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Prize cake in the shape of a Metro Bus, made for the occasion by the wife of Division 15 mechanic Cliff Thorne, was the official door prize. [Click here to see who took the cake](#) (home).



**Match the Quote:** "MTA has one of the best safety records in the nation." Was it guest speaker **a)** Transit Chief Tom Conner, **b)** MTA Board Chair Yvonne Burke or **c)** Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky? See answer below.



### BEST OF THE BEST

County Supervisor and MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke congratulates honorees at the start of the gala evening. Performance awards were presented to 60 Transit Operations employees March 31 at a banquet co-hosted by Transit Operations, Rick Management and System Safety and Security. **Mechanics:** Enrique Tovar, Ike Allison, To Chau, Francisco Guzman, Ted Loyo. **Train operators:** Ronald Armijo, William Jarvis, Lewis Hawkins, Robert Rodriguez and Frederick Bagwell. **Bus operators:** Gabriel Benitez, Robert Spears, Joe Barbosa, Gregory Brown, Luis Caceres, Leopoldo Cuevas, Rick Brown, Cecil Escalante, Cheryl Faheem-Horne, Delfino Rodriguez, Margaret Sifuentes, Robert Wageman, Edmundo Poblano, Yuko Sao, Johnny Hardwick, Reginald Harris, Pete Avila and Rodolfo Cortez, Steven Kushner, Albert Gallardo, Raymond Guinn, Bobby Johnson, Ignacio Landa, Richard Lopez, George Novelo, Pedro Perez, David Singer, Mario Villegas, Earl Weingartner, Encarnacion Cabrera, Sergio Chavez, Richard Munoz, Daniel Saldana, Barron Simon, Mario Cancio, Carlos Iglesias, Latonia Martinez, Robert Richards, Frank Aguilar, Gene Freeman, Teresa Gray, Francisco Sanabria, and Khanh Trinh. **"Extra Mile" awards:** Evelyn Davis, Edgardo Dimson, Eddie Gomez, Rosa Graciano, Jose Hill-Soto, Ralph Lee and Marco Sanchez.



And the winner was, you didn't guess it, Mary Ann Hunt, ably assisted in the winner's circle by husband Richard Hunt, DEO, Operations.

Answer to **Match the Quote:** It was **b.** MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

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