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Honoring Clarence Michalis



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On Sunday, June 25th, former Lattingtown Mayor Clarence Michalis was honored for his 47+ years of service. (l-r) Tom Zoller-Mayor of Oyster Bay Cove, Peter Quick-Mayor of Mill Neck, Bob Fagiola-Mayor of Lattingtown, Carl Marcellino-NYS Senator, the Honorable Clarence Michalis, Larry Schmidlapp-Mayor of Centre Island, Elliot Conway-Mayor of Upper Brookville. For details see page 3.

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Clarence Michalis Honored



(l-r) Tom Zoller-Mayor of Oyster Bay Cove, Chuck Lavine-NYS Assemblyman, Ken Goodman-Mayor of Matinecock, Clarence Michalis, Carl Marcellino-NYS Senator, Larry Schmidlapp-Mayor of Centre Island, Peter Quick-Mayor of Mill Neck, Elliot Conway-Mayor of Upper Brookville.

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On Sunday evening, June 25th, former Mayor of Lattintown, Clarence Michalis, was honored for his 47+ years of mayoral service at the Lattintown home of Diane and current Lattintown Mayor Robert Fagiola. One US Congressman, one State Senator, one Assemblyperson, one Nobel laureate, six mayors, local village trustees, family members and friends were among the more than 80 who toasted Michalis, the longest-serving mayor in New York State history.

Michalis took all the hoopla in stride, and maintains his sense of humor, "I used to see many politicians, now I see many doctors."

Michalis, who stepped down earlier this year, was unsuccessfully challenged in the last election (2013), winning handily (376-87), and inspiring the largest voter turnout in 4 decades. Of the election Michalis noted, "It was a simple case of age and experience trumping youthful zeal."

Even though he is formally retired from the volunteer position as mayor, Michalis is still inspiring many. He served into his mid-90s, has been married for more than 60 years and looks fantastic. One guest noted that Clarence was skiing up until he turned 90!

US Congressman Thomas Suozzi, Senator Carl



US Congressman Thomas Suozzi with Clarence and Cora Michalis

Marcellino and Assemblyperson Charles Lavine all presented Michalis with commendations, and Nobel Laureate Dr. James Watson, the former Director of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, offered his congratulations as well. As a sign of respect and appreciation, six local mayors were present, Elliot Conway (Upper Brookville), Lawrence Schmidlapp (Centre Island), Peter Quick (Mill Neck), Robert Fagiola (Lattintown), Bernard Ryba (Old Brookville), and Kenneth Goodman, MD (Matinecock). Friends and family all wished Clarence and his wife Cora well; and it is clear that he is missed.

EDITORIAL

THANK YOU
MAYOR CLARENCE MICHALIS



A few weeks ago Clarence Michalis quietly retired after 47 years as Mayor of the Village of Lattintown. He was the longest serving mayor in New York State history. This week, he was honored at an evening reception at the home of his successor as mayor, Robert Fagiola.

At 95 years of age, Clarence Michalis has served the Village of Lattintown, for half his life. And he is still going strong.

"I used to see many politicians,... now I see many doctors," Michalis quipped at his recent testimonial. Despite that observation, there were still a gaggle of politicians present last week to toast Michalis for his years of service, including US Rep Tom Suozzi, NYS Sen Carl Marcellino, NYS Assemblyman Chuck Lavine, Centre Island Mayor Larry Schmidlapp, and Bayville Trustee Bob DeNatale, among others. As were Dr. James Watson - the Nobel Laureate scientist who discovered DNA, and Dr. Anna Hunderfund, the Superintendent of Locust Valley schools.

All came to thank Mayor Michalis for his years of dedication and service to our community.

All those who have worked with Mayor Michalis over the years have come to respect his politeness and decency. He is unfailingly courteous, and has a great sense of humor. His years shepherding Lattintown through the past half century have made the village one of the best places to live anywhere in the country.

The Leader extends our deepest thanks to Mayor Clarence Michalis, for all he has done and all his years building, protecting and preserving our community here on the north shore.

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