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Friday, May 10th 2019

The Muses

The Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 6:00-7:30 PM
- Cocktails & Hors D'oeuvres
 - Ballroom Opens
- 7:45 PM
- Welcoming Remarks – Lisa Meyer Fertal, EEDA CEO
 - Blessing by Father Constantine Lazarakis
 - Video Presentation
 - EEDA Team Leadership Award to Kate Danega
 - EEDA Community Partner Award in Memory of Leonard Dank
 - EEDA Self-Advocacy Award to Seth Kasden
 - EEDA Business Partner Award to Steve Fuoco
- 9:00-10:30 PM
- Dancing
- 9:45 PM
- Auctions Close

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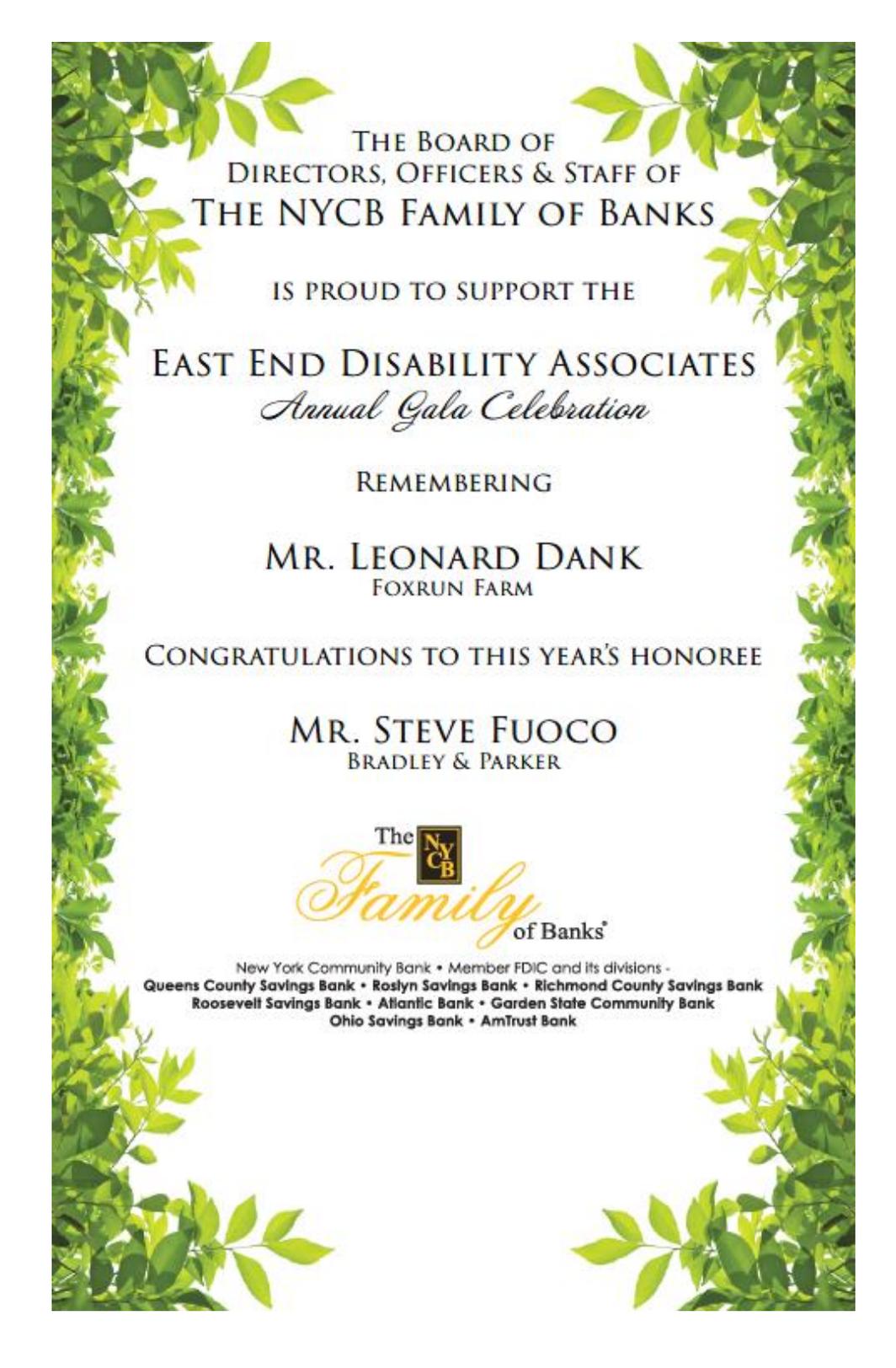
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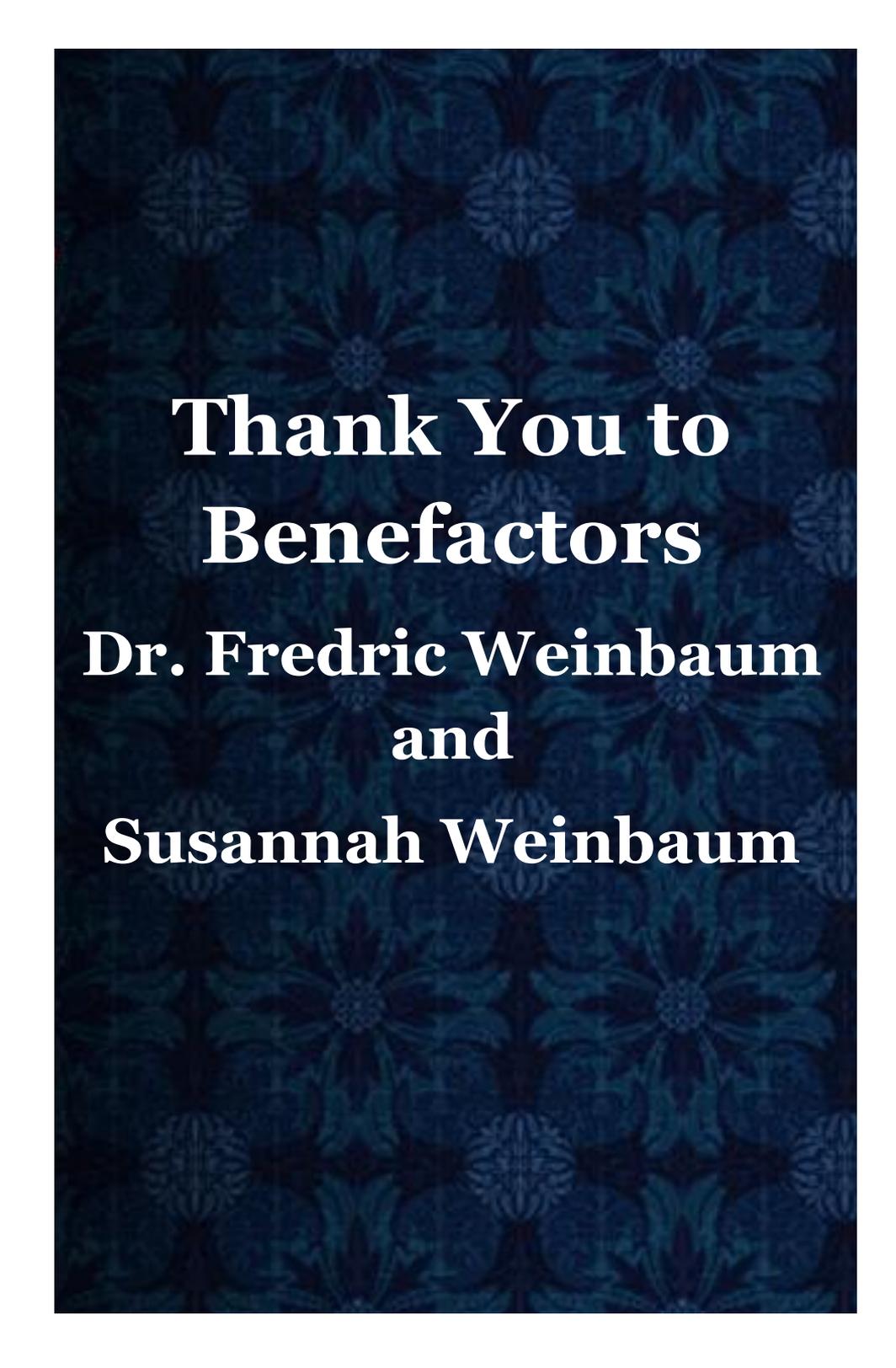
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Mr. Fuoco began his insurance career in 1982, and joined Bradley & Parker in 2008. Steve is a Senior Vice President and the Sales Manager of Bradley & Parker. In addition to his responsibilities of directing and managing the firm's sales efforts, he provides insurance counsel and Risk Management services to many clients, given his credentials as both a Certified Insurance Counselor and Certified Risk Manager. Mr. Fuoco specializes in providing property and casualty insurance for corporations and non-profits, including but not limited to Business Interruption, Product Liability, Professional Liability, and Workers Compensation, both domestically and abroad. He has experience in many sectors including energy, recycling, habitational, restaurants, manufacturers, distributors and professional offices. He has structured complicated programs for his customers using Group and 831b captive programs. An alumnus of SUNY Stony Brook's School of Economics, Mr. Fuoco is a Patchogue Rotarian, President of the Camp Pa-Qua-Tuck Patrons, and Chairperson of Fuoco Memorial Charity Golf Festival. He has received the Boy Scouts' "Good Deed Award" and the Rotary's "Paul Harris Award." Steve is an avid New York Yankee fan and has been very involved in Patchogue Village, where he resides with his wife Jean, having raised their three children Katy, Jim, and Michael.

