

Staten Island Chamber of Commerce holds board elections



Robert P. Bentson of the Allen C. Bentson Agency is elected chairman

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The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce announced today the results of its elections of officers and new members to its board of directors for 2004.

The new officers were elected during a meeting held at the chamber office, 130 Bay St., St. George, last Thursday. Forty-one board members participated in the vote.

Robert P. Bentson, owner and partner of the Allen C. Bentson Agency, West Brighton, was elected chairman of the board. Effective immediately, Bentson will take the reins, following the retirement of chairman Henry Salmon, president of Equity

Evaluation Associates, Castleton Corners.

"At the heart of leadership is honesty, integrity and ethics. The chamber and its leadership are committed to continue with these values," Bentson stated.

Salmon will remain on the executive committee as past chairman for a one-year term.

"I was honored to serve for the past two years as chairman and look forward to working with the new slate of officers," Salmon said.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN

Capt. William Ferrie, United NY Sandy Hook Pilots Benevolent Association, will serve as the organization's first vice chairman.

Other vice chairmen for the year include Thomas Scarangelo of SCARAN, Stanley M. Friedman of Staten Island Hotel and Robert

Cutrona of Project One Services.

Pamela Silvestri of American Grill will serve as secretary and William Dubovsky of Comtel Information Services will serve as treasurer.

Serving as members on the board are Robert D. Skeele, Brighton U.S.A.; Rosemarie Scampas, Inform Business, Inc., and Susan Meeker, Smart Business Center/West Brighton Community LLC.

General Counsel Bruce G. Behrins, Behrins & Behrins, P.C. remains on the executive committee.

The following is a list of the new members of the chamber's board of directors: Salvatore Annarumma, Richmond County Savings Bank; Murray Berman, Heritage Hill Homes; Mark John Blackburn, Independence Community Bank; Glen Mancuso, Allstate

Insurance/Mancuso Agency, and Alan Poritz, Clean Swift Maintenance, Inc.

The new members officially began their terms on Jan. 1 and will be formally welcomed to the board by Bentson at the chamber's annual planning conference on Jan. 22.

RETURNING TO BOARD

Returning to the board are: John Alexander, Northfield Savings Bank; John Brady, Commerce Bank; John Brady, SI Bank & Trust; Josh Caplan, Time Warner Cable; Linda Carroll, AAA Thrift Exterminating; Gilbert Chapman, Island Ford Inc.; Solomon Chemo, Salomon Smith Barney; Gary Cognetta, Staten Island Advance; Susan Connors, Qualified Capital Corp.; Glen V. Cutrona, Glen V. Cutrona Associates, and Jerry DeLuca, Jerry DeLuca Complete Auto Diagnostic & Repair Center.

Also, Karen DiBona, DDS; Robert Fitzsimmons, Gateway Arms Realty Corp.; Richard Grado, Creative Media; William Graebe, Graebe Agency Inc.; Mark Irving, Con Edison; Joseph LiBassi, Victory State Bank; J. Steven Long, Esq.; Kevin Mahoney, Verizon; Ted Maloy, Russo Piccirro Maloy; Carol Maresca, Port Authority of NY/NJ; David Martin, Wagner College; Dominic Mascara, Mascara Marketing & Consulting; James P. McCabe, KeySpan; Michael Miglino, Adco Electrical Corporation; Evelyn Rogers, A Taste of Honey; Wayne Roye, Troi.net; Bruno Savo, Savo Brothers Development; Joseph Sciamè, St. John's University, and Dr. Marlene Springer, College of Staten Island.

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