

Triumph

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Special Olympics
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Jake does it Again

Inspiring young man doubles his efforts for Special Olympics

Jake first became a staple in the hearts and minds of Special Olympics New York last year when he mailed in a letter and \$60 that he had saved up all year to donate to SONY. This is what he said last year, "every week my parents give my sister and me a \$3 allowance, we get to spend \$1 on whatever we want, we have to put \$1 in savings and we have to set \$1 aside to give to charity." Because of Jake's love of sports he wanted to donate his money to Special Olympics New York.

Jake's generosity sparked a BE LIKE JAKE campaign that raised \$1,000 in its first hour and went on to inspire even more people to give. "Jake is an incredible young man," said Neal J. Johnson, President and C.E.O. of SONY. "Instead of spending

the money on video games or sports jerseys he created sports opportunities for our athletes."

The story could have easily ended there, but Jake is still going. This year he sent SONY another letter shortly after the holidays and again he wanted to donate his money to help create sports opportunities for SONY athletes, but there was a big difference this year.



Jake with new friend Alyssa Scroope at the 2004 Winter Games.

This is what Jake wrote: "Since December '04 I have been trying to double last years \$60, I came close. I hope the \$110 enclosed can make a difference. As I said

last year it makes me feel good to help the people that can't compete in the events I can. At the '04 Winter and Summer Games I met some of the nicest people I have ever met. I hope the money helps."

But Jake and his family weren't done there, his Mother decided to match Jake's \$110 donation bringing it up to \$220. "What an inspiring young man," said Johnson. "Thanks to his generosity SONY athletes are getting the very best. We could all take a lesson from Jake and double our efforts this year for our athletes," says Johnson. "Just like last year everyone should BE LIKE JAKE. We can all make a difference."

If you would like to BE LIKE JAKE, please contact Laurie Kennedy at 585-271-5151 or by email her at belikejake@nyso.org

Getting Ready for the Games

Winter Games just around the corner

The Special Olympics New York 2005 Winter Games, presented by P&C Food and Pharmacy, will be in Syracuse February 11th-13th. Nearly 1,000 athletes and coaches will compete in seven Olympic-style events including floor hockey, alpine skiing, nordic skiing, figure skating, speed skating, snowshoeing and floor hockey skills.

Even before the Games get underway there will be plenty of excitement in Syracuse. On Wednesday, February 9th, athletes, coaches, volunteers and fans will be at the War Memorial at Oncenter to enjoy "Special Olympics New York Night" and see the Syracuse Crunch take on the San Antonio Rampage. SONY Figure

Skaters will perform their routines in front of the fans at intermission.

Two days later the Opening Ceremonies will be held at Driver's Village Conference Center, in Cicero. Most of the competitions will take place at the Oncenter Complex on Saturday, with the exception of alpine and nordic skiing and snowshoeing. Highland Forest with host nordic skiing and snowshoeing, while alpine skiing will take place at Toggenburg Ski Center. The Closing Ceremonies and the Victory Dance will also take place at the Driver's Village Conference Center, in Cicero on Saturday night. Come and be apart of the action. Be inspired and let the Games begin!



For a complete schedule of the events visit www.specialolympicsNY.org. The Special Olympics New York Winter Games presented by P & C Food & Pharmacy are also sponsored by Niagara Mohawk, A National Grid Company, The New York Lottery, New York State United Teachers, Advance Auto Parts, The Gifford Foundation, HealthNow, Welch Allyn, Sunny 102 and Tobacco Free Sports.

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A Message from the President

Neal J. Johnson is President & CEO of Special Olympics New York, Inc.



As we quickly approach our first State Games of the year there's a lot to be excited about. As we return to Syracuse, these Games will showcase the extraordinary athletic abilities of more than 800 athletes. We've

always enjoyed great support from the Syracuse community, whether it's from sponsors, coaches, or volunteers and we always know that we'll be treated well when we come to town.

These Games are special for two

additional reasons. First, these games will be the last bit of preparation for our 20 athletes that will be representing SONY and the United States in the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Second, this is the first State Games for the newly formed Central New York Region.

