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Volleyball XVI

Saturday, 9/8/12*

GRAND AVENUE BEACH, LONG BEACH
 *RAIN DATE 9/9/12

2011 Stats

- Total Teams - 302
- 4 man competitive - 66
- 6 man competitive - 141
- 6 man recreational - 95
- 4 man competitive winner:
Metropolis
- 6 man competitive winner:
Rockaway Remembers
- Best Team Name - One Flew
Over the Cuckoo's Net



Schedule of Events Volleyball XVI

9/8/12

- 8:00am Check-in Begins
- 9:00am Tournament Begins
- 12:30pm Food Service Begins

Throughout the day:
 Raffles & 50/50 Sales
 Prize Announcements
 DJ, Kids' Tent, SmileyWear
 Sunset:
 Awards Presentation to
 1st Place Competitive Teams



Tournament Aerial View



Michelle



Metropolis
 4 Man Competitive Winners



Rockaway Remembers
 6 Man Competitive Winners

A letter from Carol O'Neill, President

The Michelle O'Neill Foundation is planning its sixteenth annual fundraiser on September 8, 2012, and just as Michelle organized and planned her sweet sixteenth birthday party in 1988 with engraved invitations to all her family and friends, we are preparing a special celebration for Volleyball XVI, and you're all invited!



Last year was by far the largest of all our tournaments, packed with unequalled energy and enthusiasm. We had our "best event ever," and I hope that we can continue with that statement going forward! 302 teams competed across 49 nets, and we raised, with your help, over \$150,000 after expenses to carry out our mission to help families through catastrophic times during their children's cancer treatment.

Following tradition, Deacon Tom Evrard opened the ceremony with a blessing, and John Barnes, the recently appointed principal of Island Park Middle School, was introduced as Master of Ceremonies. Legislator Denise Ford spoke of the importance of the fundraiser and Larry Marquino, along with his family, thanked us for helping his son Danny, who is treatment for brain cancer. Karen Moran, a Quiksilver/Roxy representative and, Lisa Anderson, a pro-surfer donated an autographed

surfboard for use in our raffle. "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Net" won the best team name honor.

Volunteers Rule!!!! In addition to attending countless pre-tournament meetings, soliciting and procuring raffle prizes, organizing and packing team bags, our volunteers accomplished the following: 200 American flags and 75 corporate banners lined the boardwalk. Outback Steakhouse grilled hamburgers and chicken sandwiches for the donors, while EJ Weston played music throughout the day. Delicious hot dogs cooked and sold by our volunteers were in high demand, the proceeds of which were donated to 2 of our very brave and courageous "kids," Andrew and Danny. "Smiley wear" and tickets for our raffle of prizes donated by local and corporate benefactors were sold.

Our raffle including a Disney getaway, a week in Rincon, PR, Manhattan hotel weekends, Hunter and Windham Mt. passes, theatre tickets, golf package, jewelry, bicycle, gift certificates to restaurants, spas, and many others was held mid-afternoon; the 50/50 raffle prize of \$5,800 was shared by 2 very happy Long Beach residents.

The playoffs were beyond exciting as people gathered around the nets and crowded over the boardwalk railings. They were rewarded with Metropolis clinching the four man competitive title, while Rockaway Remembers earned six-man competitive division. There was heightened enthusiasm with Quiksilver representatives participating and additional spectators generated from their Pro Surf Tournament.

Over the past year, the Foundation has been able to help Andrew, Danny, Alyssa, Ty, Kendall, Luke, Michael, Colin and James, among others, by sending distributions from the Foundation to their families to help with expenses not covered by insurance, e.g., co-pays, wigs, mortgage payments, transportation and parking. In addition, we have supported organizations dedicated to serving them, e.g., Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Eagle Mount's Big Sky Kids Camp, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, American Cancer Society and many others. It is only with your help that we are able to fulfill our mission.

I have always thought of our event as a fundraiser with volleyball as our venue, but it has occurred to me that we are indeed a volleyball tournament in every sense of that description....a volleyball tournament with a very special goal, or rather, a special net goal....to help children with cancer and instill hope for their families. I was recently asked what my long-term goals were for the Foundation, and my answer was and still is -- the very same as our short term goals....to help children with cancer for as long and as well as we can.



Lisa Anderson, Pro Surfer with Danny Marquino & Family

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Through the Years.....

Then and now

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Colin Flood

For 6-year old Colin the night of December 23, 2011 was not spent sitting

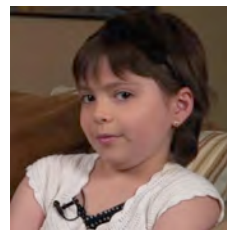
around a lit up tree, talking with his brother about what Santa would bring. Instead, he sat in a hospital bed as he and his parents were told that the seasonal flu they thought he'd been battling was actually something they couldn't even have imagined: Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia. Colin has been in the hospital while undergoing chemotherapy, and doctors said that his best chance of survival would be a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately, his brother was not a match, and a suitable donor needed to be found. Colin is at home now awaiting the transplant. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Colin, his parents -Jennifer and Kevin and his brother Brody.



