



## REAL ESTATE **BISNOW**



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### LAST NIGHT AT REBNY!

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There was no bitter cold, no biting wind, and no planes steering into the Hudson yesterday. We only hope this portends a **better year** for the real estate industry, which was all about **survival** in '09. What we heard from many of the **2,000** attendees at REBNY's **114th annual banquet** last night were **glimmers of hope** in an uncertain market.



The packed—and quite **noisy**—Grand Ballroom. Last night's honorees were Kramer Levin's **Sandy Lindenbaum** (The Harry B. Helmsley Distinguished New Yorker Award); Vornado's **David Greenbaum** (The Bernard H. Mendik Lifetime Leadership in Real Estate Award); Massey Knakal's **Bob Knakal** (The Louis Smadbeck Broker Recognition Award); Paramount Group's **Ralph DiRuggiero** (The George M. Brooker Management Executive of the Year Award); Warburg Realty Partnership's **Frederick Peters** (The Kenneth R. Gerrety Humanitarian Award); and Swig Equities' **Todd Korren** (The Young Real Estate Man of the Year Award).



We snapped this of **Governor Paterson** and **Mayor Bloomberg** coming by the VIP reception, here sandwiched in among REBNY president **Steven Spinola** (in his 24th year) and new REBNY chairman (and CBRE Tri-State CEO) **Mary Anne Tighe**.



Look who we found at prestigious Table 35, next to the dais: the newly minted **Cassidy Turley** folks, already integrating the Washingtonians (standing, **Joe Stettinius**, **Art Santry**, and **Bill Collins**) and New Yorkers (principal **Joe Grotto**, vice chair **Richard Bernstein**, and investment sales guru **Mark Boisi**).



Newlyweds *New York Observer* owner **Jared Kushner** and The Trump Org.'s **Ivanka Trump**, with Newmark Knight Frank's **Billy Cohen**. Ivanka will again join father Donald, brother Donald Jr. and colleague George Ross for the third installment of *The Celebrity Apprentice*, which premieres March 14—we'll be setting our TiVo to record the motley crew, which includes **Darryl Strawberry**, Cyndi Lauper, Rod Blagojevich, and Sharon Osbourne.



Tishman Speyer's **Rob Speyer**, right, had an great December; his firm inked a record **1M SF** in deals, including **Simon & Schuster's** 292k-SF extension at 1230 Avenue of the Americas and **Gibson Dunn & Crutcher's** 260k-SF renewal and expansion at 200 Park. Joining him are Edison Properties' **Steve Nislick** and **Gary DeBode**, and Stroock's **Claude Szyfer**. Retail maven **Faith Hope Consolo** of Prudential Douglas Elliman told us '09 was marked by so many people who were struggling and couldn't cope with the market—but last night's turnout showed that the **last four weeks** of Q4 turned everything around.



We also bumped into Monday Properties chief investment officer **Bill Helmig**, CEO **Anthony Westreich**, CBRE superbroker **Paul Amrich**, and Colliers ABR founder (now Cassidy Turley vice chair) **Steve Riker**. Its **230 Park** building—also known as the Crown Jewel—has been on a leasing spree; the firm announced yesterday that **Six Flags** inked a new 10-year, 22k-SF deal, while **Lathrop & Gage** signed a 20.4k-SF renewal and expansion. Does Six Flags come with an in-house roller coaster?



Cushman & Wakefield co-chairman of the board **Bruce Mosler**, NYC Public Advocate **Bill de Blasio**, and Rudin Management president **Bill Rudin**.



Manhattan Borough President **Scott Stringer**, Seyfarth Shaw's **Stephen Epstein**, and Fried Frank's **Jonathan Mechanic**. Yesterday, Scott released "Falling Apart At the Seams," a report documenting what he says is a complete **system-wide breakdown** in NYC's enforcement efforts aimed at protecting the city's buildings. Last fall, his office discovered nearly **250k open building violations** in Manhattan, 33% which are classified as "hazardous" or "Class-1," which means they post a **severe threat**. His recommendations include creating a NYC **Office of Inspection**, which would be responsible for building inspection and remediation. If anything, we know two good **real estate attorneys**.