SASS Welcomes Distinguished and Highly Honored Researcher as its 2011 Visiting Professor
Erkki Ruoslahti, M.D., Ph.D., Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute at UCSB

The underlying themes of Dr. Ruoslahti’s work are tumor vasculature, metastasis and the use of targeted nanoparticles in cancer diagnosis and treatment. Tumors, like other tissues, contain both blood vessels and lymphatic vessels. A tumor needs blood vessels to be able to grow, and destroying tumor blood vessels is the basis of a promising new cancer therapy. Lymphatic vessels are not needed for tumor growth, but like blood vessels, the lymphatics are an important conduit of distant metastasis.

On Tuesday, April 26th, Dr. Ruoslahti will be honored as The SASS 2011 Visiting Professor at Weill Cornell Medical College in conjunction with Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Dr. Ruoslahti will conduct Grand Rounds at both Weill Cornell and MSKCC, NYC. Dr. Andrew Schafer, Chairman, Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College, will introduce our distinguished speaker. The title of Dr. Ruoslahti’s medical seminar is “Tumor-Penetrating Peptides in Targeted Tumor Treatment.” As part of the special program of the day, The SASS Research Fellows from Weill Cornell and Cold Spring Harbor Lab will present at a Scientific Session in the Uris Auditorium. As part of this extraordinary event, the 2011 Visiting Professor will be feted at a dinner held in his honor. The dinner will be attended by members of the SASS Boards and distinguished guests.

Kudos to Dr. Sudhir Gupta, SASS Foundation Director of Scientific Development, for his tireless efforts in coordinating this extraordinary event and bringing together critical thinkers in the field of cancer research.

New SASS Fellow at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in Leukemia Research
Christopher Vakoc, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania, 2007

Following the completion of The SASS Foundation two year research grant at CSHL, by Dr. Shilpi Paul, we are proud to announce a new SASS Fellow has been selected—Dr. Christopher Vakoc. Dr. Vakoc’s area of research will focus on the role of epigenetics in acute myloid leukemia. Dr. Vakoc’s research is to understand how these mutations affect the gene reactivation pattern in new cells.

Dr. Vakoc has won many prestigious awards for his outstanding research, has penned many publications and given many lectures—including a recent one entitled, “Hitting Leukemia Where it Hurts.”

The SASS Foundation is proud to welcome Dr. Vakoc as the recipient of 2010–2012 SASS Fellow at CSHL and wishes him great success. The previous SASS Fellow (2007–09) at CSHL, Dr. Paul has made excellent progress during her research grant funded by the SASS Foundation. The results of Shilpi’s research will be finalized and published in the near future.
Help Prevent a 45% Rise In U.S. Cancer Cases By 2030

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The number of cancer cases in the U.S. will increase 45% to 2.3 million by the year 2030, from 1.6 million new people diagnosed in 2010, unless new treatments are found, according to a recent study. Let’s help slash this projected surge in new cancer cases and reduce the ratio today of 1 in every 4 deaths caused by cancer—the second leading cause of deaths in the U.S. For cancer survivors who cannot be cured currently, improved treatments can significantly enhance their quality of life and extend their survival. To that end and the ultimate eradication of this disease, the SASS Foundation for Medical Research continues its fight.

We all have friends and family who have been afflicted with this complex disease. Your continued support of The SASS Foundation for Medical Research will help us to expand impactful programs to help those who have confronted cancer or those at risk. Through the Foundation we enable cancer patients to access leading oncologists, medical researchers and the latest discoveries. We continue to fund discovery-driven research for the early detection, treatment, survivorship and prevention of cancer. The works of recipients of the Foundation’s grants have been published in highly regarded academic scientific publications.

We have witnessed groundbreaking cancer vaccines, antibody therapies and other new developments, with 50% of all people diagnosed with cancer now being cured. Much work still remains on new, targeted therapies and innovative approaches to clinical research and clinical trials to extend the lives of cancer patients and keep them cancer free. We won’t stop until 100% are cured of this complex and difficult disease.

Following are the Foundation’s two main upcoming fun and fund-raising events, with 100% of the net proceeds going to medical research, education and patient care. We hope you will join us at both of these—Monday, June 6th, Annual Golf & Tennis Outing, Piping Rock Club & Friday, November 4th, Annual Gala Dinner Dance & Casino, Plaza Hotel, 7:00 pm.

Let’s continue making a difference together.

Yours sincerely,

Martin D. Sass

FROM THE CHAIRMAN Martin D. Sass

YOUNG LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE: THE NEXT GENERATION

Lara and Phil Sivin, YLC Co-Chairs

It is hard to believe that the Young Leadership Committee (YLC) began almost five years ago. It was March 2006 when we all met at the scenic De Seversky Centre for the inauguration of the YLC at a Cocktail Reception. Since then, we have grown in number and have incorporated many new initiatives and fundraising activities, having a lot of fun along the way. Ari and Jamie Sass have co-chaired Champions for Charity and instituted the SASS Foundation/Insound Concert Series, raising funds and awareness for cancer research. You have participated in all of these endeavors and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Our Golf and Tennis Outings have been well-attended and graciously supported by our loyal YLC members. Our Golf & Tennis Outing held last year on May 17th at the Nassau Country Club raised more money for cancer research than any of our previous outings. This successful outcome would not have been possible without YLC members who participated in golf and tennis.

Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 6th for the SASS Foundation Golf Outing and Tennis Tournament at the magnificent Piping Rock Club. It promises to be a very special day, during which we will be honoring two outstanding leaders in the Long Island Business Community – Gillis Poll and George Poll, co-owners of some of our and your favorite restaurants including Toku, Bryant & Cooper, Cipollini and Bar Frites. Whether golf or tennis, is your game, a spectacular day and evening has been planned. For our avid tennis players, please note that the club boasts grass courts, as well as clay courts. This should make the tennis tournament exceptional for all of our participants. The tournament will culminate in an outdoor tennis awards luncheon. For our YLC golfers, we know you will love the opportunity to play on this fabulous golf course in a beautiful setting. Please watch your mail for details. Your participation will help us to raise money necessary to fund vital new cancer research fellowships.

Get ready to party at The SASS Foundation’s Annual Gala Dinner Dance on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the fabulous Plaza Hotel in New York City. We have very special honorees, a fantastic Hank Lane band, and an evening filled with wonderful surprises.

To all of the YLC members who have become valuable friends and loyal supporters of The SASS Foundation – we could not accomplish all that we do without your continued involvement. You have certainly made a difference in our mission to fund cancer research. Thank you all so much!

Fond regards,

Lara and Phil Sivin

Please mark your calendars for The SASS Foundation’s 17th Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Day

Saturday, October 22, 2011 at the L.I. Marriott in Uniondale. Knowledge is Power!
The Beginning of a New Day

April is the cruelest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain…

T. S. Eliot, The Waste Land

The prophetic and symbolic lines of T.S. Eliot’s immense work seem to hold the breath of hope that all of us have after a winter as we have just endured. The allusion of rebirth full of hope captures the feelings of all of us for the future. A future, which we, at The SASS Foundation for Medical Research, Inc., believe, will someday culminate in a cure for these dreaded diseases.

With the spring comes a new season for The SASS Foundation to create new inroads of education, research, and patient care. In April, we will once again have our Annual Visiting Professorship at the Weill Cornell Medical Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. Such a world class event will not only showcase this year’s Visiting Professor, Dr. Erikk Ruoslahti, but will also provide a forum for our Cold Spring Harbor Fellows and the Judah Folkman Fellows at N.Y. Presbyterian – Weill Cornell to share their work with each other and with the staff of each institution. Under the guidance of Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Director of Scientific Development of The SASS Foundation, these Visiting Professorships have been the fuel to propel further research from the research laboratory to the bedside of patients.

Through the spring, summer, and fall, patient programs in ovarian cancer, prostate cancer, and breast cancer are being planned to help patients across the New York area. We are very proud to announce that through the work of Dr. Richard Silver, a member of The SASS Foundation’s Medical Advisory Board, as well as President of the CRT Foundation, we will be jointly sponsoring a prostate screening day for the Jamaica Queens population. All of these events and screenings are open to the public at no charge.

So how can you be a part of this breath of hope for this new season? One way would be to join us on Monday, June 6, along with George Poll and Gillis Poll, noted restaurateurs, to play golf and tennis at the Piping Rock Club and to help raise funds for a new breast cancer research fellow named in memory of Carol Litwin. You can make plans to be a part of a very special evening on Friday, November 4th at the world famous Plaza Hotel in NYC, when Business Leadership Honoree, John A Catsimatidis, and Courage Award Honoree, Beth Gold-Cohen, will help raise the bar even higher so that research can make the progress that we so dearly need.

T.S. Eliot was an American literary icon. His words today seem as relevant as when he wrote them over 90 years ago. Join us in any way you can…for together we WILL make a difference.

Partnering for a Healthy Community
Third Annual Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day, Saturday, May 1, 2010

On a balmy and sunny morn on May 1st, over 300 attendees gathered at the East Wind Inn and Spa in Wading River for the 3rd Annual OCAD.

As part of this most informative free daylong education event were workshops that included pertinent topics such as “The Breast/Ovarian Cancer Connection” and “You are what you eat: Nutrition & Cancer,” and What Your Daughters & Sisters Should Know: Prevention of Gynecological diseases.

The Town Forum Doctors’ Panel was moderated by Dr. Frank Arena and special guest moderator for the Awards presentations was media personality, Valerie Smaldone, former honoree.

Dr. John Lovecchio, Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, NS LIJ Health System, delivered The Gerry Trunz Memorial Lecture.

The Courage Award was bestowed upon Donna Dooley. Mr. Leo Dooley, Donna’s husband, accepted the award on her behalf. The entire Dooley family was in attendance to witness his moving tribute to the courageous way in which Donna conducted herself in the face of adversity. She was truly a shining star to all who knew her.

This free day of education is dedicated to the memory of Gerry Trunz, a 50 year old mother of 4 who succumbed to a courageous 4 year battle with Ovarian Cancer. A special thank you goes to Mr. Charles Trunz III, whose continued generosity helps to underwrite this day, along with the SASS Foundation.

