

## Diabetes Research Dinner at The Grill View a Huge Success

On April 27, 11th District County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Rebecca Castronovo co-chaired the 12th Annual Cooking For a Cure event at The View restaurant in Glen Cove. The dinner benefitted the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation (DRIF.) Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton became involved in fundraising on behalf of the DRIF when her oldest daughter was diagnosed with type-one diabetes at the age of three.

This year's honoree, Myron Blumenfeld, was unable to attend due to an illness. Myron was selected as the 2015 honoree because of his long-standing and tireless devotion to raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research on behalf of his grandson.

The View Grill was packed with attendees who enjoyed colorful cocktails,

a delicious dinner and bid on dozens of generously donated items in a silent auction. Guitarist Chris Kinnear provided musical entertainment. Legislator DeRiggi-

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Whitton said, "Thanks to everyone who attended, donated and bid. It feels so good to be able to do something to help us move closer to finding a cure for diabetes - for my daughter and everyone else who has this condition."

Delia serves as a board member of Long Island DRIF and has helped secure nearly \$800,000 in grants and other funds through the dinner and other events she has led. For more information about all that DRIF does to work towards a cure for diabetes, visit [drif.org](http://drif.org) or call 516-822-1700.





*(above) The 12th Annual Cooking For a Cure Diabetes Research dinner was supported by many elected officials. Pictured; Glen Cove Mayor Reggie Spinello, Richard Valicenti, Leg. Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, Sea Cliff Mayor Bruce Kennedy, Glen Cove Councilwoman Pam Panzenbeck and past-Councilman Tony Jimenez. Not show, Baxter Estates Mayor Nora Haagenson.*



*Leg. Delia DeRiggi-Whitton with Cooking For a Cure Diabetes Research Committee members Susan Herbst, Co-chair Rebecca Castronovo, and Stacy McKenna.*