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Among The Residential Brokerage Division Deal of the Year Sales & Rental Awards: Karen DeMeco of Compass was presented with the First Prize Award for Residential Sales; **Peter Michael Riolo** and co-brokers Timothy G. Simmons and Gerard "Scott" Moore, of Brown Harris Stevens, took Second Prize; and Neoly Lika Williams of Town Residential took Third Prize.

The 28th annual gala was held at Pier Sixty at Chelsea Piers and drew over 500 agents, owners and developers who were entertained following the awards presentation and dinner by superstar Gloria Gaynor.

A cocktail hour ahead of the award presentation was briefly interrupted by a small group of loud protesters who used a back-door entrance to infiltrate the dressed up crowd, waving placards denouncing the "gentrification of Brooklyn." The hoopla was quickly shut down by security and police, who removed the protesters without incident.

The Night at the Disco-themed event highlighted the achievements of the City's most accomplished residential dealmakers and their contributions to the real estate industry, and raised funds for REBNY's Member in Need Fund, which provides grants to residential brokerage members who are experiencing a financial crisis or hardship.

"Every day throughout New York City, our members go above and beyond to serve the needs of our city's residents while demonstrat-

ing exceptional professionalism, leadership and service to our industry and consumers alike," said John H. Banks, III, REBNY President. "It is an honor to celebrate their accomplishments, while raising funds to support our members in need."

"We congratulate the winners on their much-deserved awards, which represent the consistent and impressive hard work, ethical conduct and ingenuity of all REBNY members," said Jeffrey Rothstein, Executive Manager of Sales for Douglas Elliman's West Side offices, and Co-Chair of REBNY's Residential Deal of the Year Charity & Awards Gala Committee.

"Each winner's dedicated time and efforts towards pursuing and achieving excellence in their business dealings, while contributing generously to our industry, are applauded and greatly appreciated by our community," added Barbara Fox, President of Fox Residential Group and Co-Chair of REBNY's Residential Deal of the Year Charity & Awards Gala Committee.



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