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Saturday, the Fifteenth of October
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The Birchwood Manor
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Dinner and Dancing at Seven Thirty p.m.
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2016 HONOREE
LT. GOVERNOR KIM GUADAGNO
33rd Secretary of State of New Jersey

Kim Guadagno was sworn in as New Jersey's first Lieutenant Governor on January 19, 2010, and was elected to a second term in 2013. She also served as the 33rd Secretary of State.

Lt. Governor Guadagno has been a practicing lawyer for 32 years, admitted in New York and New Jersey. She began her public service career as a federal prosecutor with the Organized Crime & Racketeering Strike Force in Brooklyn, New York and later became an Assistant United States Attorney and an Assistant Attorney General in New Jersey. She taught at Rutgers University School of Law-Newark for 8 years and served for 19 years on the Monmouth Beach Planning and Zoning Board. Her first elected office was as commissioner of the non-partisan Borough of Monmouth Beach where she served from 2005 to 2007 as the head of the Department of Public Works.

In 2007, Kim Guadagno was elected as the first female sheriff in Monmouth County, New Jersey's history. As Sheriff, she managed a 650-member law enforcement agency encompassing the county jail, the county 911 communications center, and a law enforcement department of 100 men and women.

Today, Lt. Governor Guadagno leads the Christie Administration's efforts to improve New Jersey's economic vitality, encourage job growth, streamline government, and make business feel welcome again in New Jersey. She chairs the Red Tape Review Commission, which is an ongoing review and reform of the State's regulatory process, and the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force. The Task Force is charged with forging an effective blueprint for securing the long-term growth and viability of New Jersey's military bases and U.S. Coast Guard installations.

As the Secretary of State, Lt. Governor Guadagno is New Jersey's chief election official, oversees promotion of the state's \$40 billion tourism industry, and administers programs related to the arts, culture, and history. She is married with three children.



2016 HONOREE
JAMES M. GANNON
Republican Candidate for Morris County Sheriff

Jim grew up in Boonton in an Irish and Polish Catholic family with two brothers and one sister, who were all raised by his father, mother and grandmother. His passion for law enforcement came from his father, who was a decorated Detective in the New York City Police Department.

Jim graduated from Our Lady of Mount Carmel elementary school and Boonton High School where he played sports and was a member of the Boonton Township Fire Service. His school years are where Jim was influenced by the Italian American community who taught him about church, family, food, language and culture.

Gannon earned his Associate's degree in Law Enforcement from County College of Morris and then his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from William Paterson University. After graduation, Gannon was a Patrolman in his hometown of Boonton, and Boonton Township, followed by over two decades of service as the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, where he attained the rank of Deputy Chief of Investigations. Jim was then assigned to the FBI elite Joint Terrorism Task Force where he focused on foreign terrorist organizations operating in the United States. Upon retirement, Jim joined the private sector at Novartis Pharmaceuticals, where he recently retired as the Global Head of Security Risk.

Along the way, Gannon graduated from the FBI National Academy as Quantico, Virginia, earned a Certificate in Supervisory Management from Rutgers University and a Master of Administrative Science degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

During his decorated, 33-year career in law enforcement and security, Gannon served as Commander of the Funnelhead Homicide Task Force and the Walter Coverters Homicide Task Force, formed the Morris County Cold Case Unit, co-authored the "Morris County Counterterrorism Task Force Manual," and has lectured, trained and conducted investigations with fellow professionals in place like Bosnia, Ukraine, South Africa, Hungary, Thailand and Uzbekistan, uniquely preparing him for the day-to-day battle to protect Morris County citizens from terror attacks by radical groups like ISIS.

In addition to his professional career in law enforcement and security, Gannon has given back to the surrounding community in other ways, including as current President of the 200 Club of Morris County, Adjunct Professor at Cranston College, Life Member of the New Jersey State FFA #127, Copounder of the Morris County Chapter of the Emerald Society of the State of New Jersey, and as a Drum Major in the Police Pipes & Drums of Morris County to name just a few.

Gannon was married to his wife, Lisa, for 26 years before losing her in 2010 after a courageous battle against Multiple Sclerosis. Jim and Lisa have one daughter, Kate DeSantis who, along with her husband Matt, are expecting their first child and Jim's first grandchild this summer.

Jim is the Republican candidate for Morris County Sheriff.



2016 HONOREE
JOSEPH V. DITROLLO, M.D.
Chairman - Department of Urology
Hackensack Medical Center

Dr. Joseph Vincent DiTroilo was born on Christmas Day, 1950 and was raised in West Orange, New Jersey, graduating from West Orange High School in 1968, University of Richmond in 1972, and New Jersey Medical School in 1979. Urology training at New Jersey Medical School was completed in 1984. He also attended the Université de Paris, Sorbonne 1972 - 1974. He worked for Veterans State Laboratories in Washington, DC under a NASA grant for the development and utilization of fiber optics.

