

Long Island Press 'Power List' Party Celebrates 50 Most Influential Long Islanders

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More than 250 top movers and shakers with their friends and families descended upon Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on April 19 to celebrate the yearly recognition of the 50 “most influential” Long Islanders as determined by the writers and editors of the Long Island Press.

Now in its 14th year, the annual [Long Island Press Power List](#) and its accompanying awards gala recognizes outstanding leaders within business, the arts, politics, academia, entertainment, and the Long Island community throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties.

As in previous incarnations, the Long Island Press Power List's Class of 2016 represents a wide range of professions, organizations and causes. Included this year were the CEOs of top companies, elected officials, the heads of law enforcement agencies, renowned academics and scientists, activists and advocates, as well as community leaders and those of several nonprofits.

“The list itself tells a particular story about Long Island,” Long Island Press Publisher Jed Morey explains in an introductory letter within the list’s print edition. “Each year has its own character and nuance, like chapters in a book. But the larger narrative is one that truly reflects our journey as Long Islanders.”

CHECK OUT THE 2016 POWER LIST HONOREES & PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR’S GALA HERE

Distinguishing Wednesday night’s reception ceremony from those previously was a special opening announcement by Morey that he’d be [transferring ownership](#) of the media outlet to [Schneps Communications](#), a regional publishing company owning and operating more than 50 publications, media websites, and events throughout New York City and Long Island.



Power List Honoree nonprofit Family and Children’s Association President and CEO Jeffrey Reynolds poses for photos with family and friends at the 2016 Long Island Press Power List Party at Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury on April 19, 2017. (Photos by Michael P. Damm Jr.)

Following Morey's heartfelt remarks chronicling the Long Island Press' genesis from an alternative newsweekly upstart in 2003 to a monthly journal, and ultimately its present "strictly digital" format, were keynote addresses from Power List honorees New York State Comptroller [Tom DiNapoli](#) and Canon U.S.A. Executive VP, Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel Seymour Liebman, who stressed the need for a free and independent press.

Next was the annual Power List Hall of Fame induction ceremony, celebrating those who've appeared on the list at least five times. This year's inductees were Liebman, Huntington Town Councilwoman Tracey Edwards, public relations guru Katherine Heaviside, and civil rights attorney and activist [Frederick Brewington](#).



The 2016 Long Island Press Power List Party at Crest Hollow Country Club on April 19, 2017 recognized the 50 'most influential' Long Islanders. (Photos by Michal P. Damm Jr.)

Power List honorees participated in an annual "Roll Call" of lighthearted and jovial introductions, followed by the final two accolades of the evening: the Long Island Press