



**December 3, 2007**

## **You Know It's Campaign Season When...**

...the hottest event in town on a snowy Sunday is the annual legislative reception of the [Queens Civic Congress](#).

Despite the fact that the '09 races are just under two years away, the reception drew a considerable number of declared, undeclared and thinking-about-declaring city candidates as well as MTA Executive Director/CEO Lee Sander and a few lawmakers likely to run in the state legislative races next fall - either seeking re-election or in their first time out.

During the event, QCC Past President Sean Walsh received a legislative proclamation and Senate Liberty Award and medal from Sen. Frank Padavan (whose likely Democratic challenger, Councilman James Gennaro, was also in the house).



By my count while looking over the guest list there were three would-be mayors (Weiner, Thompson, Avella), two likely comptroller candidates - one announced, the other still thinking (Weprin, Liu), one likely public advocate candidate (Gioia), at least one potential contender for Queens Borough president (Pheffer) and one still-undecided-but-possible candidate for a yet-undetermined citywide office (Stringer).

If I left any out, please feel free to fill in the blanks. QCC President Corey Bearak provided the photo, which was taken by Bruno DeFranceschi of the North Bellrose Civic Association.