

Four join Julia B. Fee/Sotheby's

Lori Calamari, Patti Lipman, Rene Wolfer and Agnes Seminara-Holzberg and have joined Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty as licensed associate real estate brokers based in the firm's Scarsdale office, 28 Chase Road.

Having represented both buyers and sellers in the lower Westchester County area since 2004, Calamari was named Rookie of the Year in her first year in the business for her success in home sales and overall professional growth.

Previously, Calamari was a credit officer, with a major Wall Street firm, where she was responsible for making business recommendations based on the financial condition and stability of large financial corporations. She also has a mortgage banking background.

Calamari is a lifelong resident of lower Westchester County, and has lived in Edgewood with her husband and three children since 1992. She is a volunteer at Kids Kloset, an organization committed to providing poverty-stricken children in Westchester County with essentials, and is an active member of the PTA.

Lipman, a 37-year Scarsdale resident, has served homebuyers and sellers in lower Westchester County for over 15 years. She has assisted



Lori Calamari



Agnes Seminara-Holzberg



Rene Wolfer



Patti Lipman

numerous sellers in making lifestyle transitions, whether it's across town or across the country.

Lipman formerly worked as a sales manager on Wall Street for a temporary agency, where she solicited new business and served clients including major banks, law firms and brokerage firms.

Wolfer has generated over \$100 million in sales throughout her many years of experience in real estate. Previously she held positions in relocation, construction lending and banking.

Before moving to Scarsdale with her husband and three children in 1997, Wolfer lived and worked in San Francisco, Chicago and Minneapolis. She remains an active member of each

of these communities, volunteering for multiple charitable organizations, fundraising campaigns and neighborhood associations.

Seminara-Holzberg is a member of the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors, NYS Association of Realtors, as well as the National Association of Realtors. She has lived in the area with her family since 1989. Prior to joining the real estate industry, she was a New York State-certified public accountant with a B.S. in accounting from State University at Albany and a master's degree in education from Pace University.

Seminara-Holzberg is an active community member in Eastchester, where she serves on the board of her neighborhood association.

Merger to feed hungry

The Food Bank for Westchester and the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless recently merged. A ceremony Jan. 30 was attended by board members from both organizations, as well as Robert Astorino, county executive and Michael Kaplowitz, chairman of the Board of Legislators.

Under the merger agreement, which was recently approved by New York State, the White Plains-based coalition is moving its operations to Food Bank's Elmsford headquarters. The goal of the merger was to strengthen the mission of both organizations by enabling them to operate more efficiently and eliminate redundancies. It will continue to build on the coalition's efforts and successes while also finding opportunities for its volunteers and supporters within the new structure.

The food bank and the coalition, which were both founded in 1988, have operated on different yet parallel tracks.

The food bank, which is one of eight regional food banks in New York State, distributes more than 7.4 million pounds of food annually to an estimated 200,000 Westchester residents. It acquires warehouses and distributes food to more than 265 front-line hunger-relief programs across the county including food pan-



Seated: Jeanette Zimenti, former president and construction industry chairwoman of the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, and food bank board member.

tries, soup kitchen, child care and treatment centers. The coalition provides financial support to hunger relief programs and is a resource for

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Although his love of reading, writing and research have served him well as a lawyer and a trustee, Mark's path to those positions wasn't always so clear.

After graduating from Dartmouth, Mark, excluded from the draft for medical reasons, was working for a television production company in Manhattan and visiting his girlfriend at Boston University when he could. On the way back from BU, Mark said he would stop at Yale, where his friend Arthur Fergenson was attending law school.

"Arthur said, 'You should go to law school, it's not really that hard; you can do this,'" Mark said.

Although law school wasn't quite as easy for Mark as it was for Fergenson, who Mark said is a master negotiator,

1, 1992. The couple have two grown children. Sandor Aaron, named for Mark's father, is a 24-year-old graduate English student at Fordham University and a former Inquirer intern. Daughter Ramona, 27, lives in Los Angeles, where she works for trunkclub.com, a personalized mail order clothing service.

With a lifetime of personal experience in the village, the kind of professional experience well suited to a spot on the board of trustees and four years as an elected official under his belt, Mark will take the center seat on the Rutherford Hall dais this April aware of the added responsibilities of his new position.

"It's different, and there's a reason it's different," Mark said of being the mayor rather than a trustee. "The mayor plays

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add up to a net decrease of \$134,000 in what the village thinks it will have to pay out in 2015/16.

On the other side of the ledger, Gatta, McClure and staff beefed up their revenue estimates on five line items including sales tax, fund balance and mortgage tax to realize another \$452,000 in what's projected to be added to the village coffers in the next fiscal year.

When combined, the increase in revenues and the net decrease in expenditures reduce the 2015/16 budget shortfall to \$935,994. According to the village's calculations, 1 percent in tax

levy increase is equal to \$367,100.

Using those numbers, the village would need to raise the tax levy by 2.55 percent — which would give it \$936,105 — to close the revised budget gap. If the tax levy increase were the maximum allowable by this year's cap, 2.68 percent, Scarsdale would raise \$983,828 through property taxes, which would exceed the revised budget shortfall.

All of this equates to a projected 1.06 percent tax rate increase for village residents, to \$4.51 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which, as of the just completed 2014 revaluation, are all at

100 percent of fair market value.

Should the current budget be adopted as the 2015/16 Scarsdale homeowning household income tax \$500,000 will receive from the state benefit remained under the current equal taxpayer's share between the tax levies and what was the subject to income tax.

The prevailing view is should the vil-

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determine its property values.

paying the fee in full before any building permits for the project can be is-