

★ Lavallette ★

Save Barnegat Bay's second annual 8K race a success

By Brian McGinn

The warm sunshine and the cool summer breeze blowing off the Barnegat Bay last Saturday afternoon provided perfect conditions for the Second Annual Save Barnegat Bay 8K Running Race and Fitness Walk.

This year's event, organized by the Friends of the Save Barnegat Bay 8K, drew runners and walkers from around the country. In addition, well over 100 volunteers gave their time to help make this year's event a success.

In all, 648 people signed up

to either run or walk the course that meandered along the bay in Lavallette, with people coming from as far away as Arizona to participate. Of that total, 460 ran the course and another 188 decided to slow down the pace and participate in the fitness walk.

For the second consecutive year, 21-year-old Pat McGeever of Lavallette had the fastest overall time, finishing the course in 27:34.9.

Dan Newman, Manalapan, finished second overall in male category with a time of 29:09.4.

He was followed in third place by Steve Monteleone of Berkeley Heights, who completed the course in 29:31.5.

On the women's side, 18-year-old Christine Wittich of Lavallette finished with the fastest time, 31:57.5. She was followed in second place by Adele McDonough of Belmar in second place with a time of 33:41.1 and Shauna Schubiger of Brick Township who finished in third place with a time of 34:50.6.

Large crowds flocked to Lavallette to run, walk and raise money for the Lavallette-based environmental group committed to raising awareness about local environmental issues, particularly the health of Barnegat Bay.

In addition, this year the race raised money for the United States Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, the Lavallette Police Department, Lavallette Fire Department and the



Photo courtesy of Friends of the SBB 8K

More than 600 runners signed up to take part in Save Barnegat Bay's second annual 8K, held last weekend in Lavallette.

Lavallette First Aid Squad.

In terms of fund raising, the goal of this year's race was to raise \$25,000. According to race officials, who are still totalling the proceeds from the event, it appears this goal was not only met, but exceeded.

"Our goal this year was to recruit more participants and sponsors, but more importantly, to build upon the already successful model from last year," said Jennifer O'Reilly, of the Friends of the SBB 8K.

The group helped accomplish that goal by adding more water stops, live music from local radio stations, more food, awards and a post race party at the Crab's Claw Inn.

In addition, Goldman Sachs and Starbucks from the Ocean County Mall, along with over 100 volunteers, helped make the event a success.

"They were tremendous, as

was every single person who helped make the day run smoothly," said Joe Yewaisis from the Friends of the SBB 8K. "This race is simply not possible without our volunteers and we are so thankful and appreciative for the help."

Race organizers said the event also would not have been possible if not for the cooperation of the Borough of Lavallette and the local police and fire departments as well as the first aid squad.

"Each year they made the process so smooth, we owe our success to them," Ms. O'Reilly said.

Mr. Yewaisis also especially thanked the OceanFirst Foundation and the Crab's Claw Inn for being the two major sponsors of the race.

With the success of two consecutive races behind them,

event organizers are now looking forward to a future of fun, successful events in Lavallette.

"Next year will be even better," Ms. O'Reilly said.



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Pancake Breakfast

The Union Church of Lavallette, located on the corner of Roue 35 north and Philadelphia Avenue, will hold its first in a series of annual pancake breakfasts on Saturday, July 7 from 8 to 11 a.m.

The menu will include pancakes with apple or blueberry topping, a selection of sausages, scrambled eggs, orange juice, coffee and tea.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 3 to 12. Children under the age of 3 are free.

Additional pancake breakfasts will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4 and Saturday, Sept. 1.

Flea Market

The Women's Auxiliary of the Lavallette First Aid Squad will hold a flea market on the first aid grounds, Bay Boulevard and Washington Avenue, on July 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rain date for this event is July 19.

There will be lots of vendors, offering a wide variety of merchandise for both young and old. Home made baked goods, straw table, hot dogs, cold drinks, ice cream and other treats will all be served.

All profits from this event go to the all-volunteer local first aid squad.

Business owner named honorary auction chair

Peter Trimmer, owner of Peter's Lavallette Florist, has been named the honorary chairman of the art auction, presented by St. Bonventure Church in Lavallette. The art auction is scheduled for July 16.

The barrier island is very familiar with Mr. Trimmer and his expertise in flower arrangements, interior decorating and philanthropic activity. He intends to use his talent for paying attention to detail and ensuring customer satisfaction to make sure the art auction is a first-class event.

Before establishing himself in Lavallette, Mr. Trimmer spent many years shaping and sharpening his skills in florists in Caldwell, Montclair and Brielle.

Mr. Trimmer is also known throughout the barrier island for his history of saying yes to volunteering for all worthwhile causes that help the community. Service clubs, churches and schools throughout the area know they can count on him to assist with their charitable endeavors.

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