James Stanton

James is a delightful 10 year old who loves swimming, football and basketball. He is also a cancer patient who was diagnosed with an

inoperable brain tumor, a slow-growing astrocytoma, five years ago. He was initially treated at NYU Hassenfeld with chemotherapy, and is now getting radiation at Winthrop. James is being home schooled. On the advice of his doctor, he will have to take a break from playing basketball during his radiation therapy, and I suspect that he will be very happy to get back on the court. In addition to James' love of sports, one of his favorite things is being covered by a "fresh out of the dryer" warm blanket. The Stantons have been sending us Christmas cards with James' photos over the last five years, and we have enjoyed watching him grow. We are pleased that the Stantons have allowed us to share their little boy, the love of their lives, with you. They are very grateful for the assistance that the Foundation has given them, and we in turn are grateful to all of you for your support.



Kendall Curnuck

Kendall, now 9 years old, was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia in January

2010, and her courage has been an inspiration to young and old alike. When the young residents of Rockville Centre learned of her illness, they wanted to reach out and help. Jolie Creo (12 year old niece of Debbie Mantia, MON Committee member and best friend to Michelle) recruited some of her friends in RVC and organized a lemonade sale that raised over \$2,000 for Kendall. Word spread throughout the Rockville Centre community, and Jeannine Palladino, owner of Jeannine's Boutique, had a "Kindness for Kendall" day. We at the Foundation thank Jolie for introducing Kendall to us so that we too could make a difference in her life by making a distribution to her family. We wish Kendall continued good health in her fight against leukemia.



Gavin Vander Schaaf

Gavin, now 7, had his first surgery for Chiari Malformation just before his 6th birthday

and a second surgery in January 2012. Chiari malformation is a structural problem at base of skull where the lower portion of the skull is too small to accommodate the lower portion of the brain, causes pain and is very difficult to diagnose. Regina, Gavin's Mom, told me that Gavin has a wonderful hopeful attitude and that, even though his pain may not allow him to play sports, he knows he has other gifts. Gavin is in the process of writing his autobiography which he will entitle "Circle of Life" so that other kids with chiari learn more about "their pains" and "regular kid pains." Gavin attends school and has two older sisters, Lily and Marin. We join Gavin in his prayer "Pains pains go away, don't come back another day. Amen."

Big Sky Kids Camper 2011

Erin Bentivegna



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BEACH TENNIS FUN FITNESS DAY



Beach Tennis USA held its 1st Annual Kids' Fun Fitness Day for the benefit of the Michelle O'Neill Foundation on a beautiful sunny Saturday on June 26th last year on National Boulevard Beach in Long Beach. There was a wonderful turnout of enthusiastic young people who were eager to learn and participate in the game of beach tennis. All players were given a T-shirt with their familiar "Fuzzy" logo and were instructed on how to play the game – and play they did. Medals were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

What exactly is Beach Tennis? It's like Tennis except its played with specially designed paddles and depressurized tennis balls on a regulation Beach Volleyball court. 2 to 4 players on each team volley back and forth without letting the ball bounce... it's hard to make a ball bounce on sand!!

Our thanks go to Beach Tennis' Management Team – to Marc Altheim, Founder and CEO and Jim Lorenzo, President. In addition to his work with Beach Tennis, Jimmy "Soul" Lorenzo has been a friend, MC and loyal supporter of Michelle's Foundation. He is "solely" responsible for bringing sound to our tournament for which we are eternally grateful.



The 2nd Annual Beach Tennis/Michelle O'Neill Foundation Fun Fitness Day is scheduled for June 16, 2012. Please check www.monfoundation.org for details; and visit www.beachtennisusa.net to learn more about this new fun sport.

WHEN REGISTERING YOUR TEAM, DON'T FORGET OUR "BEST TEAM NAME" CONTEST!

NEW THIS YEAR "BEST TEAM THEME" CONTEST!



Christmas Crawl for the Kids *By Bill Holtmeyer*



On December 10th, 2011, we held the 9th Annual Drew Eidel Santa Claus Pub Crawl. There were over 240 participants this year, and \$5,800 was raised for the MON foundation.. The Santas crawled to Shine's, The Beach House, JW Trainer's, The Inn, Minnesota's and concluded at The Saloon. The local West End bars/restaurants have embraced and supported this event every year during the Christmas season.



Since the event started eight years in 2003, we are proud to have contributed \$31,770 to the MON Foundation. The first year we had 15 Santa's, and we have grown to over 240 Santa's and other holiday characters. This year's event was another success, and people look forward to this annually as they do the volleyball tournament.

This event is in memory of our good friend, Drew Eidel, who passed away from brain cancer in Dec. 2003 at the age of 40. Drew served his country in the Marines and was a registered nurse at North Shore Hospital. He was a long time popular resident of the west end of Long Beach.



As you know, I coordinate and run the event that continues to grow every year. Frank Schiele, Kenny Leahy and Janice Phillips help me organize it. Ed Phillips and Cindy Duso are a big help during the pub crawl. In addition, the owners of the Inn and Saloon, Eamon Donahoe, Pete Jacataut, JP Kavanaugh & Kenny Jacataut, have made generous contributions for the last few years. John Gallagher, Darren Siff, Tom Corning & Jim Malone from Minnesota's also contributed to the crawl. My thanks to all of them for their support.

The 10th annual Drew Eidel Santa Claus Pub Crawl will be held on Dec. 8th, 2012. All the money will once again be contributed to the Michelle O'Neill Foundation.