



HUMANITARIANS OF THE YEAR 2009!
JIM & MARYANN PAVESE

Jim Pavese was born and raised in Kings Park and attended St. Anthony's High School. Jim left Kings Park in 1978 and moved to Canada where he played junior hockey in various cities in the province of Ontario. Jim was drafted by the St. Louis Blues of the NHL in 1979 and went on to play 11 seasons with St. Louis, New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings and Hartford Whalers. Since his retirement from the NHL, Jim has pursued a very successful business career, while staying true to his Kings Park roots. Maryann was born and raised in Commack and Brooklyn NY and attended Lafayette High School. Jim and Maryann Pavese were married in 1983 and spent every summer on Long Island during Jim's playing days, settling permanently in Kings Park at the end of Jim's playing career in 1992. Jim and Maryann are the proud parents of four children Heather 23, Kristen 20, Alexandra 15 and Connor 11.

Jim and Maryann are involved with many area charities including the St. Baldrick's Foundation, opening their neighborhood pub to those participants who raise money for the Foundation by shaving their heads in solidarity with pediatric cancer patients. They are both active members of the Kings Park Education Foundation which is committed to attracting, managing and distributing monies and resources to implement educational programs and projects for the Kings Park Central School District. The Gift of Life Charity, The Make A Wish Foundation and NHL Charities have all benefited from the donations of time and resources put forth by Jim and Maryann. They are the "big name" charities benefiting from Jim and Maryann's work but most important for the community is their direct involvement on behalf of supporting local families and causes in our community. Whether it's sponsoring a golf outing, having an "Open House" at their pub, or fund raising they can always be counted upon to help in times of need.

For being excellent role models for our youth and great examples of how to give back to your community, the Chamber salutes Jim and Maryann Pavese and thanks them for their concern, commitment and dedication to improving the lives of all in the Kings Park community.