



26th Annual Evening of Fine Food



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Claire Shulman
Spirit of Community Award
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Tune in to this delicious highlight of Queens Centers for Progress (QCP) first “Live” in-person Evening of Fine Food since the onset of the pandemic in 2020. Each year QCP honors individuals whose dedication to making a difference in the community is exemplary. Their 2022 Honorees “**Chefs of the Year**” **Rhonda Binda**, Vice President, Government Affairs and Social Impact, Madison Square Garden Entertainment Corporation, and **Thomas Rudzewick**, President and CEO, Maspeth Federal Savings. **Drew Kerr** is the Creative Director and Founder of the Queens Chef Project, and the recipient of QCP’s newest honor the **Claire Shulman “Spirit of Community Award.”**

An Evening of Fine Food is the social networking event of the season and provides a setting for people from Queens communities to socialize as they sample the gourmet delicacies and beverages provided by local restaurants and vendors.

Wendy Phaff Gennaro said “The event brought together over 500 people and raised more than \$120K, which benefits over 1,200 men, women and children challenged by mild to severe developmental disabilities.”

The festivities at Terrace on the Park included an exceptional and engaging dining experience featuring culinary delicacies from the finest restaurants and beverage purveyors in the area. As hundreds of guests mingled, sampled gourmet foods, and enjoyed an open bar, they also enjoyed Comedians **Suzanne Windland** and **Sandip Sen**, Emcee **Clyde Bullard**, Magician **Apollo Riego**, **Jim Altamore** performing the songs of **Frank Sinatra**, and the sounds of **DJ Mike Kouros** of Bravo Sound. Guests also participated in the silent auction and took “selfies” in a Le Selfie photo booth. **Skye Ostreicher** of City & State joined the evening as a special guest, Emcee and TV Host.



Rick Bedrosian, Writer & Host *I Could Eat*, **Joe DiStefano**, Queens' favorite Food Writer, Culinary, Tour Guide & Author *111 Places in Queens That You Must Not Miss*, Msgr. **Jamie Gigantiello** Host *Breaking Bread*.

Participating food vendors included: *Aigner's Chocolate*, *Annam Brahma*, *Arepalicious*, *Austin's Ale House*, *Bourbon Street*, *Buzz'd Express Coffee*, *Café Renis*, *Eat Gai*, *Frank Macchio & Family*, *Havana Central*, *Isa's Cake*, *Javamelts*, *La Casa de Julia Restaurant & Bar*, *Lessing's Hospitality Group*, *MadeFresh Organic*, *Malki Palki (Kosher)*, *Marbella Restaurant*, *Max Bratwurst Und Bier*, *MumsKitchens NYC*, *One Station Plaza*, *Philly Pretzel Factory Forest Hills*, *P's Baking & Catering Services, Inc.*, *Remy's Italian Restaurant*, *Rudy's Bakery and Café*, *Schmidt's Candy*, *Shanghai You Garden*, *Stop & Shop*, *Symphony Importers*, *The Nourish Spot*, *The Wine Room of Forest Hills*, *Trini Bites*, *Vassilaros Coffee Company*, *Veeray da Dhaba*, *Woodro Kosher Deli* and *Woops! Macarons & Corporate Gifting*.

Queens Borough President **Donovan Richards**, New York City Council Members **James Gennaro**, **Linda Lee**, **Shekar Krishnan**, **Sandra Ung**, and **Vickie Paladino**, and New York State Assemblyman **David Weprin**, and **John Hammer** of the New York City Department of Education were among those who spoke during the event's program.

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Queens Centers for Progress is committed to providing person-centered services and supports to children and adults who have developmental disabilities. The goal of these services and supports is to promote independence, community involvement, and quality of life. **Learn more:** www.queenscp.org.

Watch this spotlight entitled "QCP's 2022 Annual Evening of Fine Food" that celebrates love, community, resilience, and the value of giving.

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