



LILLIAN DENT
LL Dent Restaurant

In 2004, Lillian Dent retired from The Dow Jones Company, closing her 30 year career at the Firm after having spent eight years as a manager. Two years later, in 2006, she and her daughter Leisa opened LL Dent, a full-service southern style restaurant that serves delicious dishes. LL Dent serves the community through involvement with several outreach programs such as Cooks for Kids and Young Entrepreneurs. The restaurant, under the direction of Dent, has been involved in cooking demonstrations to benefit suicide prevention programs, as well as for cancer survivors and domestic abuse victims.

Dent has been a member of the Central Nassau Club – which received its charter in 1959 as a member of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc. – for 24 years and has helped to design and implement programs to promote health, education and economic development in the central Nassau community. She is also the president of the Hausch Manor Civic Association, whose focus is providing scholarships for high school students and outreach to deserving families at holiday time.

In 2007, Dent and her daughter, Leisa, were named Business Persons of the Year by the Central Nassau Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and, in 2009 she was named one of Nassau County's Women of Distinction. In 2010, she was honored by the National Association of Women Business Owners, Long Island chapter, receiving the organization's Woman of Excellence in Hospitality Industry Award and was recognized by the Long Island Association's Small Business Council with its Woman-owned Business Advocate Award.