Of the 20 athletes that will be competing in the World Games the largest contingent is from the North East Knights floor hockey team out of our other newly formed region, Hudson Valley. These 16 athletes have been practicing and training for the World Games and they're ready for the opportunity to compete on the world stage. It's amazing to think that just one year ago this team was competing in the Winter Games in Ellenville

and won their division, which made them eligible for the World Games.

We also have two alpine skiers and two nordic skiers who will be competing in the World Games. Our Alpine skiers are Deborah Dempsey from the Hudson Valley Region and Daniel Ritzenberg from the Capital District Region. Our nordic skiers are Andrew Beyel from the Central NY Region and Donna Grillotti from the Long Island Region. These athletes will be facing the best of the best in their respective events and we know that their efforts will make all of us proud.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the Winter Games! ■



Richard Salinardi was recently elected as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors for Special Olympics New York. Rich has been a member of the Board of Directors for 6

years and has been involved in Special Olympics New York for almost 30 years. Rich was one of the founding members of the Staten Island Area program in the early 1970's and was an Area Coordinator for many years. As the new Chairman of the Board of Directors, Rich wanted to formerly greet all of our Triumph readers.

Before I step into my new role, I must first acknowledge the contributions of

my friend, colleague and mentor former Chairman of the Board, Tony Bifaro. Over the past seven years, Tony has been wholly committed to going above and beyond for Special Olympics New York. Tony's unique style of leadership, organizational skills and professionalism has galvanized our Board and driven SONY to become one of the best Special Olympics programs in the world. Along this journey, Tony navigated us through some very difficult times, using his expertise and charisma to help the Board formulate effective solutions. He kept the Board focused on its responsibilities and, at the same time, challenged the members to increase their involvement in SONY. Tony's success has made it possible for me to seamlessly transition into this prestigious role.

My mission as the new Chairman is to carry on with the same sense of purpose that Tony displayed. Over the years, I have served SONY in several different capacities.

I have been a Board Member for the past six years. I am the current Chairman of the Awards Committee and I am a member of the Executive Committee. In addition, I've been fortunate to serve as Area Coordinator for Staten Island for almost 30 years. Hopefully these experiences will prepare me for my new position.

I'm looking forward to working with the members of our Board who share so many talents and have a rich history with SONY. I'm confident that the Board will be able to provide the support and guidance that our President and C.E.O., Neal J. Johnson, and his staff will need as SONY transitions from an area approach to a more strategic, regional focus throughout the state.

SONY is first and foremost about athletes and their programs. Let us do our very best to make SONY even better than it is today. Let The Games Begin!!! ■

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Inspiration for Special Olympics Passes Away

Rosemary Kennedy dies at the age of 86

Rosemary Kennedy, the oldest sister of former President John F. Kennedy and the inspiration for Special Olympics died Friday, January 7, at the age of 86. She died in a Wisconsin hospital with her brother, Senator Edward Kennedy, and her family at her side.

Rosemary Kennedy, the third child of Rose and Joseph Kennedy, was born mentally retarded and underwent a lobotomy when she was 23. She lived most of her life in a Jefferson, Wisconsin institution, The Saint Coletta School for Exceptional Children.

Born Rose Marie Kennedy on September 13, 1918, in Boston, she was known as Rosemary or Rosie. In her own diaries before the lobotomy, she chronicled a life of tea dances, dress fittings, trips to Europe and a visit to the Roosevelt White House.

As Rosemary got older, her father worried that his daughter's mild condition would worsen. Doctors told Joseph Kennedy that a lobotomy, a medical procedure in which the

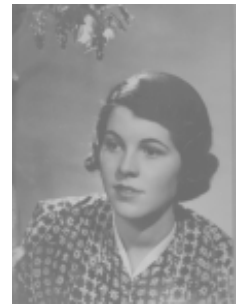
frontal lobes of the patient's brain are scraped away, would help his daughter.

In a statement from the Kennedy family said, "Rosemary was a lifelong jewel to every member of our family. From her earliest years, her mental retardation was a continuing inspiration to each of us and a powerful source of our family's commitment to do all we can to help all persons with disabilities live full and productive lives." The family also said, "We know our parents and our brothers and sisters who have gone before us are welcoming her joyfully home to heaven."

