Oceanside Chamber of Commerce presents

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Cocktail Reception

Journal

Honoring

"Citizen of the Year" Steven Klein and "Business of the Year" Guardian Bus Co. Michael Tornabe

Thursday, January 26, 2023 6:30 - 9:30 PM

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#### Program

Welcome	Paul Engel
Installation of Officers & Directors	
Presentation of Citizen of the Year	Steven Klein By Ed Scharfberg
Presentation of Business of the Year	Guardian Bus Co. <i>Michael Tornabe</i> By Joe Cibellis

Raffle Drawing	by	<b>Dinner</b>	Chairman Seth Bl	au
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Dear Friends,

Thank you from all of us at the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce for attending our Annual Installation Cocktail Party. We are a group of over 100 members dedicated to supporting local businesses and service organizations in our area. Together in collaborating with service agencies and groups, we strive to keep Oceanside a vibrant and exciting place to live.

We welcome new members, whether you are a business owner or just an interested resident. I ask for all who want to be involved and get to know each other, to join the chamber, whether you are a seasoned business or new to the community.

I want to thank all of you for your support and especially want to thank the Board of Directors for all their efforts and countless volunteer hours in promoting our business community and strengthening community relationships.

Our Business of the Year is Guardian Bus Company Inc., a family-owned business operating school transportation services located in Oceanside, continues to prove their excellence in service by being a recipient of the Long Island Herald Family Business Award.

Our Citizen of the Year is Steven Klein, a life-long resident of Oceanside who joined the Oceanside Fire Department in 1965 becoming active in all aspects of the department, holding many offices ultimately serving as Department Chief in 1984. In April 2022, he received the National Volunteer Fire Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

We look to grow the Chamber and have more business support from shopping locally. We welcome your ideas and participation in growing the Chamber as your voice in the community.

Paul Engel President



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- 1995 Roger Folz
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- 1997 Robert Towers
- 1998 Pasetti Family
- 1999 Fred Rigel
- 2000 Linda & Steven Kass
- 2001 Alan Waldman
- 2002 Joe Bonacore & Robert Carmosino
- 2003 Michael DiCocco
- 2004 Tom & Daurene Lanning

2007 Tony Iovino2008 Sandie Schoell2009 Maria Heller

2006 Pat Roth

- 2010 Betsy Transom
- 2011 Thomas Cesiro III
- 2012 Nancy Baxter
- 2013 Fred Koller
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- 2015 Lynn Woods
- 2016 Lyn Bert, RN-FNP
- 2017 Joe Bonin, Jr.
- 2018 Leo Bonacasa
- 2019 Brian Driscoll
- 2021 Janet Pearsall
- 2005 Fred Pomerenke
  - 2006 Mark Kaufer & Jeff Rosenthal
  - 2007 John Milano
  - 2008 Home & Hearth Real Estate
  - 2009 Marty Bevilaqua
  - 2010 Joe Bonin
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  - 2012 Oceanside Music School & Center
  - 2013 South Nassau Communities Hospital
  - 2014 Oceanside Christopher The Catholic Credit Union
  - 2015 Ronnie Thomas
  - 2016 Trader Joe's Tom Mauro
  - 2018 SVS Fine Jewelry
  - 2019 The Art of Self Defense Bradd Lemley
  - 2021 Flowers by Mike, Michael Graham

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- 1992-1993 Scott Hirschbein
- 1994-1996 Peter Principe
- 1997-1998 Robert Towers
- 1999-2000 Steven Kass
- 2001-2002 Maria Heller
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2008-2009 Joseph Garay 2010-2012 Gail Carlin 2012-2015 Tom Lanning 2015-2016 Maria Heller 2016-2019 Dr. Adam Kritzberg 2019-2021 Ed Scharfberg 2021-2022 Paul Engel

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

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Maria Heller Robert Towers Steven Kass The Oceanside Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all of our members who participated in our street banner program. It was a huge success in raising visibility of local business and made the town Welcoming to all...





## Citizen of the Year **Steven Klein**

Steve Klein is a lifelong resident of Oceanside. He joined the Oceanside Fire Department and Oceanside Hose Company #1, in 1965 and quickly became active and served on many different company and Department committees. Steve rose through the ranks of Oceanside Hose Company #1 and served as the company captain in 1971. In 1991 Steve transferred his membership from Oceanside Hose Company #1 to Terrace Hose and Chemical Company # 3 and even as a former chief, Steve got very active in his new company and even served several years as a company trustee.

