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## "SOMEONE SPECIAL NEEDS YOU" HALLOWEEN PARTY — A REAL HOOT!

By Tony Senk

There were beauties and beasts, ghouls and the grim reaper, and a pirate and a puppy. They all gathered at Fellowship Hall behind the Colts Neck Reformed Church last month to get an early jump on Halloween at the "Someone Special Needs You" Halloween party.

It didn't matter that Halloween night was still nearly three weeks away. These kids were already jazzed for Halloween, and with their costumes, the Halloween pumpkins and lots of candy, they all had a frighteningly good time at the party.

Some of them showed off their Halloween costumes like proud peacocks. Some costumes were bought at costume shops, and others were original creations, where they and their parents got high points for creativity.

At the party, the kids displayed some of their own creativity by artistically decorating pumpkins at the craft table.

They played musical chairs as the "The Monster Mash" played in the background on a Halloween tape. Then, they played "Pass the Pumpkin," a version of musical chairs without the chairs, where kids,



"Beauties and a beast" were on hand at the "Someone Special Needs You" Halloween party, held last month at Fellowship Hall at the Colts Neck Reformed Church. Enjoying the party are Giana Scanelli, Carly Danzi, Austin Ptaszynski — the beast — and Carly Whelan.

sitting in a circle on the floor, pass a Halloween pumpkin. The youngster holding the pumpkin when the music stops is also left holding the bag, so to speak.

Special needs kids and their buddies entered a number of raffles at the Halloween party. They guessed the number of pieces of candy corn in big pumpkins and Halloween prizes went to the winners.

In the end, it was clear that, at the SSNY party that celebrated trick-or-treat day, there were many treats and very few tricks — and that put devilishly delightful smiles on the faces of all the kids.

The next SSNY party will be held on November 14, and will celebrate Thanksgiving. Gobble! Gobble!

SSNY parties start at 6:30 p.m. at Fellowship Hall, behind the Colts Neck Reformed Church on Route 537.

SSNY was started by parents and local community leaders as a way to provide social activities for children with special needs. At SSNY parties, volunteer "buddies" team up with special needs kids

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