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Celebrating Women's History Month

Legislator Anker Honors Andrea Lohneiss and Christine Conniff Sheahan



Pictured l-r: Andrea Lohneiss of Empire State Development, Legislator Sarah Anker, and Christine Conniff Sheahan of Networking Magazine

Hauppauge, NY, March 2013 – In celebration of Women's History Month, Legislator Sarah Anker honored Empire State Development Director Andrea Lohneiss and *Networking Magazine* Founder and Publisher Christine Conniff Sheahan at the March 19 General Meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature.

“Christine and Andrea serve as true role models and mentors to many women, including myself,” said Legislator Anker. “Their successes, both professionally and personally, are a testimony to the accomplished roles women have achieved in business and government.”

As the Long Island Regional Director of Empire State Development, Andrea has worked to promote economic growth in both Nassau and Suffolk County. She applies her invaluable background in community development and knowledge of economic policy to implement successful business expansion projects.

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Since 1991, through her publication *Networking Magazine*, Christine Conniff Sheahan has provided outstanding coverage on women's issues. In addition, she has demonstrated her commitment to the progress of women, social causes and environmental stewardship.

The magazine has featured influential women who have made great strides on behalf of women's equality, including Kirsten Gillibrand, Madeline Albright and Gloria Steinem. A special section entitled "What's Green," provides information about environmental issues and offers a network for local businesses. *Networking Magazine* has received a number of awards and recognition including, the National Council on Women's Health Making a Difference through Media Award.

Women's History Month is an annual worldwide declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society.