

# THE LYNN JOURNAL

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## CELEBRATION OF OUR GIRLS HEROES

## Lynn Rotary Club honors city's eighth-grade students

By Cary Shuman

The Lynn Rotary Club continued its tradition of recognizing eighth graders for their scholastic and community endeavors at its March 31 meeting. The students recognized were: Marilyn Chavez-Lopez, Thurgood Marshall Middle School; Alan Long, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute; Andrew Smith, Pickering Middle School; Michael Mattera, St. Mary's School; Tiffany Dorsey, North Shore Christian

School; and Gilbert Gilva, Breed Middle School. Three times a year starting in January, the Club will recognize one student from each Lynn public and private school. There are eight middle school programs in Lynn.

The students are invited to a luncheon meeting at the Olde Tyme Italian Cuisine and are individually presented with an award certificate as well as a gift card to Barnes & Noble bookstore. The Club is grateful to River Works Credit Union for its support of the program.



Member of Girls Inc., Lynn, are pictured at the luncheon held April 7 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Danvers. See Pages 10 and 11 for more photos.



Pictured, left to right, front row: Marilyn Chavez-Lopez, Thurgood Marshall Middle School; Alan Long, Lynn Vocational Technical Institute; Andrew Smith, Pickering Middle School; Michael Mattera, St. Mary's School. Rear row: Rotarian, Richard Ruth, Lynn Schools Superintendent and Rotarian, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler; Tiffany Dorsey, North Shore Christian School; Gilbert Gilva, Breed Middle School; John Dolan, St. Mary Head of Schools; and Peter Kopoulos, CFO River Works Credit Union.

## Classical star Marquese Avery will transfer to St. John's Prep

By Cary Shuman

Marquese Avery, a sophomore, two-sport standout at Lynn Classical High School, will be transferring to Saint John's Prep in Danvers.

Classical head coach Brian Vaughan confirmed Avery's decision to transfer at Saturday night's award banquet.

"We wish Marquese well in the next chapter of his athletic career," said Vaughan. "I want to thank him for his outstanding contributions to our football program the past two seasons."

Avery, who is 6-feet, 2 inches



Brian Vaughan and Marquese Avery, recipient of the Tim Frager Outstanding Running Back and Gerald LeBrasseur Iron Man Awards.

tall, completed his football sea-

son at Classical with an extraordinary effort in the Thanksgiving game versus Lynn English. Avery rushed for 146 yards and scored two touchdowns and had 11 tackles in the Rams' 17-14 victory in double overtime.

Avery was also a leading scorer and playmaker for the Classical basketball team led by his father, legendary basketball coach Marvin Avery.

Marquese received the sophomore Scholar-Athlete Award and Tim Frager Outstanding Running Back Award at the awards banquet held at the Knights of Columbus.

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# EDITORIAL

## BAA IS RIGHT TO BAN RUSSIAN RUNNERS

We applaud the decision of the Boston Athletic Association (BAA) to ban runners from Russia and Belarus from competing in this year's Boston Marathon.

We recognize that the move casts a wide net and may serve to punish ordinary Russian citizens who have had nothing to do with Vladimir Putin's barbaric invasion of Ukraine.

However, we wish to make two points:

First, athletic and other organizations all over the world have banned Russian nationals from participating in their events. If the BAA uniquely were to do nothing, it would send the signal that the BAA tacitly was indifferent to the barbarous Russian invasion. Obviously, that is a message that no organization should be sending.

Second, to those who suggest that sports transcends political differences and ideologies, we say this: Get your heads out of the clouds.

There may have been a time when "sport" could turn a blind eye to what was happening in the world. But the reality is that athletics long have been used as political vehicles, starting with Hitler in the 1936 Olympics, the Soviet-bloc during the Cold War, and the Russian government itself when it hosted the 2014 Winter Olympics and devised an elaborate scheme to conceal the doping of its athletes.

Most recently, Russia has detained U.S. basketball star Brittany Griner in a Russian jail just as she was trying to leave the country, a move that can only be described as politically-motivated by the Putin regime.

In our view, every single person and entity in the civilized world -- especially the sports world -- should take the opportunity to make clear our united opposition to the barbarism of the invasion in Ukraine.

