

NEWS From the **Cancer Institute**
of New Jersey **Foundation...**

\$50,000 Raised for CINJ by Having a Ball at Second Annual Bocce Tournament

Hundreds of amateur and professional bocce players, including a group of doctors from The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, converged upon Colonial Park in Somerset over the summer for the second annual New Jersey Bocce Invitational tournament hosted by UNICO, which is an Italian American Service Organization. A portion of the proceeds from the competition, tabbed as a statewide cultural and sporting event, was given to the Cancer Institute of



New Jersey Foundation through the V Foundation to support pediatric programs and the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program at CINJ. The New Brunswick-based Embrace Kids Foundation was instrumental in the event and also helps to fund the educational and non-medical needs of pediatric cancer patients and their families at CINJ.

“CINJ treats about one-third of all children with cancer in New Jersey,” said Joseph Bertino, MD, chief scientific officer at CINJ. “We are grateful to the Bocce Invitational Tournament Committee for hosting an event that will touch so many lives.”

Paula Hunchar, executive director of CINJ, notes the philanthropic spirit of the tournament was evident thanks to event organizers, “The commitment put forth by Invitational organizer Frank Valanzola and his team shows a tremendous dedication to the community in which they live and work. Their efforts will bring great

Drs. John Glod (left) and Richard Drachtman find a permanent home for the ceremonial \$50,000 check presented to the Pediatric/Hematology Oncology Division recently by representatives of UNICO.

benefit to so many of our pediatric cancer patients and their families, and we are thankful for their generous support.”

The event also raised funds for Operation Shoebox New Jersey, which provides care packages to soldiers.

Old Bridge-Sayreville Rotary Demonstrates Service Above Self



Members of The Rotary Club of Old Bridge-Sayreville present a \$300,000 check to Dr. Lorna Rodriguez (center) of CINJ to be applied toward research she is doing on the mineral selenium and its effects on ovarian cancer. For nearly 50 years, the club has donated generous amounts to causes like cancer research, literacy programs and to victims of natural disasters. Pictured from left to right are: Paula Hunchar, executive director of the CINJ Foundation; Rotarian Joseph Juliano; Dr. Rodriguez; and Rotarians Suzanne Meyer and Harry Gelder.

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation

The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Foundation raises funds to support cancer research, treatment, prevention and education programs at CINJ. Gifts are received from individuals, organizations, corporations, foundations, special events and through planned gifts. To make a tax-deductible gift to New Jersey's only NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center call **732-235-8614** or visit www.cinjfoundation.org.