With early detection 82 out of 100 women may be saved as early detection is key. The SASS Foundation, in realizing the crucial need for ovarian cancer education, is at the forefront to save lives!
Providing Outreach and Vital Education to the Community


“I have been attending your conferences for about 5 years & look forward to your invitation every fall. My experiences are always positive - from gathering information disseminated at the forums, keynote addresses & workshops, to the exposure at the support services tables. I always walk away knowing that so much is being done in the field of breast cancer research & I feel quite hopeful. Thank you so much for your hard work in making this possible.” — Gloria Sylvie, Jamaica, NY

One has to be present to derive the FULL impact of witnessing the hope on the faces of cancer patients and their family and friends who attend this free day of education – see the hopefulness in their eyes and feeling their positivity. Those who have attended know that they will come away with a renewed spirit and vigor, armed with vital information on the latest therapies and treatments to help them win the war. This free daylong event is dedicated to educate and support all who have been or will be affected by Breast Cancer and strives to educate the public. The event held court to an overflow crowd of over 600 people. This special day of education included vital support service groups and a “Meet the Experts” Town Hall Forum, co-moderated by Dr. Arena and Dr. DeRisi, in which world-renowned physicians discussed the most current information regarding the diagnosis and treatment of Breast Cancer and related diseases. Breakout sessions included such pertinent topics as “The Team Approach to Breast Cancer,” “Food for Life: Nutrition and Cancer,” “Dance Your Way through Recovery with Zumba,” Honorees included Nassau County Executive, Ed Mangano, (Lisa Cowan Memorial Award) and Angela Susan Anton, CEO and Publisher, Anton Community Newspapers (Albina Taddeo Humanitarian Award). The Keynote Address was delivered by Tanya Bastianich Manuiali, PhD, Co-Author, Reflections of The Breast: Breast Cancer in Art Through the Ages. In attendance was special guest Lidia Bastianich.

Special recognition at the awards ceremony was given to SASS Foundation President/Co-founder, Dr. Arena; Honorees - Tanya Bastianich Manuiali; Angela Susan Anton; Hon. Edward P. Mangano & Chairman/Co-founder, Martin D. Sass.

The SASS Foundation Raises Nearly $500,000 for Cancer Research at 2010 Gala Dinner Dance at the Pierre Hotel!

On Friday, November 12th, The SASS Foundation for Medical Research held its annual Gala Dinner Dance & Casino at the fabulous Pierre Hotel in NYC.

The event brought together over 300 local and national business people, medical professionals, and loyal supporters and benefactors and their support helped to raise nearly half a million dollars.

The enthusiastic attendees paid tribute to three very special individuals. The Humanitarian Award was bestowed upon Dr. Mark I. Silberman, Roslyn, NY. Dr. Silberman, a noted and beloved plastic surgeon of The Plastic Surgery Group, donates his time throughout the year, educating the public in to help in the fight against cancer at SASS Foundation Education Days. Dr. Silberman is a wonderful and loyal friend to The SASS Foundation. He can be called upon at any time and works tirelessly to raise awareness. The Business Leadership Award was presented to Sue Herera, CNBC co-anchor of “Power Lunch.” Ms. Herera was one of the first women to break into the world of broadcast business news, earning her the nickname of “First Lady of Wall St.” Her prominent voice can be heard as a passionate supporter and champion for the cause. The Courage Award was bestowed upon Sean Swarner, a two time cancer survivor by the time he was sixteen years old. No one has survived cancer twice and climbed Mt. Everest and completed the 7-Summits until Sean. Today at 35 years old, Sean spreads his message of hope and courage to cancer survivors all over the world.

Broadway star, Matthew Scott was Celebrity Emcee for the evening and performed some of the show tunes from Jersey Boys. Sports Celebrity Guest, former NY Giant, and 2 time Superbowl champion, Sean Landeta conducted a live auction of signed Superbowl plaques and helped to raise money for the cause.

The co-founders of The SASS Foundation, Martin & Barbara Sass and Dr. Francis Arena, greeted the throngs of happy revelers and encouraged the guests to participate in the silent/live auctions and casino with all proceeds going to cancer research.

Some major corporate sponsors of this event were MD Sass Companies, Kramer Levin, Berdon, Sidley Austin, Bracewell Giuliani, Deloitte, Bloomberg, The Plastic Surgery Group and many more. We thank them and the many other supporters for their help in underwriting this fabulous evening. The noted Medical Professionals in attendance that evening included Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Dr. Kanti Rai, Dr. Andrew Schafer, Dr. Ralph Steinman, Dr. Richard Silver, Dr. Morton Coleman and Dr. Dwight DeRisi, all members of The SASS Medical Board of Advisors. We thank them for all their tireless efforts toward finding a cure.

The funds raised at this wonderful event will go directly into medical research and education programs to help unlock the mysteries involved in the onset and progression of cancer and blood related diseases.

