teplin. She will take down the information and let you know when the next Star Performer ceremony will be held. The person you nominate will be called and invited to the ceremony, along with you, the person who nominated them. This is a feel-good program for the whole community; we invite you to participate!



Congratulations to all our "Star Performers"

# Stanton Cleaners Area Community Group Meeting

**NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEGISLATION COMING SOON**

The Village will host a meeting of the Stanton Cleaners Area Community Group Inc. (SCACG) in Great Neck Plaza Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006 for a public discussion of the recently released (November 30, 2005) *Public Health Assessment* conducted by the State of New York Department of Health for the Stanton Cleaners Area Groundwater Contamination Site in Great Neck.

This contamination site is in the Villages of Great Neck Plaza, Great Neck Estates, and University Gardens in the unincorporated Town of North Hempstead. The Plaza has closely followed the clean up of the Stanton Cleaners dry cleaning facility by the U.S. EPA and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation since the contamination was first discovered and a remediation investigation and plan developed for the site in 1997. Mayor Celender is a Director of the Water Authority of Great Neck North (WAGNN), and WAGNN has been instrumental in ensuring the proper clean up of groundwater beneath the facility to protect our drinking water supplies. A packed tower aeration unit was installed and the water is treated to mitigate the tetrachloroethene (PCE, also known as perc) contamination detected in the groundwater. Ms. Shirley Siegal, also a WAGNN Director, and President of SCACG will have a panel of experts available to discuss this latest Public Health Assessment and the future of potential development of the nearby properties zoned for multiple-family apartment buildings. We invite the public to participate in the meeting and learn more on the public health implications and the history of the actions implemented to clean up this site. For further information, contact Mayor Celender at the village, (516) 482-4500, or Shirley Siegal at (516) 466-0427.

In a continued commitment to provide affordable, safe and high quality housing for working individuals and families, the Plaza blazes the trail yet again in addressing new legislation to enable the set aside of a percentage of gross floor area (7.5%) for workforce housing within newly constructed multiple-family apartment buildings in the C-2 District. For the past five months, the Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Attorney have been hard at work to develop an inclusionary zoning ordinance that will provide these units for eligible persons as an incentive to the developer for a 20% density bonus. The Plaza has moved forward with this initiative seeking the guidance and recommendations of its planning consultants, Saccardi & Schiff of White Plains, NY who researched many current affordable housing ordinances and case studies in the NY Metro area to assist the village in its plan. Stated Mayor Celender, "it will enable us to keep our working youth, families, volunteer firefighters and seniors here in affordable rental apartments." Stay tuned for further details!

## RIBBON CUTTINGS IN THE PLAZA

Salon Ruby at 3 Cutter Mill Road opened with a Ribbon Cutting and invited members of the community, family and friends to join them for the festivities! Ruby and Eric will make your hair more beautiful than you ever believed possible. Try them.



The Doctors Janas opened an office at 65 Middle Neck Road with a ribbon cutting. Nodar and Inna are physicians in Internal Medicine and MesoBotique.



Entré Restaurant at 10 Grace Avenue offer a unique menu of salads, soups, wrap and panini sandwiches! Their motto is, "Enjoy yourself, gather with friends, and indulge yourself with the finest desserts." Stop in and say hello to Vince and Dan and their great staff.

If you would like to have a ribbon cutting to celebrate your grand opening, or new management of your operation, or just to celebrate a milestone occasion, call the village at 482-4500 and ask for Carol Teplin. She will help you to coordinate the event and will announce the news to various service clubs in the Great Neck area.

# Instruments Donated for Youth Orchestras in Sister Cities



**Fran Greenberg and Pippa Borisy of the Great Neck Music Center hand a violin to Mayor Jean Celender, Carol Teplin and Pat O'Byrne. Eight violins, three flutes, three clarinets and two trumpets were donated!**

The Village continues to request that our residents donate any used, working musical instruments that you may have lying around your attic, garage or basement. Our mission is to assist less fortunate communities who are hoping to develop youth orchestras.

