

Senator Michelle Hinchey Presents Senate Commendation Award to Barbara and Gary Slutzky for Outstanding Community Service

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HAINES FALLS, NY – Senator Michelle Hinchey (SD-46) late last month presented a New York State Senate Commendation Award to Barbara and Gary Slutzky for their remarkable legacy of service to Greene County's Mountain Top communities. Barbara, a beloved former English teacher for the Hunter-Tannersville Central School District, and Gary, a long-serving member of the Hunter Fire Company, have contributed their time, expertise, and leadership to countless projects and organizations throughout the years, including the Mountain Top

Historical Society, Hunter Civic Association, Greene Room Players performing arts theatre, Rip Van Winkle Lions Club, and the Hunter Foundation.

"Husband and wife duo Gary and Barbara Slutzky have been a powerful force for good on the Mountain Top for decades. Their leadership to mold the next generation, preserve the rich history of the Catskills region, and bring arts, culture, and recreation to our rural communities goes unparalleled," said Senator Michelle Hinchey. "The epitome of hometown pride, the Slutzky's have had a hand in so many incredible acts of community service, and I was proud to present them with a Senate Commendation Award for their tireless work. It was deeply moving to see how many people came out to celebrate the occasion, which was a clear testament to the positive impact their leadership has had on the community at-large. I'm proud to call both Barbara and Gary friends."

Over 70 community members gathered at the Mountain Top Historical Society in Haines Falls on Tuesday, October 19, to celebrate the award delivery, including the President/Executive Director of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce Jeff Friedman, Hunter Fire Company President Gary Goodrich, Greene County Democratic Committee Chair Carolyn Riggs, Hunter Foundation Executive Director Sean Mahoney, Town of Lexington Supervisor JoEllen Schermerhorn, Mayor of Tannersville Lee McGunnigle, and Linda Nicholls, Director of Greene Room Players.

Senator Michelle Hinchey represents the 46th Senate District, which includes Greene and Montgomery Counties and parts of Albany, Schenectady, and Ulster Counties. Senator Hinchey serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation, Energy and Telecommunications, Environmental Conservation, and Local Government Committees.

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