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COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION



(Legislator Leslie Kennedy with Joe Cioffi, Tony Babino, Louis Gallo, and Carolyn Reres)

October 9, 2016 – On Sunday in honor of Christopher Columbus' discovery of the New World, and to pay homage to the contributions made by Italian-Americans throughout the years, Legislator Leslie Kennedy (R-Nesconset) had planned on celebrating Columbus Day with the Order Sons of Italy parade in Huntington. However, due to rain the festivities moved indoors to the Huntington Cinema Arts Centre.

Leslie Kennedy had the privilege of honoring the men and women chosen to Grand Marshal the Columbus Day Parade, they were Joe Cioffi, Tony Babino, Louis Gallo, and Carolyn Reres. Each of these men and women had been chosen because they exemplify the Italian-American experience in the United States and they have made contributions in their field of work. Joe Cioffi is a successful meteorologist, Tony Babino is a talented singer, Louis Gallo has fought for social justice, and Carolyn Reres has done much work as the President of the New York Grand Lodge, Order Son and Daughters of Italy in America.

“Having had the privilege of being made a Grand Marshal of this parade last year, it was my honor to recognize the great American men and women who were chosen this year to lead this parade, though rain came and prevented us from marching, these men and women are great examples of Italian-Americans who contribute to this great nation.” said Legislator Kennedy.

Instead of a parade, “My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes” was shown. This documentary tells the story of the rescue of thousands of Italian Jews during World War II by ordinary and prominent Italians, and is narrated by Italian actress Isabella Rossellini.

For information on this event or other community, events feel free to contact Legislator Kennedy’s office directly at (631)-854-3735 or contact us on Facebook at facebook.com/legislatorlesliekennedy.

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