Presently, Great Neck Plaza's Sister City is the City of Tiberias, Israel. We also got a request from another community, Cartagena, Columbia, to establish a friendship and cultural arrangement there to help the city build the Youth Philharmonic at the School of Bellas Artes in Cartagena.

Great Neck Plaza is a member agency with Sister Cities International, a non-

profit citizen diplomacy networking organization that helps assist cities internationally in forming and maintaining Sister City relationships. The goal of Sister Cities International is to build peace through mutual respect, mutual understanding and cooperation. It assists cities throughout the world in finding and nurturing sister city relationships and providing them with technical resources to strengthen and make these relationships more meaningful.

We have received many generous donations of musical instruments and we will gladly welcome more! Please call 482-4500 for more information, or just bring your instrument to Village Hall.

## Flu Shot Program: A Huge Success!

Working in conjunction with the Nassau County Department of Senior Citizen Affairs, Nassau County Department of Health and the Nassau University Medical Center, the Village of Great Neck Plaza was the site for a community based flu program for senior citizens aged 60 and over.

Distressed at the panic over the lack of available flu shots last year, Mayor Celender researched the situation and advocated for the village to partake of this program. "If I could help our residents acquire this important vaccine, I will provide the staff and the facility to do it," said the Mayor.

On the cold, bone-chilling day of the event, the office staff did not know what to expect. Would the people who registered brave the cold? Would everything run smoothly? Will we have grumpy people complaining about waiting for hours? Will there be a line around the block?

Well, after a frantic, frenetic start, the day went perfectly! There were no lines around the block, people did not have to wait more than five or ten minutes and they were smiling and happy that the village provided this service for them! In all, 147 village residents were given the vaccine and will enjoy a flu-less winter!

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### RESIDENT GARAGE PERMITS

Resident Garage Permit renewals will begin on December 20, 2005. These permits are issued in limited numbers on a quarterly basis, therefore, they are issued on a first come, first served basis. No permits will be issued before the 20th.

If you wish to renew by mail, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, with your check or money order, in the amount of \$90. It is also important to let us know which facility you use. Make sure your name is legible.

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# Co-Op and Condo News

The Great Neck Co-op & Condominium Council heard Kevin Duffy of Hess Energy Marketing talk about Heating Costs and Options for Co-ops and Condos. The purpose of the meeting was to educate Board Members on ways to control the rapidly rising costs in fuel oil and natural gas as a result of the recent devastating tropical storms and the volatile Middle Eastern production.

Kevin informed us about the following causes of increased heating costs:

## Natural Gas Market Update

1. Tight Supply/Demand as a result of limited domestic supply growth opportunities, strong economy, housing starts and electricity generation.
2. Weather is a factor – Winter and summer temperatures have a direct impact on market volatility.
3. Hurricane Activity – Most of our domestic natural gas originates in the Gulf of Mexico and recent hurricane activity has negatively impacted supply

as well as the natural gas process and pipe line infrastructure.

4. Role of Hedge Funds – Natural gas prices increased 150% from December 2001 to February 2004. Natural gas and crude oil futures are being utilized as investment vehicles in hedge funds.

## Fuel Oil Market Update

1. OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has supply quotas
2. World Events – Middle East conflict & security concerns
3. Increase Global Demand – China and India's strong economy
4. Inventory Levels – Larger draws especially increased demand in the NY Metro area. Weather is a factor, an extremely cold winter and hot summer will have a negative effect.
5. Refinery Utilization – Presently near almost 100% capacity – There has not been a new refinery built in the US in almost 30 years. In addition, a significant

percentage of refining capacity was damaged by recent hurricane activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

6. Current US Energy Policy limits energy exploration in environmentally protected areas

There are both Natural Gas and Fuel Oil Product Offerings that can save your building money now and in the future. Kevin discussed how buildings can lock rates for periods ranging 1-3 years, and discussed the pros and cons. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the Great Neck Plaza Village Hall. Our topic: **Recent Changes in Nassau County's Tax Certiorari Laws and How they will affect your Co-op or Condominium.**

2006 Membership cards will be checked prior to admission. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please send a check for \$150 made out to "GNCCC", Attn: Fern Rogers at 75 South Middle Neck Road, Apt. 4C, Great Neck, NY 11021.

