

HUNTINGTON

It's A 'Cancerversary'

Sisters kick off 10-week fundraising campaign



Sisters Melissa and Erin are taking part in a 10-week-long fundraising campaign to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

By Stephanie DeLuca

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Two sisters who graduated from Huntington High School are cancer survivors, and they want to give back to the organization that helped them overcome their diseases as well as celebrate their "cancerversaries."

To commemorate surviving after their cancer diagnoses, Erin Zammett Ruddy, who was diagnosed 10 years ago, and her sister Melissa Zammett Gonzalez, who was diagnosed a year after Ruddy, are taking part in a 10-week-long "The Man and Woman of the Year" fundraising competition to raise money for the Melville-based Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The organization's mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

"This is our first [cancerversary]. I would celebrate it each year... but 10 years felt like it was a big deal and we also wanted to do something that was major," Ruddy said.

Ruddy, who was a volleyball star at Huntington High School and is now a full-time freelance writer living in Centerport, was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia 10 years ago at 23 years old, while working at *Glamour*. After 18 months of treatments and taking a drug called Gleevec, she was in remission. Due to her type of cancer, she has to stay on the pill forever.

A year after Ruddy found out she had cancer, Gonzalez, who still lives in Huntington and works as a certified public accountant, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. She was seven months pregnant with her first child.

"I had a lump on my neck for a while but it wasn't that big and then I woke up one morning and it was the size of a tennis ball," Gonzalez said.

While pregnant, she was undergoing chemotherapy - which was tested and found safe for the fetus. After the baby

was born, Gonzalez continued with treatment. About nine months after she finished her treatment, she relapsed and had a stem-cell transplant. She has been cancer free for the last seven years.

Today, the women's lives are "full, hectic, fabulous and great."

To help other patients and family members, the sisters have planned various events and will be accepting donations through their website from March 8 through May 17. Ruddy and Gonzalez set their goal at \$100,000. If their goal is met, each of them can get their name on a research grant at a hospital in their honor.

Ruddy and Gonzalez' first event will be held at Rexer-Parkes clothing boutique in Huntington village on April 4. Ruddy said Elizabeth Rexer's father died of lymphoma a few years ago, and she wanted to get involved with the sisters' campaign.

Joanina wine shop and restaurant will be donating its services for the night, and Rexer-Parkes will be giving 15 percent of their sales from 6 to 9 p.m. to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Men can also shop, with offerings from Joseph Custom Clothier's menswear.

Their flagship event will be held at Honu in Huntington village on April 30.

"Mark Zecher at Honu has been fantastic to work with. We wanted to do a local place that has a good vibe, good food, big bar and big space where we could fit a ton of people," Ruddy said.

For \$125, participants can enjoy an open bar from 7 to 10 p.m. as well as food, dancing and a performance by a 10-man a capella band, Straight No Chaser. There will also be a silent auction. A few of the items include packages from the Mets, Yankees, Giants, vacation packages, David Yurman jewelry and Michele watches.

The women are hoping to raise \$50,000 at the Honu event alone. All tickets must be purchased in advance on

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'Blackout' event won't repeat at The Paramount

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Barstool Blackout parties employ live DJs, black lights and lasers, and attract large crowds – often college students on college campuses. Saturday's party at The Paramount was scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m. According to Ticketmaster, ticketholders must be at least 18 years old.

Employees and owners of multiple New York Avenue businesses couldn't say when the chaos started, but complained about scantily-clad crowds of minors – some who appeared as young as 14 – clearly drunk and/or on drugs. Some griped about public urination, others about having to break up fights. Some said they were forced to close early.

A source who attended the party said he saw intoxicated people who he knew were well under the drinking age.

A Suffolk County police spokeswoman confirmed they normally do routine checks during Paramount events, although it quickly became obvious a greater police presence was necessary.

The first 911 calls came in around 7:30 p.m. at the Huntington LIRR station about intoxicated people walking towards The Paramount Theater. Calls continued to come in as the night wore on, with COPE officers on hand alerting supervisors about a growing crowd.

Huntington Community First Aid Squad (HCFAS) spokeswoman Andrea Golinsky said they didn't even have a chance to get the police-requested standby ambulance ready before the first of five calls came in at 9:30 p.m.

By the time police released the first aid squad from duty at 1:30 a.m., HCFAS had taken two unconscious males and an unconscious female to Huntington Hospital, as well as a young man who was punched in the mouth and a young man who lacerated a finger when his hand was caught in a closing door.

Suffolk police were aware of nine aided cases, five from The Paramount and four along New York Avenue in the vicinity of the bar.

They ordered the theater to stop selling alcohol around 11 p.m., the police spokeswoman said, and to shut the music off at 11:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Huntington Fire Department was called to the theater around 11:50 p.m. after the party triggered fire alarms. Chief Ken Cochrane said they found a large crowd packed inside with the lights off and fog building.

"They had used a fog machine, which they're not supposed to have. It set off the smoke detectors. At that point, they had a problem where they couldn't get rid of the smoke and couldn't get the system restarted," Cochrane said.