Inspired by Rosemary, all the members of the Kennedy, Shriver, Lawford, and Smith families have devoted enormous energy to enhancing the hopes and dreams of people with intellectual disabilities. In 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded Special Olympics, a movement devoted globally to developing the sports skills of

people with intellectual disabilities and to showcase those skills to the world. "Rosemary was a wonderful sister in every way. She had an enormous impact on my life, and was a daily source of inspiration, courage, and love. Her gifts to me and to my family are and will remain immeasurable" said Mrs. Shriver.

"All of the Shrivers and all of the Special Olympics family around the world will miss Rosemary's love and her influence on the world. Her life and her example will continue to be our daily inspiration. We loved Rosemary, but gather great strength from our faith and from the sure knowledge that God will bless her with great joy and eternal life." added Timothy P. Shriver, Rosemary Kennedy's nephew and the Chairman and CEO of Special Olympics. ■



A Message from Tim Shriver

The scope of the tragedy resulting from the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean is impossible to truly comprehend, especially with the known loss of life increasing daily. Our thoughts and prayers are with the people of those countries directly impacted by this event.

We have received many inquiries about the status of our Special Olympics family members in the affected areas. Most of those countries have active Special Olympics Programs and, in recent years, our leaders there have been working to grow and further strengthen the movement as part of our global campaign. We are aware of the possible loss of only one Special Olympics Athlete, Ms. Malathy Joseph, who won a silver medal in basketball at the 2003 World Summer Games in Dublin, Ireland. She and her mother remain on the missing list from Chennai (Tamil Nadu State), India. Both of them and their family are in our prayers.

Of course the most urgent need for these countries is for humanitarian aid, and there are other organizations that are providing that support. Nonetheless, many members of our Special Olympics family in these areas

are struggling now and will continue to struggle to sustain their work on behalf of our athletes, families and volunteers. Since our athletes are frequently the most neglected population during times of crisis, it is critical that we do whatever we can to help ensure the continued benefits that Special Olympics offers through sports training and competition. Just as importantly, it is critical that we help sustain the belief that hope and joy can and will, somehow, be restored. In some ways, in times of crisis, the example of our athletes is all the more important.

In response, we have decided to focus our efforts on supporting the rebuilding and future stability of the Special Olympics Programs in the aftermath of this devastating disaster. Many have already offered to help, so for them and for others we are creating the Special Olympics Rebuild Hope fund. The Fund will work to ensure that Special Olympics Programs survive in these devastated countries — survive so that they can continue to provide the joy and acceptance of Special Olympics sport. In other times of disaster, Special Olympics

has not invited contributions to devastated areas but, sadly, our Programs have suffered tremendously in those situations. This time, we will do our best to be helpful. After all, we cling to the belief that in many situations, Special Olympics is the only hope for self-respect and inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities. And we hold on to this belief, now more than ever.

If you wish to support Special Olympics athletes in these countries, please make a secure online donation at <https://ssl.charityweb.net/specialolympics/> or mail your contribution, marked Special Olympics Rebuild Hope, to Special Olympics, Inc., 1133 19th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-3104. All funds received will be designated for the Programs in the region most in need.

As always, I send you the thanks of everyone in our movement for all you do every day to keep the spirit of Special Olympics alive and growing.

Sincerely,
Timothy Shriver

Song from New York Will Inspire World Games Athletes

Capital District Region Father and Son team up to share their joy

Dee Meese and his son Joe-Dee love music. They love writing; singing and playing music and now their passion will be shared with thousands of Special Olympics athletes, coaches, and volunteers at the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. Dee, a poet who has been writing music for several years, says his son is the driving force behind him and it was Joe-Dee's enthusiasm that started this journey.

Joe-Dee, 23, proudly displays the medals he won at the Special Olympics Winter Challenge Games at SUNY Cobleskill. "He loves to dance, is always smiling and brings smiles to those around him. He's my P-R man," says Dee. "Everybody falls in love with him."

Dee and Joe-Dee live in Schoharie and were recently in Nashville, Tennessee for the Nashville Songwriter's International Association song camp. "My son and I were performing in a song circle one night," said Dee. "That's when a good friend of mine, Dave Wulfeck, couldn't help but notice Jo-Dee singing his heart out." So Dave, seeing that Jo-Dee was into music, asked Dee and Jo-Dee if they would like to work on a song about Special Olympics. The pair thought it was a great idea and they worked on the song for months. When it was complete Dave came up from North Carolina, put some finishing touches on it and recorded the song at a family member's studio.