## Historic Preservation Commission Guidelines

The Historic Preservation Commission of the Village released the *Guidelines for Property Owners and Residents*, published by the village, with support from a grant received through the Certified Local Government program of the New York State Historic Preservation Office. This handsomely designed booklet contains information that will be valuable to owners and residents of historic sites designated by the village as local landmarks.

The guidelines include information on how sites are designated as village landmarks, how the Historic Preservation Commission reviews requests by property owners for changes to their landmarked building or property, the review process for Certificate of Appropriateness applications and the benefits of landmark designation. Written in simple, easy to understand language, it will be of interest to residents and property owners alike.

There are currently 10 sites designated as local village landmarks. Included are the Bond Street Historic District with five separate buildings, the Grace building at 11 Middle Neck Road, Chase Manhattan Bank, the Long Island Rail Road station, the U.S. Post Office on Welwyn Road and the Community Church. You can obtain a free copy by stopping in at Village Hall or by visiting the village web site at [www.greatneckplaza.net](http://www.greatneckplaza.net). For more information, call Beverly Safian at the Village at 482-4500.

## A "Great" Great Neck Plaza Blood Drive

The Village of Great Neck Plaza ran a blood drive on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005, with the cooperation of several Great Neck community organizations: The Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lion's Club and Kiwanis. The hours of collection were 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The blood that was collected is vitally important to distribute to local area hospitals. Based on our successful drive last year at this time, our amount of recommended pledges needed to reach the goal was 26, but with your help, we processed 42 donors!

As in the past, we depended upon the community for donations of food to make our blood drive "**Great Neck Special**". We thank the businesses below for their community spirit and generosity: LaGioconda and Antonino's Italian Restaurants, Bruce's, The Atria of Great Neck, Village Feast, Best Bagel, Sterling Glen, Poultry Mart, Dunkin' Donuts, Café Rustica and the Bristol.

Thanks to the community for another successful blood drive!

# Cell Phones: Safety Your Most Important Call

Sheldon M. Goodman, Ph.D.

I may have tipped my hand by giving this column the title I did. Well, you are right. Driving safely must take precedence over phoning. When you are on the road you should concentrate on safe and defensive driving and not on making phone calls. The conveniences they provide must be judged against the hazards they pose. Let me quickly add that cell phone users have, with some justification, maintained their right to have cell phones in their vehicles as it provides a measure of security in the event of an emergency. They strongly feel that the laws forbidding their use is not only unenforceable it is an infringement of their personal freedom. Their rallying call is that we need to educate not legislate.

Let me present the issues as I have been able to conceptualize them and let you decide by the time you come to the end of the columns.



**If and under what conditions you will continue to use your cell while driving:** There is a lot of terrain to cover so the topic will be covered in two installments. Let me add a frightening statistic: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports 2,600 deaths and 300,000 collisions each year as being related to cell phone use and these figures are probably underestimates.

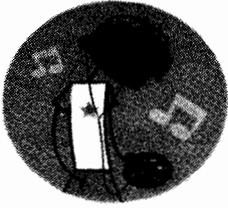
The use of cellular phones has skyrocketed in recent years, [partly due to an increase in their use while driving. The proliferation of information and telecommunication systems for use in cars has made driver distraction a pressing highway safety concern. Driver distraction reflects three major influences: the nature of the in-vehicle device or task, the driving conditions under which the task is pursued, and the individual abilities of the driver. We will be focusing on the task component.

