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# Chamber Briefs

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### MAY 21

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### JUNE 3

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### JUNE 9

**MRCC - Ramapo College SCHOLARSHIP RUN**  
*Ramapo College*

Enjoy the picturesque course, plus food, awards and prizes. Register at [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com)

## Save the date

### JULY 18

**MRCC Who's Who BBQ**  
*Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center*

## MRCC - RAMAPO COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RUN

MRCC has paired up with Ramapo College again this year for our 5th Annual 5K Scholarship Run and 3K Walk. Come join us on the morning of June 9 for a fun-filled event to raise funds for scholarships.



In addition to taking place entirely on Ramapo's picturesque campus, there will be free photos, food, door prizes, restrooms and, of course, awards for multiple age categories. Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m., with the Run and Walk beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m. The first 250 attendees who register through [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) will receive a complimentary shirt and promotional bag. Be sure to bring the family as we have a low student rate of just \$10.

New this year is our Corporate Challenge. The Corporate Challenge is a fun team-building way to promote health & wellness within an organization. The top five runners from each Corporate Team will compete for the team trophy!



There is still time to advertise your business by engaging the hundreds of attendees. Sponsorships are available for \$125 and up, with the Corporate Challenge starting at just \$500. Donated Gift Certificates will see your company highlighted during our door prize giveaway. Merchant tables are also available at the run for only \$75 members/\$100 non-members.

For more information, please visit [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) or contact the Chamber office. Hope to see you there!

## SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE IS MAY 3

MRCC supports local students with annual scholarships at a number of higher learning institutions in the region.

• Do you or one of your employees have an immediate family member who will be a full-time student attending Bergen Community College, Lincoln Technical Institute or Ramapo College of New Jersey in the fall of 2019?

• Do you or one of your employees have an immediately family member who will be starting school at an Eastwick College campus full time in 2019-2020?

If the answer is yes, scholarship applications are now being accepted and are due to the Chamber office on or before May 3, 2019.

[mrcc.biz/scholarships](http://mrcc.biz/scholarships)

JOIN US. SUPPORT US. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME** to mark your calendars for our 28th Annual Golf Outing and Humanitarian Dinner – Monday, September 16. This year's Humanitarian is Audrey Meyers, President and CEO of Valley Health System and The Valley Hospital, and we will be supporting The Valley Hospital Foundation from a portion of the event's proceeds.

See page 3 to meet MRCC's 2019 Humanitarian of the Year



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## DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Nadia Khalil is an independent Allstate Agent. As a mom of 2 she is an active member and resident in the Ramsey and Mahwah Community.

Nadia currently participates as the Co-Chair to the Young Professionals Network of the MRCC working with young professionals in the area of relationship building and professional growth. She has been an active member of the MRCC for 3 years. She graduated from Rutgers University Business School in New Jersey with a Bachelor degree in Finance and remains an involved Alumni and mentor to undergraduate business students.

Her insurance agency is in Mahwah, NJ and is a family owned business. She and her team work with small businesses and families offering them options for a wide variety of coverage and services by assessing their immediate and long-term financial needs. When you want to explore options for protecting your business, home, personal property, or financial future Nadia is available to answer your questions and review your coverage so that you can make any necessary adjustments to fit your changing needs.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Spring is my favorite time of year. Leaving the cold, gray winter behind, Spring is a time for renewal and getting back outdoors. To that end, we have some really great outdoor events coming up. We have our annual multi-chamber networking cruise on May 21, our 5K Run / 3K Walk on June 9, and our Who's Who BBQ on July 18. These are great opportunities to be outside and enjoy time with friends and family while networking with other like-minded Chamber members.

In addition to these outdoor events, we also have some indoor events with great views of the outdoors coming up. We have our ever-popular Health Panel Luncheon at Mt. Fuji on May 1, and on June 6 we return to the Ramsey Country Club for our annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon.

There are so many great events each month, it would be impossible to mention all of them. I encourage you to take a look at our website and attend the events that resonate with you. I look forward to seeing you soon!



