

NEWSMAKERS

Healthy scrutiny



The Long Island Chapter of the New York Association of Health Care Providers named Taryn Birkmire president for a two-year term.

Birkmire is executive director of Recco Home Care Service Inc. in Massapequa, a home health care provider with three branches on Long Island.

As chapter president, Birkmire will preside over monthly meetings of member agencies, work with committees on home health-care issues and attend a variety of legislative events, award luncheons and conferences addressing issues related to the health-care industry.

She also will work with the chapter on issues such as personal care living wage, screening and placement standards and interpreting rules from federal and state agencies, including the Department of Health and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Birkmire will also be responsible for submitting bids and proposals, as well as establishing standardized operation protocols for health-care-related businesses.

The West Islip resident, who has worked in the health-care field for more than 25 years, will immediately take the chapter's helm in a voluntary capacity. The Long Island Chapter is com-

NAME: TARYN BIRKMIRE

TITLE: PRESIDENT

ORGANIZATION: LONG ISLAND CHAPTER OF THE NEW YORK ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

OTHER TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RECCO HOME CARE SERVICE INC.

ACCOUNTING

Marcum & Kliegman Certified Public Accountants and Consultants was named "Innovative Firm of the Year" by the Leading Edge Alliance, an international association of independently-owned accounting firms. The firm won because of its growth, hiring 100 people in the last year.

ELDER CARE

Port Washington senior living residence The Amsterdam at Harborside named **Anne Ryan** director of marketing. She recently worked for a retirement community in Maryland.

Harborside also named **Helayne Scheier** and **Lisa Bernasconi** sales counselors.

GOLF

Joseph C. Cantwell of Hempstead Golf and Country Club received the 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Metropolitan Golf Association. Cantwell is a former president of the MGA.

HEALTH CARE

St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson named **Walter Gaudino** to its rehabilitation department. Gaudino is a



the American Heart Association at its upcoming Go Red for Women Luncheon.

NOT-FOR-PROFITS

The Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services named attorney **James F. O'Brien** president of its board of directors.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Westbury-based PL Developments named **Aamna Rana** an accounts payable associate for the pharmaceutical company.

PL Developments also named **Punit Patel** quality engineer and **Dulce Andrade** industrial engineer.

REAL ESTATE

The Long Island office of Cushman & Wakefield named **Nicole Paris-Suozzi** director in its retail services operation. She had been director of the retail group for Oxford & Simpson in Jericho.



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The Long Island Board of Realtors named **Bettie Meinel** to