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City of Glen Cove Hosts Inspiring Women's Day Panel on Leadership at City Hall

Glen Cove, NY — The City of Glen Cove hosted its Women's Day Panel: *A Conversation on Women in Leadership* on March 9, 2026, bringing together four accomplished leaders for an evening of insight, reflection, and community connection. Deputy Mayor Donna McNaughton opened the program, and Mayor Pamela Panzenbeck moderated the discussion.

The panel featured Cheryl Benton, Founder of The Three Tomatoes; Dr. Maria Torroella Carney, President of Northwell Health's Glen Cove Hospital; Sergeant Kristen Ferrante of the Glen Cove Police Department; and Lisa Travatello, Chief Marketing Officer of GENYOUth.

Each panelist offered a distinct perspective shaped by her personal journey. Benton reflected on entering the workforce at a time when "there weren't many women in leadership roles," noting that the experience inspired her commitment to mentoring and uplifting other women. Dr. Carney spoke about how leadership develops over time, explaining that while medical training provides structure, passion ultimately "drives a leader's purpose."

Sergeant Ferrante emphasized the importance of compassion in every field, stating simply, "Empathy is key." Travatello highlighted the influence of role models, sharing the philosophy she learned from her mother: love your job, love the people you work with, and embrace the spirit of the work.

Mayor Panzenbeck noted that the evening underscored the power of shared experiences. "This panel provided our community with an exceptional opportunity to hear directly from four remarkable women whose careers span media, healthcare, public safety, and nonprofit leadership," she said. "Their stories illustrate that leadership takes many forms and that mentorship, empathy, and passion are fundamental to helping others achieve success."

Community members and local organizations joined in the celebration. Girl Scouts sold cookies, and Lia Di Angelo of Westbury Florist generously donated the bouquets presented to the panelists.

The City of Glen Cove extends its gratitude to all who contributed to this meaningful celebration of women in leadership.

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