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## [PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE](#)

**Spring is here! and with that comes the warmer weather and longer daylight hours.**

**We had several successful meetings this year. At the tail end of February we had a joint meeting with our sister organization WINLI where 1 CE credit was offered. The topic was EPL, which there is a growing need for in the insurance marketplace. In March, we had Effie Tsoukolas speak to us on the benefits of attending the FNYIP convention coming April 23-26, 2009. This year theme was Broadway and to that end there were several theme nights including Wicked and Phantom of the Opera. We also had the drawing for the Victoria Miller Endowment for convention, congratulations to Laurie Boehm.**

**We had seven people from QCIP attend the FNYIP convention in some form or another.**

**In April, we had the finalists of the poster contest attend our general meeting on April 2, 2009. We also had a discussion about Internet Security, this years poster contest theme.**

**Finally, I hope you all have a happy and healthy springtime and I hope to see you at our June Installation on June 4<sup>th</sup> at Verdi's of Whitestone.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20, 2009

WIP INSTALLATION

May 20, 2009

TRICOUNTY INSTALLATION

May 26, 2009

WINLI CHINESE AUCTION

June 4, 2009

QCIP INSTALLATION @ VERDI'S OF WHITESTONE

June 23, 2009

WINLI INSTALLATION

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ANNA'S PLACE is located at 97-11 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY 718/897-3035. This restaurant has a warm, at home feeling, once you get past the bar. It started as a German/Continental restaurant, but now they serve food inspired by many nationalities. Anna has a Continental salad bar which includes herring, German potato salad, Waldorf salad, lettuce, tomato, onions, and at least one soup of the day. You may eat as much or little as you wish.

Some of the choices for your main dish, are Prime Rib of Beef; Wiener Schnitzel, Veal a la Holstein, Roast Leg of Veal. On holidays you can look forward to Leg of Lamb, Fresh ham, Long Island Duckling and Rack of Lamb.

They have hamburgers and appetizers of potato skins, chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks and zucchini sticks.

Anna also has the best home fries I have ever had, which you don't find in many restaurants and home made red cabbage and sauerkraut. Rolls too are continental. Mostly wheat and black bread and one that has raisins in it.

You will not be disappointed in dessert. Your choices include home made apple strudel, hazelnut cake, cheese cake and my favorite, mousse.

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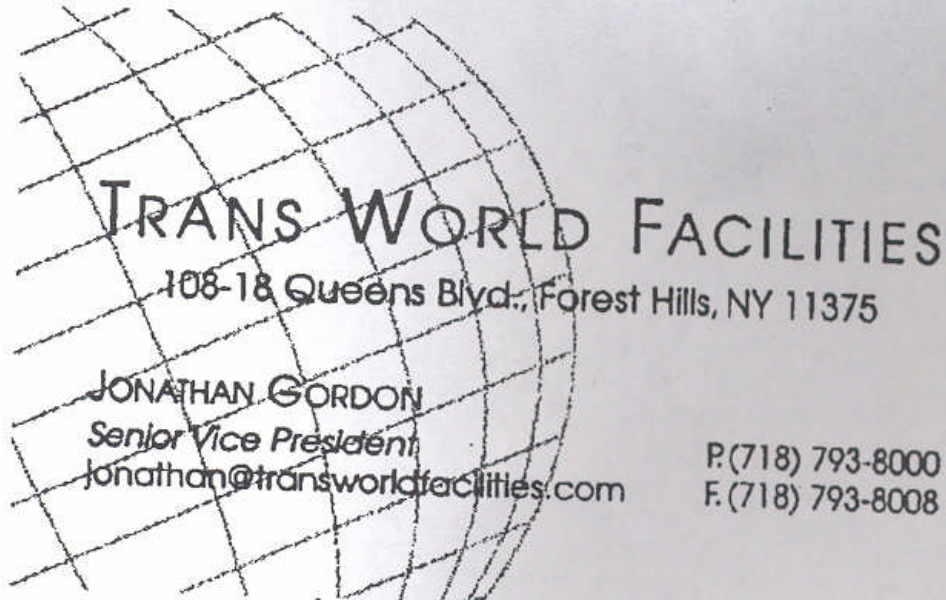
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## LAUREN RICHMOND'S EULOGY

For those of you who have not heard, I lost my grand daughter, Lauren, on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008. I want to thank you for all your prayers and to share with you the eulogy my son's friend wrote and read at Church.

Good morning, I remember learning a long time ago that when speaking to a group of people, in order to keep from rambling, you should have a theme. So I thought – This should be easy. I would just pick a word that came to mind when I think about Lauren Richmond. Courageous, loving, brilliant, fashionable, beautiful, selfless, stubborn, loyal, independent, well you get the picture. About the only word that did not come to mind was thrifty. So I decided to share a few rambling thoughts about Lauren.

In Lauren's fifteen years she wrote two books, wrote a song, met the pope, the president, had her poetry read by members of the first family at The White House, raised tens of thousands of dollars for several charities, helped a Long Island community cope with their own tragedy and above all met every Disney princess.

As impressive as this list is, I feel the most remarkable thing about Lauren was the effect she had on everyone she met. It is impossible to have come in contact with Lauren and not be inspired by her. She made everyone she met better for it. I am sure when President Bush and Pope Benedict the 16<sup>th</sup> reflect on their years, They will brag to their friends that they met Lauren Richmond.

Over the last years Dean has commented to me many times that he has so many people to repay for their help and support. Dean, Laurie, Dana, on behalf of myself, my family and everyone here, I would like to thank you for allowing us to be part of Lauren's life, and to assure you that for whatever small help we may have been, we received so much more in return. The love, courage, grace and dignity that the entire Richmond family exhibited during this fight will never be forgotten by anyone who witnessed it. You guys are truly heroes.

Throughout her life. Lauren never compromised herself and always put others first. I truly believe her biggest concern these past few months was preparing her family for her death. Lauren's wish was to be in Heaven for Christmas. She got there a couple of days early so she could make the appropriate changes.

Recently Lauren said she wanted to keep fighting because while it was too late for her, she hoped what researchers learned from her tumor could help others. I ask everyone here to continue her mission, because while Lauren is the prettiest 15 year old in Heaven, the smartest 15 year old in Heaven and certainly the best dressed 15 year old in Heaven, there shouldn't be any 15 year olds in Heaven.

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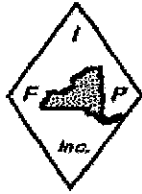
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