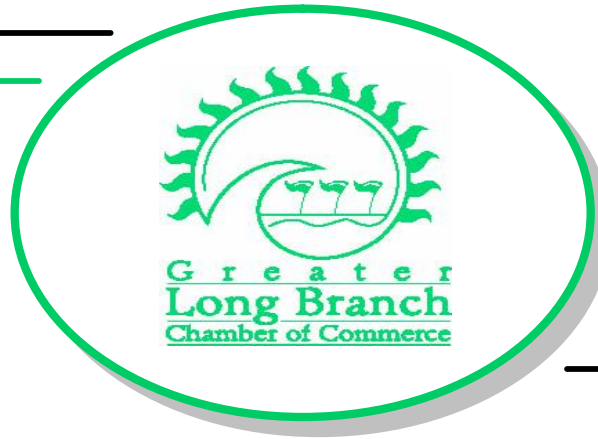


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**GREATER LONG BRANCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HONOR TWO MEN  
OF PROMINENCE DURING 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS DINNER**  
*Tyrone Garrett and LeRoy Herbert to Receive Libutti Community Service Awards*

**LONG BRANCH, NJ, January 20, 2009** — Two prominent members of the community with distinctive records of achievement will be honored at the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards Dinner on Friday, March 6 at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa, 1 Ocean Blvd.

The Louis G. Libutti Community Service Awards will be presented to Tyrone Garrett, executive director of the Long Branch Housing Authority (LBHA) who has been instrumental in guiding the housing authority's first redevelopment since 1970, and LeRoy Herbert, a native son of Long Branch and retired accounting firm executive who has dedicated the past 24 years of his life to a host of philanthropic endeavors.

The gala event will also feature the presentation of several other annual awards, including the President's Award to the Long Branch Housing Authority, which under Garrett's directorship has been responsible for the redevelopment of 177 units with a total investment of \$137 million. Special recognition will be given to the City of Long Branch for championing the creation of Broadway Park, a multipurpose venue for concerts, plays and special events within the redevelopment zone.

Charley's Ocean Grill, Long Branch, will receive the chamber's Invest in Long Branch Award, and Business Improvement Awards will be bestowed upon four Long-Branch-based establishments: Mill House Antiques, Surf Taco, Metro Flooring and West End Car Wash.

In selecting Garrett and Herbert as this year's Libutti award recipients, chamber president Ron Kaplowitz said both men share the resolve deserving of the recognition — to make the greater Long Branch community a better place to live, work and play.

“Tyrone and Roy are consummate professionals in their fields of expertise. While Tyrone has been a driving force in Long Branch's vision to improve the quality of life for everyone in the city, Roy has given so graciously and unselfishly of his talent and time to so many worthwhile causes throughout Monmouth County,” Kaplowitz said. “We are exceptionally proud and privileged to honor them for exemplifying the essence of the award, established 39 years ago to commemorate one of our most exceptional chamber presidents, Louis G. Libutti.”

Tyrone Garrett has been LBHA executive director for the past seven years. Under his leadership, the authority has implemented a strategic plan that promotes more affordable housing, and fosters neighborhood and community growth. As a result of Garrett's efforts, LBHA has secured a \$20 million Hope VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and funding from various other federal and state agencies that have paved the way for the authority's residential rebirth.

Certified as a public housing manager, Garrett has earned the State of New Jersey's Executive Director's Certification for Housing and Redevelopment Officials. On the national level, he is a member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, the Public Housing Directors Association and the Housing Authority Insurance Group.

A resident of Ewing, Garrett recently received Community Service Awards from the Long Branch PBA #10 and the Greater Long Branch National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

LeRoy Herbert was born and raised in Long Branch, where he was educated in the public school system before attending the University of Maryland. Upon his graduation, he spent more than 30 years at Ernst & Young, New York, where he started as a certified public accountant and rose through the ranks to become its first executive partner for international

operations. Since his retirement from the financial world in 1983, Herbert has devoted his life to philanthropy, serving on the Boards of Trustees of Monmouth Medical Center (chairman from 1992 through 1997), Monmouth Medical Center Foundation, Saint Barnabas Health Care System, Brookdale Community College Foundation and Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch (associate member). He also is a member of the Long Branch Rotary Club.

Herbert, who currently resides in Monmouth Beach, was inducted in the Long Branch High School Distinguished Hall of Fame in 1996 and is listed in *Who's Who in the World*, *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in Finance and Industry*.

For more information on the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce's 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Awards Dinner, contact the chamber office at 732-222-0400 or [longbranchchamber@verizon.net](mailto:longbranchchamber@verizon.net). Its office is located at 228 Broadway, Long Branch.

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This year's recipients of the Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce's Louis G. Libutti Community Service Awards are Tyrone Garrett of Ewing, above left, executive director of the Long Branch Housing Authority (LBHA) who has been instrumental in guiding the housing authority's first redevelopment since 1970, and LeRoy J. Herbert of Monmouth Beach, a native son of Long Branch and retired accounting firm executive who has dedicated the past 24 years of his life to a host of philanthropic endeavors.