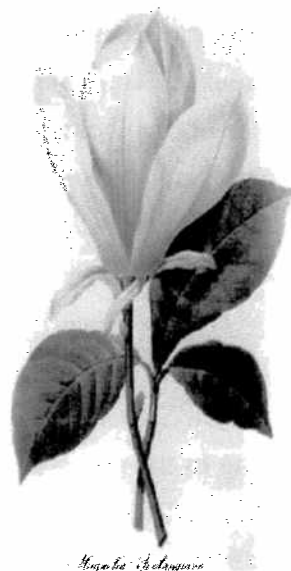


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Joseph Durkin	Angelo Palermo	William Zimmerman
Joy Emanuele	Michael Perkins	

First Executive Committee 1976

President	Walter Schatz, Town of Clarkstown
Vice President	Richard Romano, Town of Newburgh
Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Perkins, Town of Middletown
Members-At-Large	Graham Skea, Orange County
	Charles Connington, Town of Clarkstown
	William Girard, Rockland County YMCA
	Richard Anderson, Rockland County Youth Bureau



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HVLSA Members at the September 2010 meeting and exclusive tour of the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Congratulations!

A very special congratulations to Daryl C. Willenbrink, CPRP CTRS, HVLSA President who recently received the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from NYSTRA! Kudos!

Thoughts to Ponder

"When you do nothing, you feel overwhelmed and powerless. But when you get involved, you feel the sense of hope and accomplishment that comes from knowing you are working to make things better."

~Pauline R. Kezer

Camp Venture Equestrian Program

By: Ken Freson



Camp Venture Equestrian Program's new year-round indoor arena anticipated opening, June 2010.

Camp Venture, a Rockland County based organization for people with developmental disabilities, is building a year-round indoor horse arena. This site served as HVLSA's presentation location in 2008 and now it is a Commercial Member.



Members and leaders of Suffern Cub Scout Pack 23 and Mayor Dagan LaCorte pose for a photo before beginning their clean up as part of Keep Rockland Beautiful, on Saturday, April 17, 2010.

The program offers horseback riding to people with and without disabilities. Lessons are offered on weekday evenings and Saturdays.

Camp Venture's Equestrian Program will be having special sessions during the Spring, Fall, and Winter school breaks for students who are interested in animal care, horse back riding, and barn management. Arts and crafts will also be offered in these sessions.

Farm tours are available to schools during the week. Students can learn about the benefits of horse back riding and horse care, such as grooming and tacking a horse. They may also get a chance to walk a miniature horse. During these tours students are introduced to the farm's border collies and the importance of a working dog on a farm. They are also given a herding demonstration.

Thank You!

Thank you Orange County Arboretum for supplying the beautiful floral centerpieces for our Awards and Scholarship Banquet!

A Visit to Buttermilk Falls Inn and Spa

By: Linda Pilus, M.Ed. ADTR

MeetmeinMarlborough.com really came through for us. It is marvelous when a local businessman welcomes a group of fresh air lovers inside his gates to enjoy his garden paths, the scenic views and farm animals.

On a September afternoon, Dr. Allan J. Pollock of Buttermilk Falls Inn and Spa in Milton, New York, did just that when he welcomed the Fresh Air Club, from one of the group homes that are a part of Hudson Valley Developmental Disabilities Offices.

Grace, Tamara, and Jessica along with advisors; Lynne Frere, DA and Linda Pilus, M.Ed. SRT, really enjoyed exploring this private park. While we walked the wooden bridge and called to the geese and swans, the women described the view as breathtaking and we laughed when Tamara exclaimed, "Why would I want to go home when I can look around this beautiful place!"

We got to collect eggs from the gingerbread style



The village of Suffern Recreation Department partnered with the Suffern Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring a Dinner Dance for adults.

chicken coop. "These eggs will be used for breakfast at the Inn," Allan said, while he gathered feathers from the peacocks for the women to take home as souvenirs. Jessica laughed and grinned all through the walk. She cannot speak well yet she seemed so enthusiastic about seeing animals and swans in the ponds. She seemed to like the little dogs but she wouldn't get too close to the big dog. "Rudy wouldn't hurt you," said our host who owns a chocolate standard poodle. "Just as long as we don't get too close to the beehives, I think we will be all right."

