

DELORES ROME
2017 PERSON OF THE YEAR

Dolores is a member of the East Meadow Community since 1985 and works tirelessly to make it the best it can be. From 1992-2006, she served as Executive Administrative Assistant to the President of RMB Drafting Services and special events coordinator for a number of organizations including the Bellmore, Levittown & Wantagh Chambers of Commerce, Knights of Columbus, New York Racing Association and Elmont & Oceanside Fire Departments.

From 2001-2006 Dolores held the position of Executive Assistant of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce which serves over 52 Chambers in Nassau County. During her time with the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce she helped organize their annual Small Business Person breakfast with over 700 in attendance. Currently, she is working as Legislative Administrative Assistant for Nassau County Legislature Presiding Officer Norma Gonsalves.

Dolores has been a member of the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce for many years. She has served as the co-chair for East Meadow's annual Holiday Menorah & Tree Lighting Ceremonies and Memorial Day Parade for the past sixteen years; co-chaired the annual Culinary Delights for seven years benefiting the Nassau University Medical Center Pediatric Department, Kamp Kiwanis and the Autism Society of America; co-chaired Chamber's installation journal raising funds for scholarships for our East Meadow students and East Meadow Chamber's and Chamber's annual directory. She was involved in the planning and implementation of the 1st East Meadow Chamber's Town Hall meeting held at George McVey Elementary school. She was instrumental in creating the first Chamber of Commerce/PTA Community Discount program.

She is an active participant in the Council of East Meadow Community Organizations (CEMCO) and a member of the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow and recipient of their distinguished service award and the Anton J. Kaiser Foundation Fellow award. Dolores co-chairs East Meadow Chamber of Commerce & Kiwanis Club of East Meadow joint holiday party. As a Kiwanian, Dolores has participated in many of their events especially their annual food basket drives with over 100 families being assisted during each of the major holidays. Her perseverance and hard work helped create the Levittown & East Meadow Chambers of Commerce joint networking party into a huge success!

In 2001, Mrs. Rome was presented with then Town of Hempstead Pathfinder award by Councilman Hudes, recipient of Nassau Council's 2005 Small Business Person of the Year award, 2009 Woman of Distinction award by past Assemblyman Walker and United Veterans Council of East Meadow award. In 2014, she was presented with an award by the East Meadow Fire Department and Board of Commissioners for her role in the Chamber's donation of the Emergency Entry System Equipment and 2016 Woman of Distinction award presented by Assemblyman McKeivitt. In 2013, Dolores served as President of the East Meadow Chamber. She is also the recipient of Chamber's highest awards the Marvin Bernstein and Silver Fox.

Dolores Rome moved to East Meadow with her husband James and their two children Craig and Keith. She is a proud grandmother of Paul, Emma, Cassandra and Samantha.