Steve was elected as Deputy Chief in 1981 and Chief of the Oceanside Fire Department in 1984. As Chief, Steve was responsible for overseeing the responses for two major incidents in our Department's history: the gasoline tanker fire on Long Beach Road in 1983; and the fire at the Long Island Lighting Company plant in 1984. Steve also was part of a reorganization of the Oceanside Fire Department Junior Fire Department (explain what this is?). Steve's love for the fire service did not stop with just Oceanside. He was chairman of the Second Battalion Fire District, which is made up of six (6) local Fire Departments. He has served on the Nassau County Fire Commission, and as Past President of the Fire Chief's Council of Nassau County and the Nassau County Firefighters Association. He currently sits as a director of the Southern New York Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Steve has also been very active with the Firefighter's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) since the 1960s. He served the Fire Prevention committee (now called Fire Prevention and Life Safety committee) and was a Trustee for the Firemen's Home, a skilled nursing facility dedicated to serving volunteer firefighters from 2002 through 2012.

Steve has served as a Director and Vice President of FASNY, and very recently became the first person from Oceanside to ever become President of FASNY. As President from 2018-2020, Steve focused tremendously on increasing training opportunities, passing presumptive cancer legislations, and dealing with the COVID pandemic.

In April 2022, Steve was honored with the National Volunteer Fire Council's Lifetime Achievement Award, a very proud moment in his volunteer fire fighting career.

Retired from delivering mail here in Oceanside for the US Postal Service, Steve raised his family in Oceanside and enjoys watching his grandchildren grow up here too.

Even after 58 years, Steve continues to serve the Oceanside Fire Department along with his son Kevin and his oldest Grandson Christopher. Steve has also had the extreme privilege of swearing in his son Kevin as Chief of the Oceanside Fire Department.

It is for his dedication to the volunteer fire service and the oceanside fire department that the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce has decided to honor him as the 2022 Citizen of the Year.





## Business of the Year Guardian Bus Co. Michael Tornabe

Guardian Bus Company Inc. is a family owned and operated school transportation services business located in Oceanside, NY.

Guardian was founded by the Logan family in 2014 during the wake of the Atlantic Express/ Courtesy Bus bankruptcy. In a weeks' time between the bankruptcy and the recommencement of school, during the holiday break in December and January, Michael Tornabe was tasked with making sure there would be no bus service interruption for the students of the Oceanside and various other Long Island School Districts. He did just that and exceeded many expectations. Responsible for transporting 15,000 students, there was not one day of school missed because of Guardians relentless commitment to the communities they serve and every bus rolled that January under the name GUARDIAN.

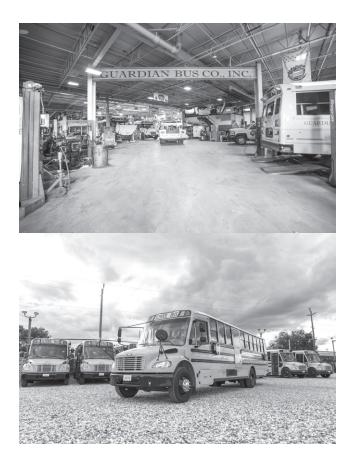
During the COVID-19 pandemic, Guardian Bus educated school officials and parents alike on proper COVID-19 protocols and why it was important to continue to pay your school bus contractors while also being able to continue employment and health benefits for the school bus drivers during a global health pandemic. Notably, Guardian Bus Company participated in 2 NEWSDAY Live events as expert panelists tasked with teaching parents and school districts on proper reopening of schools protocols.

In the 2020 wake of the Baumann Bus Company bankruptcy, Guardian once again stepped in and was able to acquire the Baldwin, Freeport, Rockville Centre and Valley Stream school districts that were without a transportation provider and make sure that there was no lapse in transportation for any of the district's students.

Fast forward to 2022 and Guardian Bus Company has become a staple of the community and transportation powerhouse in Long Island. Showing unprecedented growth, Guardian starting with 250 employees in 2014, Guardian Bus now employs more than 600 employees. Remaining in Oceanside, Guardian has grown to 4 separate properties in the community, most notably a 40,000 square foot state of the art maintenance facility on Oceanside Road and a newly built 4 acre bus facility on Lawson Blvd. Guardian Bus believes in being a part of their communities. In our Oceanside community Guardian Bus Co. took part in the turkey drive with Oceanside School District. They also served food for thanksgiving at Oceanside Schools and was a active part in toys for tots. Along with being avid supporters and donators to Mount Sinai South Nassau Hospital.

