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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE: **Beverly E. Harrison, J.D.**

As you can see from the photos in this newsletter, our 30th anniversary celebration was a great success. Included in the attendance of over 100 at the Nassau County Bar Association, were almost all of our past chapter presidents and many of the past and



present members of the executive board. Our guest speaker, Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, national president of LERA, gave an interesting presentation entitled, "New Frontiers for Labor Management Relations in a Global, Knowledge-Driven Economy" (with pictures). The chapter presented the MacGregor Award to Marty Scheinman in recognition of his leadership in establishing the Scheinman Institute of Dispute Resolution at the Cornell ILR School. Did you miss Hezekiah Brown's presentation? It will soon be placed in the archives along with the pictures we assembled to commemorate the thirty years of our chapter's existence. If you have pictures and chapter memorabilia, please contact us.

In January, along with Jerry Grayson, our newsletter editor, I attended the 62nd national LERA meeting. The theme was *21st Century Employment Systems: Innovation in an Era of Accelerating Change*. The event was filled with panels and speakers. The keynote address was presented by Elizabeth Schuler, Secretary-Treasurer of the AFL-CIO, who gave her observations on *Jobs, Young Workers, Collective Bargaining and the Economic Crisis*. I was elected to the National Chapter Advisory Committee. This committee serves as a liaison with the individual chapters and in-

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Wed., Mar 10, 2010
Black Forest Brew Haus
Farmingdale

Fri., May 7, 2010,
Annual Spring Conference
New York Institute of Technology

Wed., June 10, 2010
Nassau County Bar Assoc.
Mineola

Wed., Sept. 15, 2010
Black Forest Brew Haus
Farmingdale

Wed., Dec. 7, 2010
Nassau County Bar Assoc.
Mineola

S. Martin, March 10 Speaker

Stephanie Martin is the field assistant to Barbara McDonald, Director of the Long Island office of the Workforce Development Institute. Stephanie assists Barbara in advancing the goals of the Workforce Development Institute on Long Island: to improve the lives of working families by providing workers with the opportunity to advance their careers through education.

WDI is a statewide nonprofit tasked with providing funding and support for worker education initiatives throughout New York. At its core, WDI is committed to providing job training, often with little or no cost to the worker, in order to help working people maintain their livelihoods. To date, the Long Island office alone has provided support that allowed over one thousand people, including 700 union members, to receive job training in com-

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30th ANNIVERSARY



Past president Tom Lilly, Jr.



Marty Scheinman, recipient of the MacGregor Award



Chumi Diamond, Bonnie Weinstock

President Harrison and past president Brown



President Beverley E. Harrison and founding president Hezekiah Brown

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ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Giustino, Kennedy, Fishberg above.
Left. Joel Cutcher-Gershenfeld, LERA president.
Below. Lilly, Sr., Perlman, Zimny, Castaldo-Libby, Lanigan



The former residents who attended: (l to r)
Tom Lilly, Jr.
Leziakah Brown
Don Schuler-Mauk
Richard Dibble
Bruce Millman
Richard Roth
Peter Bee
Peter Korn
Deverly Harrison



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puters, basic education, insurance broker licensing, commercial driver licensing, weatherization auditing, and preparation for work in many other industries.

WDI also participates in larger projects designed to improve the lives of the next generation of New York's workforce. WDI supports initiatives to implement Safe Patient Handling principles in healthcare facilities, union leadership training, and certification for auto workers. WDI is also heavily involved in advancing the new Green economy in New York State, and is investing in small and large scale initiatives to give workers the skills they will need to make New York a leader in clean energy.

Brogan, Conlon, Hempfling, et.al.



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sure the continuity of communication between chapters and the national organization.

Our Spring conference program committee, chaired by Amanda Barker, assembled a program that you will not want to miss. Save the date: Friday, May 7th at the DeSeversky Center at NYIT. The first panel will feature Jerry Larrichuta, Pres. of CSEA Local 1000 and Jason Limson, Deputy Director of Nassau County Office of Labor Relations with Martin Scheinman as moderator. The second panel will feature the directors of the three local regions of the NLRB, moderated by Richard Roth. The keynote speaker is Robert Master, Legislative and Political Director for CWA District 1.

This past year I endeavored to increase the membership and attendance at the spring conference and the quarterly meetings as well as to elevate the chapter's presence on Long Island. I am pleased to report that these goals were accomplished with the assistance of the executive board and Jim Reed, our new executive board member. This year, I plan to build upon these accomplishments and establish a repository for the chapter's records at an area college.

Whenever I mention LERA, colleagues often question the relevance of the organization to them. If you were present at the anniversary celebration, our founders and past presidents reinforced how important it is for us to mix and mingle in an atmosphere that is conducive to sharing, learning and networking. Please join us at our next meeting March 10. Our guest speaker will be Stephanie Martin.

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