Seth Kasden



Seth met EEDA in 2002 through his sister Rhonda who was a supervisor for the residential department. At that time, Seth was 25 and lived at home with his mother in Deer Park. Rhonda assisted Seth in getting an Individual Support Service grant allowing him the necessary support to move into his very own, first apartment in Riverhead. Seth was working at Jiffy Lube in Deer Park, when he moved he transferred to the Riverhead location. Seth always took the time to tell people about EEDA and how his life had changed with their support. This positive advocacy brought EEDA new employees, some of whom have been with us for years. Seth has a strong work ethic and a desire for advancement which led him to seek a better job opportunity at Stop & Shop, where he is responsible for a variety of important tasks. Seth is liked and respected by his coworkers, appreciated by his supervisors, and loved by his customers. Seth met his girlfriend Desiree in 2011 through friends at EEDA. They enjoy spending time together and have developed a loving, healthy relationship. They can always be seen at EEDA social events and baseball games where the two scream louder than any other fans. Seth is an avid sports fan and he often hosts wrestling parties at his home so he and his friends can enjoy the matches together. Seth is very independent in his life but often credits his success to the Community Habilitation staff that assist him. However, the staff and those who know him will tell you that Seth and the support of his family believing in him is the reason for his success. Seth is truly one of a kind. He is always willing to help someone in need, easy to have a conversation with, and encouraging to others. He has said many times, "I love to make people happy." Seth has no idea how easy he makes this!

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Leonard Dank



Leonard Dank was a Cornell and Harvard educated Medical Illustrator who was well known and respected. In the late sixties he and his wife Beryl moved to Cutchogue where Leonard became enchanted with farming and fell in love with horses through his daughter's interest in horse-back riding. The Danks bought a 25 acre cornfield in Cutchogue and built a house, a barn, fenced in the pastures, and called it, "Foxrun Farm." Over the years, there were many barn managers and riding instructors who worked with hundreds of people at the farm. A few years ago, Leonard and Beryl became interested in learning about the therapeutic benefit of horseback riding and founded the North Fork Therapeutic Riding Program (NoFoTRIP). NoFoTRIP is a charitable organization which serves and supports developmentally disabled children and adults through therapeutic horseback riding and non-riding equine assisted activities and therapies. Rev. Roger Joslin of the Episcopal Church introduced Leonard to Lisa Meyer Fertal of EEDA where a strategic partnership quickly developed and continues to be mutually rewarding. Although Leonard and his wife Beryl are now gone, his daughter Mia Jealous-Dank, her husband Steve Amiaga, and their daughter Sarah will continue the legacy created by them.

Kate Danega



Kate fell in love with people with intellectual and developmental disabilities as a teenager when she babysat for her neighbor's daughter who had Down Syndrome. Her grandmother encouraged Kate to pursue her interest in supporting people with disabilities as a career. After receiving some preliminary training, including an American Sign Language class, Kate began her 30 plus year career supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Kate has worked as a direct support professional at the Long Island Developmental Center, AHRC, the education system, DDI and EEDA. Kate joined EEDA in the early years through her life-long friend Lisa Meyer Fertal. Kate immediately bought into the mission and the grass roots efforts with a vision to provide support and services in a way that was unique to every individual. She began at the After School Program, was the first staff member of EEDA's 8 person Day Habilitation Program, and has worked in program management, and currently offers her theatrical and musical talents at the Creative Arts Program. Soon Kate will be moving to the residential program where she will support five young women in their new home. Kate avails herself of every education opportunity and has graduated from the College of Direct Support and EEDA's mentorship program. She's always quick to volunteer for special events at EEDA and can be depended upon to vacation with EEDA at the Winter Clove Inn and lend her support at the Surfers Healing event. Twenty years later, Kate continues to teach life skills, plan community outings, manage problems all while celebrating victories large and small with those she supports. She is unique and beautiful person who has helped EEDA create a culture of kindness and surpass the vision of years ago. We appreciate her and her commitment to the human service field where she makes everything better just because she is there.





