Farmingville, NY – On March 6, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilwoman Jane Bonner attended the annual Friends of St. Patrick Cocktail Dinner Party held at East Wind Caterers in Wading River. They were there to honor the newly crowned Queen and Royal Court, and Grand Marshal for the 66th Annual Miller Place-Rocky Point St. Patrick’s Day Parade. This year’s Queen is Samantha Wooley of Rocky Point and her Ladies in Waiting are Emma Sweeney from Miller Place and Janice Pearson from Port Jefferson Station. The parade Grand Marshal is Rocky Point resident, business owner and current Friends of St. Patrick’s president John Barchi.

The Miller Place-Rocky Point St. Patrick’s Day Parade has a rich history that dates back to 1949, when two local businessmen, John M. Sullivan and George Faulkner, formed a committee of local residents and businessmen to organize a parade. On March 11, 1950, the first Grand Marshal, John Sullivan, led the parade down Route 25A from Miller Place to downtown Rocky Point. Nearly 1000 people attended the inaugural event.

Pictured left to right are Supervisor Romaine, Councilwoman Bonner, Grand Marshal John Barchi, Lady Janice Pearson, Queen Samantha Wooley, Lady Emma Sweeney and State Senator Ken LaValle.