He has been on the faculty of New Jersey Medical School since 1985, where he holds a full professorship in the Department of Surgery, a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, and holds serving as the Chairman of the Department of Urology at St. Barnabas Medical Center, Hackensack UNMC/Monmouthside Hospital and the former St. Mary's Hospital in Orange, New Jersey.

Since 1979, he has been affiliated with the East Orange Veterans Administration and continues to support and service our veterans. His current position involves compensation and dispensation for nuclear, biological, and chemical warfare, as it relates to the medical system.

Since graduating medical school, he has been a member of the Alumni Association of New Jersey Medical School, where he served three terms as President and is currently the Chairman of the Board.

He holds numerous patents, and is involved in all aspects of technology and is a consultant for some of the largest companies in the urological field. His groundbreaking work on fiber optic technology led to the development of virtually all the current endoscopic equipment. He has presented over one-hundred papers and published numerous articles, nationally and internationally.

Holding both American and Italian citizenships, he is a senior member of the European Urological Association, as well as the American Urological Association.

He has been married to his wife Joan for over forty years, has a son Justin and grandson Logan. He shares his interest in vintage automobiles and toy trains with his grandson. His father, the late Joseph DiTroilo, Jr., was Vice President, Division Director of Lionel Trains. His mother, Marie, just celebrated her 88th Birthday. His only brother, Philip lives in Atlanta and is the owner and CEO of Georgia Expo, the largest producer of trade show equipment in the United States.

He resides in Roseland and Maskebiking his private practice is located in Roseland.



2016 PRESIDENT'S AWARD
MARLENE (PEDA) ZWIGARD
Founder and Owner of Little Village Country Day School

Born on July 4, 1948 to Celia (D'Addario) and Anthony Peda, Marlene joined her older sister Elaine (Perna) in their childhood home in Orange, NJ – growing up across the street from her grandparents and on the same block as many of her aunts and uncles. Her birthday was no accident, as she embodies the American Dream sought and achieved by so many Italian American families in our area.

After serving in the Army Air Corps during WWII, her father owned Ampere Automative in East Orange, and instilled in his children the values of honesty and hard work.

At the age of 9, Marlene and the family moved to Belleville, where she graduated from Belleville High School in 1966. After attending the Berkeley School of Business, Marlene began her career as an Administrative Assistant to Dr. Balon Rawson, Dean of UMDNJ from 1968-1970, and then for Essex County Surgeon Nicholas Amato.

In 1971 she blazed a trail for the next generation of women by starting her own small business, the Wonder World Nursery School in Union Township.

In 1972 Marlene married Vietnam Veteran and United States Marine Robert J. Zwigand, Jr., who graduated on the GI Bill from Fairleigh Dickinson University. They were blessed with two sons, Robert Anthony and Bradley, and settled in East Hanover. Bob's son attended Saint Hall Preparatory School, where Marlene served on the board of the Mothers Auxiliary Club and later became President. In recognition for her service to the school, bestowed upon Marlene was an honorary alumni diploma.

In the midst of raising a family and expanding her civic involvement, Marlene opened her second school in Randolph, NJ in 1988. Little Village Country Day School was established in a beautifully renovated historical Church built in 1876. Over the next thirty years, Marlene grew Little Village Country Day School into a successful childhood education center for countless local preschool children.

In honor of her efforts, Marlene received the Randolph Township Economic Committee Business Achievement Award and Little Village was named the area's #1 preschool.

Following the tragic loss of her beloved husband in cancer in 2004, Marlene continued to give back, supporting St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Miracle Flight's and the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Today, she is the proud matriarch of a growing family, and her four grandchildren – Madison, Bradley, Morgan and Camryn – are the light of her life. Nothing gives her more joy than spoiling them, enjoying a homemade Italian dinner with friends and family, and spending her summers down the shore in Long Beach Island.



Columbian Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping improve the cultural, educational, economic and social welfare of the citizens of New Jersey.

The Foundation was founded in 1941 by a group of business and professional men of Italian descent from Essex County and its surrounding communities. They were the originators of what has become a heritage of charitable giving that has surpassed anything these founders could ever have imagined.

Today, Columbian Foundation engages in a broad range of philanthropic activities, providing financial support in the form of donations to support special causes and a variety of institutions and organizations. From scholarships for needy students and donations to area colleges and universities, hospitals, community groups and charitable organizations, to the support of a broad array of cultural endeavors, the Foundation and its supporters have helped enrich the lives of thousands of individuals. For further information please visit our website at www.columbianfoundation.com

The Annual Awards Dinner is the most critical of all the Foundation's fund-raising efforts. The attendees of this time-honored event not only provide tremendous support through their generosity, but also honor some of the truly outstanding men and women in our community.

We salute those who have made our annual awards dinners so successful and proudly applaud the extraordinary individuals honored at this evening's event.



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