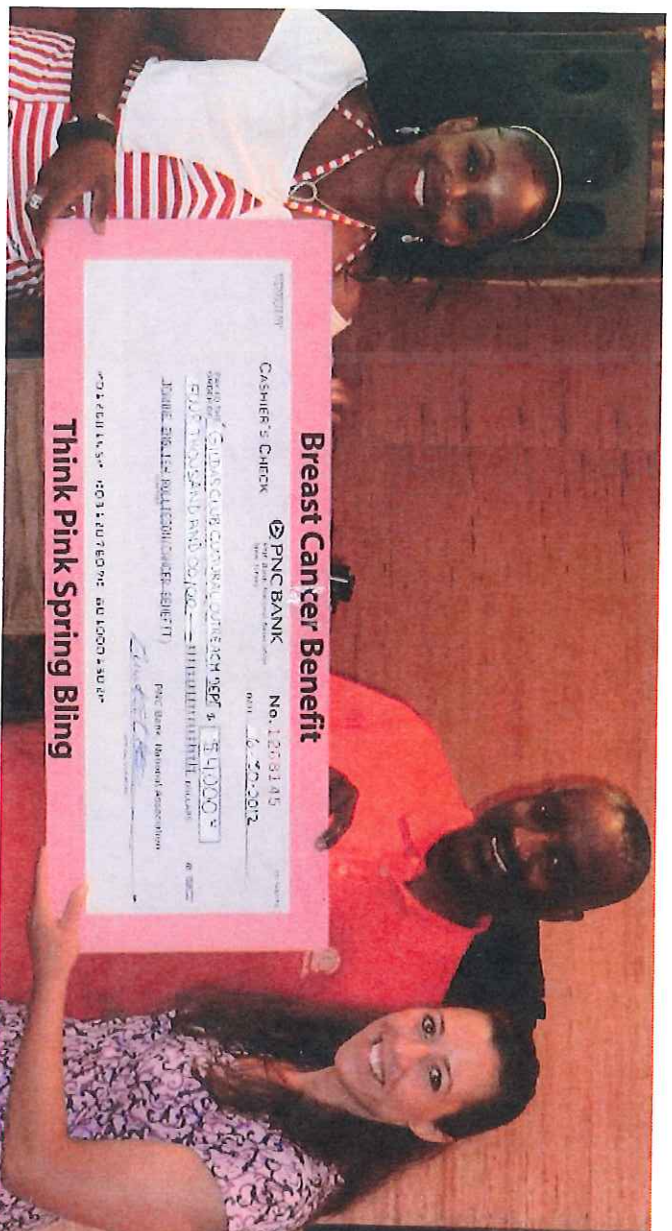


## **YEAR SIX AND THE ROLLIESONS CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK!**

Every May since 2007, Joanne English Rollieson, Real Estate Broker, philanthropist, community activist and cancer survivor has hosted her annual **Spring Bling Think Pink™** breast cancer benefit along with her husband, Ronald Rollieson, at their home in Englewood Cliffs, NJ. This May **Spring Bling Think Pink™** had over \_\_\_ guests and \$8,000 was raised. This year's beneficiaries were Englewood Hospital and Medical Center and Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey.

As a survivor of Stage 3 Hodgkin's disease and Stage 2 breast cancer, Joanne began this fundraiser at their home as a means of educating attendees about breast cancer, creating awareness, celebrating life and giving back to organizations that share the same goals. In total to date, the Rollieson's have donated over **\$15,000** to cancer organizations. Over the **past five** years the Rollieson's party has been a spectacular success due to Joanne's passion, dedication, hard work and the generosity of the many area businesses and individuals who support their event.



Joanne and Ron Rollieson making a formal check presentation to Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey's Executive Director, Karen DiMaria at the Gilda's Club N NJ Cultural Outreach Dept.'s *Because We Care Health Fair* held on Saturday, May 20, 2012 at the Hackensack Clubhouse.

**Gilda's Club N NJ Cultural Outreach Department-** Gilda's Club, a non-profit organization housed in a beautiful 7,000 square foot clubhouse in Hackensack, NJ, provides educational, emotional and social support programs to anyone touched by cancer, their family and caregivers. Joanne is the Co-Team Coordinator for the Cultural Outreach Dept. which focuses on raising community awareness amongst cultures identified as being underserved and fundraising to support the programs and services that are all offered to Gilda's Club members free of charge.

