

# Special thanks to:





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Nassau County Industrial Development Agency
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# Nassau County Executive **ED MANGANO** in conjunction with Caribbean Business Connections

present the

# CARBBEAN

# Leadership Breakfast & Recognition Ceremony













#### **Theme - Rethink Possible**

7:30am COFFEE NETWORKING

8:15am WELCOME AND PLEDGE

## **Ray Thomas**

Board member Nassau County Caribbean Advisory Board

#### REMARKS

#### **Hanif Russell**

Founder, Caribbean Business Connections

#### INTRODUCTION

### Sandra McCarty

Founder, Caribbean Business Connections

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

#### Marissa Shorenstein

President, AT&T New York

INTRODUCTION OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE

#### **Tim Williams**

Chairman, Nassau County IDA

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, REMARKS, AND RECOGNITION CEREMONY

## **Edward P. Mangano**

Nassau County Executive

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ray Thomas** 

CLOSING REMARKS

Ray Thomas

9:15am BUSINESS NETWORKING BREAKFAST

# **HONOREES**

**Lesly Pardo L' Antillaise** 

After graduating St. John's University with a Master's Degree in Business, Lesly spent 30 years bringing innovative approaches to the Internal Auditing and Public Accounting field. He is also certified as a Fraud Examiner and Global Management Accountant. Prior to that, Lesly received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business, at Baruch College.

#### **Jeff Bacchas**

After 26 years in the financial services industry, Jeff returned to his family roots, with a venture that brought Jamaican themes and authentic Caribbean flavors to Nassau. Spices Negril Restaurant and Lounge provides the tastes of the island of Jamaica. Jeff is a member of Caribbean Business Connections; Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and Baldwin and Hempstead Chambers of commerce.

#### **Jude Elie**

Jude spent 20 years in the Petroleum and Civil Engineering field, both in the Caribbean and the USA, after earning college degrees in Civil Engineering, Urban System Engineering, and

Business Administration from Polytechnic Institute of New York and Stony Brook University. Jude is a Rotarian and Philanthropist, and CEO of ElieGroupe.

#### **Marcia Gallant**

A cosmetologist for the last 25 years – Marcia has always had a passion for improving and empowering the lives of women, and giving back to the community. She is an educator, motivator and leader. Her desire for personal growth has led her to the "product development" field, and to the National stage, teaching the "art of precision cutting" and "proper hair care." Marcia's clients include the President of Liberia. She hopes to launch her own company which will allow her to expand her reach by adding the International market.

#### **Sharon E. Richards**

From Jamaica, W.I., Sharon attended Atlanta Metropolitan College in Georgia, and graduated from the Institute of Integrative Nutrition. She is a NYS-licensed Holistic Health Coach and Aesthetician, owner of Lux Spa & Wellness of Garden City and Lux Skin Spa NYC, CEO of a Health and Wellness organization called Be Well

Now Wellness, and is a contributor on 93.5fm WVIP radio, giving health tips.

#### **Mark Smith**

Born in Jamaica, Mark immigrated to New York in 1974 and received a track scholarship to Adelphi University. He graduated Adelphi with a B.A. in Management and Economics and started a banking career at a major commercial bank in New York. Later, Mark was appointed as a State Farm Insurance Agent in Farmingdale, where he and his team have been serving the community for almost 30 years. He has served on several boards and was the past President of the Farmingdale Rotary Club.

#### **Keith Watson**

Once a police officer in his hometown of Barbados, Keith moved to the USA in 1970 and attended Nassau Community College to study business administration and Information and Technology. Keith worked in the banking industry until retiring in 1997 and starting his own ATM business, which is still active today. He is a member of the Freeport Roosevelt branch of the local NAACP, and the Caribbean American Association.