“…we need to act now and chop that mountain of ignorance and futility down forever! Our mountain tonight is to climb higher on the ladder of research, on the ladder of education, and of patient support. This is indeed the reason we are all here tonight…”

— Dr. Arena quote from 2010 Gala Journal
Business Leadership Honoree, Sue Herera, flanked by Dr. Arena and Marty Sass

Humanitarian Honoree, Dr. Illan Silberman, with Dr. Arena

SASS Medical Board members, Dr. Steinman and his wife, Dr. Silver and his wife, and Dr. Morton Coleman

SASS Executive Board member, Joe Amella, wife Lily and family

Dr. Richard Silver, Weill Cornell, SASS Medical Board, Martin D. Sass, Chairman and Founder, SASS Foundation, Dr. Frank Arena, President and Co-Founder, SASS Foundation; Barbara Sass, Treasurer and Co-Founder, SASS Foundation; and Dr. Sudhir Gupta, Director, Scientific Development, SASS Foundation.

Angela Susan Anton, CEO, Anton Publications, former SASS Honoree and former NY Giant and two-time Superbowl champion Sean Landeta

Humanitarian Award Recipient, Dr. Illan Silberman, wife Gail and children Matthew and Allison

Tom Constance, Kramer Levin, SASS Executive Board, 2009 Honoree, with wife Janet

Marty and Barbara Sass, Lara and Phil Stein, Ari and Jamie Sass, Bob Litwin and Muriel and Bert Brodsky and family

Co-Founders Barbara and Marty Sass with SASS Volunteers
SASS Foundation on the Path to Cure Ovarian Cancer
1st Annual “Ray of Hope” Concert a Resounding Success!

On Friday, May 14, 2010, the auditorium at the School of Visual Arts Theater in NYC was filled to capacity. Those who attended, not only saw a fantastic show, but contributed to a great cause—Ovarian Cancer Research. Headlining the Ray of Hope show, was comedian and television star, Ray Romano, who along with the cast members, performed pro bono. This event, co-produced by media personality, Valerie Smaldone and Linda Johns, was a huge success. SASS Foundation President & Co-Founder, Dr. Frank Arena, welcomed everyone and spoke to the important work that The SASS Foundation accomplishes through medical research. All monies raised at The Ray of Hope event will go to fund a special Ovarian Cancer Research Project at NYU Langone Cancer Center and specific gynecological cancer research projects at Mt. Sinai Medical Center through The SASS Foundation for Medical Research. The money to Langone Cancer Center will be earmarked in support of laboratory work to study those who might benefit from PARP inhibitors, as part of a commitment by our Gynecologic Oncology group to a clinical trial of one of these inhibitors, when combined with the liposomal doxorubicin. This trial is supported by the NCI but the laboratory studies are not. The SASS Foundation’s mission is to fund the research necessary to finding a cure!

“I had to write to thank you for bringing more attention to ovarian cancer. I’ve been cancer-free for 14 months. We need more people like you who will bring to light the need for continued research for a cure. We need to get the word out so that women will be more vigilant in watching for those subtle symptoms. I am a member of SLOCA (St. Louis Ovarian Cancer Awareness), a wonderful organization that provides support and education to ovarian cancer patients. I am very thankful for people like Ray Romano and all of you at SASS!”

Sincerely, Tammy Haxton

Champions for Charity: Shopping for a Cure!

Last December, The SASS Foundation, once again, took part in Americana Manhasset’s Champions for Charity Holiday Shopping Benefit. 2010 marked the 15th Anniversary of Champions for Charity and The SASS Foundation has been proud to be one of the participating not-for-profits in the community. The trendy Hirshleifer’s at Americana Manhasset graciously hosted The SASS Foundation at a sparkling Kick Off Cocktail Reception on Thursday evening, December 4th in their fabulous store for our supporters.

“We thank all those who shopped for us during this three-day event:

Joan Ambrosino
Sharon Ball
Jill Blau
Deirdre Costa Major
Sophie Duval
Jo Ann Farley
Bonnie Freeberg
Kate Gibbons
Dee Goldstein
John Gutleber
Allison Hollander
Susan Israel
Antoinette Jarvis
Linda Keilczewski
Maureen Klein
Lois Lerner
Terri Michaels-Kurtz
Alexa Politano
Millie Ronza
Amy Rubinstein
Barbara Sass
Karen Sherman
Gail Silverman
Maria Silverstein
Lisa Sims
Lara Sass Sivin
Phyllis Waller

SAVE THE DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2011

International Patient Symposium
on Myeloproliferative Diseases

Location: The University Club,
One West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019

Sponsors:
Cancer Research & Treatment Fund and
The MPD Foundation

Affiliate Member: The SASS Foundation

Champions for Charity
SASS Foundation Jr. Volunteer Board Makes a Difference!

FROM THE JR. VOLUNTEER BOARD CO-PRESIDENTS
Matt Russell and Maryann Combs

Hello everyone. Our names are Matt Russell and Maryann Combs and we are the co-presidents of the Junior Volunteer Board of The SASS Foundation at Roslyn High School. We are extremely proud to say that the Board this year is stronger than ever. All of our members have such a strong passion for the cause and everyone does his or her best to contribute.

