

Wednesday's woman

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Greater New York Chapter, Chamber of Commerce Honors 8 Exceptional Woman

Many phenomenal women were honored during the celebrated March Women's History Month. Eight of these leading women were honored at the Greater New York Chapter, Chamber of Commerce's highly regarded "Women's History Awards." The tony event took place on Thursday, March 31, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the historic General Society Library at 20 West 44th Street, NYC. Themed "Celebrating Exceptional Women Leaders," the distinguished program kicked off with a convivial networking cocktail reception attended by some 150 guests who enjoyed catered treats and libations from Tudor City Steakhouse, Kellari Taverna, and Hour Glass Bistro.

The empowering program was hosted by Jane Tillman Irving, Groundbreaking WCBS Reporter, and Mark Jaffe, President & CEO, Greater New York Chapter, Chamber of Commerce. During the brief but inspiring program the esteemed honorees, guests, and VIPs were inspired by a special video salute from Governor Kathy Hochul who generously applauded the Chamber for the impactful work that they do on behalf of all New Yorkers; as well as congratulated the evening's honorees. Other special



The Greater NY Chamber 2022 Women Honorees & Presenters: Standing (L-R) Honoree Yolanda Robinson, Director of Executive Operations for NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; Honoree Karen Allford, VP United Federation of Teachers; Julie Menin, NYC Council Small Business Chair; Dr. Ingrid Lewis Martin, Chief Advisor to Eric Adams; Jane Tillman Irving, Legendary WCBS News Reporter; Mark Jaffe, Greater NY Chamber President; Brad Sussman, Pitta Law Firm; Erik Bottcher, NYC Council Member; Gale Brewer, NYC Council Member; James Hendon, Commissioner NYC Veterans' Services; Victoria Dengel, General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen; Duvi Honi, Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce: Seated (L-R) Betsy Polivy, Author & Publisher, Manhattan Sideways; Lisa Leguillou, Associate Producer of Wicked; and Helana Natt, Greater NY Chamber Executive Director

greetings were delivered by Kathryn Garcia, NYS Director of Operations. The 8 honorees and presenters included: City Council Member Erik Bottcher introduced Betsy Polivy, publisher of Manhattan Sideways; Christine Schuch of UFT introduced Karen Allford, VP of UFT; Dr. Ingrid

Lewis-Martin, Chief advisor to Mayor Eric Adams, introduced the Honorable Speaker of the NYC Council Adrienne Adams; City Council Member Gale Brewer introduced Lisa Leguillou, Associate Director of Wicked; Jumoke Fagbay of JP Morgan Chase introduced Yolanda Robinson, Director of Executive

Operations for NY State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli; Westchester County Legislator David Tubiolo introduced Diana Williams of Comrie Enterprises LLC; City Council Member Julie Menin introduced US Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney; and NYC Veteran Affairs Commissioner James Hendon

introduced NYS Director of Operations Kathryn Garcia. As guests departed Helana Natt, Greater NY Chamber Executive Director, reminded everyone to be sure to join the Chamber April 29, 2022, for its Small Business Week Kickoff Breakfast. For details contact: 212-CHAMBER. (Photos by Seitu Oronde)



Honoree Yolanda Robinson, Mark Jaffe, Jumoke M. Fagbayi Butts



Honoree Lisa Leguillo, Mark Jaffe, City Council Member Gale Brewer



Mark Jaffe, Honoree Karen Allford, Chamber Guest



Mark Jaffe, Helana Natt, Debra Dixon Anderson of Light of Gold PR, Honoree Yolanda Robinson



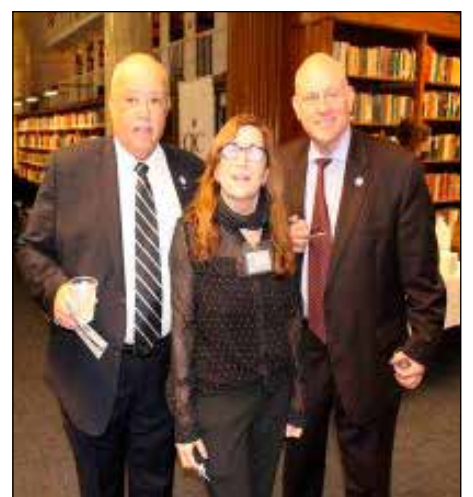
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