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**LESLIE KENNEDY KICKS OFF WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH 2ND ANNUAL
WOMEN'S POWER BREAKFAST**

March 2, 2016 – On Wednesday Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) was immensely proud and honored to host her second annual Women's Power Breakfast at the Holiday Inn Express in Stony Brook, NY.

The Power Breakfast gathers women from all walks of life to network and speak about the experiences they have faced either as a businesswoman, politician, community activist, or not-for-profit sponsors. Legislator Kennedy was especially proud to be hosting this year's breakfast during National Women's History month.

Over 90 distinguished women attended the event, each of whom are interested in making a difference here in Suffolk County. From the political end of the spectrum, Legislator Kennedy was joined by fellow Suffolk County Legislators Kate Browning, Sarah Anker, and Monica Martinez. Other special guests included Town of Brookhaven Councilwoman Valerie Cartright, Town of Huntington Councilwoman Susan Berland, Smithtown Receiver of Taxes Deanna Varricchio, as well as the keynote speaker Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York: Kathy Hochul.



(Suffolk County Legislator Leslie Kennedy(R) with Lietuenant Governor Kathy Hochul (L))

Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul gave a brief speech to all of the attendees at the breakfast about her own background and the importance of the history of women in America:

"When women succeed, Long Island and New York State succeed. During Women's History Month, it is important to recognize not only the great women who left us a foundation, but also the successful leaders of today who help propel our great state forward." Said Lt. Gov. Hochul

Lt. Gov. Hochul emphasized the progress of women in the past and in the future, offering great words of encouragement to all women who strive for the individual and universal success.



(Huntington Councilwoman Susan Berland, Anne Shybunko-Moore, Legislator Sarah Anker, Legislator Leslie Kennedy, and Legislator Kate Browning)

Political officials were not the only dignitaries in attendance at the event; Anne Shybunko-Moore President and owner of GSE Dynamics who was a featured speaker, and Gina Coletti Co-Chair of the Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers/ former 2014 Suffolk County Women of the Year were also in attendance.

"This event reinforced the positive influence that women have in this region- women are creating change in policy, in education, and in business by demonstrating strong leadership and competence on the issues that face Long Island families." said Anne after the breakfast.

After the conclusion of the breakfast, many attendees praised and thanked Legislator Kennedy for hosting such a productive event; she was later interviewed by News 12 Long Island about the breakfast. Legislator Kennedy offered great admiration for the attendees and was ecstatic to spend the day with so many prominent women.

"I am extremely glad at how successful this year's power breakfast turned out. I am grateful not only to the Lieutenant Governor and other elected officials, but to all the women from all walks of life that are inspiring women throughout Suffolk County and the rest of the country that there is no limit for all of us to advance. I cannot wait not only to have next year's event but also look forward to hosting future events for women here in Suffolk." Said Legislator Kennedy.

For any questions about this event or other community events feel free to contact Leslie Kennedy's office at (631) 854-3735; also contact us online at Leslie.kennedy@suffolkcountyny.gov or on facebook: [facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy](https://www.facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy).

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