

# LJCC Annual Meeting: New Officers Elected; Awards Presented

The 26th Annual Meeting of the Sandra & Leon Levine Jewish Community Center was held on the evening of October 10. The event, featuring elections, honors, desserts, and a delightful video, was co-chaired by Elise Kosofsky and Roni Fishkin.

Elise delivered the D'Var Torah to over 100 guests and staff members, encouraging them to continue to find the passion and light which will allow them to give more and receive more from their life experiences.

Three long-time members of the Board of Directors have stepped down from their positions. David Van Glish, President of the LJCC Board of Directors, recognized and thanked David Berger, Roni Fishkin, and Jill Newman, for their many years of committed service. Each was presented with a beautiful mezuzah, created by Gwen Orland in the LJCC Ceramics Studio. Gwen is a very talented artist, and the LJCC is privileged to have her as our Fine Arts Coordinator.

The 2012-2013 Nominating Committee - Larry Schwartz, Michael Baumstein, Wendy Petricoff, Chantal Rubin, and Michael Sinsheimer - were recognized and thanked for their diligent efforts. David then presented the proposed slate of Officers and Directors to the general membership. The 2012-2013 slate, including four new Directors, was unanimously approved as noted below.

**Officers:** David Van Glish (President), Michael Baumstein (Vice President), John Box (Vice President), George Cronson (Vice President), Elise Kosofsky (Vice President), Mark Lerner (Vice President/Treasurer), and Larry Schwartz (Past President).

**Directors:** Judy August, Glenda Bernhardt, Andy Cohen, David Cohen, Gene Daumit, Jeremy Davids\*, Justin Lan\*, Stuart Goldstein\*, Staci Mond, Elaine Moody, Mark Perlin, Chantal Rubin, Jon Simon\*, Peter Smul, Robert Valenstein, Kim Wójnowich. (\*New Directors)

In giving the President's annual

speech, David referred to the sermon he had heard during Yom Kippur. In that sermon, Rabbi Murray Ezring spoke about the importance of interacting with people face-to-face. Rabbi Ezring had read the lyrics of Harry Chapin's song, "Cat's in the Cradle," to illustrate his point.

Though communication today is often in the form of emails, tweets, and texts, here at the LJCC, it's all face-to-face. We provide opportunities for interaction with our friends, loved ones, and other community members. David emphasized that the personal relationships that develop each day at the "J" make it a very special place. Members are always coming together at the pool, summer camps, Oasis, and the fitness center. The Butterfly Project, theatrical performances, JTribe and JTeam, among other programs, provide priceless opportunities to form and strengthen



Phil Berman, CEO of the LJCC; Judy August, member of the LJCC Board of Directors; Irving Bienstock, Volunteer of the Year; David Van Glish, president of the LJCC

bonds between friends and within families. New friendships are built on the tennis courts and in the pottery studio. Each program and activity succeeds in building the strong families and lasting friendships that make up a thriving Jewish community.

David thanked Phil Berman, CEO of the LJCC, the LJCC Board of Directors, and the LJCC staff for all their hard work this

past year and for their continued commitment to the LJCC.

Program Service Awards were then presented to the following outstanding volunteers:

- Sharon Taubman (Butterfly Project)
- Andrea McCleary and Barry Sherbal (Oasis)
- Esther Thompson (Soccer)
- Marissa Brooks, Lori Handler, Tina Rogovin, Marlene Rosenzweig, Michelle Rusgo and Stacey Slomka (Theater)

Irving Bienstock received a standing ovation as he was named Volunteer of the Year for his devotion to the Butterfly Project. Irving, who survived the Holocaust as a child, has displayed courage, strength, and commitment in recounting his story to a new generation.

Suly Chenkin also received a standing ovation as she accepted the President's and Executive Director's Award. In presenting the award, Judy August reminded us that Suly could have been a butterfly - one of those 1.5 million children murdered in the Holocaust who are memorialized through the Butterfly Project. Suly was honored for her passionate and tireless support of the Butterfly Project and for her eloquence and sensitivity in presenting her story as a Holocaust survivor.

Phil Berman, CEO of the Levine Jewish Community Center, fondly recognized the five year anniversaries of staff members Shellie Barer, Linda Dabak, Jessica Myers, Tim Whitener, and Jodie Iagnocco.

Daphne Williams was honored for her extraordinary 20 years of service at the LJCC.

Lyn Addy, Linda Dabak, and Kristi Fallowes were singled out as outstanding employees for 2012.

The highlight of this wonderful evening was a video of our Oasis seniors hard at play. Incredibly, they staged a Flash Mob performance at the Morrocroft Harris Teeter on a sunny September morning. The seniors, many of whom rely on walkers, canes, and oxygen tanks, sang and danced their way into the hearts of all who were watching as they performed their "You Make Me Feel So Young" routine. Many thanks to Jodie Iagnocco, Ilana Levin, and the management of Harris Teeter for making that whole event possible.

The evening ended on this happy note. Everybody exited humming, "You Make Me Feel So Young." ☆

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Get your tickets today!

Tuesday, January 15

6pm

Pre-Reception  
Knight Theater  
• \$250/person  
• \$360/couple

7:30pm

Cuts from the Director's Chair  
Knight Theater  
• \$45/person  
Dessert reception to follow.



Lee Hirsch, critically-acclaimed documentary film director, will speak candidly about his movie, *Bully*, using over 20 film clips.

Wednesday, January 16

9:30am\*

Location for Jan. 16: Levine JCC @ Shalom Park  
5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC 28226

Keynote 1: "Creating an environment of caring at home & at school" by Barbara Coloroso, internationally-recognized author. For parents of children of all ages.

11am\*

Parents & teachers, choose your workshop:  
Workshop 1: "What do I need to know about cyber bullying?"

Workshop 2: "When is bullying really bullying, or is this just normal kid behavior?"

1:30pm\*

Workshop 3:  
"The preschool dilemma - at home & at school"

3:15 pm\*

Keynote 2: "Change in the Classroom"

4:15pm\*

Parents & teachers, choose your workshop:  
Workshop 4: "Middle school madness"

Workshop 5: "High school conversations that lead to change"

Workshop 6: "The Responsive Classroom -- Bully-proofing your classroom"

\* Sessions are open to parents, teachers, administrators, counselors and community members. \$75 for morning or afternoon, \$125 for entire day. Lunch available for purchase.

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