Imposing sanctions on Russian athletes is just an extension of the sanctions that have been imposed on Russia itself that likewise are impacting ordinary Russian citizens.

Yes, it may be true that individual Russians are collateral damage, so to speak, of our broad-ranging sanctions policies. But the effect upon them, which hopefully will trickle up to the Russian government, pales in comparison to the suffering of the millions of innocent Ukrainian citizens who are the victims of the genocidal war being waged by the Russian government.

## AMERICA: STILL THE LAND OF THE FREE

One of the things that we take for granted as Americans is our freedom to worship -- or not to worship -- as we see fit.

What brings this thought to mind is the plethora of religious-oriented observances that are occurring this month: the Muslim holy month of Ramadan has been ongoing since April 2; the week-long Jewish celebration of Passover begins this Friday; Easter Sunday, preceded by Good Friday, for Catholics and Protestant denominations is this Sunday; and the Orthodox Christian observance of Easter is set for next Sunday.

In addition, the Cambodian community will be celebrating the Cambodian New Year for three days this week from April 14-16.

This confluence of religious holidays serves as a reminder to all of us that the concept of freedom of religion began -- and still exists -- in America.

We wish to take this opportunity to wish our readers of all religious preferences a happy and healthy holiday season.



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## GUEST OP-ED

### Moderation, balance and rigid flexibility

Dr. Glenn Mollette

Most doctors will encourage their patients to not overdrink alcohol. Too much might cause you to fall and impairs an individual's ability to make good decisions or drive an automobile.

Going on a binge of anything may not be a positive decision. Giving up food for a day will make you sluggish and probably irritable. Eating a buffet usually brings regret. Going to the gym to work out for three hours will just zap you for the rest of the day. Working 29 days out of the month will make you more money but when will you be able to enjoy what you've earned? We need fruit and vegetables every day but you can overdo fiber. How much time do you have to keep so many relationships going? The Bible says a man of too many friends will soon come to ruin.

There are lots of scenarios of too much. You can play too much, work too much, party too much, spend too much and even save too much. You can spend your life searching for love and being in and out of love. In the end, you are exhausted and drained. You can spend too much time in

church and doing religious kinds of things. What good are you to the world and others if all you ever do is sit in church? Faith must be fleshed out and put into practice. The basketball team wants to do more than just practice seven days a week. The exhilaration comes in playing the

game.

You don't want to spend your life reading about the ocean. You want to go and see and swim in the ocean. You don't want to spend your life cooking in the kitchen. You would like to sit and

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# St. Mary's Lily Newhall named Boston Globe Player of the Week

Lily Newhall is off to an awesome start for the St. Mary's High School softball team. The star right-handed pitcher has led the Spartans to a perfect start, with an emphasis on "perfect."

Newhall was named Boston Globe "Player of the Week" for her performance in three games last week.

Following is the recognition as it appeared in The Boston Globe:

Lily Newhall, St. Mary's — The senior from Lynn capped a dominant week by hurling a perfect game, striking out eight in a 6-0 Catholic Central League victory over Arlington Catholic. She struck out 17, surrendered five hits, and had an RBI double in a 3-0 league win over No. 18 Austin Prep on Friday. And with 14 Ks vs. Bishop Fenwick, she passed 400 for her career.

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savor some of the delicious food from the kitchen.

Life is about participating as much as you can, when you can, and as you are able. We all have limitations but we hope and dream. The hopes and dreams keep us going and trying. When we lose these it's easy to give up. The cancer patient hopes for a cure and hangs on.

Moderation is the key to most of life. Work some, play some, love some, help others some, cultivate your faith, friends, family and diversify your diet. Yes, include fruit and vegetables and some exercise. Watch some television and news but don't live in front of the television. Most of the news is bad. The cable news channels and evening news are filled with the bad things of the day. Obviously bad news is what

makes money.

If you work 50 hours a week, then take stock of your blessing to have a job. Consider how you might do your work better and more effectively to help your employer and fulfill yourself.

Give some thought to aiming for balance in your life. A balanced tire always rides better. When possible, practice moderation in all things and try to utilize rigid flexibility. An inflexible life will eventually break.

*Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist — American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.*

## MEMORIAL CELEBRATION OF LENNY'S HAPPY TIMES

Family, friends, and community supporters are invited to join Muriel Clement at a Memorial Celebration of Lenny's happy times in life on April, 28, at 5pm at Old Tyme Italian Restaurant, 612 Boston Street, Lynn, MA. Donations in Lenny's memory would be appreciated to benefit Essex County Community Organization (ECCO), Bereaved Parents USA (BPUSA), Lynn Chapter, and Boys and Girls Club, Lynn. Make checks payable to preferred charity. Donations are also accepted at the event.

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RAISES AWARENESS OF SAFE DIGGING PRACTICES

In recognition of April as Dig Safe Awareness Month, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) is joining with other states and utility companies around the country to remind excavators, contractors, and residents to dig safely and call 811 before starting any outdoor digging projects. 811 is the line for "Dig Safe," which is a nonprofit organization that notifies gas, electric, telephone, and cable companies about the intended digging project. At no cost to the excavator, professional locators visit the requested dig site to mark the approximate locations of underground utility lines with flags, spray paint, or both.

"Utility lines are buried in the ground all around us on both public and private property, and sometimes these lines are only a few inches below the surface," said Department of Public Utilities Chair Matthew Nelson. "Calling 811 is the best way to ensure a line won't be hit when commencing a new project this year."

State law requires calling 811 at least three days before digging is to start. Accidentally striking an underground utility line can result in serious personal injury, property damage, and costly service disruptions for many. Additionally, failure to follow the provisions of the law and regulations can result in fines.

Excavations are the leading cause of damage to underground utility infrastructure. In 2021, there were 925 excavation-related damages to utility infrastruc-

ture in Massachusetts. Every digging project, no matter how large or small, warrants a call to 811. Examples of digging projects that require a call to 811 include installing a mailbox or fence, building a deck, installing a pool, and planting trees and shrubs.

For more information about 811 and safe digging practices, the public is encouraged to visit <https://www.mass.gov/dig-safe> or [www.digsafe.com](http://www.digsafe.com).

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR EARTH DAY CLEANUP

An Earth Day cleanup of the Northern Strand Community Trail is being held on Saturday, April 23 in Lynn.

Anyone interested in helping out should bring work gloves and meet along the trail at Spencer Street in Lynn, across from Market Basket. The cleanup is being held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at this section of the trail, which is also known as the Community Path of Lynn.

For more information contact Hildy Curran at [hcurran@comcast.net](mailto:hcurran@comcast.net).

Bike to the Sea connects communities by building and improving shared-use paths, and promoting safe and happy trail use for all ages and abilities.

The Northern Strand Community Trail is an off-road, car-free, paved path starting in Everett and winding through Malden, Revere, Saugus, and Lynn.

## SUSPENSIONS OF BLUE LINE SERVICE WILL ALLOW CREWS TO ACCELERATE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Between April 25 and May 8, Blue Line service will be suspended between Airport and Bowdoin stations to accommodate harbor tunnel repair work with alternate shuttle bus and ferry services provided. Between May 12 and May 29, Blue Line service will be suspended between Wonderland and Orient Heights stations to allow for work to take place on the Suffolk Downs pedestrian bridge with alternate shuttle bus service provided.

"The work accomplished during these closures will ultimately lead to better, safer, more reliable service for our Blue Line riders on a faster timeline," said

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak. "We know these diversions can be an inconvenience, but these service suspensions allow us to expedite critical tunnel and infrastructure work. I want to thank our Blue Line riders for their patience while we accelerate these important projects."

Free bus shuttles will replace Blue Line service between Airport and Bowdoin all day and every day between April 25 and May 8 to accommodate harbor tunnel repair work. Shuttle buses will operate in a one-way inbound loop through the downtown area. Shuttle buses will not stop at Bowdoin with Bowdoin riders instead asked to board and exit shuttles at Government Center Station. The shuttle bus stop at State station is drop-off only. Express bus shuttles will not stop at Maverick station.

## WU TO OPEN SWAN BOATS APRIL 16

Mayor Michelle Wu, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and the Paget family will host the first ride of the season on the popular Boston Swan Boat as they open at the Boston Public Garden lagoon on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m.

