

Jeweler Cory a gem-dandy benefactor

In support of Cooley's anemia sufferers, **Cory N. Schifter**, owner of Casale Jewelers, located at 1639 Richmond Rd. in Dongan Hills, will hold a holiday event on Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

Cory explains that since the former owner of Casale Jewelers had previously

sponsored a holiday event each year at his Great Kills home, he decided to bring it back to the store, not only to spread holiday cheer but to foster awareness about Cooley's anemia. On that night, the store will be covered with lights, animated figures, a blow-up snow globe and Santa's play-

house, elves, a deejay and dancers — and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Raffles will abound, with prizes including a \$250 gift certificate to Casale Jewelers and dinner and gift certificates to Staten Island's best dining spots.

Business owners throughout Staten Island have helped to make the event a success by donating their time to help light up the store, and make donations for raffle prizes, as well as their time to provide music and dancing entertainment.

More than \$6,000 was raised for the foundation in other years, and organizers hope to continue the success with the help of Xtreme Houselifts and PHP Pressure Washing, NYC Arts Cypher and DJ Mega Mixx.

Dominick Mancino of "The Sopranos" and "Life on Mars" is expected to attend. A rain date will be posted on Casale Jewelers' Facebook page.

REMINDER

Award-winning playwright, television writer and documentary filmmaker **Adriana Trigiani** will read from her memoir, "Don't Sing at the Table: Life Lessons From My Grandmothers," on Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Wagner College, Grymes Hill.

USA Today calls Ms. Trigiani "one of the reigning queens of women's fiction." Her two remarkable grand-



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mothers have figured in all of her novels: "Lucia, Lucia," "The Queen of the Big Time" and "Rococo." She is the author of the best-selling "Big Stone Gap" series and has been published in 35 countries.

Her appearance has been arranged through the college's Academic and Cultural Enrichment Program (ACE), of which Dr. **Laura Martocci**, associate dean of experimental learning, is director.

Among Ms. Trigiani's many TV writer/producer credits are "The Cosby Show," "A Different World" and "City Kids" for **Jim Henson** Productions (as executive producer and head writer). Her Lifetime television special, "Growing Up Funny," garnered an Emmy Award nomination for **Lily Tomlin**.

Ms. Trigiani is married to **Tim Stephenson**, the Emmy Award-winning lighting designer of "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Tuesday's reading will take place in the Manzulli Board Room in Wagner Col-

lege's Foundation Hall.

BOOK SIGNING

Sister **Barbara Sudol** will sign her children's book, "Kangaroo Krall," in Borders bookstore at the Staten Island Mall, New Springville, on Friday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. The book tells the story of two baby kangaroos who visit New York City and find themselves overwhelmed by the crush of people and the sights and sounds. The story is told in verse. The cost of the book is \$7.95. All are welcome to attend.

Those interested in attending or in obtaining additional information should call Sister Barbara at 917-273-8618.

MILITARY REUNION

Crew members of the USS Iwo Jima (LPH2/LHD7) shipmates and all ship's company and embarked Navy and Marine Corps personnel are invited to a reunion set for June 1-5 at the Marriott City Center hotel, Newport News, Va.

Contact **Robert G. McNally** for additional information at 152 Frissell St., Hampton, Va. 23663 or by phone at 757-723-0317 or at yu-jack@megalink.net.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy birthday today to



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John DiClerico, Rose Moody, Robert Nestel, Nick Lauser, Lisa Marie Madalone, Lana Sbarra, Maria Gorgia and Jerome M. Smith.

Happy wedding anniversary to **Deana and James Walker**, who celebrated their ninth yesterday. Deana was Miss Staten Island 1998 who went on to capture the title of Miss New York.