

# Out & About

## *Gershowitz donation spearheads Montauk Medical Center fund drive*

**T**o celebrate the \$600,000 raised for Southampton Hospital's Montauk Medical Center, a cocktail reception was held at the Montauk Yacht Club on July 8. Sam Gershowitz, owner of the nearby Star Island Yacht Club and Marina, along with his wife, Marlena, contributed a large portion of the funds raised with a \$200,000 donation when the campaign kicked

off in March 2010, with the ultimate goal of reaching \$1 million. The event was sponsored by the Friends of Montauk Medical Center and BNY Mellon Wealth Management.

The Friends of the Montauk Medical Center seeks to refurbish the facility and install advanced medical equipment. The center is part of the hospital's system of eight medical practices known as the

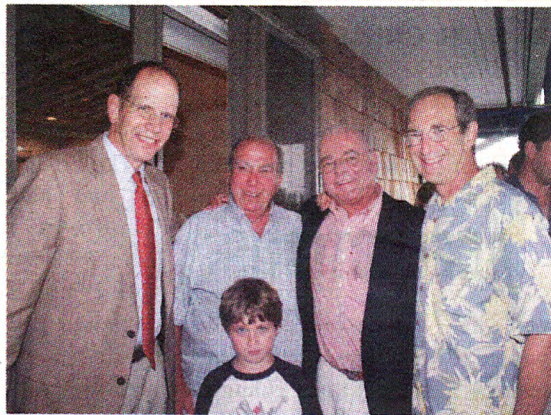
Meeting House Lane Association. As the easternmost community on Long Island, Montauk is considered medically underserved; it is the hospital's goal to strengthen delivery of primary care to Montauk's residents along with the many vacationers to the area.

Hospital board member and Montauk attorney George Biondo, who is spearheading the campaign effort,

said, "Sam and Marlena Gershowitz have tremendously aided our campaign to provide first-rate primary healthcare to our community. It is our fervent hope that this wonderful gift will help us to launch the second half of our fundraising drive, which is beginning right now."

Gershowitz said, "We are delighted to do our share to

strengthen healthcare in Montauk for children, families and visitors, and we hope that our gift serves as a call to action for others in our community to help us reach our



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fundraising goals. This medical center is critically important to our Montauk community and very worthwhile to support. A lot of people rely on it for good medical care.

## ***Mom is embracing life again.***

