

Greetings,

Our Leonard Victor Competition was a huge success. What an assortment of great images, the judges were rearing to go, and the Ethical Humanist Society had readied itself for us. Several volunteers assisted with the room set-up and the refreshments. Our youngest helper, Thomas, Manny Cardoza's son, Suffolk, has assisted at different events and is always so helpful. Joanna Gazzola and members of Nassau Club provided an assortment of delicious refreshments. Judi McLaughlin, Huntington, added to the feast with salmon and lobster dips!

Huntington's newly-elected president, Mike Kelley, and Club members were thrilled with their six winning awards out of 21 images! Dick Hunt, Wantagh, finished in first place in three categories: Digital, Color Prints, Black/White Prints. This was a first for PFLI! During this season, Dick received 5 - 27's and finished with a 26 average in Color Prints "A." People were asking about Dick's camera!!! It's not the camera ... it's the photographer!

Nassau had 3 winners, Freeport and NY Bronx Botanical/Zoological each had 2 winners, and 1 winner each for: Great Neck, IPG, Lindenhurst, Syosset, Sweetbriar. Congratulations to all the winners. Thanks to all who played a role in making this afternoon so special!

Andrew Kurchey missed the Leonard Victor Competition .. he was home recuperating from surgery and is doing very well.

PFLI new Officers

President	Dorothy Gist, Flushing , Southeast Queens
1st Vice President	George Favale, Huntington
2nd Vice President	Charles Giallanza, Suffolk
Treasurer	Verdell Lawton, Southeast Queens
Recording Secretary	Ellen Gallagher, Nassau
Corresponding Secretary	Dick Hunt, Wantagh

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John Brokos, Freeport  
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Ron Caldwell, Flushing, Southeast Queens  
Joanna Gazzola, Nassau  
Suzan Goldstein, Great Neck  
Pat Hutcherson, IPG  
Pat Walsh, South Shore

Thanks to out-going Officers, Board Members, Presidents, Delegates. Welcome to the newly-elected team ...we lookforward to working with you.

Congratulations to the photographers who progressed from B to the A group ... we'll look to your continued success.

The June 26, 2009, meeting of Delegates and Board will not be held. Our next meeting will be Friday, September 25, 2009, 8:00 pm, when Presidents and Delegates discuss plans for next season.

We ended our season in very good financial shape ...thanks to all who supported our Spring Spectacular with Adam Jones. Jim Grant, Freeport, worked with me in creating a budget for this season and it will guide us as we move into next season.

The Education Committee had a successful season with our photo classes where we averaged 50 attendees. Several attendees had no camera club affiliation, thus provided a great recruitment opportunity for clubs.

The Education Committee has announced plans for PFLI's partnership with the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library for photography classes. Through this partnership our free monthly photography classes will be held in the Library's Auditorium on Sunday afternoons, starting October 11, 2009. This is a win-win situation for the PFLI and the Library ...let's spread the news.

Our next Photorama will be held on Sunday, October 18, 2009, with exhibits only ... we'll start at 9:00am and conclude at 1:00pm.

Watch for Web details on all up-coming PFLI events.

Dick Hunt continues to appeal for club programs to post on our Website ... we stand ready to assist you with the advertising of your programs. Let's celebrate with Nassau County Camera Club on their 75th Anniversary.

I'm very encouraged with this season's success and I'm proud to be FLI President. We accomplished much and you played a major role. We could not have progressed so well without you ...your input ... your support. Thank you!

Have a great summer ... see you in September.

Dorothy Gist, President