Further proving their excellence in service and seen as a great company to work for, in 2020 Guardian Bus was the recipient of the Long Island Herald Family Business Award.

Oceanside is proud to have this growing business in our community. For their exemplary service to Oceanside ,one can see why the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce is happy to award Guardian Bus Co. Business Of the Year award.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO

## <u>Citizen of the Year ~ Steven Klein</u>

Steve Klein has made volunteer fire service a lifelong commitment. With leadership positions in Oceanside, throughout Nassau County, and as Oceanside's first president of the Firefighter's Association of New York, Steve has devoted himself to keeping our community safe and healthy.

## <u>Business of the Year - Guardian Bus Co..</u> <u>Michael Tornabe</u>

A family-owned business, Guardian Bus is a staple of the community that has ensured every child has a ride to school when other services faltered. Guardian Bus supports community institutions and charity efforts and was named the 2020 Family Business by the Long Island Herald.

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Steven Klein



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## The Chiefs, Officers & Member of the Oceanside Fire Department

Congratulate

## Chief Steven E. Klein

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## Citizen of the Year

And thank you for your 58 years of service to our community

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Congratulations to

**Citizen of the Year** *Steven Klein* 

Business Of the Year *Guardían Bus Co.* 

Míchael Tornabe

For your outstanding commitment and Service to the Oceanside Community

### From Linda & Paul Engel

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## CONGRATULATIONS

## To this Year's Honorees...

## **Steven Klein**

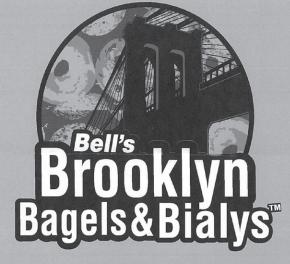
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**Guardian Bus Co. - Michael Tornabe** 

Wishing you continued success!

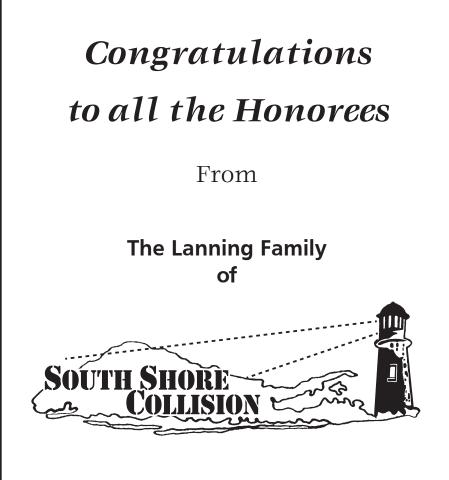
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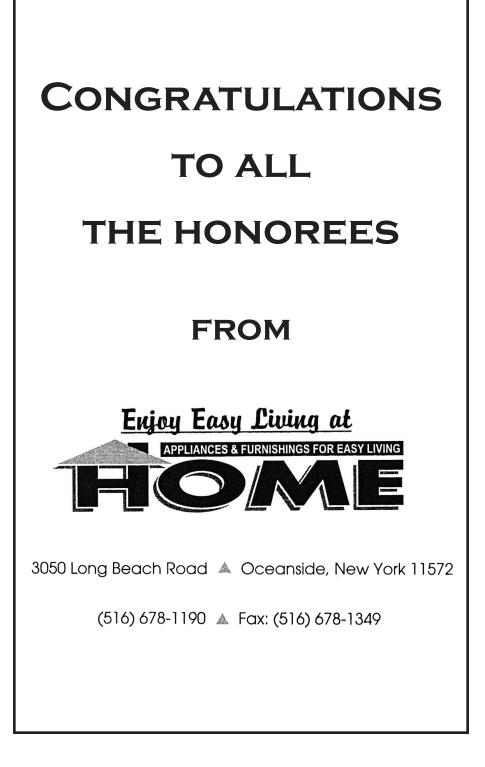
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## Congratulations

to the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce for their outstanding service to the Oceanside Community

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Best wishes for continued success Thank you for all you do for the Oceanside Community



