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**PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE****Mike Quadrino**

Once again the Annual CIBS/ABLI Real Estate dinner was wildly successful. On April 10th, over 500 of our industry's professionals attend this event at the Melville Marriott. The cocktail hour was followed by a fabulous buffet dinner which feature our special guest speaker, New York's Attorney General Eliot Spitzer. I had a great time and enjoyed seeing so many of you there.

As is customary for this event, awards were handed out for Broker of the Year, Developer of the Year, and Lifetime Achievement. Broker of the Year, which represents the most ingenious deal for 2002, was awarded to Marty Lomazow of Insignia ESG for his deposition of the 800,000 sq ft Kassover family portfolio, the majority of which was a vast holding of office buildings on Franklin Ave in Garden City. I think it's safe to say, that as brokers, we all owe Marty a debt of thanks for creating an opportunity to earn commissions from properties where no opportunity existed for a very long time.

Developer of the Year was awarded to the Tilles Investment Company for their redevelopment of two Woodbury properties. The 13,000 sq ft United Artist movie theater at 7550 Jericho Tpke., was redeveloped to a state of the art health club facility now occupied by Equinox. Tilles was also

commended for the redevelopment of 101 Crossways Park Dr.; formerly a 96,000 sq ft warehouse that has been upgraded to 70,000 sq ft of office space. This facility is now the corporate headquarters of CMS. Lifetime achievement was presented to Wilbur Breslin, founder and president of Breslin Realty in Garden City, for his many years of property development throughout the area. Wilbur has truly left his stamp on Long Island.

The annual Programs & Education roundtable has been scheduled for May 22, 8:00am, at 100 Motor Pkwy. Hauppauge. This year's featured guests and their topics will be: Barry Greenspan from NYS Economic Development - "What NYS can do to assist expanding businesses."

Steve Woods of Simone Development - "What Simone Development has on Long Island, What are their plans for this marketplace, and How the brokerage community can assist." Larry Feldman of Farrell Fritz - "Creating value through land use and the economic development process."

Donald Middleton of the Route 110 Redevelopment Corp. - "What is it, and how CIBS and the Route 110 Corp. can work together to attract and retain environmentally friendly, high-tech businesses to the corridor."

As you can see, Jeff Schwartzberg and Dave Pennetta have put together quite a seminar. Thanks again to the Program and Education co-chairs. Also, the newly elected board members and the new executive board will be announced prior to this event. Please make plans to attend.

CIBS/ABLI REAL ESTATE DINNER

Special guest speaker, Eliot Spitzer, New York State Attorney General



Roger & Peter Tilles of The Tilles Organization receive the Developer of the Year Award



Lifetime Achievement Award Winner, Wilbur Breslin, President, Breslin Realty

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