



Guests shelled out \$1,000 per ticket for the event.



Hudson Yards was the grand patron, but the benefactors included ACC Construction, Cushman & Wakefield, the Donaldson Organization, the Durst Organization, Evenson/Best Knoll, Gardiner & Theobald, Kramer Levin, Lane Office, MG Engineering, Newmark, Proskauer, Quality Building Services, Reniss, SL Green, Ted Moudis Associates and Time Warner.

SWEET CHARITY: EMPIRE BALL

Dec. 10, Grand Hyatt Hotel

THERE are many ways to fight the scourge of diabetes, but one of the most fun is to attend the black tie Empire Ball, where the real estate division of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation honored three big names in New York real estate. (There are real estate divisions at research centers? Who knew!) The real estate bigwigs who were honored were L. Jay Cross, president of the Related and Oxford venture Hudson Yards who got the 2014 Leadership award, Stephen M. Soviero, senior managing director of Cushman & Wakefield who won the Camillo Ricordi Humanitarian award, and Frederick C. Horwood, assistant general council of Time Warner, Inc. who received the distinguished service award. The shindig took place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel on Park Avenue.



Charlie Rizzo of The Rizzo Group, Sarah Morgan of KNOLL and Empire Ball chair Peter DiCapua (from left).



Peter L. DiCapua with Joseph "Dee" Dussich, Dr. Camillo Ricordi and Charlie Rizzo (from left to right).



The Diabetes Research Institute boasts it is "the largest and most comprehensive research center dedicated to curing diabetes."



Peter L. DiCapua; Empire Ball Emcee Lonnie Quinn; honoree L. Jay Cross; honoree Stephen M. Soviero; honoree, Fred Horwood; 2013 honoree, Andrew Cooke and 2013 honoree, Joseph "Dee" Dussich (from left to right).