2022 marks the 145th season for the Swan Boats, a beloved tourist attraction and iconic symbol of Boston and the Public Garden. The oldest and smallest boat in the fleet just celebrated its 112th season, while the newest was launched in 1993. The swan on the boats is made from either copper or fiberglass, depending on the age of the boat, and encloses a paddle mechanism that is used to propel the boat through the water.

Launched in 1877 by Irish immigrant and shipbuilder Robert Paget, the Swan Boats continue to be owned and operated by the Paget family. Mr. Paget designed the Swan Boats after attending the opera Lohengrin in New York City. At the end of the opera, the hero crosses a river in a boat drawn by a swan.

Fully loaded, each Swan Boat weighs three tons and is powered by the driver using a foot propelled paddle wheel. The Swan Boats are built on oak-framed pontoons sheathed in copper just as they were initially constructed in 1877. After being stored in a safe place for the winter, the boats will return to the Public Garden Lagoon in the spring with Mayor Wu celebrating the first ride of the season.

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# Sixth and final MS-13 member involved in murder of teenage boy in Lynn sentenced

The sixth and final MS-13 member who participated in the July 2018 murder of a teenage boy, who was stabbed at least 32 times in a park in Lynn, was sentenced in federal court in Boston.

Marlos Reyes a/k/a "Silencio," 26, a Salvadorian national, was sentenced by U.S. Senior District Court Judge Mark L. Wolf to 23 years in prison and three years of supervised release. In July 2020, Reyes pleaded guilty to conspiracy to conduct enterprise affairs through a pattern of racketeering activity, also known as RICO conspiracy, on behalf of the MS-13 gang. As part of his racketeering activity, Reyes participated in the 2018 murder of a teenager, who was murdered with extreme atrocity and cruelty, and with deliberate premeditation, in violation of Massachusetts law.

MS-13, or La Mara Salvatrucha, is a transnational street gang operating in Massachusetts and numerous other states, as well as countries such as El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. MS-

13 gang members often commit acts of extreme violence against suspected rivals, those suspected of cooperating with law enforcement, and others who the gang views as a threat. In recent years, dozens of MS-13 members have been convicted of RICO conspiracy and other serious felonies in the District of Massachusetts. MS-13 is organized into "cliques" or branches operating in local territories. Reyes belonged to the "Sykos Locos Salvatrucha" clique of MS-13, which operated in the cities of Lynn, Chelsea and other parts of Massachusetts.

In November 2018, Reyes and five other MS-13 Sykos clique members were indicted following an investigation into the murder of a teenage boy, whose body found in a park in Lynn on Aug. 2, 2018. The six defendants in this case included five participants in the murder, as well as one longstanding member of the Sykos clique. In a related case, the government charged a juve-

nile co-conspirator who was the sixth person involved in the murder.

The evidence in this case, which included a recording of one of Reyes's co-defendants describing the murder in graphic detail, revealed that the MS-13 gang members murdered the victim based on their mistaken belief that he may have been assisting law enforcement.

On July 30, 2018, the gang members lured the victim to a playground and at least four of them were armed with knives. The group pretended to be friendly with the unsuspecting victim and took him to a wooded area of the park where they surrounded the victim and repeatedly stabbed him to death. At least four of the six assailants stabbed the victim, while two others assisted at the scene. After killing the victim, the gang members left his body in the wooded area of the public park. An autopsy revealed that the victim suffered at least 32 sharp force trauma

wounds consistent with being stabbed repeatedly, along with blunt force injuries to the head.

Reyes is the sixth and final defendant to be sentenced in the case. On Feb. 14, 2022, Erick Lopez Flores, a/k/a "Mayimbu," was sentenced to 40 years in prison. On Feb. 15, 2022, Jonathan Tercero Yanes, a/k/a "Desalmando," was sentenced to 33 years in prison. On Feb. 16, 2022, Henri Salvador Gutierrez, a/k/a "Perverso," was sentenced to life in prison. On Feb. 18, 2022, Djavier Duggins, a/k/a "Haze," was sentenced to 15 years in prison. On March 17, 2022, Eliseo Vaquez Canas, a/k/a "Peligroso," was sentenced to 43 years in prison.

