

Serra says thank you to supporters, community

To the Editor:

On Nov. 7, the Italian Society of Middletown put on a sold-out (400 attendees) Welcome Back Home/Welcome Back to Health gathering in my honor.

Since my serious automobile accident on July 16, I was hospitalized at Hartford Hospital for two weeks, the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain for one month, home rehabilitation for one month and continuing to this day and well into the future, outpatient therapy.

I would like to sincerely thank all the people who attended and the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their generous participation in this heartwarming event: Mallove's Jewelers, WOW Fitness, Gene's TV, Rob Rivers Salon & Spa, Pro Physical Therapy, O'Rourke's Diner, Nikita's Bar & Grill, Illiano's Restaurant, Wild Orchid, Portland Dunkin Donuts, Lucas, Kiwanis Club, Emanuel's Salon, Elante's Salon, Seb and Nellie Barone, Mario and Nella Mazzotta, David

and Carm Chapman, John Salafia, Bill and Edna Russo, Rich and Angie Magnano, Jim Pisacano, Gary Garafalo, Claudia DeFrance, Mike D'Aquila and Sister Donna Beauregard.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Sal Calvo, chairman; Rick Romano, Joe Imme, Frank Milardo, Paul Maturo, Sal DiMauro, Nucco Liseo, Tom DiMauro, Joanne Giardina, Edna Russo, Rico Milardo, Nicole Milardo, Gianna Milardo and Jason Serra.

A special thank you goes to the members of the Italian Society and President Joe Imme for sponsoring such a wonderful event.

Thank you to the Middletown Press for its inspiring article Nov. 7 on my challenging journey toward recovery.

I also appreciate the many people throughout our community who have given me their continued well wishes.

I'd like to acknowledge with loving gratitude my father, mother, brother and fiancée Amy for

their unconditional love and support.

Also, a heartfelt thanks to Larry McHugh for all his help and advice during a very trying time, and most importantly to my surgeon, Dr. James T. Mazzara and his trauma team for literally and so skillfully piecing me back together.

I would like to remind the citizens of our great community how important it is to cherish every day you have and appreciate the people around you. Be sure to live each day to the fullest and strive to be the best person you can be. When an obstacle stands in your way, go at it in confidence and full force.

"Have confidence in your ability to meet the unknown." That is what I have been doing and plan to continue doing. Thank you, Middletown. I am proud of my roots, my family and where I come from. I will never forget the support I received.

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