Joanne sees the mission of her **Spring Bling Think Pink™** events as a means to give a "party with a purpose" and an opportunity to share her faith, her will to survive and to help others.

**SPRING BLING THINK PINK™** is a trademarked name for the events, parties and fundraisers given for non-profit cancer organizations.

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## HEALTH



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### Helping fight breast cancer

Joanne Rollieson and supporters present Doug Duchak, president of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center, with a check for \$2,500. The donation comes on the heels of Joanne and Ronald Rollieson's third annual 'Think Pink Spring Bling' breast cancer fund-raiser. Joanne had a personal battle with breast cancer in 2005, which she won. She has been on the EHM board for 10 years. If you're interested in being involved in next year's fund-raiser, call Joanne Rollieson at 201-568-0001 or 201-538-3740.

**OLD TAPPAN**

**Local woman's club congratulates student scholarship award recipients**

Sungbae Park, an Old Tappan al High School at Old Tappan resident and a member of the Class of 2011 at Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan Musical Theater Award. Six eighth grade students at the Charles DeWolf School in Old Tappan were awarded \$100 Bonds from the Woman's Club of Old Tappan at their graduation ceremony: Spanish Award - Vivian Stamos; Science Award - Kai Kuehner; Athletic Award - Amanda Mac- Johns Hopkins University in the care. Achievement Award - Sam Rosenblum; two Alice Gaffney Memorial Math Awards - McKenzie Senick and Ashley Falzone.

**RIVER VALE**

**Spectrum for Living raffling off 2011 Mazda CX-7**

From now until November, Spectrum for Living, not-for-profit organization assisting adults with developmental disabilities in Bergen, Passaic and Middlesex Counties, will be raffling off a new 2011 Mazda CX-7, valued over \$21,000 generously donated to the organization by Wayne Mazda. Tickets are only \$10 and will be drawn Nov. 10 the same evening as Spectrum for Living's Night to Remember. Tickets are now available. The official raffle kick-off where the Mazda giveaway can be viewed will be held on June 25 at 50 Blanch Ave. in information.

**COMMUNITY**  
**Spring Bling raises more than \$5,000 for Tennis for Life**



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHARELLE HANLEY

Englewood Cliffs resident Joanne Rolleson with local caterer Allen George. The Rollesons opened up their home on May 14 for their annual Spring Bling fund raiser. This year, the more than \$5,000 raised was donated to Tennis for Life in Ridgewood.

BY CHARELLE HANLEY  
Special to Suburbanite

**ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS** - The borough was painted pink once again in celebration of the Rollesons' fifth annual Spring Bling, Think Pink Breast Cancer Benefit on May 14.

More than 200 guests came to the Rolleson home to support Joanne and Ronald's party which reflects her commitment to bring awareness of breast cancer to the community and provide emotional support to survivors.

Joanne is thankful for her own health after personally battling breast cancer six years ago. As a survivor, Joanne became involved with a few support groups to help her find others who had similar experiences and programs that offered optimistic outlooks and activity.