First Assistant United States Attorney Joshua S. Levy; Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Boston Division; Matthew B. Millhollin, Special Agent in Charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Boston; Colonel Christopher Mason,

Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police; Essex County District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett; Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden; Acting Boston Police Commissioner Gregory Long; and Lynn Police Chief Christopher Reddy made the announcement. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kunal Parricha, Kaitlin O'Donnell, and Philip Mallard of the Criminal Division prosecuted the case.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

## DCR plans April school vacation programs

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will be hosting the following April School Vacation Events at Revere Beach and Belle Isle Marsh Reservations.

DCR plans April school vacation programs All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) and dress for the weather including possible mud on the ground. Bring water and use sunscreen. Please phone (781) 656-1485 or email [matthew.nash@mass.gov](mailto:matthew.nash@mass.gov) for more information including an automated message of possible cancellations made up to an hour before the start of the program. Cancelled in the event of High Winds or Rain. Parking is free.

Belle Isle Marsh Reservation, 1399 Bennington Street, East Boston, MA.

An Oasis for Birds Saturday, April 16, 7:30-8:30am

We will search on foot up to one mile, on flat, easy terrain for raptors, shorebirds and resi-

dent wading marsh birds at this Birding Hotspot & MA State Park. Expect to move to different locations by car or bicycle. Prepare for mosquitoes and ticks. Ages: Adults and kids 8+ with adult chaperone. Binoculars recommended. Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club and the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle Lawn, Revere, MA.

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Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22 10am-12pm.

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Revere Beach Reservation, Lawn at Eliot Circle, Revere, MA.

StoryWalk® Piping Plover Summer by Janet Riegler.

Wed, April 20, Thurs, April 21, Fri, April 22, 10am-3pm.

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The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

If you would like to receive regular emails about our current program schedule, please send an email to [Matthew.Nash@mass.gov](mailto:Matthew.Nash@mass.gov).

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Coaches Eric Moreno and Jack Erikson with the Lynn Classical Rams Captains: Ryan Doll, Louis Diaz-Dilone, Kevin Baker and RJ Faessler.



Coach Mike Schena and Asst. Coach Colleen Peterson with the Lynn Classical Girls Outdoor Track Team.



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### VISTA MARKET HOLDS RED RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

A quick stop to pick-up some staples, Vista Market, a neighborhood store, is at your service located at 391 Essex Street. The store has a vast number of products available, such as snacks, beverages, lottery tickets, food, and personal items.

This is a new small business in Lynn that provides the basic needs in the community according to Mayor Jared Nicholson. "This is a neighborhood store which takes a lot to run, but it

gives families an opportunity to live their dream", said Mayor Nicholson.

NSLBA Director Frances Martinez welcomes this new business as she said, "This store offers a variety of Guatemala and American foods. The Robles family has two other business locations in the city. The North Shore Latino Business Association congratulates this family for all the hard work they have done to invest in Lynn."



Official Red Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Vista Market – Ward 3 Coco Alinsug, Mayor Jared Nicholson, NSLBA Director Frances Martinez, Edvin and Rosario Robles, Juan Ramirez with Eva, Jeffrey Robles, and Juana Perez.



Ward 3 City Councilor Coco Alinsug, representing Lynn City Council, gives the Robles Family a City of Lynn City Council Citation with NSLBA Director Frances Martinez



Mayor Jared Nicholson presents the City of Lynn Citation to new owners, Edvin and Rosario Robles, with NSLBA Director Frances Martinez.



The Robles Family officially opens Vista Market at 391 Essex Street in Lynn for business.

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# Spring concert marks North Shore Philharmonic season finale

Violist Kimberly Lehmann will take center stage as the featured soloist in the William Walton Viola Concerto when her spouse, Music Director Robert Lehmann conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra in the Orchestra's 2021-2022 season finale Sunday, April 24, at Swampscott High School. Concert time is 3 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance at [nspo.org](http://nspo.org). The concert program also includes Ralph Vaughan-Williams "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis" and Edvard Grieg's popular Peer Gynt Suites No. 1 and 2.

Kimberly Lehmann grew up in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and earned her BS in Music from the University of Minnesota. She

also holds a Master of Music in Violin Performance from the Eastman School of Music. She performs with the Portland Symphony Orchestra and frequently appears with the NSPO. In 2013 she and Robert were the featured soloists with the NSPO performing Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante.

