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BIELAT SANTORE & COMPANY SELLS NJ LANDMARK SHADOWBROOK ESTATE

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SHREWSBURY: The Shadowbrook mansion has a rich history, dating back to its completion in 1907. Originally built as a fine country estate for Dr. Fahnestock, a wealthy surgeon from Manhattan and his family, Shadowbrook was the hallmark of grandeur landscape and the largest and most distinguished estate ever built in Shrewsbury, New Jersey. The Shadowbrook hosted its first social function in 1941 and became a fine restaurant in 1943. In 1971, Shadowbrook was acquired by the Zweben Family, who built and operated one of the most prestigious catering and banquet centers in the New Jersey.

According to *Richard R. Santore of Bielat Santore & Company, Allenhurst, New Jersey*, that long line of ownership has come to a close. *Santore*, who brokered the sale states that the Zweben Family, owners for over 43 years have sold the 17 acre Shadowbrook estate to another one of New Jersey's leading caterers. The enterprising proprietors of the Venetian catering complex in Garfield, New Jersey and Seasons catering facility in Washington Township, New Jersey are now the new owners of the Shadowbrook.

"This is one of the most significant sales our firm has brokered," says *Santore*. "Last year we sold Rooney's Oceanfront Restaurant in Long Branch and this year the Shadowbrook. They don't get much bigger than these two," continues *Santore*. *Santore's* company, *Bielat Santore* & *Company*, is an established New Jersey commercial real estate firm. The company's expertise lies chiefly within the restaurant and hospitality industry, specializing in the sale of restaurants and other food and beverage real estate and businesses. Since 1978, the principals of *Bielat Santore* & *Company*, *Barry Bielat and Richard Santore*, have sold more restaurants and similar type properties in New Jersey than any other real estate company. Furthermore, the firm has secured in excess of \$500,000,000 in financing to facilitate these transactions.

This is not the end of an era, but the beginning of another age for the Shadowbrook. The new owners plan to upgrade the facility and add a spacious ballroom that can accommodate 400-500 guests. Their Venetian and Seasons facilities offer consummate elegance, sophisticated whiteglove service with attention to detail and the finest cuisine available, making each and every affair they cater, a timeless memory. The Shadowbrook lives on and is expected to be bigger and better than ever!