Grace said we must be a "little crazy" to go into the meadow where the llamas lived. But we took a chance and were amazed to have these gentle creatures come up to meet us with their doe eyes and long eyelashes. There was also a herd of a rare breed of goats with a mohair-like coat.

Doc Pollock gave the club a great tour of many of the sites featured at the Buttermilk Falls Inn and Spa which is co-owned by him and his brother, Robert Pollock. The gals had difficulty tearing themselves away to get home for dinner. Not caring if they miss dinner? That is quite unusual for these women from the Vails Gate independent residential alternative. It is truly a testimony to the peace, beauty and healing effect of the Inn and Spa. "Come again soon," said he. And we just might do that.



Orange County DDSO celebrates Hawaii night at Camp Kanawauke, during the camp's 25th anniversary.

~ Our History

Prior to 1975; Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties, Recreation and Parks Society were all part of Westchester Recreation and Parks Society. Then (35 years ago) a group of dedicated and hard working professionals, spearheaded by Walter Schatz, Ed Ghiazza, Angelo Palarmo, and Joe Clarke (to name a few) got together and created our association. The primary goal was to be reflected in the name itself (Hudson Valley LEISURE Services Association) a name fully inclusive with all aspects of our profession; be it recreation, leisure, parks and recreation, or therapeutic recreation so none should be excluded.

On September 12, 1975, an organizational meeting of the association was orchestrated by Walter C. Schatz, Assistant Superintendent of Recreation and Parks for the Town of Clarkstown and Roger A DeSpain, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation for the Town of Ramapo.

HVLSA was recognized as an affiliate of the New York State Recreation and Parks Society at the 1976 State Conference, held at Grossinger's, New York.

In 1979, only four years after our inception; HVLSA was nominated as a candidate for the Outstanding Organization Award at the NY State and Recreation and Parks Conference. Members of our association received and continue to receive awards and recognition attesting to our dedication. Some of the awards received were: The Bob Miner Memorial Award, Special Fellow Citation for Distinguished Service, Outstanding Professional, Lester Simon Distinguished Service Award, and the Life Time Achievement Award.

Over the years, HVLSA became very well known and very proactive across the state and country. Our membership held positions on the state and national levels. Positions such as Mid-Atlantic Regional Council Representative and Chairperson for the National Parks and Recreation Association, Public Relations for NRPA campaigns such as "Life Be It", NYSRPS Legislation, NYSRPS Secretary, President and Trustees...

In addition, HVLSA has three members that have been inducted into the American Academy of Parks and Recreation Administration; Charles Connington and Graham M. Skea, and Richard Rose.

This six county organization (which began with five until Putnam was added in 1995) wrote the original constitution and by-laws, created the initial Awards and Scholarship Program, and began recruiting members. Several of those now retired professionals are still very active with HVLSA; such as Graham Skea, Mike Perkins, and Chuck Connington. Fast forward a decade or two and we're only in the 90's! Now you'll find Richard Rose, as our President, who continues still today to serve HVLSA as Webmaster (www.hvlsa.org) and Co-chair with Tom Quinlisk of our Awards and Scholarships Committee. Following Rich (but not

in order) were Neil Marrin, Elaine Apfelbaum, Anne Coon, Janeen Cunningham, Tom Quinlisk, Paula Gorton, and now me! Although my term ends at close of business today; I am happy to announce that not only will I be joining our infamous hall of past presidents, but I will be serving as President for another term!



FLASHBACK! HVLSA members Paula Gorton and Graham Skea! Thanks for the photo Graham!

35th Anniversary

Established in 1975



Message from the President

Daryl C. Willenbrink, CPRP CTRS

Welcome to our Awards and Scholarship Banquet, and Happy 35th Anniversary HVLSA! I couldn't be more pleased, proud, and humbled by the work HVLSA does for its members, the community, our profession, and for those we most respectfully honor here this afternoon.

This year's Annual Newsletter/Banquet Program is filled with our bountiful history. Additionally, it is filled with the names of dedicated individuals who share in the belief that membership driven organizations such as HVLSA are the ties that bind our profession to the future.

