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3rd Annual Diversity Celebration

DEP's Diversity Committee hosted its 3rd Annual Diversity Celebration throughout the Agency. This year's Sports theme highlighted the values inherent in athletics: teamwork, perseverance, cooperation, determination, and leadership. Sports are a unifying force that bring people together, and break down walls between different socioeconomic, ethnic and cultural groups.



Lofrak Headquarters: Yoga participants

A series of events highlighting various sports and recreational activities included the following:



Display of "Sport in Italy" in Grahamsville.

- 1. Jersey Day:** Employees wore their favorite sports jersey or apparel.
- 2. DEP Photo Contest:** All employees were encouraged to submit photos participating in the week's events or wearing their favorite apparel. We received 80 photo submissions from upstate and down-state locations.
- 3. DEP's Wall of Fame:** Athletes who overcame personal challenges were exhibited, highlighting their talents, drive, and sportsmanship in their respective field. The Wall of Fame can be found at <http://depresources/eoo/default.aspx>.



DEP employees playing backgammon in Valhalla.

These events would have not been possible without the hard work and dedication by the Diversity Committee members: Carol Brooks, Kimberly Cusumano, Donna Hylton, Jun Li, Monalisa Mathieu, Irina Mosina, Timothy O'Grady, Gavin O' Rourke, Kim Ohanian, Martha Osenni, Rosanna Pullara, Roya Riazi, Gloria Rodriguez, Janet Singh, Tanika Thomas and Michael Walczyszyn. Special thanks to Grahamsville, Shokan, Kingston and Valhalla for participating in this year's celebration. Special thanks to Public Affairs for their generous gift contributions.

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PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS!
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.



Submission made by Roya Riazzi from BWS at Valhalla with her colleagues. In the picture (from left to right) Andrea Oncioiu, Richard Kowalczyk, Eve Fox, Roya Riazzi, and Margaret Chambless.



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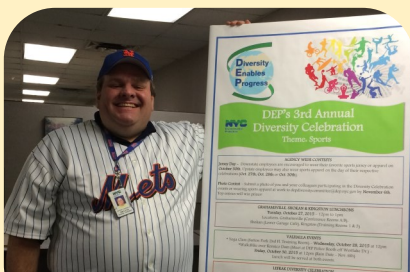
Submission made by Roya Riazzi from BWS at Valhalla with her colleagues. In the picture (in the back row from left to right) Brian Genzmann, Richard Birnbaum, Margaret Chambless, Eve Fox, Michael Rosenberg, Nicholas Canaan, Sven Nielsen, Judy Lapiner, Richard Kowalczyk, and Morteza Arvanaghi. In the picture (front row from left to right) Lynne Cucinelli, Samantha DiPalo, Diane McGowan, Roya Riazzi, and Christian Pace.



Submission made by Igor Shklyar from BWT at Port Richmond with his colleagues James Johnson (front first row), (second row from left to right) Daniel Pepe, Joseph Lanza Michael Geritano, Richard Scibica, Maurice Minickene, Frank Rispoli, Ciro Iacomino, Thomas Bobinski, (third row from left to right) Roger McEneaney, Robert Marfitt, John Peterford, William Schroder, Carl Fasano, Gary Candrilli, Matthew Demartinis, (fourth Row at the left) Daniel Conroy, Domenick Oricchio and Jeffrey Troshane.



Submission made by Frances Leung from BWT at Lefrak with her colleagues (from left to right) Sean Hulbert, Keith Williams, Gary Rudas, Pravin Patel, Andrew Kelly, Christina Adelson, Sean Neafsey, Judy Kong, Chetan Patel, Jason Tso and Harry Potamianos.



Michael Nardiello from Fleet Services at Lefrak.



Submission made by Howard Robinson from BWT from Coney Island with his colleagues. In the picture (left to right) Ronald Fix, Cheryl Cassells, Mike Post, Howard Robinson, Mark Stephen and Remo Lucent.



Submission made by Kim Ohanian from BCS from the Manhattan Borough Office with her colleagues (left to right) Irving Darbouze, Linda Frazier, Vanessa Riviera, and Robin Randazzo.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR DEP TEAMS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN 2015 DIVERSITY CELEBRATION

DEP Water Dragons



Contact Michael Shum (mshum@dep.nyc.gov) for more information.

DEP Softball Team



Contact Nicholas Cholewka (ncholewka@dep.nyc.gov) for more information.

DEP Walking Club



Contact Daniel Cunningham (Danicunn@dep.nyc.gov) for more information.

The Blue and Green Toastmasters



Visit <http://blueandgreen.toastmastersclubs.org/agenda-369882.html> for more information.

DEP Yoga Club



Contact Melissa Siegel (melissas@dep.nyc.gov) for more information.