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Artist Leokadia Makarska-Cermak recently created a portrait in honor of Mary C. Sansone, the founder and Executive Director of the Congress of Italian American Organizations (CIAO), a group that works on behalf of the poor. The artist surprised Sansone with the portrait at the annual CIAO dinner dance. Pictured from left are Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Mary Sansone, Zack Sansone and Makarska-Cermak.