During these 35 years we have:

- * finalized our tax exempt status
- * founded the Downstate Conference (now 15 years old) with other affiliates
- * supported NYSTRA (also 15 years old)
- * hosted excellent Vendors' Showcases which promoted our wonderful commercial sector
- * conducted monthly meetings with exciting presentations and CEU opportunities
- * contributed to the professional development of student and young professional scholarships
- * created a user friendly website
- * Finally, for now; we have created a 2010 "Seed" Money Project scholarship to support the recreation professional who is developing new and innovative outdoor community garden programs.

I would be remiss not to write that each one of the presidents over the past 35 years, including myself would not have achieved success without the hard work of all the board members, the membership at large, and the support of their fellow past presidents.

Congratulations to all the recipients here today, and a heartfelt thank you to all of our founding charter members, past board members, and our membership past and present who keep HVLSA a viable, professional association!



HVLSA members, January 2010, at the Purple Heart Museum in Orange County.



Commercial Member "Movie in the Outdoors" display table at the 2010 Vendors Showcase.

Maser Consulting Develops Trail Plan for Historic Site

Submitted By: Harv Hilowitz

Maser Consulting, a prominent civil engineering and survey firm has announced that it has been retained by the Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon, New York, for Engineering and Landscape Architectural services.

Maser Consulting's LEED accredited Landscape Architect, Justin Dates, has been asked to develop a Trail Plan and an Interpretive Trail Design Report for Mount Gulian, which will include survey, site design, ecological, and permitting services. Mr. Dates brings considerable recreational design experience to the project, backed up by Maser Consulting's strong engineering and survey departments.

Mount Gulian, located on 43 acres off Route 9D in Beacon, is on the Registry of National Historic Sites. It is the site of the reconstructed colonial-era Verplanck Family Homestead and a circa 1720's Dutch barn. Patriot General Von Steuben had his HQ there during the Revolutionary War, and it is the birthplace of the Society of Cincinnati, America's first veteran's fraternal organization. The site includes approximately 33 acres

of woods and wetlands, with views of the Hudson. The site's Executive Director, Elaine Hayes, has hired Maser to develop an interpretive trail, in order to increase access to the wooded area for school groups and the general public.

Maser Consulting offers a wide array of engineering services to cultural, recreational and heritage tourism sites, as well as for municipalities, businesses and public institutions in the Hudson Valley. Services include design, environmental, survey, and structural engineering, as well as landscape architecture and alternative energy services. For information please contact: Harv Hilowitz, Business Development, Maser Consulting 845-564-4494

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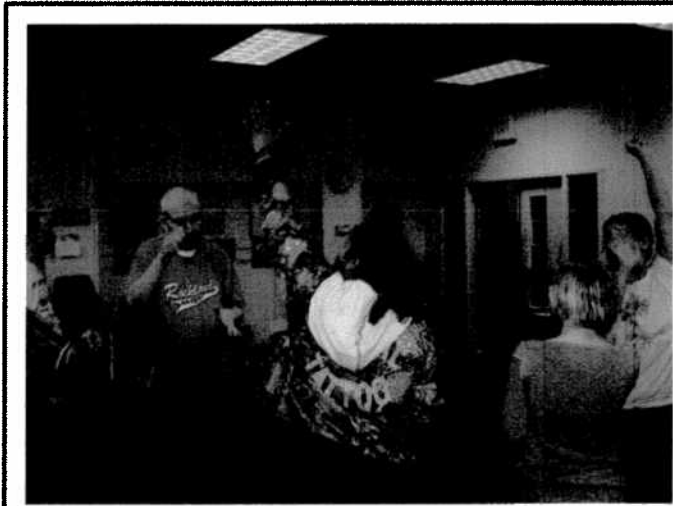


Hip Hop DANCING AT WEST NYACK LIBRARY

By: Rich Howitt, CTRS

A little over a year ago I was told that one of the group homes in West Nyack where I provide recreation services was being converted into a home for young women in their twenties. What a challenge, since most of my 31 years of state service has been working with adults over 40 with developmental disabilities.