One of our main missions for this year has been to attract upperclassmen to our group. We have a great group of new members who are always eager to create and participate in new fundraisers. We had a great turnout of new members at The SASS Foundation Breast Cancer Awareness Day last October and our group has grown significantly since then.

Our most recent focus has been the Roslyn High School Cancer Benefit Fashion Show, which will take place at Roslyn H.S. on Saturday, April 2nd. The SASS Junior Volunteer Board has been working in conjunction with members of the Roslyn High School Faculty, as well as a design company, in order to create new and fresh items to sell at the fashion show and at the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day, which takes place one week later.

The most recent project of the Junior Volunteer Board has been working to organize the SASS Foundation’s first ever Skate-A-Thon, in conjunction with Iceland Skating Rink. The concept will be similar to a walk-a-thon—except on skates. The Junior Volunteer Board is unique in that everyone is encouraged to brainstorm new fundraising ideas and goals and he or she are encouraged to help achieve those goals—whether through a new fundraiser or an existing one.

We could not accomplish all that we do without the invaluable guidance of Ms. Joan Ambrosino, SASS Foundation Education Administrator. All of our fundraising efforts would not be a success if Ms. Ambrosino did not take time out of her busy schedule to mentor us and help us in every way possible.

We would like to encourage everyone to do his or her part in this fight against cancer because we have learned that the smallest thing can and will make a difference!

We also invite everyone to join our Campaign against Cancer. Anyone with questions about the Junior Volunteer Board of The SASS Foundation or any of our upcoming fundraising events, please feel free to contact Ms. Joan Ambrosino at jambrosinosassfdn@gmail.com or 516.365.7277.

Thank you,
Matt Russell and Maryann Combs,
Co-Presidents, SASS Jr. Volunteer Board

MAKING AN IMPACT
Jenna Sherman

Having lost a close relative to cancer, I knew that I wanted to volunteer for an organization that was committed to fighting this horrible disease. My older brother had done community service for The SASS Foundation, so I was familiar with its work in trying to educate people and helping find a cure for cancer. When I started high school this year, I began going to meetings and volunteered at the Breast Cancer Awareness Day. I was happy to participate in fundraising activities and was excited to come up with additional ways to contribute. I also volunteer at the Sid Jacobson Jewish Community Center and was hoping to find ways to partner with their teen program. In line with The SASS Foundation’s goal of helping people reduce their risk of getting cancer, we are planning to put together a cookbook of healthy recipes. I look forward to involving the junior volunteers in this activity and reporting the results next year!

SASS Jr. Volunteer Board with Education Administrator Joan Ambrosino volunteering at the 2010 Breast Cancer Awareness Day

JR. VOLUNTEER BOARD: HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
Brooke Blau, Vice President

Hi! My name is Brooke Blau and I am currently a junior at Roslyn High School and Vice President of the SASS Junior Volunteer Board. Joining the board last year was a great decision because it has allowed me to help establish ideas on how to raise more money for cancer research. It has been a pleasure to work with the foundation and has inspired me to work outside of school on my own project.

After participating in the annual SASS Breast Cancer Awareness Day in October and the SASS Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day in April, I have developed a proclivity for raising more for this special cause. With Robyn Jaslow, I was able to bring my idea to reality. This idea of having a day event that would raise money for different foundations grew and developed into one of the most important days for me. This “Lady’s Day Event” that occurred in December raised money through the selling of raffles, silent auctions and the selling done by the vendors. This day was a day for women to come and play mahjong and other games. It was followed by a lunch-in and the announcements for silent auctions, raffles, and speeches. I made sure to pull in the SASS Foundation for Medical Research and we gladly donated a third of the proceeds to them. Even though this event was developed out of school, I decided to bring it into the school by having members of the SASS Junior Volunteer Board and the Youth Against Cancer Club help sell socks for the event. The socks had all different mottos and inspirational phrases and words that all had to do with cancer.

In the future, I plan to create new products to sell within the school and out of the school. I have been hoping to have new designs for shirts, shorts and other items so that we can expand and diversify our options. I also plan to help create new fundraisers in the school. I enjoy working with everyone and especially for a special cause. Together we can make a difference!
“Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something”

Author Unknown

The word IMPACT can be defined by the following words, “strong effect, influence, affect change.” This past year has certainly proved that a foundation located on Roslyn, L.I., has continued to make an impact in the fight against cancer, as it has done since its inception when Marty and Barbara Sass, along with Dr. Frank Arena, founded The SASS Foundation.

On a global level, The SASS Foundation supported a cutting edge medical seminar in Europe at an international symposium that dealt with the issues of genetics, epidemiology and other important aspects in the study of hereditary breast and ovarian cancers. The Foundation also played a vital role in supporting the Lymphoma and Myeloma Conference in Singapore.

Last May, at the “Ray of Hope Concert,” The SASS Foundation was proud to be the conduit through which significant monies were raised to fund ovarian & gynecological cancer research at NYC Langone Med. Ctr. & Mt. Sinai Med. Ctr. The Foundation provides the necessary tools to enlighten educate and, most importantly, fund the research which is crucial to finding a cure.

