



**Special
Olympics**
New York

Message from Special Olympics New York
Long Island Regional Update



BECAUSE OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS

"There is no better feeling than being a volunteer for Special Olympics. The joy you get to witness on the athletes faces is life changing."

Jessica, Volunteer

February 16, 2017

SPORTS

Winter State Games
Poughkeepsie
February 17-19

Bowling Tournament
Bowl Long Island at Patchogue
March 25

Aquatics Tournament
SUNY Maritime
April 1

Basketball Tournament
New Hyde Park High School
April 22

Basketball Tournament
Westhampton Beach High
School
April 30

Spring Games South
Bellport High School
May 7

Spring Games North
Bethpage High School
May 20

Basketball Tournament
PAL Athletic Complex
June 3

Summer State Games
Siena College, Albany
June 16-18

For more information on these events, please click [HERE](#) to see our full calendar of events

Greetings!

Good luck to all our Long Island athletes competing this weekend! The Special Olympics New York State Winter Games will take place this weekend, February 17-18, in various venues throughout the Hudson Valley. Nearly 900 Athletes and Coaches will be on hand from across the state to compete in the State Winter Games. Athletes have trained for at least eight weeks in their hometowns and competed locally and regionally to qualify to participate at this level.



1st Annual Splish Splash Polar Plunge



LONG ISLAND'S WATERPARK

FUNDRAISING

Town of North Hempstead
Polar Plunge
North Hempstead Beach Park
March 4

Town of Oyster Bay Polar
Plunge
Tobay Beach
March 18

Splish Splash Polar Plunge
April 1

Law Enforcement Torch Run
Eastern Leg
June 1

Law Enforcement Torch Run
Nassau & Suffolk Legs
June 6

Gold Coast Tour for Champions
Golf Outing
Old Westbury Golf & Country
Club
July 17

Knights of Columbus Fishing
Tournament
MarineMax Marina,
Lindenhurst
July 30

Great Cow Harbor 10k Race
September 16

Town of Brookhaven Polar
Plunge
Cedar Beach, Mt. Sinai
November 18

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events, please see our
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We are excited to announce that we will be having our 1st Annual Splish Splash Polar Plunge at Splish Splash Waterpark in Calverton on Saturday, April 1st. This is no April Fool's Joke!! Join us as we run into the chilly water of the wave pool and raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York!! Sign up today by [clicking here!](#)

Last month, the **Edward Smith Mineola Lions Club** presented Special Olympics New York with a generous donation. We are very thankful to them for their continued support of our athletes!



Meet John Cronin, founder of John's Crazy Socks, and Special Olympics New York - Long Island Athlete!

John's Crazy Socks was inspired by and co-founded by John Lee Cronin, a young man with Downs syndrome who has a love of colorful and fun socks and likes to do for others. He teamed up with his father to create an online store, that focuses on the three S's: Socks, Service and the Special Olympics. Why Special Olympics? Because John is a Special Olympics New York athlete and they donate five percent of their earnings to the Special Olympics. Be sure to check them out on facebook @Johnscrazysocks!



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A message from our athlete!

Dear New York State Council Knights of Columbus,

It was really fun seeing all of you Monday at the Islander's game . I wanted to say thank you for all you do for us athletes and your continued support to Special Olympics . You guys are all wonderful :). Also, you all have a good sense of humor :).



Keep being awesome,
Love Special Olympics Athlete, Jessica Spitz

Have a great weekend,

Diane Colonna

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Join us for our 2017 March Plunges!!!

Registration is Open



13th Annual

Town of North Hempstead Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 4

Click [here](#) to Register!!

4th Annual

Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 18

Click [here](#) to Register!!



**Nassau County
Special Olympics'
Sports Night Dinner Dance**

Saturday, February 25th



Steve Driscoll 866-779-3770
Tony Marengo 516-764-3157

SAVE THE DATE!

**Gold Coast Tour for Champions Golf Outing
Monday, July 17, 2017
Old Westbury Golf & Country Club**



**For foursome and sponsorship information,
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PROGRAM UPDATE

Save the Dates!

Spring Games South
Sunday, May 7th
Bellport High School

Spring Games North
SATURDAY, May 20th
Bethpage High School