While firefighters looked into the theater's system, the chief said the crowd began to get "rambunctious." A YouTube video of the party shows party-goers chanting to turn on the music again.

Cochrane ordered Paramount staff to evacuate the venue around 12:45 a.m., which occurred with no problems.

"It got crazy. That's why we decided to evacuate," he said.

By then, approximately 35 police officers from the Second Precinct, Emergency Services, K-9, SAFE-T team and neighboring precincts were also on the scene. Law enforcement made seven arrests.

Jimmy Rodriguez, 27, of Huntington Station, was charged with criminal possession of marijuana. Kyle Guarini, 18, of Oyster Bay, was charged with harassment for allegedly pushing someone. Christopher Hughes, 17, of Holtsville, was charged with obstructing governmental administration for allegedly interfering with police trying to do crowd control.

Four of the defendants were arrested at nearby Elm Street and New York Avenue.

Ronald Lagdan, 25, of Richmond Hill; Conrad Chang, 25, of Syosset; and Michael Shean, 24, of Syosset were all charged with criminal possession of marijuana. Lagdan was also charged with criminal possession of a weapon for being in possession of a metal expandable baton. Erin Bergan, 19, of Glen Cove, was

charged with disorderly conduct and false personation, the latter stemming from when she allegedly identified herself as someone else when being arrested for the first charge.

The police spokeswoman added that there was a brief fight across the street in front of Honu, although it was broken up quickly by police.

A spokesman for the New York State Liquor Authority said The Paramount currently has its liquor license, but the authority was waiting for referrals from Suffolk County police about Saturday night's activities. If deemed appropriate, he said, charges could be brought. Paramount would even be liable, the spokesman added, if teens and underage guests on their property were drinking alcohol not sold by the theater.

Paramount officials did not return messages for comment. When asked to address the public's complaints, Barstool Sports President David Portnoy offered a snide response. Refunds are being offered and he encouraged party-goers to attend Blackout Foam party at Roseland.

"We wish we could do better but that's

just the way the cookie crumbles. We'll make it up by being twice as awesome at Roseland," Pornot wrote on his website.

Petrone said theater officials also agreed to re-examine changes to protocol – including hiring additional security and changing how guests are screened.

"There are some people who come in that are not in the state of mind you and I are. They come in with drugs and alcohol; these are the people they want to have leave," he said.

However, the supervisor added that Paramount leadership has continued to be active in solving issues.

"Whenever there's a problem, they do not hide from it. They sit down and look to resolve it," Petrone said.

Councilwoman Susan Berland, another Paramount advocate, said Wednesday she had spoken with ownership since Saturday. She described the Barstool Blackout Tour experience as part of a "learning curve" as to what events can be held without negatively affecting the community, Paramount or its guests.

"I don't think they'll be having events like this again," she said.

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their website, erinzammettruddy.com.

"We wanted to do so many things locally in Huntington because it's not just about raising money but it's about celebrating that Melissa and I are doing so well and inviting people who have been a big part of a journey to celebrate with us," Ruddy said.

Ruddy and Gonzalez also have two other big events. One is a kids' soccer clinic on April 18 in Larchmont in Westchester County, with special guests Ethan Zohn from "Survivor" and also a lymphoma survivor and patient.

The sisters are also working with

Body and Soul in Huntington for a day of yoga, Bottles and Cases to plan a promotional day, and Pump It Up – a bouncy-house facility – for a kids event. Dates have not been confirmed but will be listed on their website soon.

The winners of the Man and Woman of the Year competition will be announced May 17 at the grand finale gala at Capitale in Manhattan.

"I hope people come out and support LLS because it's such a great organization that did so much for Erin and me when we had cancer, for my family, and still continues to do that for people today," Gonzalez said.

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addition attached to a two-story frame dwelling on a lot that has more than two dwelling structures.

SCTM# 0400-024.00-02.00-035.001

SCTM# 0400-024.00-02.00-034.000

Public Hearing #: 20449

Applicant: Harold Moore

76 East 12th St.

Huntington Station, NY 11746

Owner: Harold & Doreen Moore

Location of Property: n/s (#76) East 12th Street 100' w/o Homewood Avenue, Huntington Station

Subject: Request frontage and lot area for an accessory apartment.

SCTM# 0400-145.00-02.00-054.000

Public Hearing #: 20453

Applicant: Jerry Cioffi

7 Darien Place

East Northport, NY 11731

Owner: Jerry & Francesca Cioffi

Location of Property: s/s (#7) Darien Place, 263.11' w/o Mander Lane, East Northport

Subject: Request side yard variance to legalize roofed over slate porch.

SCTM# 0400-172.00-01.00-032.000

Public Hearing #: 20454

Applicant: New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC

1444 East Jericho Turnpike

Huntington, NY 11743

Owner: AT & T Communications of New York Inc

Location of Property: s/s of (#1444) Jericho Tpke. Approx. 13,500' e/o Old Country Road, Huntington

Subject: Request for Special Use Permit in order to add new accessory communications equipment and add one new antenna to each sector.