The song, entitled "Everybody Wins", begins with the Special Olympics athletes' oath. The song speaks of all the things that make Special Olympics and the athletes great: their hard work, sportsmanship, compassion, and their joy of competition.

After the song was recorded the group sent it to Special Olympics International in Washington, D.C. and to the Organizing Committee for the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano, Japan. A few weeks' later organizers from the World Winter Games contacted Dee to let him know that the song will be played at the Olympic Village during the games. "I have always wanted to express the love of these athletes," said Dee. "The message of the song is to not only encourage special athletes, family and

friends but to help educate those who do not quite understand these beautiful people. For us to know that thousands of people will hear our song is beyond our wildest

dreams. As songwriters, we are honored to know that so many will hear the song and hopefully get the message." ■



From left to right: Songwriters Dee Meese and Jo-Dee Meese, from Schoharie, and Dave Wulfeck, from Reidsville, North Carolina.

EVERYBODY WINS

Intro

Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

Vs. 1

As the athletes step up to the painted line.
Their eyes are focused on the goal ahead.
They take off running, one falls to the ground.
The others pick him up then charge the line together hand in hand.

Lift

The crowds on their feet and they're going wild.
A wave of cheers breaks over them and leaves a sea of smiles.

Chorus

Laugh and sing and share the joy.
Of each brave girl and boy.
Let the Flame of Hope shine in.
Light the torch and let the games begin.
Come join the team where EVERYBODY WINS.

Vs. 2

Medals flashing dancing in the sunlight.
Colored ribbons gently blowing in the wind.
Faces beaming as fans come streaming from the stands.
With hugs for all the champions surround by their friends.

Lift

Each ones a winner and we all know.
That inside every one of them there shines a heart of gold.

Chorus

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Letter to the Editor:

Tom Fucigna has been with Special Olympics New York for more than 15 years. Tom's a coach in Queens, who came up with an idea to make practice more fun for everyone.

As the current Floor Hockey season gets underway, I am reminded of the final practice of the last season. Following States, where I had four athletes competing in Floor Hockey Skills, I wanted to do something special for all my athletes and their families. I thought: A pizza party? A donut and soda party? Presentation of mementos? No, too obvious. And then it hit me – let's do an athlete/parents unified competition.

The athletes practice all season, the parents sit and watch all season on the sidelines. Why not keep the athletes on the floor and get the parents out there on the floor and off the sidelines? I started the practice, as usual, with warm-up exercises. I set up the three skills venues around the gym floor. And then, and only then, I invited the seated parents to pick up a hockey stick and join the athletes on the floor. I informed them that "Tonight you are going to join the team in competition." After the initial shock and surprise by athletes and parents, laughing and cajoling by the athletes, the parents did come out on the floor. Well, needless to say, some of the parents surprised us all with their skills while others were coached and coaxed by the athletes. All assembled, ran through the skills and had a wonderful, fun-filled time.

At the end I awarded everyone an achievement sticker and each went home a winner.

Tom Fucigna
Coach, New York City Region

Thanks for the letter Tom.
Don't forget to send your letters to the editor. Submit letters to Eric Wohlleber, Special Olympics New York, 504 Balltown Road, Schenectady, NY 12304, or email them to ewohlleber@nyso.org.

Study calls for More Attention for Disabilities

Commission urges President Bush to expand opportunities for Americans with Intellectual Disabilities

A presidential commission recently issued a report on the status of people with intellectual disabilities in the United States. The President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities issued its report in January. The common theme from the report asks President Bush, that if he's serious about an ownership society, he should expand opportunities for the millions of Americans with intellectual disabilities.

The President's Committee found that the United States treats people with intellectual disabilities better than almost any other country in the world, but that we still have a long way to go. Of those with intellectual disabilities, 26% drop out of school, only 15% go to post-secondary education and 90% are unemployed. More than 700,000 of these citizens live with their parents who are 60 years of age or older.

