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Rossiter to be honored at golf outing

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As society continues its steady trek back towards normalcy, the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk (VNSHS) is still on the front lines in the fight against coronavirus (COVID-19) and in hospice care.

The process of VNSHS getting back to normal is taking a step forward with its 17th annual Golf Classic at Indian Hills Country Club in Fort Salonga, Monday, August 2 at noon. This year's golf outing will honor Dan Rossiter, a Commack resident and President of the Huntington-based Rossiter Financial Group.

"It's truly to an honor to be recognized at VNSHS' golf outing this year," Rossiter said. "I was elected to the board a couple of years back, but I was surprised when Susan asked me. The first thing I was hoping for was that people would show up, but we've gotten an outstanding response so far. It looks like the course and dinner are going to be packed, which should help us raise a lot of money for the organization."

"We're excited for our golf classic and look forward to it being more of a normal format than last year," said Susan Bruder, VNSHS' Director of Development. "We were able to have it last year, but we had to use different tee times and couldn't have a reception. This year, we're back to a shotgun start, and will have lunch with beverages on the course and a cocktail reception and dinner at the end of the day. It's something golfers always look forward to, and we're looking forward to as well. It's an opportunity to connect with the community, give prizes to golfers and recognize our honoree."

This year's honoree is Rossiter, who serves as President of the Rossiter Financial Group. With more than \$350 million in assets under management, the firm provides wealth management, retirement, employee benefits, Medicare and social security planning.

"We're very excited to honor Dan Rossiter," Bruder said. "He and his family are very supportive and close friends of the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice House of Suffolk. He's a member of our foundation board, and his father [Timothy] was a member prior to Dan. He knows firsthand the care we provide, because we've cared for his mother and a close friend of his. He's helped raise critical funds for us and has helped spread the word."

Dan Rossiter

A Commack resident, Rossiter learned firsthand of the VNSHS' services, as it provided hospice care for his mother, Jane. "My mom was diagnosed with ovarian cancer 15-years ago, and she chose to stay home rather than go to a hospital," Rossiter said. "VNSHS had nurses come into our home and I can't say enough good things about them. Death is never easy, but they made it easier for our family and my mother in the way they took care of her in the last weeks of her life."

VNSHS also cared for other people close to Rossiter. "My wife's aunt was diagnosed with Alzheimers years ago and VNSHS did a great job helping their family," Rossiter said. "My neighbor [Jeff Galluzzo] was diagnosed with cancer at 46-years old and he went to the Hospice House in the last weeks of his life. It's fortunate VNSHS was there for the last weeks of their lives and I can't say enough good things about the care they provided."

Because of the aid VNSHS provided his family and friends, Rossiter decided to get involved with the organization, and is currently a member of its board. "My dad [Tim] and I have played in the golf outing every year," Rossiter said. "We sponsored golf carts and a foursome each year and were impressed with the people from the organization. My father eventually became a board member, and when he retired and moved to South Carolina he asked me to consider
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MAN OF THE HOUR: Dan Rossiter, the President of Rossiter Financial Group in Huntington, will be the honoree at the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk's Golf Classic at Indian Hills Country Club in Fort Salonga, Monday, August 2.

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Lily O'Heir earns Lions Club Scholarship

The Huntington Lions Club is such a firm believer in Lily O'Heir's potential for success that the organization has presented the Huntington High School Class of 2021 member with a \$5,000 scholarship award to help defray college related expenses.

A delightful young woman who has impressed everyone in the school community, Ms. O'Heir will be attending City University of New York – Hunter College plans to study either social work or psychology.

A member of Huntington High School's National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Social Studies Honor Society, English Honor Society and Italian Honor Society chapters, Ms. O'Heir was named a Distinguished Senior after compiling an academic average of 90 or better during the first seven semesters of high school.

Ms. O'Heir said her success comes from "setting goals and taking action to achieve them. A key player on the Blue Devil varsity tennis team for many years, the teenager said she "made some amazing friends while learning how to work hard" and came to realize that "success does not have to happen immediately."

The new Huntington alum will long be remembered for her stirring performance at the K-Factor talent show with Los Tres Amigos. A finalist in the Long Island flute competition, she was also chosen to participate in the Girls Leadership Worldwide program.

The mission of Lions Clubs International is "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

Visiting Nurse Board Member Honoree of Golf Classic

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joining the board and I jumped at the opportunity. After everything they did for my mom, my buddy and my wife's aunt, it was the least I could do."

The Rossiter mantle on the board being passed from father to son was something Dan also appreciated. "My dad is a great guy and is well known in the community of Huntington," Rossiter said. "He was the grand marshal of Huntington's St. Patrick's Day Parade. To step into his place at VNSHS is a tremendous honor, and I'm proud to continue our family's tradition with them."

