

# Dragon Boat Festival Coming To Queens



Rowers at all competition levels will participate in this year's Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival during the first weekend in August.

**D**uring the weekend of August 2-3, people from all over the world will descend on Flushing Meadows-Corona Park to participate in the 18th Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival.

The oldest, largest and most traditional dragon boat festival in the United States and the largest multicultural festival in New York is expected to draw more than 50,000 people during the weekend.

The Queens Chamber of Commerce, which has been a long-time supporter of the festival, is stepping up to the plate once again this year sponsoring a boat that will race during the first weekend of August.

In addition to the intense boat races that teams train for throughout the year, the crowd is treated to musical performances, a dumpling-eating contest and a variety of other entertainment activities, which keep attendees busy all day.

The festival, which takes place for two days, is a multicultural celebration and an intense sporting event that has attracted more than 50,000 fans from throughout North America over the past 15 years.



Saquan Caddle, 14, learns how to hold the ball from Mets bullpen coach Guy Conti.

# Mets Gladly Go To Bat For Sick Kids

**F**or the fourth straight year, the New York Mets and The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society have teamed up for Kids Day at Shea, which brought about 40 children to the stadium this year to participate in activities with Mets coaches and players.

"It was a brilliant idea from the start," said the society's executive director, Michael Osso, adding that it gives the children a chance to for-

get about cancer and treatments and just enjoy the day.

Mets Director of Community Outreach Jill Knee said that the team's ownership has always stressed the importance of community service, and that they have even begun the initiative TeamMets to encourage others to get involved.

"We just hope it makes them feel better," Knee said.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING QUEENS EVENTS

### August 2 & 3 2008

18th Annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival Aug 2-3 2008 From 9am to 5pm. It is free, rain or shine At Flushing Meadows Park.

### August 6, 2008

BCX Beach Party – Water Taxi Beach – Hunters Pt. Long Island City NY. 2nd St. & Borden Ave. next to Crab House Rest. 5:30pm – 7:30pm Business Attire Prohibited.

### August 13, 2008

Queens Chamber Goes International – Queens Museum of Art, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park – Wine & Cheese RSVP (718) 898-8500.

### Sept. 18, 2008

Business Person Of The Year Luncheon Crowne Plaza LaGuardia 104-04 Ditmars Blvd. East Elmhurst 12noon. More information TBA

### Sept. 22, 2008

Board of Director's Meeting More information to follow.

### Sept. 23, 2008

Queens Green Business Summit Please Contact the QCC at 718-898-8500 for details and sponsorship opportunities.

### October 16, 2008

9th Annual Frank J. Tempone Golf Outing – North Hills Country Club Manhasset More information TBA Grand Slam Sponsor Commerce Bank.

### Nov. 17, 2008

Board of Director Meeting – More information TBA.

### December 3, 2008

Building Awards and Dinner Terrace on the Park More information TBA.

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