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S HONOREES

## Steven Klein

## and

Guardian Bus Co. ~ Michael Tornabe

Thank you for your contributions and support to the Oceanside Community

> Best Wishes, Joe Cibellis

Congratulations to Citizen of the Year Steven Klein

## and

Business of the Year Guardian Bus Co. Michael Tornabe

Thank you for everything you do for the community

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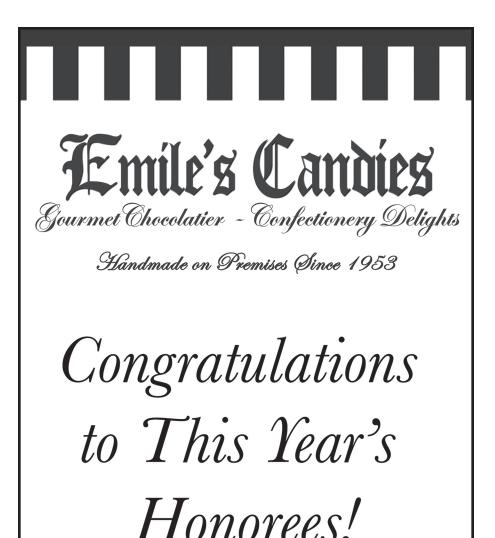
Michael Tornabe

Guardian Bus Co.

Thank you for your tireless service to our community

Best Wishes from Oceanside Kiwanettes

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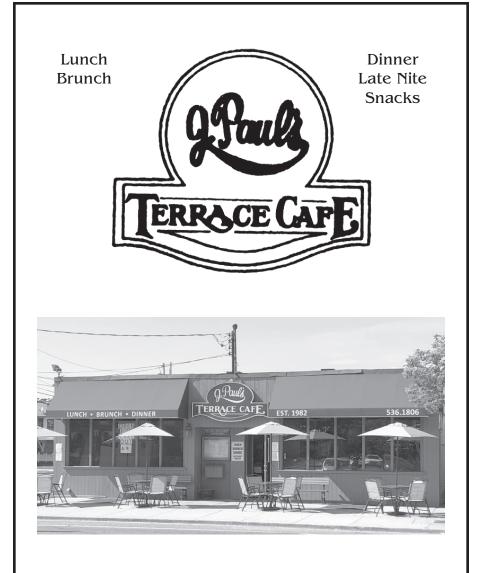
## Steven Klein

on being named "Citizen of the Year"

## <sup>and</sup> Guardian Bus Co. Michael Tornabe

on being named "Business of the Year"

Your tireless work and generosity of spirit benefit our entire Oceanside Community



#### **Joe Bonin**

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## Míchael Tornabe Guardian Bus Co.

## for being named **Business of the Year**

## Best Wishes,



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'Business of the Year

Michael Tornabe

Guardian Bus Co.



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## **Congratulations**

To The Oceanside Chamber of Commerce and **Steven Klein** Citizen of the Year

## Guardian Bus Co. Michael Tornabe

**Business of the Year** 

## You Both make Oceanside Proud!



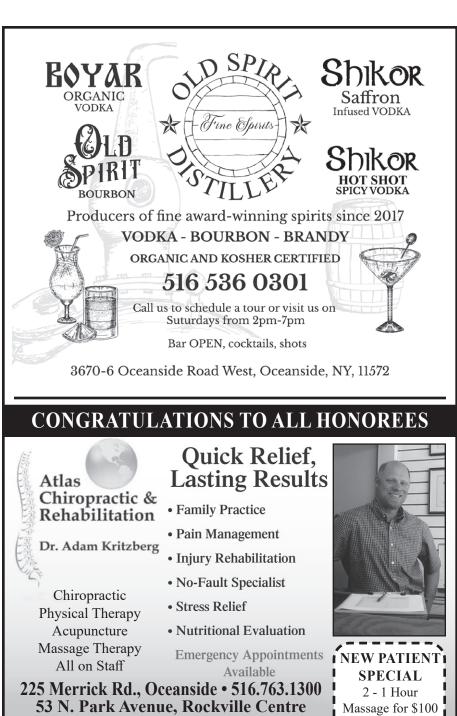
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Congratulations to

Citizen of the year *Steven Klein* 



Best wishes, Marylee & Ed Scharfberg

## *Congratulations to the* Oceanside Fire Dept. Former Chief **Steven Klein** on your award as Citizen of the Year **Michael Tornabe** of Guardian Bus Co. as Business of the Year



#### From

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Congratulations

**Steven Klein,** Citizen of the Year

Michael Tornabe, Business of the Year Guardian Bus Co.

Best wishes from





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Congratulations to Honoree

Steven Klein, Citizen of the Year

Michael Tornabe, Business of the Year of Guardian Bus Co.

Best Wishes, Fran Bacon



## Congratulations to all the honorees

Thank you for your dedicated service to the Oceanside community.

Best Wishes, *Maria Heller* 



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