There is little question that there are many distractions occurring in the car. Responsible drivers minimize these

distractions. Few rise to the level of driver inattention as does dialing your cell phone and then conversing or conducting business or engaging in emotionally charged conversations. Human factor authorities tell us that there are basically three kinds of driving distractions. The first is visual. Looking away from the roadway would be an example. We have safety limits of how long our eyes can go off the road. If an action takes the eyes more than about one-and-a-half seconds, you could be put in a hazardous situation. The second is mechanical. This might include manipulating a control such as dialing a cellular phone or adjusting a radio and is often associated with a visual distraction. The third is cognitive. Many of us had the experience of going from point A to point B and not realizing just how we got there or what took place in that time span. Being "lost in thought" or being focused in conversation with someone causes us to withdraw from situational awareness. Researchers are beginning to obtain evidence that shifting from hand held to hands-free phone use while driving does not result in eliminating all cell phone distractions. It addresses the visual and mechanical but not the cognitive. The question is often raised "How is conversing on a phone different from speaking with a passenger in the car?" The differences are two. The first being that a passenger is aware of the driving situation and can even serve as an additional lookout for hazards. The second is that phone use seems to carry a certain element of immediacy. We feel compelled to answer when it rings. We become focused on the call and lose the situational awareness so necessary for driving. Of all the distractions mentioned only the use of cell phones incorporates all three of these demands.

The sheer magnitude of cell phone use differentiates these behaviors. There are well over 90 million cell phone users in the U.S. with about 40,000 being added each day. Recent advances in technology now allow us to check e-mail and stocks, send faxes, view pictures on the built in cameras and surf the web. The technology is in its infant stage and we have seen the development of in-vehicle communication devices for e-mail, internet communications, and electronic navigation. We know as a society we can provide the means to keep in touch with family, conduct business, entertain ourselves, order dinner while driving, but the crucial question is SHOULD we?

Let me leave you with some safety hints until we can complete providing the data for your consideration: 1) when using a hands-free phone avoid the tendency to look at the speaker while talking; 2) assess the traffic conditions before placing or receiving the call; 3) ask your passenger to help change the CD or radio station, if you don't have a passenger wait until you come to a complete stop or until you can pull off the road to a safe, well lit area; and 4) when picking up fast food make the time to enjoy it in the restaurant or take it home.



# Are Our Children At Risk?

By Maria Elisa ACSW, CASAC, CPPCuadra, LCSW,  
Executive Director, COPAY Inc.

As parents, many of us would like to believe that illegal drugs are not easily available in the community where we live. We would also like to believe that our children are safe from drugs. The truth is that all suburban communities have reported drug sales and use in their neighborhoods. Parents need to be aware, alert, and knowledgeable about "what's out there" and how substance abuse problems begin, in order to better prevent a problems from occurring in their children.

The staff of COPAY, the Community Organization for Parents and Youth, Inc, became acutely aware of when drug use begins and who is more "at risk" for addiction when a recent random survey of adult substance abuse clients was conducted. The findings, which were specific to middle class communities in Nassau County, supported and validated national studies conducted by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Addiction.

Significant results for parents to be aware of are as follows: Drug and alcohol abuse, in most cases, begins with initial experimentation. Experimentation typically begins between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Experimentation usually starts with alcohol.

Marijuana is the second drug (after alcohol) used by adolescents most frequently. Children who abuse marijuana are likely (65%) to experiment with household products, such as glues, nail polish remover, correction fluid, paint products, markers, etc. Marijuana is a "gateway drug", meaning that when kids buy marijuana they are buying it from someone who can encourage use and readily make other drugs (cocaine, ecstasy, etc.) easily available.

Drugs are easily accessible in all suburban communities. They're sold and packaged in amounts and at prices that are "affordable" to kids. Drugs are often sold to kids by other kids and at places that kids frequent.

The single most significant predictive factor of whether or not experimentation will become abuse/addiction is a family

history of alcoholism or other substance abuse, including prescription drug abuse, on the part of a parent.

