

AN EVENING WITH LIREG

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We stopped by the famed **Garden City Hotel** on Thursday and found 145 members of the **Long Island Real Estate Group**, including First Development Corp.'s **David Einbinder** (LIREG prez), First American Title's **Elizabeth Joyce**, Westerman Ball's **John Westerman**, The Engel Burman Group's **Steve Kreiger**, and Saturn Realty Partners' **Richard Cohn**. It's a kick-off to a busy summer for LIREG, including a golf outing in July, a five-day run in August, and its numerous charitable endeavors for groups like **Cohen Children's Medical Center** of New York and **St. Francis Hospital**.



Weber Law Group's **Morton Weber**, Advantage Group's **Joseph Willen**, and Farrell Fritz's **Peter Curry** and **John Racanelli**. Legal teams are seeing an uptick in business, with developers beginning to get back into the game and stalled construction projects are **moving again**, Morton tells us. He's involved in **Riverhead Resorts** and the **Triangle** project in **Huntington**, among others, and says the latter is going to the town board this week.



Sutton Alliance's **Susan Iadarola**, Louis Lefkowitz Realty's **Charles Alter**, Optimus Business Solutions' **Ramona Kleemann**, and J&S Risk Planning Group's **Jay Kantrowitz**. Susan tells us that she's working on a "rather large" **Wal-Mart** in Pennsylvania (though has anyone seen a tiny one?) and will be heading to Memphis World Championship **Barbecue Cooking Contest** later this month (she's not a cook, but loves **babyback ribs**). Ramona spent the weekend taking a **Donald Trump seminar** on real estate investment.



Washington Title Insurance Co.'s **Joe DePietro**, Westermann Sheehy's **Leonard Ridini**, AXA Advisors' **Anuj Rihal**, and Intracoastal Abstract Co.'s **Maria White** and **Clifford Gelbard**. Title folks and realtors alike could raise glasses to market activity—business picked up with the recently expired **federal homebuyer tax credit**, and prices are now beginning to **level**, Maria says.