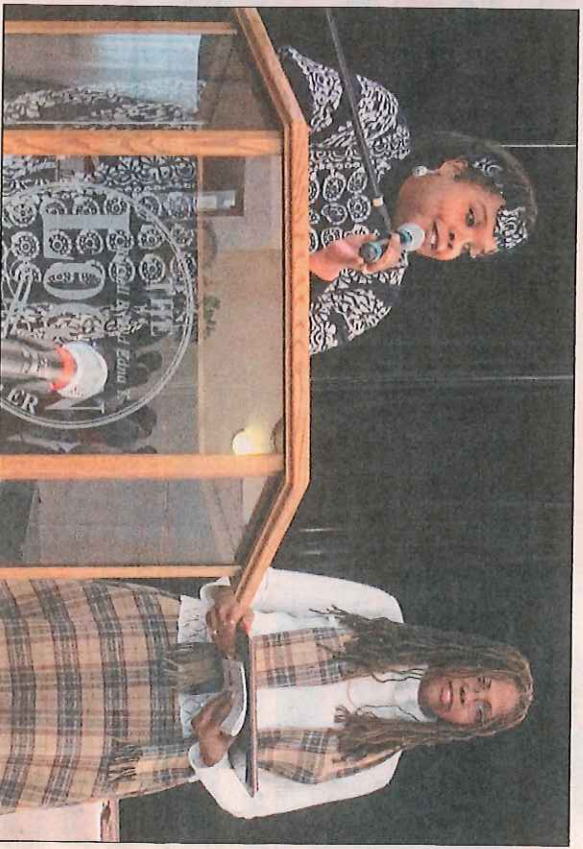
One of the support groups that Joanne was drawn to was Tennis for Life, a program in Ridgewood that enables women to play tennis on a regular basis to help them gain back strength, stamina and a feeling of normalcy after undergoing the emotional stress and physical activity.

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**BLACK HISTORY MONTH****Parker honors leaders who make a difference**

HOWARD PROSINITZ/STAFF PHOTOS

Councilwoman Lizette Parker honors outstanding local African-American leaders over the weekend. Here she awards Ardie Waiser, president of the Teaneck Board of Education, for Education.



Councilwoman Lizette Parker honors Lillian Lewis for Community Service.

BY HOWARD PROSINITZ  
Staff Writer

Every February since 2009, Councilwoman Lizette Parker has celebrated Black History Month by honoring outstanding local African-American leaders.

Each event features a different theme. The first theme in 2009 was to celebrate African-American Firsts. Parker said that her impetus to present the first program was twofold: the election of Barack Obama, the first African-American president, and the death that year of Teaneck's first African-American

mayor Bernard Brooks, the first African-American councilmember Isaac McNeil, first African-American police officer Frederick Greene (died in 2008) and one of the first African-American teachers Alice Bartelm (died in 2007).

The 2012 program "Celebrating African Americans Making a Difference in the Community" took place Saturday at the Logan Family Center in Hackensack. Seven of the eight honorees this year live in Teaneck and one is a former Teaneck resident who currently lives in Englewood.

The program has grown dramati-

cally in size and significance each year. Parker noted that in 2009 Assemblyman Gordon Johnson was the highest public official to speak. Saturday's speakers included U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez, Congressman Steve Rothman and William Pasarell and a representative from U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg's office.

"It's something that the community looks forward to. Every year the crowd grows and it is a nice way to celebrate people who contribute to black history locally,"

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HOWARD PROSINITZ/STAFF PHOTOS

Joanne English-Rollerson earns an award for Health by Councilwoman Lizette Parker.

**HONOR**  
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Parker said, noting that this year's event drew approximately 250 guests. Planning for the event usually begins just after Thanksgiving, she said.

Honorees are chosen by a committee of ten and input is sought from the community year round, Parker said.

In their remarks, the speakers praised the progress of the Obama administration and the achievements of black community.

Menendez noted that the nation is experience its twenty-third consecutive months of private sector job growth.

"When President Obama took office millions of Americans were out of work. He has turned this around," Menendez said.

Both Rothman and Pasarell condemned recent changes in election laws in some 20 states that now are requiring new forms of documents and photo IDs for voters.

"These states are trying to turn back the time a get rid of the voting rights act," Rothman said, noting that the legislation is being challenged in the courts. In the mean-



Speakers at the Black History Month event included U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez.

time, he said, it is important that minority voters obtain the special photos and documents.

Pasarell noted that Republicans in the House of Representatives seemed downcast after the news of improvement in the economy was announced last week.

"Some folks don't want things to get better strictly for political reasons," he said.

Pasarell, who represents the 8th Congressional district, and Rothman, who represents the 9th, are running against each other in the Democratic primary to represent the newly drawn number district.

Honorees who included four members of the Teaneck Youth Advisory Board, were Anita Holmes-Thompkins for Business; Lillian Lewis for Community Service; Ardie Waiser for Education; Joanne English-Rollerson for Health; Ashley Edwards, Patrick Edmunds Camille Parker and Michael Pleasants, all Youth Honorees.

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