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## **Register Today!**

### **SEPTEMBER 13**

**31ST MRCC Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinne** *New York Country Club Spring Valley, NY* A great day of golf with a spectacular view. Join us!

### **SEPTEMBER 29**

**Business After Hours** 

Visions Federal Credit Union Mahwah, NJ Network & Mingle with members of Ramsey Chamber.

# Save the Date!

### **OCTOBER 14**

### **Tailgate Luncheon**

Mason Jar, Mahwah A casual outdoor BBQ Lunch with Electric Cars and test drives!

#### **NOVEMBER 14** Taste of the Region

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### WINNERS ALL 'ROUND AT THE 5K



Runners are a tenacious bunch, and so are MRCC volunteers! Sunday, May 22, was a scorcher of a day, but that did not deter a record breaking 341 participants in our 5K Race & 3K Walk. A great time was had by all along the beautiful course at the NY/NJ Trail Conference headquarters, where runners, walkers, sponsors, exhibitors, volunteers, staff – and all who were there to cheer on the racers – mixed

and mingled in a lively crowd. Congratulations to all the winners and to Earthcam, Inc. for taking home the Corporate Challenge trophy for the second year in a row! Mark your calendars for next year's race on Sunday, May 21, 2023!



### A FUN DAY OF GOLF - A GREAT CAUSE!

MRCC's 31st Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner will be held Tuesday, September 13 at the New York Country Club. The 31st annual outing will honor Sabrina HoSang Jordan, CEO of Caribbean Food Delights and Royal Caribbean Bakery, as our 2022 Humanitarian of the Year. Sabrina is an award-winning young professional entrepreneur and business leader recognized among her peers as a model team builder and motivator. She has chosen Worldwide Community First Responder as our charity partner for this event.

We would like to thank fellow members and local businesses that have already committed to a sponsorship and hope you will join them. Sponsorships are a great way to get maximum visibility at the event and show your support for Sabrina HoSang Jordan, Worldwide Community First Responder and MRCC. MRCC's golf outing is fun-packed day with food, beverages and good times with friends and colleagues.Golfers will enjoy breakfast, morning putting and chipping contests, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the golf course. If you don't know how to golf and want to learn, we encourage you to try our golf clinic, or you can simply join us for the cocktail and dinner.

**Golf and Dinner Sponsorships are still available!** Journal ads are also a great way to show your support and advertise your businesses.

Click here to REGISTER TODAY. This event sells out every year!

# DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Andrew P. Bolson Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A.

Andrew is a Partner with Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A., a law firm located in Montvale, New Jersey. Andrew's diversified practice includes commercial and estate litigation, real estate law, general business counseling, guardianship law, and privacy and Internet law. He has been previously honored as a Bergen Top Lawyer by *Bergen Magazine* and 201 Magazine, and a Rising Star by Super Lawyers.

Prior to becoming a Director of MRCC this past January, Andrew was active within the Chamber's Young Professional Network.

Outside his involvement with MRCC, Andrew also serves as a Trustee of the Cresskill Public Library and serves on the ADL's New Jersey Advisory Board.

Born and raised in Woodcliff Lake, NJ, Andrew now lives in Cresskill with his wife and two boys. When Andrew is not watching his son's little league games, he loves photography, golf, and watching the New York Yankees.

For more information on Andrew, check out:

www.northjerseylawyer.com.

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer and getting the chance to break away from work to spend time with friends and family.

We know how valuable your time is and cannot thank you enough for choosing to spend time with us at MRCC. Our Summer Bash BBQ in July was attended by more than 100 people, with a pretty even mix between members and non-members. We signed on six new members that night, with two or three additional applications pending their companies' final authorization.

Our YPN is currently holding their annual Community Outreach Program, which this year will benefit kids from the non-profit organization CASA for Children of Bergen County. Monetary donations, along with toiletries, baby basics and school supplies are needed. Check our website for a complete list of items needed. Please drop off any monetary donations or supplies to the MRCC office by August 24.

We are gearing up for what's sure to be another amazing golf outing on September 13. This year we are honoring Sabrina HoSang Jordan, CEO of Caribbean Food Delights as our Humanitarian of the Year. Please join us to support her charity of choice, Worldwide Community First Responder, as well as the MRCC. There are lots of opportunities for you to get exposure for your business and have a fun



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day with friends and colleagues. As always, thank you for all of your support!



## **MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS**

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY



• Ramapo College Foundation was delighted to welcome back the TD Summer Concert Series after a two-year covid hiatus. With lead sponsor, TD Bank, the bandshell hosted "Captain Jack" featuring songs of Billy Joel. Next "America Loves Country" performed as the College recognized local first responders; Mahwah Fire, Police and EMS. The series concluded with "The Infernos", America's #1 Showband as they performed hits from the 80's, 90's and today. The Foundation is grateful for the incredible community support and participation. Inserra ShopRite donated hotdogs, snacks and drinks which were on sale at each concert to support student scholarships.

