

CENTER FOR THE WOMEN OF NEW YORK



ANNUAL LUNCHEON

honoring

Trailblazers for Women's Rights

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Douglaston Manor



CWNY's Resource, Conference and Educational Center
207 Totten Ave, Fort Totten, NY

Serving women to achieve equality since 1987, a 501(c)(3) organization
Ann Juliano Jawin, Founder

About Us

Since our founding in October of 1987, the Center for the Women of New York has shown that women working together can be a powerful force. We are a voluntary, non-profit organization existing primarily on dues from our members and on the volunteer efforts of business, professional and community women. Our goal is to be a resource center for women and advocate for women's rights and full equality in our society.

Currently, we operate out of office and classroom space at Queens Borough Hall during our renovation of a landmarked building at Fort Totten.

The Center for the Women of New York at Fort Totten is designed to be a research, conference and career education center, dedicated to recording and aiding women's struggles to achieve full equality in our society.

The first action of the CWNY was to spotlight domestic violence and spearhead the effort in the courts to overcome legal obstacles for providing adequate protection for women who live in crisis situations. Our efforts in this area continue. We are part of the Queens Borough President's Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Domestic Violence, as well as other groups working in this vital area to provide services to victims and for educational programs aimed at prevention of these crimes and improving the lives of women.

Our regular monthly meetings have included programs on pay equity, women and money, sex trafficking and domestic violence, education, women and health, and legislative issues. Along with our traditional services, we offer a weekly Job Readiness Workshop, career counseling, help line, Legal Assistance Clinic, Money Management Clinic and Support Groups for crisis situations and domestic violence. To help meet needs for job training, we have offered instruction in computers and basic career exploration courses. Our new location will enable us also to resume programs that had to be suspended during the renovation, such as additional training classes, cultural programs, and a Fitness Center.

Our annual "World of Working Women" conference and Job Fair is co-sponsored with us by the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Dept. of Labor, area colleges, businesses, governmental agencies and others. Also, we continue to run education programs on women's health and reproductive rights. We work in coalition with other women's organizations that advocate for issues important to women both locally and globally. Our CWNY is joining the effort in Congress to renew the struggle for the Equal Rights Amendment. We are also leading the effort to focus on the problems of female soldiers and sexual harassment, and domestic violence.

At this time, due to the change in administration of our government, our country and women's rights are facing a grave challenge to our freedoms. The CWNY is proud that we were one of the first groups to face the challenge and organize women and men to march in New York City on January 21, 2017 and January 20, 2018. Our intention is to collaborate with all groups interested in equal rights and human rights to fight to maintain the rights we have already won and continue working until we have achieved full equality.

***Join us at the Center for the Women of New York.
We need and welcome everyone.
Call (718) 793-0672 or email us at centerwny@yahoo.com***

PROGRAM

◆◆ NETWORKING RECEPTION ◆◆

12:00 Noon

1 P.M. Opening: Victoria Pilotti, Ed.D., President, CWNY
Salute to the Flag: “America the Beautiful”
Welcome: *Ann Juliano Jawin, P.D., Founder & Chair, Board of Directors, CWNY*
Introductions

◆◆ LUNCHEON ◆◆

“Women of Distinction in Leadership” Awards

Adrienne Adams - *NY City Councilwoman, 28th District*
Sarinya Srisakul - *President, United Women Firefighters*
Mary Vaccaro - *Queens District, United Federation Teachers*

Young Feminist Award:

Moira McDermott - *Executive Director, 21 in 21 Initiative*

CWNY “Good Guy” Awards

Honoring the men who are fully committed to women’s equal rights and
have made significant contributions to the community

Marvin Brown - *Artist, Retired Professor, CUNY University*
Rory Lanceman - *NY City Councilman, 24th District*
Ashook K. Ramsaran - *President, Indian Diaspora Council International;*
Vice President, Queens Civic Congress
Ernan Roman - *President, ERDM Corp., Business Marketing Strategist*
Jimmy Van Bramer - *NY City Councilman, 26th District*

Student Activist Awards

◆◆ ENTERTAINMENT ◆◆

Musical selections by Bill Gati

◆◆ RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION ◆◆

Honorees

Hon. Adrienne E. Adams



Council Member Adrienne E. Adams was elected to the NYC Council in November 2017, becoming the first woman elected to represent City Council District 28, which covers the Queens neighborhoods of Jamaica, Rochdale Village, Richmond Hill, and South Ozone Park.

