

## Three Strohm Sisters Annual Benefit: A Growing Success

For more than ten years, sisters Lucille Montrony, Jane Stanczuk and Kathy Sarna, also known as the Three Strohm Sisters, have been fighting cancer. Between 1991 and 1994, all three sisters were diagnosed with breast cancer. Fortunately, they are all cancer survivors. Now, they have dedicated themselves to fighting cancer within their community, raising awareness of early cancer detection and sponsoring an annual cancer research fundraiser dinner/dance and raffle drawing to benefit the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation.

Last October, The Three Strohm Sister's Family Foundation raised \$30,000 at their fundraiser in the Nassau County, Long Island community. Only five years ago, Lucille, Jane and Kathy held their first event in October 2000, which raised \$5,000.



From left: Lucille Montrony, Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, Jane Stanczuk and Kathy Sarna

Since then, the event has grown in popularity, attendance and visibility. Next year, the three sisters expect to continue the trend of topping the previous year's success.

Much hard work goes into organizing and preparing for these events, which have annually been sponsored by the three sisters and their Board of Directors. Board Members include: Robert Berg, DDS, Rosalie Fabrizi, Catherine Focazio, Judy Focazio, Josephine Guise, Karen Italo, Ann Jack-

owitz, Warren Meierdiercks, Mary Morreale, Linda Policastro, Patricia Rhodes and Barbara Strohm. Other benefits during the year include a comedy night, a cruise, and a reverse raffle fundraiser where the winners were the last two remaining tickets in the drum. Many local businesses are also involved in the effort and help with the annual benefit's Journal.

Dr. Waxman has attended the event every year as a guest of honor and speaker. "The efforts of The Three Strohm Sisters Family Foundation are remarkable," he said. "Through advocacy for cancer research, education and outreach, their work is an example of how those touched by cancer can make a difference in their community."

For further information about the Three Strohm Sisters Family Foundation, please contact Kathy Sarna at 516-561-3512.