## What A Parent Can Do:

There are things that parents can do to prevent substance abuse in their children. The first and most important is to actively create a "sober culture" in the home. When children see that their parents and other significant adults don't drink in excess and don't rely on alcohol or other substances as a solution to life's problems and stress, they generally don't do it either. Always remember, children will do what they see, not what they hear.

Secondly, help children to develop communication skills, problem solving skills, and basic life coping skills. This core foundation will make it less likely that your child will resort to substances in times of stress.

Thirdly, children get into the most trouble between the hours of 3pm and 7pm. These are typically the hours after school and before parents get home from work. Filling these hours with meaningful and safe activities and structure significantly reduces a child's chances for experimentation.

Fourth, be alert for changes in behavior, changes in peer group, and changes in school performance. ALL of the clients surveyed indicated that the first things to begin changing as a result of their early drug use was their "attitude", their peer group and their grades.

Fifth, if experimentation or abuse is suspected, talk. Don't delay seeking help quickly. Many parents delay seeking help thinking that they can deal with their "family problems" on their own. Remember that addiction is a disease process with progressive stages. Denying that a problem exists won't solve it. Early intervention can prevent more serious problems. It saves families and it saves lives.

The Plaza welcomes the following new merchants to our village. We invite you to drop in and say "hello" to these shopkeepers and peruse their store.

- Aphrodite Jewelry Store, 5 North Station Plaza
- Steven Dann Shoe Store, 81 Middle Neck Road
- Wachovia Bank, Gardens at Great Neck, 20 Great Neck Road
- Quick 'n Fresh Café, 66 Middle Neck Road
- Diamond Essence, 23 Middle Neck Road
- Beneli Furniture store, 117 Middle Neck Road
- Chum Thai Restaurant, 105 Middle Neck Road
- Nirmal Variety Store, 45 South Middle Neck Road



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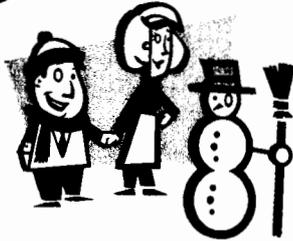
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## Firefighters Honored at VGNP Board Meeting

At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor Jean Celender praised the exemplary work of our Great Neck firefighters and Islam Sarkar in saving the life of a passenger who was trapped in a burning car. The automobile went out of control and hit a gas pump at the Savvy Shell Station at 609 Northern Boulevard. Said Vigilant Ex-Chief Andy DeMartin, "I was driving east on Northern Boulevard when I saw a car come over the gas pumps, sheering off the universal shutoffs. There was an explosion, a conflagration with flames coming off both sides of the car. I put my car in park and dodged across Northern Boulevard, getting clipped by a van in the process. When I got up off the ground, both myself and Islam Sarkar, the gas station attendant, reached the car at the same time. We opened the door and got the woman out of the car. She was in complete shock. Manhasset-Lakeville's speedy response kept the fire from spreading to a canopy and further on to other cars."

Proclamations were presented to Ex-Chief of Vigilant and Vice-Chairman of Nassau County Fire Commission, Andy DeMartin, Deputy Chief of the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department, Jim Dillon, Chief Danny Going of the Vigilant Fire Department, and the following firefighters from Company Three, Manhasset-Lakeville; Dan Cotter, Michael Raines and Jason Nerenberg. A proclamation was also being delivered, by Andy DeMartin, to Islam Sarkar who was unable to attend the Board Meeting for his life-saving efforts.

The Proclamation said in part: "The Village of Great Neck Plaza hereby salutes and gives recognition to you for your bravery, courage, quick response and professionalism in the blaze at Savvy Shell station at 605 Northern Boulevard on Thursday, November 3, 2005. We give our sincere thanks for your selfless, devoted service to the community."



Pictured here are the Mayor, Board of Trustees and honorees.