The commission offered common sense analysis and suggestions. "A great challenge before our government and society is to will a public safety net that not only permits persons with intellectual disabilities to pursue economic and personal freedom, but also leads them to achieve it in a systematic way. This can only be accomplished in a culture that goes beyond mere toleration to one that warmly welcomes and appreciates persons with intellectual disabilities." The report went on to say that a major emphasis is needed to change public perceptions. That many people still believe those with intellectual disabilities are not capable of dealing with the everyday facets of life. The commission calls on President Bush to play a more active role as "a spokesperson in a national campaign specifically targeted to school-aged children and employers to change negative attitudes toward people with intellectual disabilities."

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Special Olympics, Timothy Shriver says President Bush should expand this bully pulpit to the international sphere: perhaps a United Nations speech to showcase American efforts as a lodestar for the world. ■

Former Syracuse Football Coach Honored

Pasqualoni credited for work with charities, including Special Olympics

Former Syracuse University Football Coach Paul Pasqualoni was a finalist for The State Farm Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award. The Selection Committee nominated Pasqualoni, Kik Ferentz (Iowa), Urban Meyer (Utah), and Joe Taylor (Hampton) as finalists for the award. This distinction honors Robinson's legacy as a coach and mentor.

In its eighth year, the State Farm Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Award has honored coaches for their teams' excellence and the leadership they have demonstrated on the field and in the community. All Division I-A and I-AA coaches were eligible. Coach Eddie Robinson led Division I-AA Grambling for 57 seasons and recorded 408 career wins.

Former Syracuse Football Coach Paul Pasqualoni led the Orange to nine bowl games and three 10-win seasons during his 14 years at Syracuse. Through his leadership, his teams won three straight BIG EAST titles from 1996 to '98, and earned a share of its fourth league crown in 2004. Pasqualoni and his wife, Jill, have served the community benefiting various organizations. They support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and he has worked with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central New York, National Kidney Foundation of CNY and a local Boys and Girls Club. Pasqualoni's example has led his players to get involved by reading to students in elementary schools, building with Habitat for Humanity, and participating in Onondaga County Special Olympics ceremonies.

Although Pasqualoni said he was honored by the nomination, Utah's Urban Meyer was announced the winner. Utah's general scholarship fund received a \$25,000 donation. ■

TORCH RUN TIMES

Law Enforcement Torch Run News

Polar Bears Plunge for Special Olympics New York

LETR establishes a new relationship with well known Polar Bears

New Years Day was an unexpectedly mild one on the beaches of Coney Island in Brooklyn. It was also swarming with Special Olympics New York athletes, coaches, volunteers, and staff members.

This year marks a new relationship between SONY and the Coney Island Polar Bears. The Polar Bears have been diving into the Atlantic Ocean every New Years Day since 1903 in a tradition that brings with it a lot of fun and a lot of attention from local, national and international media.

The day started very early as the Polar Bears and SONY staff got to the boardwalk to set up for the crowd. Cones had to be put up to keep the swimmers in a designated area and the spectators in a place where they could stay dry. By late morning the crowds descended on the boardwalk. The brave swimmers, who pledged and plunged, received a wristband entitling them to a breakfast, which included coffee, hot chocolate, muffins, and yogurt. In addition they received a day of event access pass to the New York Aquarium.

As part of the celebration the Metropolitan Transit Authority ran a special train called the "Centennial Polar Bear Express." The train is a vintage R1/9 train which has Truman Era cars built in the 1930's and 40's. The "Centennial Polar Bear Express" picked

up travelers in Manhattan and Brooklyn and delivered them to Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island and the Polar Plunge.

Around 1 p.m. the more than 600 swimmers who signed up were led by a colorful band down the boardwalk. After they got the signal the wave of swimmers threw themselves into the frigid Atlantic Ocean keeping the century-old tradition alive. As far as the weather went, it was one of the warmest New Years Day's in recent memory, but it was still cold enough to send shivers down the backs of those people who watched from the beach. In all, New York City Police Officers estimated that there were 5,000 to 6,000 people on the boardwalk for the event.

