

# Long Island **Business**NEWS

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The Executive Circle Awards celebrates c-suites, directors and other senior level executives who consistently demonstrate remarkable leadership skills, integrity, values, vision, commitment to excellence, company performance, community service and diversity.



## **Michael Lessing** Chief Operating Officer Lessing's Hospitality Group

Michael Lessing is only the fifth leader of the 127-year-old Lessing's Hospitality Group, having worked his way up the ladder from the very bottom.

Lessing oversees a workforce that swells to 2,000 during the high season. He is passionate about fostering an environment that attracts and retains the most talented team members who are encouraged to have an owner's outlook, live a healthy lifestyle and embrace the pursuit of improving their professional and personal lives, as well as their communities.

He serves on the board of the Long Island Association. Lessing is a member of Culinary Institute of America's Society of Fellows, the International Caterer's Association and the International Special Events Society. He recently was a trustee on the board of Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center and as a member of its foundation board.

After reading, "The One Thing," by Gary Keller, he begins each day by asking himself, what is the one thing he can do that will make everything else easier or unnecessary.