The Walton viola concerto is regarded as one of the composer's most important works and has been recorded by the world's leading violists as far back as 1937.

Edvard Grieg composed the Peer Gynt music upon the invitation of his friend and fellow-

Scandinavian artist Henrik Ibsen, who wrote the stage play of the same name. The music of Peer Gynt has grown to be

Grieg's most famous composition and is excerpts of it are frequently heard in popular culture such as movies, games, and commercials.

Out of concern for the health and safety of all musicians and audience members, the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra requires all patrons attending the concert present proof of a Covid-19 vaccination, or proof of a negative Covid-19 PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to the concert or a home test within 24 hours of the concert. Patrons will be required to wear masks and socially distance in the auditorium.

For more information about the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra, visit [nspo.org](http://nspo.org).



Violist Kimberly Lehmann (right) will play the Walton Viola concerto when her husband Robert (left) conducts the North Shore Philharmonic Orchestra's Spring concert Sunday, April 24 at Swampscott High School. Shown in the photo, the husband-wife team when they appeared as soloists with the NSPO in 2013.

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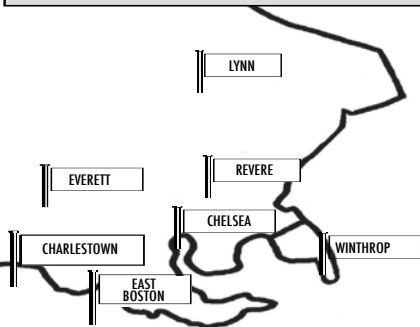
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# GIRLS INC. 34TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF OUR GIRLS HEROES

Girls Inc. held its 34th Annual Celebration of its Girls Heroes April 7 at the DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel in Danvers.

Layotia Edwards, news anchor for NBC10 Boston, was the moderator for the speaking program.

Deb Ansourlian, executive

director of Girls Inc. in Lynn, and James Richard, board vice president, delivered the opening remarks.

Syeeda Rahman, 2020 Girl Hero Scholar, was the alumna speaker. Victoria Aziegbe, 2022 Girls Inc. National Scholar, introduced the program's guest

speaker, Dr. Stephanie J. Hull, president and CEO of Girls Inc.

The recipients of the 2022 Girl Heroes awards were Carolina Diaz, Annie Joseph, and Arlene Valerio Simo.

The Girls Inc. Chorus performed songs during the program.



Latoyia Edwards and Tim Murnane, who speaks to the audience at the Girls Inc. Luncheon.



Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson visits the Solimine Family Table. Seated, are Gina DeFilippo, David Solimine Sr., and Mary Jane Solimine. Standing, are David DeFilippo, David Solimine Sr., Magnolia Contreras, Mayor Jared Nicholson, Kristen Steriti, and Susan Solimine.



Sarah Link, Salem Mayor Kim Driscoll, and Stacy Ames.



Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson thanked Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian for the positive impact her organization is making in the lives of Lynn residents.



The Delulis Brothers Construction Table. Seated, are Paula McDonough, Sharon Valeriani, Cristina Ferrari, and Mary Ann Samson. Standing, are Dominic Ferrari, Patrick Delulis, and David Kelleher.

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Speaking Program Leader Layoyia Edwards, Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian, and Metro Credit Union Vice President Saritin Rizzuto.



The Meninno Construction Table. Seated, are Arlin Simo, Arlene Valerio Simo, Yardi Figueroa, Christine Meninno, and Amanda Nimkar. Standing, are Kathy Cormier, Rebecca Spellios, and Kathleen Parent.



Supt. of Lynn School, Dr. Patrick Tutwiler, Girls Inc. Executive Director Deb Ansourlian, and Dr. Stephanie J. Hull, guest speaker.



Seated, are Aida Garcia, Hermie Gagnon, Annemarie Stasio, and Susan Holsing. Standing, are Jess Wood, Jasmin Garcia, Ana Mesa, Marissa Redding, and Ann Conner.



Metro Credit Union officials Saritin Rizzuto and Diana Moreno greet Lynn Mayor Jared Nicholson at the Girls Inc. Luncheon.

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