SCTM# 0400-209.00-02.00-007.000

Public Hearing #: 20455

Applicant: Nicholas & Camille Angrisano

6 Magenta Lane

East Northport, NY 11731

Owner:

Location of Property: s/s (36) Magenta Lane, 202.56' e/o Revona Lane, East Northport

Subject: Request side yard variance to erect a

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two-story addition, legalize front roofed over porch, rear roofed over patio & shed.

SCTM# 0400-181.00-01.00-078.000

Christopher Modelewski,

Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

3-8-1-2T-2732

The Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Huntington will hold a public hearing at Town Hall, Huntington, N.Y. on Thursday, April 19, 2012

Results at:

http://town.huntington.ny.us/agenda.cfm - Official decisions will be filed with the Town Clerk.

6:00 PM

Public Hearing #: 20381

Applicant: Scott Kahn, Oyster Bay Drafting

68 W. Main Street

Oyster Bay, NY 11771

Owner: Candice & John Barry

81 Cornflower Lane

East Northport, NY 11731

Location of Property: n/s (#81) Cornflower Lane, 153.27' w/o Town Line Road East Northport

Subject: Request front and side yard variances to erect an attached garage addition.

SCTM# 0400-185.00-02.00-011.000

Public Hearing #: 20456

Applicant: Julia Fazio

47 Penataquit Place

Huntington, NY 11743

Owner:

Location of Property: n/s of (#47) Penataquit Place, approx. 10' w/o Clinton Avenue, Huntington

Subject: Request to waive the merger clause to create 2 conforming buildable lots

SCTM# 0400-070.00-02.00-021.000

Public Hearing #: 20457

Applicant: Julia Fazio

47 Penataquit Place

Huntington, NY 11743

Owner:

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Location of Property: n/s of (#47) Penataquit Place, approx. 10' w/o Clinton Avenue, Huntington

Subject: Request to waive merger clause to create 2 buildable lots

SCTM# 0400-070.00-02.00-021.000

Public Hearing #: 20458

Applicant: Vaishali Shetty

14 Old Bridge Court

Melville, NY 11747

Owner:

Location of Property: w/s (#14) Old Bridge Court, 938.71' s/o Old Country Road Melville

Subject: Request accessory structure variance to request relief for a 10 foot fence around the tennis court.

SCTM# 0400-253.00-01.00-005.015

Public Hearing #: 20459

Applicant: East Northport Project LLC

One Station Place

Stamford, CT 06092

Owner:

Location of Property: n/s of Jericho Tpke., 996.14' w/o Larkfield Road, East Northport

Subject: Req. SUP to landbank 47 pkg sp.allow self service storage in zone, red.of lndscpe buffer to 7', reduced max. flr area ratio, allow 3 stories 35' where 1 story 14' allow, to comply with C-5: sy of 19.8' where 35' reqd, combined sy 58.8' where 70 reqd

SCTM# 0400-217.00-03.00-083.000

SCTM# 0400-217.00-03.00-084.000

SCTM# 0400-217.00-03.00-082.000

Public Hearing #: 20460

Applicant: New Cingular Wireless PCS

1444 E. Jericho Tpke

Huntington, NY 11743

Owner: Suffolk Archers

PO Box 8087

Hicksville, NY 11803

Location of Property: e/s Pidgeon Hill Rd.s/o Woodstone Ct, South Huntington

Subject: Request Special Use Permit to add new accessory communications equipment &

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add one new antenna to each sector on the property.

SCTM# 0400-203.00-01.00-013.000

Public Hearing #: 20461

Applicant: Larkfield East Northport LLC

2417 Jericho Tpke. Ste 325

Garden City, NY 11040

Owner:

Location of Property: s/e/c (#353, 355 & 357)

Larkfield & Allerton Avenue, East Northport

Subject: Request to modify prior ZBA decision # 20312 in order to increase the proposed 3,000 sq bank to a 3,500 sq ft bank on lot 96.3 requiring parking variance and parking buffer relief.

SCTM# 0400-118.00-02.00-096.001

SCTM# 0400-118.00-02.00-097.000

SCTM# 0400-118.00-02.00-096.003

SCTM# 0400-118.00-02.00-096.002

Public Hearing #: 20479

Applicant: Huntington Creek Road Corp.

1180 Spring Center South Blvd. Ste. 102

Altamonte Springs, Fla. 32714

Owner: Huntington Creek Road Corp.

Location of Property: s/w/c (#25) New York Ave. & Creek Road, Huntington

Subject: Request Special Use Permit & Parking Variance n order to utilize the existing gas station & auto facility as well as legalize the convenience market

& body shop on the same premises.

SCTM# 0400-027.00-02.00-001.000

Christopher Modelewski, Chairman

Zoning Board of Appeals

3-15-8-2T-27327

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Huntington Planning Board will meet next

Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Town Board Room,

Huntington Town Hall, 100 Main Street,

Huntington, New York.

Huntington Town Planning Board

Paul Mandelik, Chairman

3-8-1T-27341