Peter Gallo  
MRCC President  
Owner, Envision Video Services



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## MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

• Imagine pulling up to an ATM and having the bonus feature of being able to talk one-on-one with a live banker through high-definition video chat and conducting enhanced transactions ... **Atlantic Stewardship Bank** is revolutionizing technology with a first in our local market as its ATMs went live on Monday, February 11.



ASB's new Interactive Teller Machines, which combine ATM functions with access to a live banker or Virtual Bank Specialist can service customer's banking needs. Moreover, ASB's Virtual Bank Specialists will assist customers with making account withdrawals, cash or check deposits, loan payments, account transfers and much more.

"We are so thrilled to be the first bank to launch ITMs in our branch footprint and even more excited about the personalized service customers will continue to receive at all of our touchpoints," said Paul Van Ostenbridge, President and CEO of Atlantic Stewardship Bank.

• On Feb. 23, **Business Machine Technologies** participated in the Seaside Heights Polar Bear Plunge. For the second year in a row, employees plunged into the freezing Atlantic waters, raising almost \$7,000 for Special Olympics New Jersey.

"This year was definitely a challenge due to the very cold temperatures", said Matt Pellitteri, Vice President of BMT and Official Team Captain. "Despite the weather, the BMT team had a great time supporting this wonderful cause."



The Seaside Polar Plunge is an annual event that this year brought approximately 7,500 participants to the frigid Atlantic waters, raising over \$2.0 million for Special Olympics New Jersey. All monies go towards year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Check out the video of BMT Ice Cubes jumping into Atlantic Waters! <http://bit.ly/PP2019BMT>

• Robert R. Anderson Jr. is an **Edward Jones** financial advisor who is assuming a new location in the surrounding community. His branch office is located at 600 East Crescent Avenue, Suite 303, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458, 201-236-3051.



"I entered the financial services industry because I like helping people work toward achieving their long-term financial goals," Robert says. "Building relationships with my clients and in my community is key." "To introduce myself and branch team, I will be hosting a free community appreciation event on May 18th (rain date May 19th). It will be our First Annual Luxury Car Show, which we are very excited about!"

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the long-term. We meet face-to-face in communities where clients live and work.

• Boca Raton-based **Emersion Schools of Early Learning** is pleased to announce the opening of their newest school for early learning and introduction of Kelly Longobardi as the Center's Executive Director.

Kelly along with her team will be hosting informational interviews sharing details of the Emersion teaching model and all about Mahwah's first 21st Century technology savvy learning center.

Mahwah's early learners will now be exposed to award winning technology-based curriculum. Emersion Schools feature award winning Frogstreet and ABCmouse for schools. This is a first for Mahwah.

To connect with Kelly and learn more about Mahwah Emersion School of Early Learning please contact her at [Mahwah@emersionhschools-ofearlylearning.com](mailto:Mahwah@emersionhschools-ofearlylearning.com) or 201-891-3313.

• Phillip E. Goldstein, managing partner of **Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC**, announced today that Crain's New York Business

has ranked the rapidly-expanding firm the 26th largest accounting firm in the New York City area outside of the Big 4. The list of New York City's largest accounting firms is available on the Crain's New York website, [www.craainsnewyork.com](http://www.craainsnewyork.com). It reveals Goldstein Lieberman experienced a 15.9% increase last year in the total number of professionals serving practice areas including Audit and Accounting, Tax and Management Advisory and others.



Goldstein Lieberman is one of the largest New Jersey-based certified public accounting and business advisory firms according to the Top Twenty Accounting Firms in the State of New Jersey--a ranking of over 3,000 business advisory and certified public accounting firms by the business publication *NJ Biz*.

• **The Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth)** has announced the launch of Institute for Women's Health and Wellness services at Good Samaritan Hospital, a member of WMCHealth. This comprehensive network-wide service is devoted to providing women living in and around Rockland and Orange counties, and throughout the Hudson Valley, with high-quality, comprehensive, multidisciplinary care as close to their homes as possible.

