

Names, Faces, People & Places

AT A BLACK AND WHITE BALL ON APRIL 30TH AT OHEKA CASTLE

Korth of Certilman Balin to be honored by Cancer Center for Kids

EAST MEADOW, NY Donna-Marie Korth, a partner in the commercial/real estate litigation practice at Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP, will be honored by the Cancer Center for Kids at Winthrop University Hospital at the Black and White Ball on Thursday, April 30th at Oheka Castle. Korth concentrates in all aspects of commercial and real estate litigation, appellate practice, commercial foreclosure, lending litigation and guardianship proceedings, and previously concentrated in cooperative/



Donna-Marie Korth

condominium law. "To assist the Cancer Center for Kids in its efforts to promote the healing of children, inside and out, is a true privilege. I am deeply humbled to serve as honoree for this most worthwhile event and cause," said Korth.

A former dean of the Nassau Academy of Law, Korth was appointed to serve on the commercial mediation panel in Nassau County Supreme Court, Hurricane Sandy Mediation Panel in the Eastern District of the United States District Court, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Tribunal Panel of the Nassau County Bar Association. Korth graduated, magna cum laude, from St. John's University with an undergraduate degree in accounting, and with honors,

from that University's School of Law. The Cancer Center for Kids has established comprehensive support programs that enable children who have been diagnosed with cancer and their families to better cope with the diagnosis and treatment of this disease. For more information or to make a reservation for this event, contact Ashley Carlo at Winthrop's Cancer Center for Kids at 516-663-9409 or visit www.winthrop.org/events.

Certilman Balin Adler & Hyman, LLP is Long Island's second largest full-service law firm with offices in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and New Jersey.

Schepis joins ENB as chief lending officer/SVP

ISLANDIA, NY Robert Schepis, a veteran commercial credit and lending officer with 25 years of industry experience, has joined Empire National Bank (ENB) as chief lending officer/senior vice president.

"Robert's extensive knowledge of all aspects of business financing and lending adds another dimension to our senior management team," said Douglas Manditch, the bank's chairman and CEO. Schepis added that he looks forward to contributing to the bank's continued growth and success.

Prior to joining ENB, he held the title of managing director at Sterling National Bank. He also served as a senior vice president and market credit executive for Capital One's business bank lending group.

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Robert Schepis

100 Women Who Care donates \$7,000 to Birthday Wishes of Long Island

JERICHO, NY Members of 100 Women Who Care voted to award their January meeting's donations checks to Birthday Wishes of Long Island. Birthday Wishes of Long Island brings the magic of a birthday party to thousands of homeless children each year. Founded in 2002 as a volunteer organization serving one local shelter, Birthday Wishes has expanded its program to serve more than 200 shelters and transitional living facilities in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Long Island.

Congratulations to Birthday Wishes of Long Island! This quarterly donation is anticipated to be in excess of \$7,000 when all checks have been received.

GUEST: CURTIS OF POWER MGMT. CONCEPTS

Zere hosts LIMBA Mission Critical Systems



Shown (from left) are: Curtis; Ernie Fazio, LIMBA; Zere; and Joe Ogno, AC Desk.

ISLIP, NY Michelle Marie Zere of Zere Real Estate Services orchestrated and guest hosted a special LIMBA meeting for business leaders with security expert and author, Peter Curtis, president/CEO of Power Management

Concepts. The informative lecture presented, "Maintaining Mission Critical Systems in a 24/7 Environment for Facilities, Operations & Maintenance with Robotic Technology." The event was sponsored by AC Desk.

Candela promoted to VP of marketing/P.R. at T. Weiss

MELVILLE, NY T. Weiss Realty Corp., one of Long Island's largest family-run real estate development companies, has promoted Lauren Candela (née Flanagan) to vice president of marketing and public relations.

Lauren Candela

Candela, who joined the company four years ago as a marketing representative, had been director of marketing and public relations since 2013. In her new role, she will

be responsible for developing strategy, managing and coordinating all marketing programs; evaluating and implementing marketing strategies that drive and support key initiatives to promote the company; developing and tracking key metrics and success criteria for all marketing programs and activities; forecasting, budgeting and performance management; participating in the development of short and long-range goals and objectives that align with the strategic growth plans of T. Weiss and developing and supporting new business initiatives.

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Burkhardt joins Cushman & Wakefield as sr. director

MELVILLE, NY Kyle Burkhardt has joined the Long Island office of Cushman & Wakefield as senior director.



Kyle Burkhardt

Previously a broker with Colliers International and a managing principal at Alliance Real Estate, Burkhardt is an industrial real estate sales and leasing specialist with extensive experience in both buyer/seller and tenant/landlord representation. Burkhardt formerly served as a financial analyst for Bear Sterns and loan officer for Concord Mortgage, giving him unique insight and understanding of the financial aspects of commercial real estate.

Active in industry causes, Burkhardt is VP of the Commercial Industrial Brokers Society (CIBS) of L.I.

H2M acquires Frank S. Smith, Architect firm

MASPETH, NY H2M architects + engineers has acquired Frank S. Smith, Architect, an architecture firm with locations in Maspeth and East Northport. Frank Smith and his staff joined H2M in the firm's Melville office on March 2nd.

Smith's firm started out 21 years ago in a home office and expanded to two locations. The firm's projects have included single-family homes, multi-unit apartment buildings, commercial spaces and office buildings, industrial and warehouse spaces, religious and institutional properties, as well as outdoor spaces and historic restoration projects.

"After 20 years of being the principal and owner of my own firm, H2M offered me and my staff the opportunity to move on to the next stage of our careers," said Smith of the acquisition. "I look forward to new challenges, projects and friendships."

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Gettry Marcus celebrates first year with TGS-Global



TGS-Global delegates.

WOODBURY, NY Gettry Marcus CPA, P.C. looks back as they celebrate one year as the first North American member firm of TGS-Global, an international network of independent accounting firms.

In the initial year that Gettry Marcus has been a member of TGS-Global, the organization has restructured with new initiatives underway. Steven Marcus, managing partner of Gettry Marcus, serves on the TGS-Global executive board. Marcus has a key role in attracting new, like minded U.S. firms, to the organization, including the recent addition of Los Angeles based, CNM LLP, as the second North American member. As part of their strategic plan, TGS-Global continues to seek additional U.S. firms for their network.

Gettry Marcus has also made inroads with European and Asian firms, by working on tax and consulting projects. In addition, Sandra Devlopoulos, Gettry Marcus' COO, has been named the TGS-Global marketing committee chair. Marketing representatives, from member firms, gather together quarterly to share ideas and initiatives with one

another.

The Gettry Marcus team served as host as TGS-Global held their two day Global Conference at Le Parker Meridien Hotel, in NYC in mid-November. Marcus, will represent Gettry Marcus as he prepares to attend and participate at the upcoming TGS-Global European Conference in Frankfurt, Germany in May.

In June, as part of the firm's Corporate Responsibility Initiative, Gettry Marcus and TaylorCocks, TGS-Global's U.K. member firm, will jointly participate in the Sunrise Association's charity walk, which will be held simultaneously in both countries. The Sunrise Association provides free day camp for children with cancer and their siblings.

As an independent member of TGS, Gettry Marcus can meet the challenges of a borderless world and use these new resources to serve their clients nationally and globally. The firm's membership in TGS denotes an on-going effort by the firm to meet and surpass clients' needs. Gettry Marcus now has the capability to broaden its services to the international business community.