



ROBOTICS REVENUE BOOST: Charles A. Baldassano (photo left, third from right), President of the Baldassano Architectural Group, presents a \$2,600 check to Smithtown High School's FIRST Robotics Club. The club, formed this year, will build a robot to enter in competitions next spring at Suffolk Community College, Columbia University and EPCOT Center in Orlando. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors like Mr. Baldassano, the club has raised \$15,000 toward its goal of \$20,000. Gratefully accepting the check are (from left) Smithtown High School Science Research Coordinator Elaine Champey, club Finance Advisor Christine LoFrese, Technology Advisor Chuck Dennis, Junior Student President Rich Muscolino, Co-Vice President Ahmed El Azhary and Secretary Philip Weiss. As an example of the work being done by the club, Mr. Baldassano (center, photo right) was given a demonstration by Mr. Dennis of a specially adapted "Barbie" car which runs by remote control. Looking on at left is Rich Muscolino Sr., father of the club's student president.

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