Council Member Adams earned her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Spelman College. Professionally, she is a Corporate Trainer who has worked in Human Capital Management at several Fortune 500 corporations. After minoring in Early Childhood Development, Council Member Adams also worked as a Child Development Associate Instructor.

Council Member Adams has served as Chairperson of Community Board 12 (Queens), served on Governor Andrew Cuomo's Local Planning Committee for the Jamaica Downtown Revitalization Initiative, and was co-chair of the Jamaica NOW Leadership Council, which provides oversight of the revitalization and economic development of the downtown Jamaica core. She is a member NAACP and the National Action Network, which champions civil and equal rights and the provision of academic funding and scholarships to deserving students.

Moira McDermott



Moira McDermott has been serving as Executive Director of "21 in '21" since its launch in early 2017. The organization is aimed at electing at least 21 women to the NYC Council by 2021. In her capacity as Executive Director, Ms. McDermott is developing a pipeline of politically educated women prepared for most any role in the political arena. She works with the potential female candidates for 36 open Council seats in the year 2021, while continuing to develop support for the organization and raise awareness about gender parity on all levels.

Ms. McDermott was born and raised in Douglaston and started her career as a Legislative Aide for Assemblywoman Ann Carrozza while pursuing her degree in Political Science at SUNY Albany. Following graduation, she served as a constituent liaison, fundraiser, and treasurer for Council Member Elizabeth Crowley. Prior to "21 in '21," Ms. McDermott advocated for workers' rights on behalf of labor organizations, primarily the Teamsters Joint Council 16 and Building & Construction Trades Council.

Sarinya Srisakul



Sarinya Srisakul has been serving New York City as a firefighter since 2005. She is the first and is still the only Asian woman firefighter in the FDNY.

Ms. Srisakul is President of the United Women Firefighters. She has been a dedicated member of the United Women Firefighters since the beginning of her career and has held the positions of Secretary, Borough Representative and Vice President before her current presidency.

As a lifelong activist, she is continuing her mission in creating social justice and gender equality through her work with the United Women Firefighters. Through her leadership there is a historic high in the numbers of women firefighters in New York City.

Mary Vaccaro



Mary Vaccaro is the United Federation of Teachers District 26 Representative for the past 13 years. She has been an educator in the NYC Department of Education for 23 years. Ms. Vaccaro has been on the faculty of PS 180 in District 3, PS 16 in District 24 and for the past 15 years at PS/IS 266 in District 26. She is a member of the UFT Executive Board, as well as a delegate to NYS United Teachers and American Federation of Teachers.

Ms. Vaccaro graduated from Adelphi University, receiving a B.A. in Elementary Education and an M.A. in Early Childhood and Elementary Education with a certificate in Whole Language. She prides herself on her work with parent, civic and community groups. She is proud to be a part of a community that continues to foster and promote the voice of educators, challenges students, and welcomes parent involvement.

“Good Guys”

Marvin Brown



Marvin Brown, a native of Queens, is an abstract and minimalist artist. He received a diploma from Ecole d'Art Americaine de Fontainebleau, France.

Mr. Brown was a professor at CUNY and also taught in the Department of Art and Visual Studies at Brown University. As a Fulbright Senior Scholar in the Fine Arts, he has taught and traveled extensively. He currently lives and works on Long Island's North Shore.

Among his many exhibitions, his work has been shown at: New York Public Library; Slobodkina Foundation, Glen Head, NY; Virginia Museum of Art, Richmond; Fogg Museum of Art, Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, Mass.; British Museum, London; Whitney Museum of Art, NYC; Museum of Modern Art, NYC; and Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. In his retirement he has been generous with his time and support for the needs in the community and has given special attention to the Twin Pines Thrift Shop in Port Washington.

Hon. Rory Lancman



Council Member Rory I. Lancman was born and raised in Queens. He proudly represents NYC's 24th City Council District, where he has lived for more than forty years. Lancman is the Chair of the Council's Committee on the Justice System, and is a member of the following Committees: Finance, Land Use, Oversight and Investigation, Public Safety, Rules, and Criminal Justice. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

In the 2014-2017 session, Council Member Lancman chaired the Council's Committee on Courts & Legal Services, where he advocated for a civil justice and criminal justice system that works for all New Yorkers. The committee held hearings on the city's domestic violence courts, bail reform, legal services available to low-wage workers, and the indigent defense system. Council Member Lancman previously served three terms in the NYS Assembly. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College, CUNY and is a veteran of New York's own 42nd Infantry Division.

