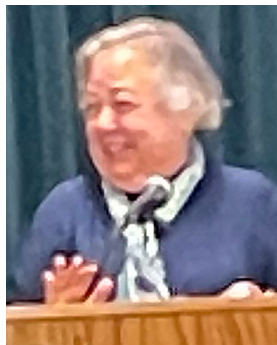




An Annual Meeting Message – Esna Needs You!

We need YOU to volunteer pruning trees, doing a street tree survey, graffiti removal, planning events, working the phones, or office work. Call us at 212 513 5826 with interest in any of these areas or email us at info@esna-nyc.com. That was the message at the conclusion of ESNA's Annual Meeting held in September.



Senator Liz Krueger

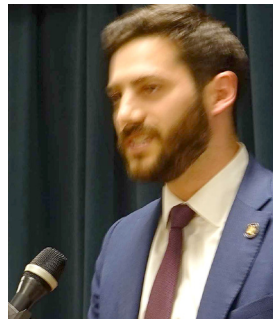
State Senator Liz Krueger and State Assembly Members Rebecca Seawright and Alex Bores spoke with the same voice when they took the podium and complimented ESNA and its members for creating a community of

involved citizens, volunteering together to preserve the neighborhood and make it just a little bit better.

ESNA has historically worked with elected officials in getting things done in a spirit of collaboration and cooperation. Since his term is coming to an end, ESNA wanted to recognize one elected official who has been a friend to ESNA during his many years of public service. Former President Barry Schneider spoke of Keith Powers, District 4 City Council member,



Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright



Assembly Member Alex Bores

as a supporter of people, who has during his time in office, passed landmark pieces of legislation including laws to prevent housing discrimination, broaden sexual harassment protections and protecting small businesses. It was with that spirit of accomplishment that Barry presented Keith with the ESNA Plaque of Recognition and Appreciation.

And as with any changing of the guard, Barry turned the podium over to ESNA's new president, Judy Schneider, to conduct her first ESNA Annual Membership Meeting. She introduced guest speaker Deputy Inspector of the 19th Precinct, Neil Zuber and officers of his Community Affairs Unit, and Sector A. Inspector Zuber surprised the audience when he said that the 19th has been assigned only 150 officers versus 225 officers in the past. And he marveled at the fact that even with this reduced level of



Deputy Inspector 19th Precinct Neil Zuber and Judy Schneider

staffing, arrests are up 20% over last year and overall crime is down. Quality of life issues are still an issue – the bikes, traffic safety, e-bike violations – but with reduced staffing, he was hard pressed to devote more resources to those issues. To questions raised by the audience, he encouraged ESNA's members to pressure elected members of the City Council, every time they have an opportunity, to restore funding to the NYPD.

Judy Schneider continued the theme of quality of life, reporting on ESNA's recent activities such as tree pruning every Saturday morning; supporting our local merchants by issuing a new Merchants Directory; and sponsoring a most successful Street Fair with its



Barry Schneider, Council Member Keith Powers & Judy Schneider

Japanese theme. As for coming activities, Judy said we are going to start the annual survey of dead or missing trees; graffiti removal from mailboxes and that we are planning the annual toy drive to give gifts to the needy children at Presbyterian Hospital in December. She then focused on the successful neighborhood parks accomplishments. The major one being the opening of Andrew Haswell Green Park Phase 2 on the Esplanade to connect with the East Midtown Greenway. As to construction projects in process or planned, Judy talked about Hospital for Special Surgery finishing the Kellen Tower located in the E.70's and opening to patients in early 2026; bicycles and pedestrian lanes on the 59th Bridge in the spring of 2025; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's new Pavilion plan for completion in 2030 (see www.msk.org/Pavilion for project updates); and the reopening of the Plaza Athenee on 64th Street in 2026 which will be called the Plaza Athenee Nobu Hotel and Spa New York, quite a mouthful. No plans have been announced yet for the empty MTA lot at 63rd and Second Avenue but ESNA will continue to closely monitor developments there. But what is definite is that Home Depot is scheduled to open on October 24th at the former Bed Bath and Beyond site at 1st Avenue & 61st Street. For details on all these matters, Judy referred to the *ESNA Extra*

newsletters on the website and members should look forward to future emails for updates.

While Home Depot will not be selling champagne or serving meals, ESNA did provide those when at the end of the meeting it distributed door prizes that had been donated by **Cork and Bottle**, **Primola**, **Tony's di Napoli**, **George Restaurant**, and **Serendipity 3**. Longtime ESNA member **Judge Jim Clynes** pulled the winning tickets and awarded the prizes to the happy recipients.

In closing the meeting, Judy thanked everyone for coming, saying "We speak with one voice – yours. When you reach out to ESNA, your concerns are

heard by your city and state representatives, they hear your voice – multiplied by 600--the membership of ESNA, and validated by over 30 years of reasonable, dependable advocacy. Over the years, ESNA has been heralded as the beacon of reason on the upper east side. ESNA

is your champion. Your advocate. Your sponsor. Your voice. Let us continue to keep the lines of communications open. By phone, by email, in person. And a final reminder. We need **YOU!**"



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ESNA is pleased
to welcome
Nancy Cantor
as the new president
of Hunter College.



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