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BARRAGA: NEWS FROM THE 11TH DISTRICT

BARRAGA CONGRATULATES THE 11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT'S “WOMAN OF DISTINCTION” – MARIA A. MCNAMEE



Shown above with Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) is Maria McNamee of West Islip

Every March Women’s History Month is celebrated in Suffolk County. Each of the eighteen Suffolk County Legislators select a woman residing in his/her district who best represents a “Woman of Distinction.” A woman who is heavily involved in her community and demonstrates exceptional leadership to represent their respective districts. From the group of honorees, only one is chosen to represent Suffolk County.

Legislator Barraga (R-West Islip) named Maria A. McNamee “2017 Woman of Distinction” representing Suffolk County’s 11th Legislative District.

Maria moved to West Islip in 1976. She and her husband, Frank raised two children and are the proud grandparents of two grandchildren.

Maria began working as a Para Professional for the Special Education Department in the West Islip Public School System and later became a Teacher's Assistant.

She volunteers on the West Islip Country Fair Committee; is Treasurer of the West Islip Orchestra; a member of the West Islip Chamber of Commerce, the West Islip West Islip Auxillary Post # 1738 and a religious ed volunteer at St. Patrick's Church in Bay Shore.

After suffering the tragic loss of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) Maria established the Elizabeth T. McNamee Fund. The fund, in honor of Elizabeth, helps to educate the public and provides support services to those affected by this rare disease. It also supports scholarship programs, community projects, childhood disease foundations and pediatric care facilities.

An annual walk/run race is held in West Islip, on Mother's Day, to help raise funds for the organization. If you would like more information about the fund or annual event please contact the Elizabeth T. McNamee Fund at 631-321-0806.