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## **Photos from the Kick-off Breakfast for Upcoming "Toast to Tupper" Tribute Gala**

**Friday, February 4 at the River Café**

**Gala: Saturday, April 2, 2011 at Prospect Park**

**Benefitting the Prospect Park Alliance**

Brooklyn, NY – The Prospect Park Alliance presented an early taste of the festivities planned for its April 2<sup>nd</sup> ["Toast to Tupper"](#) tribute gala, with a kick-off breakfast for tribute committee members and special guests at the River Café. "Tupper" is of course [Tupper Thomas](#), who has served as the Alliance's founding President for 23 years (as well as Prospect Park Administrator for 31 years). [Emily Lloyd](#), who has succeeded Thomas in both positions, was joined at the breakfast by New York City Parks & recreation Commissioner Adrian Benepe, and gala dinner chair Barbara McTiernan.

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"Today our hats go off to Tupper Thomas, in salute of her accomplishments as Prospect Park Administrator and President of the Prospect Park Alliance," said Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe. "Tupper has transformed Prospect Park into the pride of Brooklyn and New York City during her tenure and, as we bid her adieu, we can be confident that she is leaving a magnificently restored park and the framework for its continued improvement."

"The passion Tupper Thomas has for Prospect Park is shared by so many people, especially the gala committee members who have gotten us off to such a great start toward what we hope will be the Alliance's most successful fundraising event ever," said Prospect Park Alliance President and Prospect Park Administrator Emily Lloyd. "It's so exciting for me to be part of Prospect Park's continued transformation, especially when it is made possible by such incredible community support."

"2011 is already proving a wonderful year for Prospect Park and the Prospect Park Alliance," remarked Prospect Park Alliance Chairman Albert H. Garner. "At our upcoming gala I'm looking forward to toasting to the amazing accomplishments of Tupper, as well as toasting to the great prospects for the Park under the direction of Emily Lloyd."

## **A Toast to Tupper**

Saturday, April 2, 2011

6:30 p.m. to Midnight

In a tent at the Bartel Pritchard Entrance to Prospect Park  
(Prospect Park West & 15th Street)

Cocktails • Dinner • Dessert & Dancing

Silent Auction • Live Auction • Raffle & Special Surprises

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Thank you to Buzzy O'Keefe and Cathy Greene at the River Café for making the kick-off breakfast possible.

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