

BROOKHAVEN VOLUNTEER AWARD

GOYA VOLLEYBALL COACH RECIPIENT OF BROOKHAVEN VOLUNTEER AWARD

On May 14th 2009, Joe Schmidt was presented with a plaque at the Town of Brookhaven's 29th Annual Volunteer Awards Night as an outstanding community member who volunteers his time with Brookhaven youth. For the past 5 years, Joe has been volunteering his time to coach the GOYA Boys Volleyball Team. Greek by marriage instead of by birth, Joe dedicates his time in helping our teens. He has been there for them not only as a coach but also as a mentor - helping them in their personal life skills as well as their sports skills. Joe breaks down the walls sometimes existing between youth and their parents by gearing conversations to the strengths and weaknesses of each teen, so they can seek his advice in confidence. To this day, Joe has not broken any of their confidences. Joe speaks to the teens openly and does not look down at them. His personality and straightforwardness has earned their respect. Joe's reputation for fairness and his tendency to compliment and praise players (both on his own team and on other teams) precedes him even at the inter-church games. Joe's motto (s): First learn to respect yourself and then others; never say you can't do something, but just try to do it. Joe also helps coach the GOYA softball team. He opens and closes the Community Center for all GOYA events scheduled at the church, and he oper-

ates the program even when the schools are closed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Joe Schmidt for the time and support he has bestowed upon our GOYA. We know what a positive influence he has been for many of our teens (both present and past). It is because of individuals like Joe that will make our teens look back on their GOYAN years with pride and inspiration and hopefully make them want to return back to their church and dedicate their time as well.

The following awards were presented to Joe Schmidt:

- Plaque for Outstanding Volunteer Service to Brookhaven Youth
- Certificate of Merit for Dedicated Work as a Youth Volunteer.
- Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Community Service.



FAREWELL TO OUR GRADUATES

We would like to bid farewell and wish all our GOYA Graduates Good Luck as they embark on the new road before them.

It has been a pleasure having you as members of our GOYA family. We have seen you all mature both emotionally and physically these past five years. There is no doubt that each and every one of you will succeed in your goals ahead. There have been many memorable moments - cherish them. You've developed friendships amongst GOYA members from different churches - keep these bonds strong. We hope that you look back fondly on these years and that you will return one day and volunteer your time in our church community.

We would like to take this opportunity and thank each member of GOYA for being a "team player" and for their enthusiastic approach and eagerness to win tournaments on behalf of our Church. The results of your efforts are proudly displayed in our Trophy case.

GRADUATES

*Alex Kekatos, Andy Chritoforou
Ariti Kaziris, Eddie Schmidt
Lauren Bartilucci,
Richard Reichardt
Yiorgo Hatzispirou,*

*Thank you,
- Maria Schmidt
- Joseph Schmidt
- Mike Sigalas.*

MEDAL RECIPIENTS OLYMPICS 2009

GOLD - BOYS VOLLEYBALL

*Andy Christoforou Alex Kekatos,
John Luis Damaskos,
Yiorgo Hatzispirou, Billy Markou
Richard Reichardt, Eddie Schmidt
Philip Signorile*

GOLD - SR BOYS 200M DASH

John Luis Damaskos

GOLD - SR BOYS 400M DASH

John Luis Damaskos

Gold - Sr Boys 4x200M Relay

*John Luis Damaskos, Alex Kekatos
Billy Markou, Richard Reichardt*

GOLD - SR BOYS LONG JUMP

Alex Kekatos

SILVER - SR GIRLS 400M DASH

Irene Vogiatzizis

Silver - Sr Boys Long Jump

Richard Reichardt

SILVER - SENIOR BOYS HIGH JUMP

Alex Kekatos

SILVER - SHOT-PUT

Alex Kekatos