• Express Employment Professionals of Northern New Jersey is proud to be named among the Best Places to Work in the state, according to NJBIZ. Only 125 businesses



achieve this designation each year out of 750,000 small businesses

operating in New Jersey. The office received the honor in the small business category.

"It is truly an honor to be recognized by NJBIZ for our culture of excellence and investment in the local economy," said President, Michael Nolfo. "We're so grateful for the support of our community and the efforts of our staff that made this achievement possible."

The Express Employment Professionals Northern New Jersey franchise began operation in 1995 when Peter and Joanne Nolfo opened their doors in Morris Plains, NJ and later moved to what is now their Parsippany office. Over the course of 27 years, the Nolfo family opened additional recruiting centers in Fairfield, Hackettstown, Hawthorne and Bloomfield. Coowner Christina Nolfo-Barile has been instrumental in earning this award and launching our professional staffing division, The Specialized Recruiting Group.

Our employment experts serve the Morris, Essex, Passaic, Bergen, Warren, Hunterdon and Sussex County regions with temporary, contract to hire, and direct hire positions in Administrative, Customer Service, Accounting/Finance, HR, as well as a variety of Skilled Trade positions and Light Industrial roles. Last year, Express Northern NJ helped over 7,000 job seekers find new careers and over 300 companies find new employees. • Residents of Rockland and Bergen counties now have a new and convenient local option for trauma services, one with direct ties to a regional center that offers the highest level of trauma services available.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) recently designated Good Samaritan Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth), as a Level III Adult Trauma Center. Key differentiators for the Good Samaritan Hospital trauma service are its WMCHealth links to the Level I adult and pediatric trauma services at Westchester Medical Center and Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. As regional Level I trauma centers, these hospitals can care for the most complex trauma cases. For more information about Good Samaritan Hospital trauma services and upcoming educational programs on injury prevention, visit Emergency Department (goodsamhosp.org)



• Phillip E. Goldstein, CEO of **Goldstein** Lieberman & Company LLC, the 11th largest CPA firm in New Jersey and the largest in Bergen County, has once again been recognized for the third year in a row as one of New Jersey's Power 50 Leaders – CPAs selected for their extensive expertise and exemplary professionalism.

NJBIZ is the only weekly business journal covering the entire state. The listing appeared in its June 27th issue. The profile of Mr. Goldstein mentions that this CEO leverages his audit, accounting and business expertise in such industries as construction.



manufacturing, real estate, professional organizations, medical, retail, wholesale, publishing, advertising and banking. He heads the firm's Construction Services Group, and is also a member of the firm's Law Firm Services Group. In addition, he is responsible for the planning and coordination of financial reporting services for lawyers and law firms. Mr. Goldstein's articles appear regularly in international, national and local publications.

One of the fastest growing firms in the region, Goldstein Lieberman today employs more than 100 professionals.

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# **MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS**

• **promarkdirect** is proud to announce an expansion of their marketing services for first responders. promark works with many nonprofits, a significant



portion of which are first responders. Traditionally promark's focus for first responders has been fundraising, but for several years they have understood that recruiting new first responder volunteers has been a challenge and now many organizations are reaching a critical shortfall. promark will expand their marketing services to aid first responders in attracting much needed volunteers. promark's President Donna Johns says "We've been fortunate to work with hundreds of first responders for many years helping them to raise much needed funds for training and community services. We're thrilled to be able to partner in a way to help them find the new recruits that are so essential to healthy communities everywhere." Along with traditional marketing materials, promark will also launch a new blog series for first responders that will cover hints and strategies for successful recruiting. In addition to offering recruitment marketing, promark will also offer community outreach programs like safety Halloween bags for kids and Jr Heroes coloring books.



• On June 6th **BVMI**'s Golf Classic – Swing into Healthcare was held at the beautiful Arcola Country Club in Paramus, NJ. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide FREE healthcare for our hardworking neighbors in Bergen County who don't have health insurance. Because demand for BVMI's services

remains high (we expect our patient census to grow 20% in the coming year), we are grateful for everyone who supported the event."



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  - 16 Member Benefits Overview, Via Zoom
  - 24 YPN, Sponsored by: TD Bank & Valley Health System, Community Outreach Shopping
  - 25 Youth Entrepreneurs Competition, Sponsored by M&T Bank, MRCC Office
- SEP 13 31st Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner; Sponsored by: Bergen Magazine, Check-M-Out Security Services & Investigations, LLC , Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., M&T Bank, Provident Bank, TD Bank, and Valley Health System,; New York Country Club
  - 20 YPN, Sponsored by: TD Bank & Valley Health System; High Exposure LLC
  - 21 WIBI, Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Hospital, TD Bank & Valley Health System, MRCC Office
  - 29 Business After Hours, Hosted by Visions Federal Credit Union
- OCT 12 WIBI, Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Hospital, TD Bank & Valley Health System, MRCC Office
  - 14 Tailgate Luncheon, Sponsored by Visions Federal Credit Union, Mason Jar
  - 21 YPN, Sponsored by: TD Bank & Valley Health System, TBD
  - 26 BAH, Hosted by One of One Productions

#### SAVE THE DATE

- NOV 14 Taste of the Region
- DEC 2 Holiday Luncheon

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

All dates and events are subject to change. Please visit mrcc.biz for up-to-date information and to register for all events.

