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**Prominent Philanthropists Timothy J. Rooney, Len Elmore, & Francis Rooney  
Celebrated at CYO Club of Champions Tribute Held at The Waldorf-Astoria**

**NEW YORK, NY — June 9, 2014 — His Excellency Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York honored Timothy J. Rooney, Sr., president of Empire City Casino, Leonard J. Elmore, ESPN and CBS Broadcaster, and Francis S. Rooney, Chairman of H.H. Brown Shoe Co., Inc. at its CYO Club of Champions Tribute at The Waldorf-Astoria on Thursday, June 5.**

The CYO gala once again convened a dynamic group of more than 450 New Yorkers from the worlds of business, philanthropy, culture, law, media, politics and religion who share a deep concern for youth and their healthy development and spiritual growth.

**Michael Gargiulo**, reporter and anchor for NBC4 New York, served as Master of Ceremonies.

As well as being President of Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway, **Timothy J. Rooney's** business credentials include the Presidency of Delta Electric, a Westchester County electrical contracting corporation. He was a former director of the Pittsburgh Steelers and was a long-time owner of the team with his brothers. He is also business manager of the family-owned Shamrock Farm in Maryland, one of the oldest horse breeding farms in Maryland. He is a director of the United States Trotting Association as well as past director of the Ireland Fund. He also owns a stud farm in Co. Kildare, Ireland with the Dargan family. Timothy Rooney has bred Standard bred and thoroughbred horses for over 40 years and is still currently breeding and training them.

Mr. Rooney and his wife June have been married for fifty years and have five children, eighteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Mrs. Rooney for many years was a member of the St Vincent women's auxiliary in Westchester. Mr. and Mrs. Rooney are also members of the Everglades Club in Palm Beach and Mr. Rooney was a director of the Hospice in Palm Beach.

*"This is an incredible honor for myself and my family," said **Timothy J. Rooney**, "but it is the generosity of so many that allows the CYO to help tens of thousands of New York youth of all religions. Through youth ministry, retreat centers, sports programs, cultural activities, summer camps, and so much more, we help today's youth become tomorrow's leaders and fill their futures with promise and hope."*

**Len Elmore** is a former All American high school basketball player, a collegiate All American, and professional basketball player, an attorney and television personality whose professional experience spans a rich athletic career, several prestigious law firms, as well as significant business and public interest endeavors. In November 2013, Mr. Elmore began his 25th year as a television basketball analyst during which time he covered NCAA men's basketball and the NBA. His television career started with JP Sports and CBS and he currently works for ESPN and CBS. He also currently the NCAA Tournament for CBS and has covered the NBA for ESPN/ABC.

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Mr. Elmore is a noted authority on sports and sports law issues and has had articles published on a variety of issues in sports and society. Mr. Elmore has written numerous articles and commentaries for a diverse group of media outlets including National Public Radio, the Knight Ridder News Service, The Sports Business Journal and ESPN.Com.

Mr. Elmore continues to fulfill his commitment to education, athletics and public service as a Commissioner on the John and James L. Knight Foundation's Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics.

*"As our nation's youth navigate today's complex world, I strongly believe that education, athletics and a strong sense of community play an increasingly important role in their leadership development,"* said **Mr. Elmore**. *"My earliest experience in sports set me on a path to success not only in basketball but meaningful success as an adult by providing me with indispensable life skills and awareness off the court as well. CYO has that same impact on thousands of our young people each year by providing healthy outlets to compete, coupled with the spiritual perspective that fosters faith and respect for others. It is a great honor to be recognized by CYO and Catholic Charities."*

**Event Photos:**



His Excellency Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan & Honoree Timothy J. Rooney



Timothy J. Rooney and family members at the CYO Club of Champions Tribute held at The Waldorf-Astoria



Celebrity Chef & Author Sandra Lee, His Excellency Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, & Tim Rooney



Timothy J. Rooney and granddaughter, Actor Kate Mara

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### **About Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)**

CYO reaches out to the youth of the Archdiocese through its Youth Ministry programs and retreat centers, through hundreds of local sports programs and cultural activities, and through community centers. In offering this variety of spiritual and recreational growth opportunities, the people of CYO join together to help promote lives of promise and hope.

### **About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York**

Catholic Charities, a federation of approximately 90 agencies and programs located throughout the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of New York, helps solve the problems of New Yorkers in need – non-Catholics and Catholics alike– with services that protect and nurture children, resolve family crises, assist the hungry and homeless, support the physically and emotionally challenged, and integrate immigrants and refugees. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). For more information on how to donate or volunteer, please visit our website at [catholiccharitiesny.org](http://catholiccharitiesny.org).

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