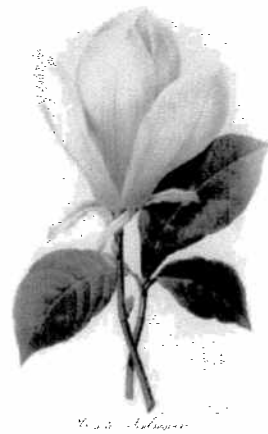
As the girls moved in, I became familiar with their recreation interests and concerns. They all loved music and dancing. When en route to recreation events they would sing along with the radio the whole way there and back! I became familiar with the songs they liked such as Justin Sparks and Lady Gaga. I asked them if they would be interested in joining a hip hop class in the community, which earned a very



Individuals from HV-DDSO join a hip hop dancing class held especially for them at West Nyack Library!



Even the cold weather couldn't keep the young children from gathering eggs at the Village of Suffern 2010 Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Bunny!



Special Olympics athlete Francis with his cadet volunteer for the day, Dustyn, at the Hudson Valley Spring Games West Track & Field Event in April.

response. "Yes!"

I determined early on that these ladies needed more attention and guidance. A class in the community that was properly suited for this population would be most appropriate. At about the same time, I had a house

of very active men who loved music, could benefit from the exercise, and would make a good match for this group of dancers.

I decided to find out if a local library would help me start such a program. It just so happened that the head librarian at the West Nyack Library was very supportive and willing to help. She let us use the library's All Purpose room and found a Hip Hop Dance Instructor with a terrific personality who is

sensitive to this particular population and charges a reasonable price.

Our dance sessions have been a huge success! We meet twice a month for 45 minute sessions at the library. Not only do all the participants enjoy the dancing, but, coincidentally many individuals have acquired library cards and take out books and movies on a regular basis. Our dancers feel comfortable at the library and are always greeted warmly. I believe this is community inclusion at its best!



Scholarship

HVLSA is proud to announce the following scholarship recipients, who possess and apply strong leadership qualities derived from involvement in positive community recreation programs.

\$250 Scholarships

Dutchess County
Samantha Slattery
Arlington High School

Orange County
Ana Vinueza
Chester Academy

Rockland County
Connor Callanan
North Rockland High School

Sullivan County
Taylir Lorino
Liberty High School

Ulster County
Carly Palladino
Saugerties High School

CONGRATULATIONS!





Standing Board (Official & Unofficial)

<i>Past President</i>	Daryl Willenbrink
<i>Historian</i>	Chuck Connington
<i>Webmaster</i>	Richard Rose

Awards

Presentation of Awards

Richard Rose, CPRP

Charles Connington Fellowship Award

Anne Coon

Richard Howitt

Professional Achievement Award

Krista Behrends

Professional Service Awards

Elaine Apfelbaum - 30 Years

Daniel Covert - 30 Years

Voluntary Service Award - Organization

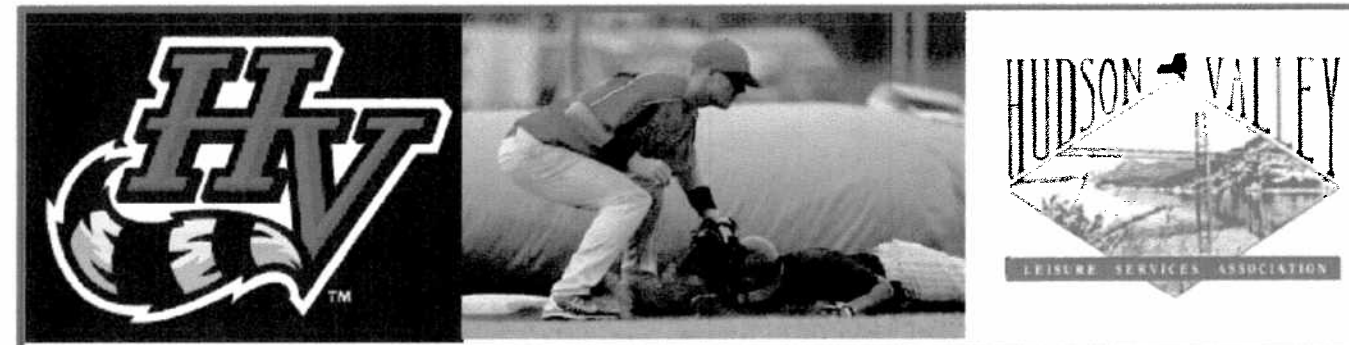
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Voluntary Service Award