Louis Scarcella, President of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club, says it was a fun filled day, "I had fun all day long, it was like I was 6 years old all over again. The Polar Bears had a great day and we're so proud to be apart of such an inspiring movement like Special Olympics New York." He went on to say, "We had a great crowd, I spoke to people who've been coming to the New Years Day polar plunge for decades and they said that it hasn't been that crowded and that exciting in 50 years." Louie says that he's up for reelection as President of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club in April and that if he gets reelected, "I'll do everything in my power to make sure that we keep our relationship with Special



Olympics New York for the next 102 years." "It was a great day," said Director of Development Jeanne Grebert. "The weather was agreeable, everyone had a great time and we also raised money for our athletes. We hope this is the start of a long time relationship with the Polar Bears, we thank Louie and all the Polar Bears for their help and support and we look forward to working with them in the future." ■



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Meet the Co-Chair

Chief Richard Carey carries the torch for SONY

 Glens Falls Police Chief Richard Carey has been serving and protecting citizens for 30 years and he loves his job. He also loves being involved with Special Olympics New York. Chief Carey has been the Co-Chair for the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for more than two years, but his journey started long before that. "I first got involved with LETR back in 1988," said Carey. "I was a captain and second in command of the department and my chief at the time knew I was a runner." Carey's Chiefs Association was encouraging members to get involved with LETR. "Inspector Joe Ricotta, with the New York State Police, was holding a meeting in Schenectady to build support for the LETR," says Chief Carey. "So I attended and the rest is history." That was also the first year LETR ran the Adirondack Leg.

Chief Carey's journey to SONY started 30 years ago when he graduated from

Hudson Valley Community College with an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. Shortly after that he joined the City of Glens Falls Police Department as a Patrolman and quickly moved up the ranks. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1986 and then Captain in 1988. In October of 1994, Carey was appointed as the Chief of Police where he oversees 30 sworn members.

If being Chief didn't keep him busy enough he is also a member of the Zone Five Regional Law Enforcement Training Center Advisory Board, the New York State Law Enforcement Telecommunications Committee, the Warren County Youth Court Advisory Board and Steering Committee, the D.A.R.E. America National Advisory Board and of the Warren County Traffic Safety Board. Chief Carey is also the President of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police and a Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls.

"It is very rewarding to be involved with Special Olympics New York and the



LETR, I always get more out of being involved than I put in," said Chief Carey. "I think it is absolutely awesome that Law Enforcement in general is involved because it is such a positive experience compared to our normal work day."

"Its people like Chief Carey who make such a difference in our organization," said Jeanne Grebert, SONY Director of Development. "Rick is our voice and speaks our mission to law enforcement officers across the state and across the country and does a very good job of it." ■

Law Enforcement Torch Run 2005 Schedule

Rochester Polar Plunge	Ontario Beach Park, Charlotte Beach	Feb. 6
Fishkill Polar Plunge	Camp Mariah, Sharpe Reservation	Feb. 27
Carquest Awareness	Entire State	April
TORCH RUN	Entire State	MAY - JUNE
Western NY Fire Truck Pull	Twin District Vol. Fire Dept., Lancaster TBD	May 21
Golf Classic	The Links at Union Vale, LaGrange	May 23
Auburn Fire Truck Pull	Casey Park, Auburn	Aug. 20
Royal Flush Tour Poker Run	Hender'Son's, Schaghticoke	Aug. 13
Golf Tournament	Ballston Spa Country Club, Ballston Spa	Aug. 22
Poughkeepsie Fire Truck Pull	Freedom Park, LaGrange	Oct. 1
Harley Davidson Raffle	Entire State	March – December
Adirondack Motor Cycle Rally	ORDA, Lake Placid	TBD
Albany Plane Pull	Albany International Airport, Albany	TBD
Pick a Pair Raffle	Entire State	TBD
NYS Division of Parole Golf		Sept 9
Law and Orders	Entire State	Ongoing



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Picture of the Month:

The new Chairman of the Board of Directors, Richard Salinardi was one of more than 600 people who jumped into the freezing Atlantic Ocean on January 1st. This year marked the first year in a newly formed relationship between SONY and the Coney Island Polar Bear Club. ■

SONY's mission is to provide sports training and athletic competition to individuals with intellectual disabilities, including mental retardation. Our programs are designed to offer participants continuing opportunities to enjoy sports, develop physical fitness and demonstrate courage while interacting with their families, the community and other Special Olympics athletes.