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Relay For Life a Great Success in West Islip



Relay For Life in West Islip -Pictured L to R-: Bob Ulrich, Co-Chair for West Islip Relay for Life and Trustee of West Islip Board of Education; NY State Assemblyman Andrew Raia; NY State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino; Barbara McAteer, Featured Speaker; Jake Ulrich, Co-Chair for W Islip Relay for Life; Superintendent Bernadette Burns, West Islip School District; Thomas F. Barraga, Suffolk County Legislator; Steve Gellar, President of West Islip Board of Education.

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Barraga (R-West Islip) indicated that the second Relay For Life to raise funding in the fight against cancer was recently held in West Islip and was a great success. Since the first Relay For Life was held in 1985 in Tacoma, Washington the Relays have gone worldwide and a total of \$5 billion dollars has been raised to help in the fight to eradicate this disease. The West Islip Relay For Life drew over 800 participants many of whom were cancer survivors and individuals who have lost a family member or friend to the disease. Everyone who attended this 12 hour event was there to help contribute to the eventual eradication of cancer. "The Relay raised tens of thousands of dollars and was held in the memory of Ms. Janine Perroto a wonderful person and a great teacher who taught first grade for 27 years in the West Islip school district." -said Barraga