The Foundation continues to impact the fight against cancer with the funding of a second research fellow at CSHL as well renewing ongoing research projects at both Weill Cornell and Burnham Institute. The Foundation’s Scientific and Medical Advisory Boards are comprised of world-renowned physicians and researchers – including a Nobel Prize Laureate. This year’s Visiting Professor, Dr. Ruoslahti’s visit will culminate in a special SASS Joint Board meeting where critical thinkers will gather to discuss new and innovative ways in which The Foundation can continue to make a difference.

The SASS Foundation is comprised of a diverse group of dedicated individuals working toward a common goal – the eradication of cancer. The Executive Advisory Board provides the necessary resources through their vital support that enables The Foundation to continue in its mission. The helpful Volunteers provide valuable assistance at all our events without fanfare or spotlight, yet their impact is felt at each successful event. The Junior Volunteer Board, under the capable guidance of Joan Ambrosino, Education Administrator, is working hard to make an impactful difference at Roslyn H.S. Joan encourages the students, leads by example and shows how each individual can help to make a difference – a valuable lesson at any age.

The common thread that fuels The SASS Foundation is the fierce determination of each one of us who comprise this “team” to defeat cancer – to stop it in its tracks! The saying “it takes a village” has never been so true. This is why we need your support now more than ever before. So many of us have witnessed loved ones succumbing to cancer’s harsh grasp and have decided – NO MORE! The time to act is now. You CAN make an impact by supporting our Golf & Tennis Outing on June 6th—honoring Gillis Poll & George Poll, Piping Rock Club. All proceeds from this event will go toward funding a new research fellowship named for our dear friend, Carol Litwin, who lost her valiant battle to cancer last year. Carol was an inspiration to all who had the privilege to know her. We hope this research will bring us closer to finding a cure and will serve as a meaningful tribute to Carol’s memory. We hope that each one of you will participate in a magical evening on Nov. 4th at our Annual Gala at the fabulous Plaza Hotel, as we honor two deserving individuals—John Catsimatidis and Beth Gold-Cohen—help us raise vital funds needed, and have a wonderful time along the way. The general operating expenses are paid by the Sass family – so that 100% of your contributions, journal ads, and your attendance on this special night will certainly make a difference in our fight to eradicate cancer! “Together We Can Make A Difference!”

Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.”

William James

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**2011 GOLF & TENNIS — JOIN US TO FIND A CURE!**

Hi,

As you know Carol was courageous in her four-year battle against cancer. Throughout, she never lost hope, maintaining an optimistic attitude despite battling an opponent, breast and lung cancer, that never took a day off. Her willingness to maintain this attitude was an inspiration to all who were touched by her. Furthermore, she made life style adaptations by changing her diet, taking massive amounts of supplements and adding meditating and chanting to her daily regimen. She powered through months of chemotherapy and radiation while never losing the sparkling eyes, her beautiful smile, the infectious laugh and the unending gift of love to all that she touched.

Unfortunately there are way too many times that this awful disease wins out despite all the efforts of a powerful soul, like Carol’s, and the dedicated doctors who treated her. Drs. Frank Arena, Mitchell Gaynor and Jed Pollack used every tool in their toolbox to try to save Carol and the many others who have been stricken. We need to help these patients and doctors find and develop more tools. The work in the labs must go on and on until a cure is found. The SASS Foundation is dedicated to this work. We need your help. We need you to step up. We need you to participate.

Please join me on June 6, Play tennis or golf. If not, come just for lunch or dinner. If your schedule doesn’t allow, there are many sponsorship options. Buy raffle tickets. No amount is too small. Your contribution, whatever the amount, will help move the ball one more yard. That one yard may be the one that gets us into the end zone.

Every dollar raised at this event will go into the newly formed SASS Foundation Carol Litwin Memorial Research Fellow.

Step up in Carol’s memory. Step up for your friends, your family and for the generations that follow.

All my love,

Bob Litwin

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday, June 6, 2011**

**Annual Golf Outing & Tennis Tournament**

Piping Rock Country Club • Locust Valley, NY

**Honoring GILLIS POLL & GEORGE POLL**

Long Island’s Outstanding Restaurateurs

**Proceeds to fund The SASS Foundation CAROL LITWIN MEMORIAL RESEARCH FELLOW**

For questions contact Lois at llernersassfdn@gmail.com or 516.365.7277
Teaming up to raise more money than ever before! Par for the Course!

The spirited golfers and tennis players who joined together on a cloudless May morning at Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove, were determined to not only have fun, but were committed to raising as much money as possible for cancer research, patient care & education—as they played for a cure. On Monday, May 17, 2010, the sun shone brightly on the beautifully manicured greens and filled to capacity pristine courts at the historic Nassau CC. The full compliment of golfers was treated to a tasty barbeque lunch and wonderful refreshments as they made their way on the beautifully manicured green.

The cloudless sky and brilliant sun provided the perfect backdrop for the outdoor Tennis Awards Luncheon. At the conclusion of the tournament, fabulous prizes were awarded in both the Men’s and Women’s Divisions at the Barbeque Buffet where a vast array of beautifully prepared dishes simmered on the grill, accompanied by wonderfully prepared salads, greeted the enthusiastic participants.