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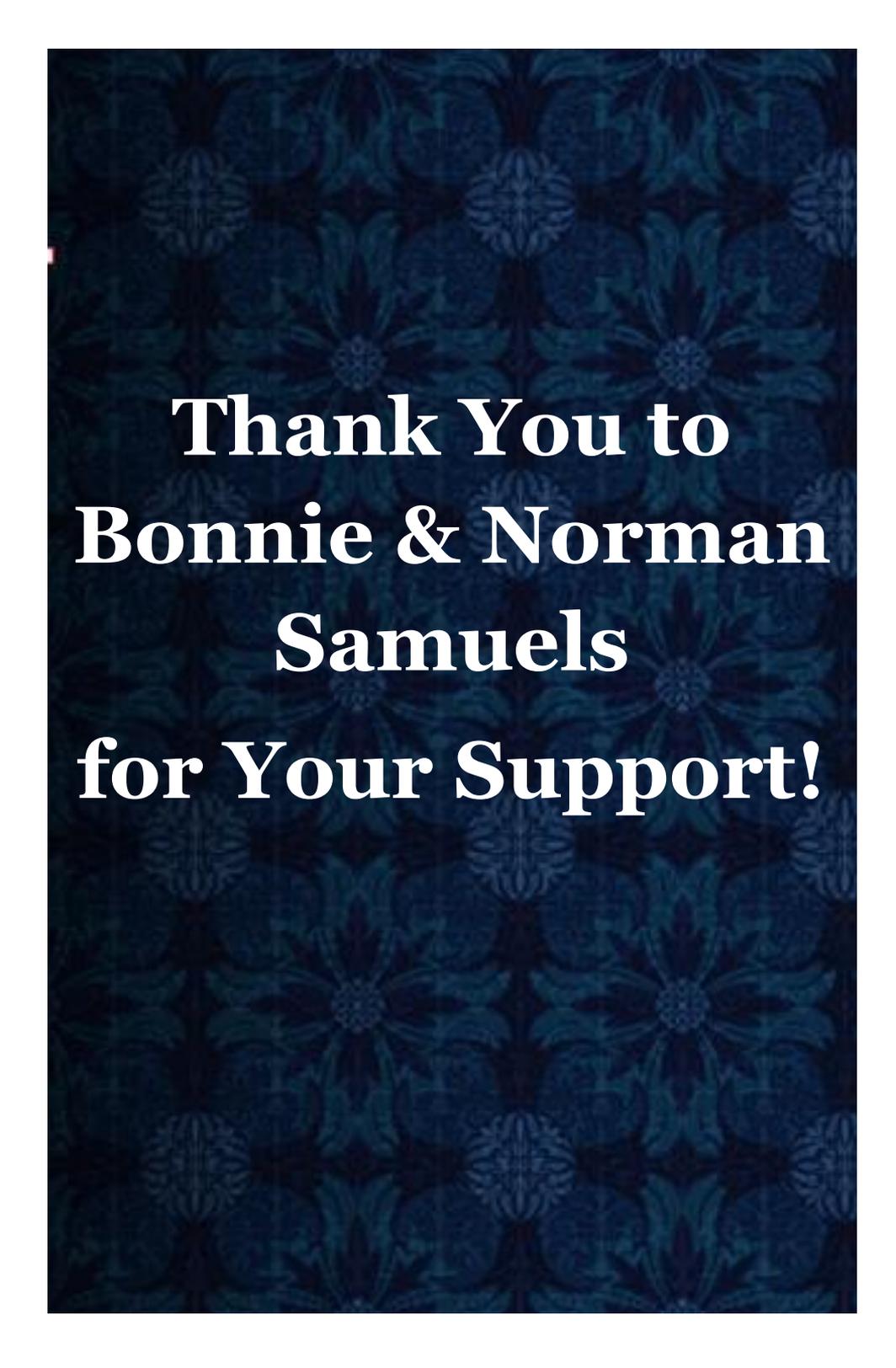
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