



**Photo-L to R** Larry Pernick, Director Northwest Community Center, Tim Hagues, Commissioner Senior Services, Mark Poloncarz, Erie County Executive, Richard LaBarba, Jane Jackson, xxxxxxx Divine, Mike Saccomanno, Director Erie County Senior Nutrition Program.

### **A 'FIRST TIME EVER' EVENT AT THE NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER**

Erie County Senior of the Month Award was initiated in the first term of County Executive Mark Poloncarz. Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> marked the first time that honor was awarded posthumously. Diana LaBarba who recently passed away was deservedly remembered and praised in a proclamation delivered by Mr. Poloncarz. Those in the crowd who attended included many of Diana's friends and family.

Diana LaBarba was known as a caring and loving friend not only to those who participated in her fitness class, but to everyone at the Northwest Senior Center. Over the years Diana and her mother Jane represented the Center at every meeting of the Erie County Nutrition Project Council. Her outspoken vocal advocacy for the welfare of entire senior population of Erie County is well known to all members of the council.

County Executive concluded the ceremony by saying "Today we are proud to posthumously name Diana LaBarba wife, mother, teacher, social advocate and loving friend as senior of the month October 2017.