

PASCACK VALLEY

Community Life



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Remember Joan today

The Joan D'Alessandro Foundation held a party on Sept. 15 to celebrate the unity of the people who have made a difference for the cause, "Remember Joan today so tomorrow's children will be safe." The celebration was organized to thank the masses of people who made their voices heard in the no-parole effort to keep Joan's murderer, Joseph McGowan in prison. McGowan was convicted of raping and murdering Joan in 1973 and was recently denied parole. All proceeds go toward the foundation's goals of protecting children, advancing victims' rights issues, and helping abused, neglected and homeless youth. Pictured above, Rosemarie D'Alessandro (right), Joan's mother, and committee member Donna Kaczala look at one of Joan's school notebooks. For more photos from the event see page 3.