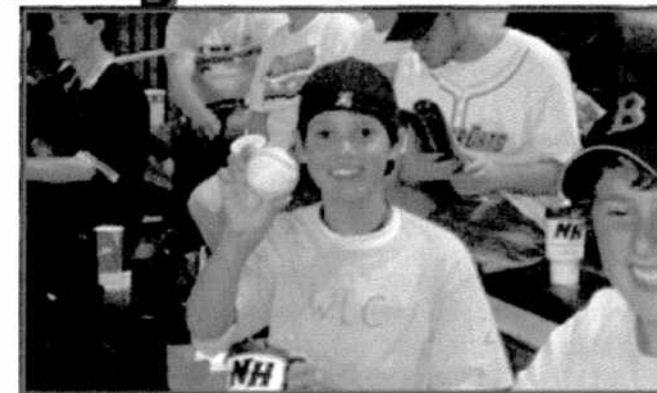
Pat Threm

"Seed" Money Award

Chadsford House



Hudson Valley All-Star Baseball Classic



Join the Hudson Valley Renegades in promotion with the Hudson Valley Leisure Services Association for the third annual Hudson Valley All-Star Baseball Classic, as they team up to raise money for scholarships for students interested in the Recreation Profession. The two teams will be comprised of All Stars from the Collegiate Baseball League, and the game will have everything a regular Renegades game does including in-game promotions, the Renegades Mascots, as well as concessions. This special ticket offer will include game ticket, a hot dog or hamburger, chips and a soda, as well as entry into the Kids Zone featuring inflatable house, speed pitch, slide, and obstacle course. Don't miss out on this great offer, sign up your camp today!

WHEN: Thursday July 22nd, 2010 (Rain Date July 23)

TIME: Gates Open at 10:00am with game time 11:00am

**FEE: \$16 per person (includes food and Kids Zone)
or \$7 just for ticket to the game**

Space is limited so don't miss out, sign up today!
For more information or to sign up please call Kaitlin at the
HV Renegades at 845-838-0094



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1. **Membership Deluxe:** \$95 Open to all candidates. Includes annual dues and (8) HVLSA luncheons.
2. **Commission Board:** \$40 Open to candidates who serve our profession in appointed and elected capacities on boards, councils, and or committees.
3. **Associate:** \$25 Open to the following candidates:
 - ★ Educators – in a structured setting related to leisure, recreation, parks, outdoor and therapeutic education.
 - ★ Municipal/Community – Federal, state or local programs encompassing all facets of recreation.
 - ★ Therapeutic – Serving people with varying levels of ability
 - ★ Commercial – Organization or industry which provides recreation services/ products.
4. **Student:** \$15 Open to Full Time (12 credit minimum) Students majoring in Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and or Therapeutic Recreation.

For more information call:

Hudson Valley DDSO – 845-947-6198 Carmel Recreation and Parks – 845-628-7888
 Clarkstown Parks and Recreation – 845- 639-6200 Orange County Parks and Recreation – 845-457-4910

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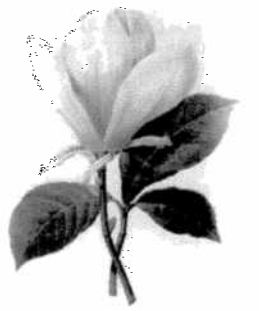
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May 26th, 2010

2010 Awards & Scholarships Ceremony

Welcome

Daryl Willenbrink, President

Election & Membership Update

Banquet

Introduction of 2010/2011 HVLSA Executive Board & Oath of Offices

Presented By:

Graham Skea

Oath of Offices

<i>President</i>	Daryl Willenbrink
<i>Vice President</i>	Lou Fernandez
<i>Secretary</i>	Danielle Westbrook
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tom Quinlisk
<i>Members - At - Large</i>	Anne Coon
	Chip Connington
	Marilyn Silverman
	Steven Olsen