

# aroundtown

## WINNERS

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### Charles A. Gargano Community leader



Charles A. Gargano of Bridgehampton will receive the 2011 Distinguished Leadership Award on June 25 at the American Heart Association's 15th annual Heart of the Hamptons Ball based on his career achievements and dedication to the local community. Gargano is former chairman and chief executive of the Empire State Development Corp. and vice chairman of the Port Authority. He has also served as deputy administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and vice president of J.D. Posillico Engineering and Construction in Farmingdale.

### Larry Slatky Volunteer



Larry Slatky of Cold Spring Harbor has received the Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators in Virginia based on his "outstanding volunteer work" with the college's New York chapter and national office over the past 35 years. Slatky is executive vice president of operations at Nassau Health Care Corp. (NuHealth) and has been in the health care profession since 1968 in various positions, mostly in nursing homes. He has been a college member since 1972 and has served as its national chairman.

### Owen Johnson Fundraiser



State Sen. Owen Johnson (R-West Babylon) received the Harry Ballard Humanitarian Award at the Bay Shore-based nonprofit Breast Cancer Help's 16th annual Gala and Casino Night last month for his long-standing support of the organization and efforts to raise more than \$1 million in funding since its inception in 1994. Johnson was first elected to the Senate in 1972 and is currently the senior assistant majority leader. He is also vice chair of the Senate Finance Committee and state chairman of the American Legislative Council.

### Dina Barone Educator



Dina Barone of Central Islip has received the Richard Gazzola Teacher Fellowship Award from the Suffolk County PTA based on her efforts to address the "various needs and abilities of each and every child in her classroom." Barone is an English teacher at Udall Road Middle School in West Islip and is the school's cheerleading coach and student council adviser. She is the sole Suffolk County teacher to receive the annual award and was honored at the district's Board of Education meeting in April.

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