The Institute for Women's Health and Wellness will in time deliver to Hudson Valley families the convenience of women's health services at Good Samaritan Hospital and other WMCHealth hospitals across the region with the seamless, integrated support of advanced care services at the network's flagship Westchester Medical Center.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- MAY** 1 "Timeless Topics for Your Health" Luncheon; The Views at Mt Fuji; Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital and Valley Health System
- 8 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- 14 Free Member Benefits Overview; Sponsored by M&T Bank; Chamber Office
- 15 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- 21 Dinner & Networking Cruise with Hudson County CoC, Meadowlands Regional CoC, and Newark Regional Business Partnership; Sponsored by M&T Bank, Spirit of New Jersey
- JUN** 3\* Beyond Bergen B2B; Sponsored by Sheraton Mahwah Hotel, Bergen Volunteer Center, Envision Video Services, M&T Bank, Bergen Magazine, and Family Promise of Bergen County; Hosted by Sheraton Mahwah Hotel
- 6\* Scholarship Awards Luncheon; Sponsored by Bergen Volunteer Center and M&T Bank; Ramsey Golf and Country Club
- 9\* MRCC/Ramapo College Scholarship Run; Sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Paramus, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., Ramsey Outdoor Store, Good Samaritan Hospital, Hughes Environmental Engineering, M&T Bank, TD Bank, Valley Health System, Cereus Financial Advisors, Mahwah Bar & Grill, Inc., and Merrill Lynch; Ramapo College of New Jersey
- 19 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- 26 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- JUL** 9 Inspirational Women's Luncheon with Rockland Business Women's Network; Sponsored by M&T Bank; Hilton Woodcliff Lake
- 10 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- 17 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
- 18\* MRCC Who's Who BBQ; Sponsored by Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center and M&T Bank; Hosted by Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center

*\*Sponsorships still available. Please inquire at the office.*

*All dates and events are subject to change. Please visit [mrcc.biz](http://mrcc.biz) for up-to-date information and to register for all events.*

## MRCC 2019 HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR AUDREY MEYERS

MRCC's 2019 Golf Outing and Humanitarian Dinner will be held on September 16 at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club. We hope that you can join us for a fun filled day of golf and a wonderful dinner to recognize our 2019 Humanitarian, Audrey Meyers.

Audrey Meyers, President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley Health System and The Valley Hospital, began her career at Valley in 1980 as a Planning Associate. As President and CEO of The Valley Hospital, Ms. Meyers is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the 431 licensed bed hospital, which serves approximately 500,000 residents in northwest Bergen County and surrounding communities. She achieved Fellowship status in the American College of Healthcare Executives in 1996. In 1998 Ms. Meyers was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Healthcare Executives of New Jersey in recognition of her significant contributions to the healthcare field. In 1999 she received the Senior-Level Healthcare Executive Regent's Award from the American College of Healthcare Executives. That same year, Ms. Meyers was also honored with the Tribute to Women and Industry (TWIN) Award from the YWCA of Bergen County. We are proud to honor Audrey and give a percentage of this year's Golf Outing proceeds to the Valley Hospital Foundation.



# WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Back row, from left: Kent Murphy of Cherokee Communications, Inc., New City; Miri Upton of Synergia Financial Group, Ramsey - AVP of Membership; Kimberly Kafafian of Monarch Consulting LLC, Glen Rock; Andrew Bolson of Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A., Montvale; Tara Tenzlinger & Robert R. Anderson, Jr. of Edward Jones, Upper Saddle River; Patrick Welton of Residence Inn Saddle River/Bergen County, Saddle River; Gil Moskovitz of Window Genie, Ho-Ho-Kus; Barry Dorfman of Robert Alan Insurance Agency, New City; Michael Palumbo of Prudential, Paramus; Ray Fusco of McLaren Engineering Group, Woodcliff Lake; Mark Fairman of New York Life Insurance Company, Saddle Brook- VP Membership of MRCC; David Round of EisnerAmper LLP, Iselin; Peter Gallo of Envision Video Services, Hasbrouck Heights – President of MRCC.

