



## Queens Chamber Confers 96th Annual Building Awards

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Vincent Riso of The Briarwood Organization was presented with a lifetime achievement award and many building owners, architects, engineers and builders were winners of rehabilitation and new construction awards at the 96th Annual Dinner and Building Awards presentation of the Queens Chamber of Commerce December 3. Though the fact that the economy has taken a hard hit lately may have lent a subdued air to the proceedings at Terrace on the Park, Chairperson Mayra Di Rico of the building awards committee was moved to call for an evening not only of congratulations but also high spirits, believing that a positive attitude "is going to help us restore prosperity".

Vincent Riso is a third-generation principal of Briarwood, a real estate group that develops, builds and manages property in Queens, Brooklyn, The Bronx and Manhattan. He said he has been winning awards since the early 1960s, "when Shea Stadium was being built". Now that it's coming down, he is being recognized for enhancing the fortunes of a company started by his grandfather in 1912 and also for immersing himself in civic, charitable and professional organizations in all the boroughs where Briarwood operates.

There were 20 building awards, equally divided between rehabilitations and new construction, each with defining categories. Di Rico introduced her fellow HSBC officer, Carlos Soto, to announce the winners. First of the rehabilitations, described as "rehab up to three stories; low-rise addition; multi family", was Whitestone Manor Condominiums. The owner is 12th Avenue Associates; the architect/engineer firm is Gerald Caliendo, Architect PC; and the builder/contractor is GKC Industries Inc.

Queens Theatre in the Park, which could be seen from Terrace On the Park, site of the dinner, won the award for rehabilitated public building. The architect/engineer firm is Caples Jefferson Architects; the builder/contractor, C&L Contracting Corp. Winning the one-family detached, up-to-3,000-square-foot rehabilitation award was the Colea residence on Cloverdale Boulevard in Bayside. Owners are Ovidiu and Adriana Colea. The architect/engineer firm is John Carusone PC and the builder/contractor, AB Design Building Corp. The readaptive use, alter-

ating mixed use rehabilitation award, residential-commercial/industrial was The Classic at Kew Gardens, on 83rd Avenue and Kew Gardens Road. The Kamali Organization LLC is the owner and also the builder/contractor winner; the architect/engineer firm is M. Studio PLLC. Winner for industrial rehabilitation was Super-Tek Products, owned by John Garuti Jr./Sarah Associates and located at 25-44 Borough Pl. in Woodside. The architect/engineer firm is Stoll & Stoll Architects; Cook and Krupa is the builder/contractor.

The Russo residence, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Russo and located on Overbrook Street in Douglaston, was the winner of the rehabilitation award for single residence, one-family detached, over 3,000 square feet. Frank Petruso Architect is the architect/engineer firm; Paliuras Contracting Corp is the builder/contractor. Another Cloverdale Boulevard rehabilitation, a home owned by a Dr. Kuma, won an award for readaptive use, alteration or addition, in a single residence, one-family detached, over-3,000 square feet. The architect/engineer firm is AIN D&D Corp; Gwangaetou Development Corp. is builder/contractor. The commercial interiors rehabilitation award went to Very Well Café in Flushing. It is owned by Sang Young Lee; the architect/engineer firm is Nury Design Inc.; the builder/contractor is Nextcom Construction Inc. An Astoria residence owned by Gary Hentzi and Argie Collie and renovated by the Sunnyside firm of Laura Heim Architect PLLC won the rehabilitation award for interior of a single residence, one- or two-family attached; Ketco Construction is the builder/contractor. Last of the rehabilitation winners, for rehabilitated health-related facilities, was the New York Blood Center at Vernon Boulevard and 43rd Avenue in Long Island City. The architect/engineer firm is Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects; the builder/contractor, Plaza Construction Corp.

The first new construction award went to 14-25 Broadway Condominiums in Astoria, winner in the multi-family, high-rise category. Owner is Vincent Aliperti; the architect/engineer firm is Gino Longo R.A.; the builder/contractor, GVA LLC. The new construction award for single residence, one-family detached went to a house on Cryder's Lane in Whitestone owned by Joseph

Musso. JLS Designs is the architect/engineer firm; Statewide the builder/contractor. The award for a single residence went to a Bayside house owned by Linda Chen. John C. Chen Architect PLLC is the architect/engineer firm; Anzen Construction Corp is builder/contractor. The spectacular New York Times printing plant on the Whitestone Expressway was the winner in the interior industrial, new construction landscape, new construction industrial category. The architect/engineer firm is Dario Designs and Turner Construction Co. is builder/contractor. Flushing Meadows-Corona Park Natatorium and Ice Rink won in the interior public buildings and new construction public buildings category. The Department of Parks and Recreation and the city Economic Development Corporation are owners, and Handel Architects, in association with Kevin Horn & Andrew Goldman Architects, constitute the architect/engineer firm; builder/contractor is Bovis Lend Lease.

New construction winner for family residence, one- or two-family attached went to the Shu Zen/Ke Wan/ Li residence on Kissena Boulevard in Flushing. This is another architectural commission for John C. Chen, and the builder/contractor is JCL Real Estate Corp. The award for new construction in the commercial category went to the Plaza at Little Neck Hills. The architect/engineer firm is Frank Petruso, Architect; the builder/contractor is O'Sullivan Builders & Developers. The new construction, green winner is Linda Mayo-Perez, CEO, Maple Grove Cemetery Association, along with Peter Gisolfi Associates, architectural/engineer firm, and Marco Martelli Associates, building/contractor. Their winning project was the Center at Maple Grove Cemetery in Kew Gardens. In the category of office, interiors office, the new construction winner was Two Court Square, the Citigroup Building opened two years ago beside the big green Citibank building in Long Island City. The architect/engineer firm is Kohn Pederson Fox and the builder/contractor is Turner Construction.