

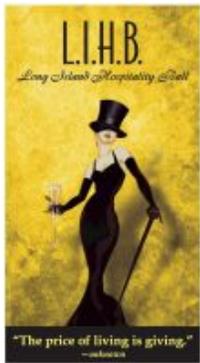


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Annual Long Island Hospitality Ball returns

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Nightlife has always been a major part of the Long Island experience, and while many of the hot spots that were once destinations for past generations are now long gone, torn down and reinvested, most among us who have spent any time on dance floors and examining cocktail menus (not to mention excitedly waiting on long lines to gain entry) can recall those places clearly. At the second annual **Long Island Hospitality Ball**, the bartenders, DJs, managers, owners and security personnel who work the scene today will gather to pay homage to a man who helped bring some of those great venues to fruition.

Taking place on Monday, June 18, at the **Crest Hollow Country Club** at 8325 Jericho Tpke. in Woodbury, the social business world will honor entrepreneur

Anthony Greco – acknowledged through his efforts and partnerships in bringing (now defunct-but-well-remembered) clubs such as **Malibu** in Lido Beach plus **Uncle Sam's** and **Luxe** in Levittown to life. Greco, along with **Steve Haweeli** (founder and president of WordHampton Public Relations) and **Larry Romer** (a three-decade veteran of the beverage industry), are to be recognized for their contributions to the hospitality industry at this gala – which is also functions as a premiere fundraiser for the **American Cancer Society**.

More than 70 food vendors and restaurants from Nassau and Suffolk County will be taking part, all serving signature plates to patrons, who will also receive live entertainment from such scene favorites as DJs **Jason Ojeda**, **Theo** plus **TJ and Claudio D**, dance artists **Kim Sozzi** and **Reina**, legendary freestyle group **TKA**, cover act **That 70's Band** and nightclub favorite violinist **Gray Devio**.

Start time is 7 p.m.; tickets are \$100, which includes admission, parking and unlimited food and drink from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. Group packages and advertising are also available for purchase. For ticket and donation information contact Daria Carioscia at the American Cancer Society at 631-300-3461, via email at daria.carioscia@cancer.org or online at main.acsevents.org.

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