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Glam 'Bag Ladies' Gathering Approaching

May 10 Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition fundraiser celebrates Lisa Kratter

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Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition's Lisa Kratter will be the toast of Carlyle on the Green at the organization's seventh annual Bag Ladies Benefit next week.

Kratter, coordinator of the organization's Students and Scientists Environmental Research Scholarship Program, is a longtime volunteer and organizer for the Bag Ladies fundraiser. She is also a Supportive Children's Case Manager for Family Service League.

Each year's goal, Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition (HBCAC) founder and Executive Director Karen Miller said, is to recognize individuals who have "done a tremendous amount for our organization, women in the community with breast cancer and helped us to thrive and survive."

"Lisa Kratter is just one of the most extraordinary women I have worked with over the years," Miller said. "She wears many hats for many of us in the community."

Kratter said she is proud to be involved with an organization that creates public awareness about environmental triggers that can lead to disease; aiding people who are grappling with a positive cancer diagnosis; and offering student scientists hands-on summer reach opportunities with world-respected investigators.

"The true honor is being affiliated with such a worthwhile cause," she said.

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Lisa Kratter will be honored at the Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition's seventh annual Bag Ladies Benefit next week.

Long Island's most glamorous "bag ladies," with proceeds to benefit Prevention Is The Cure/Huntington Breast Cancer Action Coalition, will convene at Bethpage's Carlyle on the Green on May 10 from 6-10 p.m. Last year's benefit drew 375 guests and raised more than \$80,000 at the Hamlet in Commack.

The customary extensive selection of designer handbags across many styles and price points, will be available through raffles and silent auctions. Huntington village department store Marsh's is the event's presenting sponsor; jewelry and precious gems will also

be available to the highest bidder. For the first time, Kratter said, a live auction will take place at the event.

Big-ticket gift baskets, including a "Walk The Red Carpet" package with tickets to the 64th annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theater, hair and makeup by famed Beverly Hills stylist Lea Journo, dinner in Los Angeles and a stay at the Ritz Carlton, are featured, along with six nights in Deer Valley, weekend excursions in New York City, sports, theater and television show tickets, art, golf packages and much more.

There's plenty for the fellows, too. One prize package offers a Maserati rental from Ferrari of Long Island for a weekend, with dinner for two; another will give the winner a three-day stay in Arizona, where they can take courses in high-performance racecar driving.

Guitar-percussion acoustic duo Distant Twins are scheduled to perform during the event's cocktail hour, and Nisen is providing a sushi station during the event. J.P. Meringolo will perform during dinner at Carlyle on the Green.

Kratter said the fundraiser's annual success is a credit to the dozens of committee members who volunteer their time to make such a glamorous event come alive.

"Being a part of the bag ladies benefit is so much fun," she said. "Our committee works hard throughout the year to put together a spectacular evening. It's through the efforts of our committee that our event is so successful."