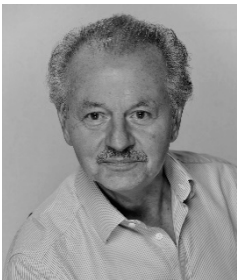
Ashook Ramsaran



Ashook K. Ramsaran was born in Guyana (formerly British Guiana), third generation of Indian indentured laborers who were brought to Guyana in 1853 and 1860 respectively. He emigrated to USA in 1968 and obtained BS & MS degrees (Electrical Engineering) at New York Polytechnic University. After prominent positions in US industry, he founded Ramex, an electronics manufacturing company based in New York and resides in Queens.

Ramsaran is founder/president of the Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and immediate past president of Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO International). He is Vice President of Queens Civic Congress (New York), Chair of New York Presbyterian Hospital Queens Community Advisory Council, and Board Member of St. John's University Center for Caribbean and Latin American Studies. He is the recipient of numerous local and international awards in recognition for his many years of outstanding community service and raising awareness of critical issues of interest and concern.

Ernan Roman



Ernan Roman is president of ERDM Corp. His latest book is entitled *Voice of the Customer Marketing*. He was inducted into the DMA Marketing Hall of Fame due to the results his Voice of Customer (VoC) research-based strategies achieved for companies such as IBM, MassMutual, Microsoft, QVC, and Gilt.

Mr. Roman founded ERDM Corp., which conducts specialized VoC research to identify high-impact Customer Experience strategies which generate significant increases in revenue. He was named by the Online Marketing Institute as one of the *Top 40 Digital Luminaries* and by Crain's BtoB Magazine as one of the *100 Most Influential People in Business Marketing*.

His widely read blog, *Ernan's Insights on Marketing Best Practices*, appears in Huffington Post, CMO.com, Forbes, CustomerThink, CRMC and Business2Community. He has written two books: *Opt-in Marketing* and *Integrated Direct Marketing*. He has adapted his outstanding organizing and leadership skills in the formation of a grassroots citizens' "Take Action" group in Northeast Queens.

Hon. Jimmy Van Bramer



A life-long resident of Western Queens, Jimmy Van Bramer was elected to the New York City Council in November 2009 representing District 26. He was overwhelmingly elected to a second 4-year term in November 2013. During the 2014-2017 session, he was the Majority Leader of the NYC Council which is the second-highest ranking member in the 51-member body.

As part of his duties as Majority Leader, he was also appointed by former Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito to co-chair the newly constituted Budget Negotiating Team which plays an integral role in formulating the City's budget process to fund critical programs, projects and organizations citywide. He also plays a key role in working with all members of the City Council, serving as a bridge between colleagues and the Speaker.

Council Member Van Bramer is the chair of the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries, and International Intergroup Relations and serves on the following committees: Finance; Parks and Recreation; Public Housing; and Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addiction.



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Ann Juliano Jawin
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Kew Gardens, NY 11424

Dear Ms. Jawin:

Greetings to you and to all the friends and supporters of The Center for the Women of New York, Inc., on the occasion of your 31th Anniversary Annual Luncheon.

Today's event gives us a great opportunity to celebrate the success The Center for the Women of New York has had in being a leading women's organization. The Center works diligently to help meet the needs of women from all backgrounds and offers an array of comprehensive free services such as a legal clinic, job training services and a support group for women.

Today is also a great opportunity to pay tribute to your distinguished honorees. On behalf of the 2.3 million residents of Queens, "The World's Borough," I extend our sincere congratulations to your "Women of Distinction in Leadership" award winners and to the winners of your "Good Guy Awards."

I hope all those in attendance at today's 31st Anniversary Annual Luncheon enjoy today's event and I wish you and everyone associated with The Center for the Women of New York continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Melinda Katz
President
Borough of Queens

Congratulations
to
all the Honorees
and
Ann Jawin
and the
Center for the Women
of New York
On their 31st Anniversary

The Jawin Family

A black and white photograph of the Resorts World Casino New York City building. The building features a prominent Art Deco architectural style with vertical lines and geometric shapes. The casino's logo, a stylized 'W' inside a circle, is mounted on the facade above the text 'Resorts World CASINO NEW YORK CITY'.

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and to its founder

Ann Jawin

A visionary and dedicated
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