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LEGISLATOR MCCAFFREY HONORS LOCAL CELEBRITY



Pictured: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (left) presents a proclamation to actor Dan Lauria.

Lindenhurst, NY: Suffolk County Legislator Kevin McCaffrey (R-Lindenhurst) recently had a unique opportunity to recognize local celebrity, Dan Lauria. This official recognition was part of the Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts' 8th Annual Harvest Moon Gala, which took place at Chateau Le Mer.

Lauria is best known for his role as Jack Arnold on the critically acclaimed series *The Wonder Years*. It may come as a surprise to some that Lauria called Lindenhurst his home when he was growing up. Lauria was a 1965 graduate of Lindenhurst Senior High School, went on to play football for Southern Connecticut State University on an athletic scholarship, and eventually taught briefly as a physical education teacher at Lindenhurst High. On top of all of this, Lauria

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also served as an officer in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War.

Lauria is truly a renaissance man and a source of local pride, thus he was a fitting honoree at this year's Harvest Moon Gala. This milestone in Lauria's career came at a very appropriate time, as he is recently wrapping up a successful run of *Dinner With the Boys*, a play in which he not only stars, but wrote.

"Dan Lauria is an inspiration to all of us in Lindenhurst, but the reach of his positive influence certainly goes far beyond our community," said McCaffrey. "Dan has contributed so much to the culture of our nation, and he was there for us when duty called during the Vietnam War. His being honored is long past overdue. I have a feeling that Dan's career has a lot more in store for us."

To learn more about the programs and fine work of the Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts (BACCA), those interested are strongly encouraged to visit their website at:
<http://www.babylonarts.org/>.

Legislator McCaffrey represents Suffolk County's 14th Legislative District which encompasses the Village of Lindenhurst, Babylon Village, the hamlets of West Babylon and North Lindenhurst, portions of Copiague, North Babylon, and Babylon's barrier beach communities.