

RUN FOR GEORGE FUND RAISER ALREADY IN PLANNING STAGE

Run for George is a community event held every fall at Upper School and the fourth annual is already in the planning stage. This fund raiser was organized by Stacy and Pauline Rubis and Sophia Rubis Duffy in memory of their beloved father, George, an Englewood Cliffs resident who was diagnosed in 1997 with pancreatic cancer. George, an engineer and marathon runner put-up a valiant fight undergoing experimental chemotherapy while continuing to train and run and even vacationing in his native Greece. It was a fight that could not be won (pancreatic cancer has the highest fatality rate of all cancers) and he died in 1998. When his daughters recovered from their great loss they decided to do something and something they did.

Last year the event raised more than \$50,000 and proved to be a fun community day with not only the running (walking for some) but games for kids with prizes, DJ entertainment beverages, demo karate classes, free massages, coffee pastries, Greek food specialties, a silent auction with 150 very special items.

A total of \$150,000 has been raised to date to benefit research at Johns Hopkins University, leaders in the field. Watch for the announcement of the date for the fourth annual scheduled for November, pancreatic awareness month.

This year 32,180 Americans will be diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and almost equal number will die from it. Despite the fact that pancreatic cancer is the 4th leading cause of cancer death among men and women in the US, the federal government invests less money in pancreatic cancer research than any other cancer.

Many famous people have died from cancer of the pancreas, including Michael, Landon, Marcello Matrianni, Jack Benny Donna Reed, Charles Revson, Rex Harrison, much of Jimmy Carter's family and most recently Katie Couric's sister, Emily.

Those interested n learning more about Run for George or pancreatic cancer may visit WWW.Runforgeorge.Com or email srubis@optonline.net



RUBIS FAMILY—Each and every member of the Rubis family takes part in the annual **RUN FOR GEORGE** fund raiser.