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## Chamber Hosts Business Card Exchange

The Queens Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a business card exchange at New York Style Eats in Sunnyside. The Chamber hosts networking events throughout the year hoping to bring new business to its members and give them the opportunity to make contacts they might not have met otherwise.



Chamber Executive Vice President Jack Friedman, Chamber Chief of Operations Sophia Ganosis and NY Style Eats owner Mark Stroubos.

## Great Turnout For GABPC Event

Nearly 200 people attended the Guyanese and American Business and Professional Council's (GABPC) networking event and luncheon demonstrating the significant strides and steps the organization has taken in the short time the organizations has been in existence.

GABPC is a United States registered independent, not-for-profit organization that has a central mission of developing stronger ties between Guyana and the United States and forging closer relations between the business and professional communities of both nations.

That mission was shown perhaps no clearer than during the luncheon, which saw a business and community leaders from all different areas coming together.

"We are focused not just on connecting Guyanese and Americans here in the U.S., but in just under a year we have attracted major support both the corporate and political ends too," said Shanie Persaud, Executive Director of GABPC.

At this year's luncheon and networking event, the GABPC also had the opportunity to celebrate the 39th Anniversary of Guyana's Republic, and it welcomed Guyana's Ambassador to the United States Bayney Karran. In his keynote address to those in attendance, Karran spent time talking about the history of Guyana as well as a number of efforts the country has undertaken in recent years.

"Four years ago the government and businesses initiated a dialogue about working together to identify policies to develop the private sector and deliver on shared priorities," Karran said. "These policies are now embedded in our National Competitiveness Strategy, which is a reform agenda grounded in the recognition that as a small economy,



Standing – Roy Thomasson, CEO of The Young American Business Trust/OAS; Hayward Davenport, Regional Director of U.S. Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency and Dr. Thomas Auer, First Vice President – GABPC. Seated – Leyland Hazlewood, President of GABPC; Bayney Karran, Guyana's Ambassador to the United States; Helen Marshall, Queens Borough President; & Shanie Persaud, Executive Director of GABPC.

our economic success hinges on an open engagement with the rest of the world."

In addition to Karran, a number of other special guests including Queens Borough President Helen Marshall and Al Pennisi, President of the Queens Chamber of Commerce came out to support GABPC.

GABPC links private sector, public sector, finance, academia, individuals and creates bridges between large and small companies and professional organizations in a variety of sectors. Individual members and professionals have the opportunity to connect with business leaders and other professionals who share a mutual interest in Guyana and the United States.

"The formation of GABPC is timely and opportune," Karran said. "I wish to thank them and congratulate them for organizing such a successful networking session and luncheon."