Front row, from left: Wendy Cotes of MRCC - Membership & Finance Administrator; Jennifer Floor of Freedom Bank NJ, Mahwah; Jennifer Pirot of Cookie Cutters Haircuts for Kids, Mahwah; Dianne McKim of Precious Stones LifeCoach, Orangeburg; Lori Brown of Residence Inn Saddle River / Bergen County, Saddle River; Lucria Ortiz of Ridgewood YMCA, Ridgewood; Meg Ugenti of Focus USA, Paramus; Todd Vignola of Add Ventures, Inc., Hillburn.

## 2019 DIRECTORY

The new MRCC Directory is here. It's a great go-to guide to area businesses, where you'll always find members to meet your needs. If you don't have your copy yet, please contact the MRCC office.



## MRCC welcomes these new members and invites you to visit them at [mrcc.biz](http://mrcc.biz)

- Add Ventures, Inc.**, Suffern
- AFC Urgent Care**, Airmont
- Aspire Financial Coaching**, Ho-Ho-Kus
- Beautiful Windows by Michele**, Mahwah
- BMW of Ramsey**, Ramsey
- C&B Accounting**, Mahwah
- Caitlex Consulting & Realty**, Airmont
- CardPlus Empower**, Emerson
- Cherokee Communications Inc.**, New City
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- Gila's Paint Brush**, Suffern
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- iSectra**, New Windsor
- JJ Travel Associates**, Ho-Ho-Kus
- Mahwah Emerson School of Early Learning**, Mahwah
- Maxum Cigars**, Westfield
- McLaren Engineering Group**, Woodcliff Lake
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- Northwest Bergen Lifestyle**, Mahwah
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- Window Genie**, Ho-Ho-Kus

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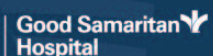
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# SNAPSHOTS from Chamber Events

## TAX REFORM LUNCHEON

Attendees enjoyed an informative luncheon at the Park Ridge Marriott in January. Panelists included Scott H. Novak of Counsel, Post Plak, PA and Douglas S. Rutenberg, PKF O'Connor Davies with Deborah Richin, CFP®, UBS Financial Services, Inc. as moderator.



## THE WORKPLACE OF THE FUTURE

Our Educational Series in February was held at Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. led by Janet Filipow, Kevin Kern and Tim Holl.



## SPEED NETWORKING

Over 100 business men and women attended a Speed Networking event on January 30, hosted by Valley Center for Health and Wellness.



## CYBER SECURITY LUNCHEON

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## Building Networks and Friendships at CHAMBER EVENTS



### WIBI

Dr. Amala Chirumamilla from Good Samaritan Hospital spoke at our February WIBI, discussing how heart disease affects women.

On March 28 the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center hosted our 2nd Annual Totally Social "2". Over 50 members of the WIBI community enjoyed socializing, networking and group activities.



### Annual Lunch

Maureen Huggins, MRCC's new Executive Director, announced Sharon Rounds's retirement and thanked her for her 14 years of service as Executive Director.



### Business After Hours

Biggies of Ramsey hosted Business After Hours with LB Entertainment providing music and photo booth

### YPN

MRCC's Young Professionals enjoyed an evening of Networking at Brady's At The Station

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These messages are immeasurable but go nowhere without the backing of MRCC. From the inception, the Chamber has been supportive of my ideas, value-adds (such as Tele-Medicine), and desire to get the word out. I can honestly say that MRCC has been everything they promised – and more!

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The event this year will take place on Monday, June 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Sheraton Mahwah Hotel. In addition to the wide-ranging exhibitors, the evening will feature great door prizes, a shopper’s emporium, delicious appetizers and a cash bar.

Mark your calendars and join us! Admission is free.

*Exhibitor tables are still available:*

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**MRCC WELCOMES JILL CHIERT**

MRCC welcomes Jill Chiert as the new Events Coordinator. Jill has a background in Human Resources. She has been a resident of Mahwah for 29 years where her two sons went through the Mahwah School system. Come stop by the office and introduce yourself or say hello to her at the next event you attend.

**TUESDAY**  
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