

WINNERS

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Robert Demmett Accountant



Robert Demmett of Bellmore has been named Best Accountant of the Year for 2009-10 based on his "loyalty, perseverance, talent and work for his clients." Demmett is a certified public accountant with Manhattan-based accounting and consulting firm EisnerLubin, where he specializes in tax and financial planning strategies for high-net-worth individuals and compliance issues for closely held businesses. He joined the firm in 1981 as an intern, becoming a partner in 1992 and a managing partner for tax in 2007.

Mark McLeod Volunteer



Mark McLeod of Smithtown was recently honored at the Fred Breithut Memorial Golf Outing coordinated by the School-Business Partnerships of Long Island (SBPLI) for his dedication to the organization. He is manager of Northrop Grumman Corp.'s Cyber-Warfare Integration Network and has mentored Hauppauge High School's robotics team for six years. He also has volunteered at SBPLI's annual FIRST Robotics Competition for nine years and received SBPLI's Outstanding Volunteer Award in 2008.

Ann McDermott-Kave Foundation director



Ann McDermott-Kave of Huntington received the Gilbert Tilles Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Long Island Chapter for her "dedication to support the less fortunate." She is director of the OSI Pharmaceuticals Foundation, which she helped establish in 2005, and has headed OSI's community relations and human resources divisions. She also hosts a child each summer through the Fresh Air Fund and was inducted into the Farmingdale Relay for Life's Hall of Fame in June.

Mary Alice Meinersman Store owner



Mary Alice Meinersman of Huntington was honored at the Huntington Historical Society's "An Evening of Wine Under the Stars" event for her "commitment to Huntington and its preservation." A long-time society member, she is owner and president of Bon Bons Chocolatier in Huntington and president of the Huntington Business Improvement District. She is on the board of directors of Retail Confectioners International and a member of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce.

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