Although one of the newest members of the board, Rossiter enjoys the work he does with the organization. "The interaction I've had with the other board members has been great," Rossiter said. "Everyone on the board are good people. I may be new on the board, so I do more listening than talking, but I find it a tremendous learning experience. We meet once a quarter. We even met during COVID using Zoom. We even have a meeting this Thursday, and I'm looking forward to helping the community."

Rossiter was born in Brooklyn, and briefly moved to Deer Park before settling in Commack for his high school years. He graduated from St. Anthony's High School in 1992 before attending Oswego State, where he graduated in 1996. He worked for Oppenheimer Funds from 1998 to 2002, working at the World Trade Center in New York City, but when 9-11 happened, he decided to move back to Commack and go into the family business.

"I love the people of Commack," Rossiter said. "We've got some tremendous people on the block where we live. We hang out all the time and go on vacation together. I just played in a golf outing with some of my neighbors and their sons. After spending half my childhood here, I'm also familiar with the area. On top of that, my three kids go to Commack schools. It's a great district with a lot to offer."

The President of Rossiter Financial Group is also proud to have his business in Huntington Village. "Huntington Village has a little bit of a New York City feel, which I love," Rossiter said. "Once you're in the village, you're in walking distance to anything you need. I usually go down there on the weekends with my wife."

A summer tradition

The golf outing is now in its 17th year, making it one of the longest-running golf outings in the area. "We have such loyal supporters, starting with our co-chairs of our Golf Classic, Bob Cogliati and Ron Duswalt. Ron founded the classic, and he and Bob have remained involved since the beginning," Bruder said. "Thanks to their support, alongside our strong committee, are the driving force in its continued success."

The fundraiser is one of the most important community events for the VNSHS each year, according to

Bruder. "As with any event we do, it's an opportunity to raise funds while spreading the word about the world of the VNSHS," she said. "Not many people are aware of our hospice services until we need them, but this event 100 percent supports our Hospice House. It runs on a deficit every year, and this helps fill that funding gap."

The pick to honor Rossiter has been met with acclaim by the community, as spots in the golf outing have already sold out, according to Bruder.

"I'm so appreciative to my friends, family, colleagues" Rossiter said. "The response we've gotten is spectacular. I couldn't be more thankful for all the support the VNSHS has gotten."

"The response has been strong so far," Bruder said. "Dan has done a lot of outreach to the community and the response has been terrific. He's extremely well-respected, and many people are coming out in support of him as well as the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice of Suffolk. We already have a record turnout of over 100, which we're really excited about."

Each golfer will receive a special gift bag that includes a water bottle from Caminiti and Cogliati, gift certificates to Champion Car Wash, and other gifts from the First National Bank of Long Island and the VNSHS.

"We're very appreciative of the golfers who come out to support the event, as well as our gift bag sponsors," Bruder said. "We appreciate how the community gets behind the event, whether it's our golfers, sponsors or over 20 volunteers the day of the event, who do everything from check-ins to raffle tickets."

The Golf Classic will be held at the Indian Hills Country Club. "Indian Hills does a wonderful job for us each year," Bruder said. "They're always very warm and welcoming, with a very professional staff."

Golfing will begin at noon with a shotgun start. There will also be special awards and competitions, including the top three teams and longest drives for males and females. Prizes for the competitions include over \$1,000 worth of gift certificates to Indian Hills' Pro Shop.

"It's always exciting to see who wins," Bruder said. "It's a friendly competition. Both the golfers who have been with us for many years, and the new golfers, want to win."

Mercedes Benz of Huntington is also sponsoring a hole in one competitions that include a three month lease on a Mercedes Benz C-Class, a vacation for four to the Lajitas Golf Resort and Spa in Texas, and a Callaway shopping spree.

"They've been great supporters of us for several years," Bruder said. "We're grateful for all they do for us. It adds a special wrinkle to our classic each year."

Following the golfing, a reception and sit-down dinner will be held where Rossiter will be honored and the prizes will be given out. "We're very pleased to have it," Bruder said. "It gives golfers

a chance to connect at the end of the day, while recognizing the golfers and your honoree. We're also going to follow safety guidelines, and the Indian Hills staff has been very accommodating with working with us on it."

There will also be raffle drawings for gift baskets at the dinner. The baskets are worth at least \$150 each, and can be worth as much as \$300. Prizes include tickets to the John W. Engeman Theater, a chance for a foursome to golf at Indian Hills, spa baskets, restaurant gift certificates and gifts for children.

"We know this year has been tough in so many ways for everyone, and we are so appreciative the community can come back and support us, whether

it be by golfing, volunteering, or sponsoring our raffle prizes," Bruder said. "We appreciate everything they do to make this event a success."

As the golf outing draws closer, Rossiter said he is looking forward to it. "I can't wait to get everyone together from my circle of family and friends," he said. "I've been blessed to have a good amount of family and friends, and to get them all together in one room will make for a very special and exciting day."

Rossiter also has high hopes for the day. "I just hope we can raise a lot of money for such a great organization," he said. "I also hope I can represent them well."

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