



PERSON OF THE YEAR 2009

MICHAEL T. SULLIVAN

Michael T. Sullivan was born on February 13, 1946 in Corona, Queens and was raised in Jackson Heights, Queens. He graduated from La Salle Academy High School in Manhattan and St. Francis College, in Brooklyn. After college, Mike entered the Officer's Candidate Program of the United States Marine Corps., and was commissioned to Second Lieutenant in 1968. He served three years as an officer in the United States Marine Corps., including serving thirteen months in Vietnam. Upon discharge from the military, Mike entered St. John's Law School and graduated from there in 1975. He was admitted to the Bar of the State of New York in 1976. He initially worked as an attorney with the federal government for five years and then entered private practice. In 1989, he opened his own law practice in Kings Park where he has practiced law now for over twenty years. Since that time, he has expanded his practice and entered into a partnership with his nephew, Francis P. Kehoe, III under the name of Sullivan & KeHoe at 44 Main St. in Kings Park. The law practice concentrates in the area of Social Security Disability Law and Veterans Disability Law. Mike has been a member of the adjunct faculty at St. Joseph's College for the past 30 years.

Mike moved to Kings Park in 1976 and resided there for almost 30 years. Mike and his wife, Rosemary, currently reside in Smithtown. His 2 daughters, Michelle and Christine, are graduates of Kings Park High School. Mike served as a Town Councilman on the Smithtown Town Board from 1985 through 1989 and has been active in the Democratic Party since that time. He is past Chairman of the Smithtown Youth Bureau and past President of the Kings Park Chamber of Commerce. For the last twelve years, he has been a member of the Chamber's Scholarship Committee and currently is the Chairman of that committee. He is a member of the Kings Park American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus. Mike is a long time parishioner at St. Joseph's Church in Kings Park and a past member of the Parish Council.

Mike is truly a person that Kings Park can be proud to call one of its own. He cares deeply about our town and is a key contributor to its well-being from a civic, social, political and business perspective. Hailed by those who know him as an all around "good guy," he has been a quiet benefactor to many persons in need. He is respected for his success in the business world and appreciated for his continuous support of so many worthy causes especially those having to do with our armed services veterans and active duty personnel. Mike has also been a keen supporter of programs for the youth

of our community. He is a very important part of the Chamber's Scholarship Awards, giving both a lot of time as well as financial support to those awards year after year.

Mike's contributions to the community of Kings Park, for the most part, are done quietly with no expectations of praise or public acknowledgement. He is simply one of those people who are "there" when others see a need. He is someone who can be counted upon for help, advice and support whenever a need arises or an improvement project is proposed. Kings Park has been blessed for more than 30 years with Mike Sullivan and we are thankful for his many contributions to our community.

THANK YOU MIKE SULLIVAN – OUR "PERSON OF THE YEAR" FOR 2009!