

## HALL OF ACHIEVEMENT

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### DAGMAR GROY MARINO

Class of 1970

Dagmar has been a resident of Copiague since emigrating from Vienna, Austria when she was ten years old. She did not speak English, so her desk was placed next to her teacher, Mr. Guido, and within six months she was fluent in the English language.

Dagmar graduated in three years from the Copiague High School. She attended Babylon Beauty School and started her first business, a hair salon in the community. Shortly thereafter, she married her husband, Richard Marino, a Copiague graduate, and they have been married for over 40 years. They have four children and she enjoyed being a member of the PTA and the Marching Band Parents Association.

After her children were grown, Dagmar started another hair salon, New York Haircutters in the community which has been in business over 19 years. She is an active member and has served on the Board of Directors of the Copiague Chamber of Commerce.

Tragically, in 2012, Dagmar and Richard lost their beloved son, Richard, to an accidental opioid overdose. Through the painful and devastating loss, she was prompted to establish and become a co-founder of Copiague Community Cares (CCC). The mission of CCC is to offer assistance and support to those who have lost loved ones or are struggling with substance abuse issues in their families and educating the community through seminars and workshops including Narcan training. They also work with local and state government on treatment and public policy issues, as well as work with the school system, treatment organizations and local civic groups to remove the stigma attached to addiction and recognizing addiction for what it is, a chronic illness, to be treated with compassion.

The tragic loss in her family prompted her daughter, Dr. Leslie Marino, to focus her professional medical career on addressing the medical condition and the mental health issues of this devastating epidemic.

Dagmar is grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded to her since becoming a citizen and being an active member of the rich and culturally diverse community that is Copiague.

***“In the realm of ideas everything depends on enthusiasm...  
in the real world all rests on perseverance.” – J. W. von Goethe***