This fun-filled event culminated in a fabulous cocktail hour and a sumptuous awards buffet dinner where world-ranked Tennis Co-Chair Bob Litwin; Golf Co-Chair, Phil Sivin; and Tennis Co-Chair, Lara Sass Sivin were honored for their hard-working efforts in making this The SASS Foundation’s most successful outing ever!

Some of the major sponsors of this event included Berdon, Sidley Austin, Kramer Levin; MD Sass Companies; Marc Wiener; Joel Greenblatt; Lehrhoff Family; & Jay Goldman—just to name a few. Some companies and stores who provided in kind gifts – including the Garden City Hotel, Judith Ripka Companies, NuBest Salon & Spa, and Calloway Golf and many others. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to make this a banner year. We cannot forget our devoted SASS Volunteers who never miss a beat and are at the ready to help from morning until night.

We thank our participants and supporters for being a part of this record-breaking outing—helping to make a huge difference—one which will enable us to provide the necessary funds needed to continue our fight to eradicate cancer through research and raising awareness through education.

Please mark your calendars – Monday, June 6th – at the grand Piping Rock Club – for The SASS Foundation 2011 Golf Outing and Tennis Tournament. Please join us, have fun, and most importantly, help to find a cure!
Franco M. Muggia, MD, is Professor of Medicine at New York University School of Medicine and the Anne Murnick & David H. Cogan Professor of Oncology. Dr. Muggia was a senior investigator at the National Cancer Institute from 1969 to 1972, and also Associate Director for the Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program at NCI from 1975 to 1979, during which time he was responsible for the clinical development of cisplatin. He subsequently headed Medical Oncology at New York University (1979-1986; 1996-2009) and the University of Southern California Comprehensive Cancer Center (1986-1996), while also serving as Associate Director for Clinical Investigations at these institutions, and Director of the NYU Kaplan Cancer Center (1997-9). He has led the combined fellowship training program in Hematology/Oncology at New York University Cancer Institute since 2006. Other positions and honors include the following: Principal Investigator of a Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Award to the University of Southern California; Chairman of the Medical Oncology Committee of the Gynecology Oncology Group; Chairman and Medical Director of the Chemotherapy Foundation; member of the executive committee of the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Italian Foundation for Cancer Research, and of the Lynne Cohen Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research. Also he has co-led international symposia: on Platinum Coordination Compounds in Cancer (2003), and on Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer. Wong’s research interests are in the development of new drugs and treatment strategies, and differences between Asian and Caucasian cancers.

John E.L. Wong, MBBS, FAMS, FRCP, FACP, Isabel Chan Professor of Medical Sciences, is Dean of the Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Director of the National University Cancer Institute, Singapore (NCIS), and Deputy Chief Executive of the National University Health System (NUHS). A medical oncologist-haematologist, Dr. Wong obtained his MBBS from NUS and did his residency and fellowship at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, where he was the Chief Resident in Medicine, and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Dr. Wong jointly founded the Cancer Therapeutics Research Group (CTRG), a multi-national consortium of nine academic Asia-Pacific institutions focused on early phase clinical trials. He is a member of the International Education Council for Molecular Targeted Therapy for Cancer, has served on the American Society of Clinical Oncology International Affairs Committee and the International Oncology Foundation Advisory Board, and is a faculty member of American Association for Cancer Research meetings on translational cancer research. He is actively involved in the development of Biomedical Sciences as a key pillar of Singapore’s economy, as well as the development of Singapore’s first academic health system linking the National University Hospital and the National University of Singapore’s medical, dental, and nursing schools under one unified governance. Dr. Wong’s research interests are in the development of new drugs and treatment strategies, and differences between Asian and Caucasian cancers.

Kudos to Our Own

The outstanding, Sudhir Gupta, MD, PhD, MACP. The SASS Foundation Director of Scientific Development for having an Endowed Chair in Molecular Immunology—named for him at the University of California, Irvine.

Outstanding immunologist, Dr. Ralph M. Steinman, member of The SASS International Scientific Advisory Board, who has received the following two prestigious awards to be added to his prestigious list of accomplishments.

- Thomas E. Starzl Prize in Surgery and Immunology, Pittsburgh, USA
- A.H. Heineken Prize for Medicine, The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences

Former SASS Foundation Fellow at St. Jude's Research Hospital, Dr Christopher Dillon has been published in *Nature*, a Scientific & Medical Journal.

**ACCOLADES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Hope on the Horizon…Looking to the Future

**The Rose and Joseph Arena College Scholarships** are awarded each year by The SASS Foundation to three high school seniors who have exhibited academic excellence in the sciences, exemplified leadership qualities and have the potential to effect positive change in the future. Kudos to the 2010–11 Arena Scholarship Award Winners!

- Michael K. Kelly, Columbia University
- Celline Kim, Brown University
- Remya Nathan, CUNY/Queens College

Helping to Make the Dream of a Cure — Reality!

