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Kiwanis Club of Richmond Hill Woodhaven

We meet 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the Avenue Diner in Woodhaven

Richmond Hill Woodhaven Kiwanis Club Sets 32nd Annual Scholarship Awards Presentation June 10

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RICHMOND HILL, New York — Four high school graduates will receive college scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of Richmond Hill Woodhaven at the 32nd Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner to be held Wednesday, June 10, 6:45 p.m., at the Atlantic Diner, 111-16 Atlantic Avenue, Richmond Hill. The Richmond Hill Woodhaven Club awards the Mary Quaid and Joseph V. Iaricci Memorial Kiwanis Scholarships annually based on both academic achievement and service to the school and community. The Club makes two awards, each for \$2,500, to residents of the Richmond Hill, Woodhaven, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills area served by the local Kiwanis Club. Additional awards – each for \$600 – are awarded to qualified Kiwanis-related students who are members of the Key Club at Richmond Hill High School, a Kiwanis youth organization sponsored by the Richmond Hill Woodhaven Club, to a child or grandchild of a member of any other Kiwanis Club in the Queens West Division, and to a relative of a current or former member of the Richmond Hill Woodhaven Kiwanis Club. Since 1984, the Kiwanis Club has awarded \$195,775 in scholarships to assist 145 students with their college education.

The Mary Quaid Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$2,500 each to two area students. The awards will be made this year to Kylie Chow, daughter of Jeffrey and Nina Chow of Forest Hills, and to Raveena Jain, daughter of Chandra and Sharon Jain of Forest Hills. Ms. Chow will graduate from The Mary Louis Academy, and Ms. Jain, from The Kew-Forest School.

The \$600 Joseph V. Iaricci Kiwanis Awards will be presented to Samantha Llanos, daughter of Ricardo and Nancy Bellas Llanos of Somerset, New Jersey; and Bhupindra Singh, son of Manjit and Bhupindra Singh of South Richmond Hill. Ms. Llanos will graduate from the Franklin High School in Somerset, NJ, and is the granddaughter of William Bellas, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Woodside. Mr. Singh will graduate from Richmond Hill High School where he has served as president of the Key Club.

Kiwanis International is a community service organization with clubs in more than 8,000 local communities around the world and in every area of the United States. It is the world's largest sponsor of youth organizations with high school Key Clubs, college Circle K Clubs, and Builders Clubs at the junior high school level. The Kiwanis Club of Richmond Hill Woodhaven has served its community since 1927 and is the oldest Kiwanis Club in Queens, continuing the work of its two predecessor Kiwanis Clubs of Richmond Hill-Kew-Forest and of Woodhaven. Its membership includes local business and professional leaders who meet bi-weekly at the Avenue Diner in Woodhaven.

The Club's community service outreach, in addition to the awarding of annual Scholarships, includes sponsorship of the Key Club at Richmond Hill High School. The Club has also supported many organizations serving the local community, including the Boys and Girls Club of South Queens, Disabled Boy Scouts, Emergency Food Service of the Queens Federation of Churches, Queens Kiwanis Sports Association, Kamp Kiwanis, Woodhaven-Richmond Hill Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Richmond Hill Senior Center, Special Education Programs at P.S. 90, among others.

All four scholarship winners distinguished themselves in service to their school and home communities and have received many honors, including membership in Arista, the National Honor Society, or other similar recognitions.

Kylie Chow will graduate second in her class at The Mary Louis Academy with a GPA of 4.64 (on a scale of 5.0). She plans to major in business at Villanova University to prepare for a career in finance or accounting and, eventually, going on to earn an MBA degree. She was an active member of the National Honor Society, serving as vice president in her junior year, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) and the Varsity Swim Team. She has received the Scholastic Art and Writing Award Gold Key for Drawing, and the Language Other Than English Award from the Spanish Honor Society. Kylie is an Altar Server at Our Lady Queens of Martyrs Roman Catholic Church in Forest Hills.

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Raveena Jain graduates first in her class at The Kew-Forest School with a grade average of 94.9%. She will enroll in Northeastern University to study math and computer science. While in college she hopes to intern at a technology company. She has been president of the school's Math Club, and officer of the Model United Nations, and lead layout editor for *Forester*, the school newspaper. She has raised funds for UNICEF and interned at Auric Real Estate Management LLC.

Samantha Llanos will graduate from the Franklin High School in Somerset, New Jersey, with a grade average of 92%. She will enroll at St. John's University where she is considering majoring in sociology. After graduation she plans to enter the Peace Corps. She was on the Variety Soccer Team, manager of the Varsity Wrestling Team, and secretary of the Student Council. She volunteered three summers as a counselor in training at Safety Town, a summer camp in Somerset, and has worked as a waitress at IHOP and a lifeguard at Carriage Run.

Bhupindra Singh will graduate from the Richmond Hill High School with a grade average of 92.5%. He plans to study at the University of Bridgeport where he expects to major in Criminal Justice to prepare for a career in that field. He participated in a number of school organizations, serving as president of the Richmond Hill High School Key Club, SASF, Boys and Girls Club, and Key Stone. His leadership has been recognized with both the Ambassador Award and the Youth of the Year Award from the Boys and Girls Club, the Art and Science Award, Community Service Award, Presidential Award, and the Law Pathway Student of the Month, among others.

At the Awards dinner on June 10, Madalena Grabos, (2014) Christine Singh, daughter of Vickram and Gautrie Singh (2014), Manpreet Sachdev (2013), Rominie Dyal (2013), Sonya Abadali (2012), Kevin Singh (2012) will each receive the annual installment on the \$2,500 Kiwanis Scholarships which were first awarded in the years indicated. Ms. Grabos, graduated from Townsend Harris High School and is a student at Binghamton University. Ms. Singh, is a graduate of the Forest Hills High School and attends Rochester Institute of Technology. Ms. Sachdev graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School and is enrolled at the New York University. Ms. Dyal is a graduate of the Richmond Hill High School and a student at St. John's University. Ms. Abadali, a graduate of the Townsend Harris High School, and attends Brown University majoring in neuroscience and international relations. Kevin Singh graduated from the John Bowne High School and is a student at City College of the City University preparing for a career as an optometrist.

Jessica Chiu, Analisa Gouveio, and Mark Zink will each receive the second installment of the \$600 Kiwanis Scholarships which were awarded in 2014. Ms. Chiu graduated from the Brooklyn Technical High School and is a student at St. John's University. Ms. Gouveia is a graduate of Richmond Hill High School and attends John Jay College. Mr. Zink graduated from the Wellington C. Mephram High School in Bellmore and studies at Queens College.

The Rev. N. J. L'Heureux, Jr., Executive Director of the Queens Federation of Churches, chairs the Kiwanis Club's Scholarship Committee. Other members of the Committee include officers and members of the Richmond Hill Woodhaven Kiwanis Club: President Antoine McCoy, Secretary Joan DeCamp, and Kate Ann Brennan.

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