**2010–2011 SASS Foundation Research Fellows**

Dr. Francine Garrett-Bakelman — Weill Cornell Medical College, NY, NY
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“Research and education are how we make headway into diseases.”

*Francis P. Arena, MD, FACP*
IMPACT—On a Mission to Conquer Cancer

Losito Sisters Fundraiser
Individuals who want to make an impact, like the Losito sisters, whose mom was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer realized that they wanted to make a difference and held a fundraiser on Long Island—the proceeds were shared by The SASS Foundation and Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Actions such as these provide a meaningful impact and help to make a difference!

Marie Boily Breast Cancer Fundraiser
Cancer survivor, Marie Boily (pictured right) held a fundraiser at a local hair salon last October. She donated the proceeds from the sale of her fabulous floral centerpieces to The SASS Foundation for cancer research.

Take Note...

✓ ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & TENNIS TOURNAMENT
Monday, June 6th—all day
Piping Rock Club, Locust Valley, NY

✓ 17TH ANNUAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY
Saturday, Oct. 22nd
9 am–2 pm, LI Marriott, Uniondale, NY

✓ ANNUAL GALA DINNER DANCE & CASINO
Friday, November 4th
7:00 pm–11:30 pm
Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave at Central Pk. So., NYC

Donate Your Car, Truck or SUV: Proceeds Go to The SASS Foundation!

Spring is upon us and you may be thinking about purchasing a new vehicle. Please think about donating your vehicle to Cars4Charities. This is a not-for-profit car donation center. When you donate your car, truck, van or SUV to their center, they will send the entire net proceeds to the SASS Foundation and you will receive a valuable tax deduction. Your vehicle does not have to run. With the price of used cars and scrap metal up, more money is received for each donated vehicle.

For details, please go to http://www.cars4charities.org/ or call 866.448.3487 and designate The SASS Foundation as the charity of your choice.

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DINNER DANCE & CASINO • PLAZA HOTEL • 5TH AVENUE AT CENTRAL PARK SOUTH

Please join us on a very special evening to benefit the fight against cancer—when we honor John Catsimatidis and Beth Gold-Cohen. It will be a fitting tribute to two extraordinary and deserving individuals and promises to be a very special night that you will not want to miss—filled with fun, surprises, dancing, and auctions to help us to raise more money than ever before for cancer research, patient care & education.

Business Leadership Honoree
John A. Catsimatidis

Mr. Catsimatidis is the Chairman and CEO of the Red Apple Group. The Red Apple Group has holdings in oil refining, retail petroleum products, convenience stores, supermarkets, real estate and aviation. Catsimatidis grew up in New York City. While studying engineering at the Bronx campus of New York University, Catsimatidis opened a small supermarket in 1968 on Manhattan’s upper Westside. This supermarket evolved into Manhattan’s largest, high quality supermarket chain, Gristedes’ Supermarkets. Catsimatidis took over this 114-year-old company transforming it into an iconic staple of New York City life.

Mr. Catsimatidis is a significant supporter of the Juvenile Diabetes’, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s research foundations, and is a consistent supporter of the Outward Bound organization. John Catsimatidis was the honoree in 2008 and 2009 by New York’s ‘Appeal of Conscious Foundation’ for his active role supporting religious freedom around the world.

A legendary fundraiser in New York and national politics, Catsimatidis is deeply committed to his community and country. Mr. Catsimatidis currently serves on New York’s newly elected Governor Andrew Cuomo’s transition team. Mrs. Margo Catsimatidis shares duties with her husband in all of their charitable activities. Mr. & Mrs. Catsimatidis have two children, daughter Andrea John, 21 and son John Jr., 18.

Courage Award
Beth Gold-Cohen

Beth Gold-Cohen, a Long Island native and resident, was diagnosed with breast cancer in February 2006. Rather than returning to a so-called “normal” life after her treatment, Beth has since reinvented herself. Beth’s courage to start a new chapter in life arose in 2006, towards the end of her treatment. After feeling uncomfortable due to weight gain from chemotherapy, Beth resolved to design a garment that would flatter women of all shapes and sizes. Two years later, Lissé Leggings was born. Lissé Leggings is an ongoing supporter of the SASS Foundation for Medical Research.

Beth’s philanthropic roots run deep. From 1987 to 1993, Beth worked tirelessly with the Children’s Medical Fund in endowing the bone marrow transplant unit at Schneider Children’s Hospital.

In recent years, Beth served as raffle prize chairperson for both a SASS Foundation Gala and the Roslyn High School Fashion Show, whose proceeds were donated to the SASS Foundation. Beth has also participated in several SASS Foundation Galas and the American Cancer Society’s “Walk for the Cure.”

On a more personal note, since the day of her diagnosis, Beth has served as a counselor to myriad women suffering from breast cancer. Her exhaustive knowledge of cancer therapies—her husband, Mark, is also a cancer survivor—coupled with her emotional intelligence and sensitivity have been indispensable resources to others going through treatment.

Beth lives in Roslyn, NY with her husband and two grown daughters who are her biggest fans.

Mark your calendars and plan to be part of this wonderful evening—honor these two outstanding individuals—and help to find a cure!