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HITCH-A-RIDE in MRCC's quarterly mailer.

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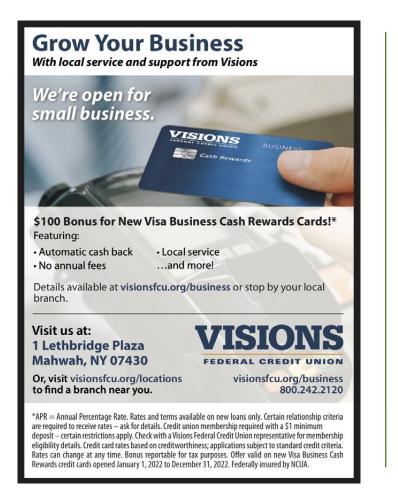
MRCC welcomes these new members and invites you to visit them at mrcc.biz



MRCC welcomes new members at our June Scholarship / Recognition Luncheon. L to r, Wendy Cotes, MRCC Membership Coordinator; Jeremy Levy of Cornell Surgical Co.; Paul Farrell of Ameriprise Financial Service; Tina Lyding of Voicecom Plus, Mahwah - MRCC AVP of Membership; and Andrew Bolson of Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A., Montvale - MRCC VP Board Operations

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- A sold-out event on April 21 at Ready to Golf!
- On May 17 the group learned archery skills at Lake Rickabear.
- On June 21 our Young Professionals gathered at The Craftsman in Fairlawn.
- On July 26 a group of Young Professionals hiked over 3 miles in Campgaw Reservation while learning the game of Disc Golf!



continues to have fun while networking!

# Here at the MRCC, we are all about helping you make meaningful connections!









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# **C MICC WIBI** WOMEN IN BUSINESS INITIATIVE

### WIBI Group is totally In-Person again!



The WIBI women enjoyed getting together at the Mahwah Bar & Grill for a delicious brunch with friends.

Hosted at Eastwick College, our May WIBI attendees enjoyed the presentation by Barbara Krug, West Bergen Mental Healthcare and Lois Kramer Perez, Mambo Feng Shui.







June WIBI returned to the MRCC office with Jackie Lue Raia presenting "Come Share Your Voice: Embracing Curiosity & Uncomfortableness."





A small group of WIBI ladies enjoyed margaritas and lunch at

# **Dedicated Pediatric Services** B 4 at Good Samaritan Hospital **Emergency Department**

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## **SCHOLARSHIP & RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**



L to r, Donna Johns, promarkdirect, inc – Scholarship Committee; Andrew Reedinger, RCNJ Scholarship recipient; Ben Mills, Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC – MRCC President; Gabriel Melgar Salto, Lincoln Technical Institute Scholarship recipient; Art Holl, SERVPRO of Northwest Bergen & Rockland County – Scholarship Committee

So much to celebrate, congratulate and recognize at our June 7th Luncheon at the Ramsey Golf and Country Club! We were proud to award (2) \$2000 scholarships: Andrew Reedinger, an employee at Ramsey Outdoor, received for Ramapo College of New Jersey ,and Gabriel Melgar Salto, an employee of Ramsey Subaru, was the recipient of our Lincoln Technical Institute scholarship.



We were pleased to recognize David Haas of Cereus Financial Advisors as our 2022 Member of the Year, and Art Hall of SERVPRO of Northwest Bergen & Rockland County as our Volunteer of the Year. MRCC would not be what it is today without members like David and Art!

L to r, David Haas, Cereus Financial Advisors – MRCC Member of the Year; Art Holl, SERVPRO of Northwest Bergen & Rockland County – MRCC Volunteer of the Year



**SIGNATURE** 

L to r, Bill Dator, Christies International Real Estate; Maureen Huggins, MRCC Executive Director; Linda Dator, Christies International Real Estate

Last we had the pleasure to recognize long time members Bill and Linda Dator of The Dator Team Realtors-Christies International Real Estate. Bill and Linda have been members of the MRCC for more than 40 years. Bill served on our Board from 1981 to 1990 and was president of the Chamber from 1985 to 1987. When Bill left the Board in 1991, Linda became a director and remained on the board till 1999. Thank you, Bill and Linda, for supporting MRCC ALL these years!







SUNDAY MAY 22, 2022 NY-NJ TRAIL CONFERENCE | MAHWAH















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**CORPORATE CHALLENGE** Congratulations to EarthCam, Inc. for winning the challenge for the second year in a row!

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### Thank you to our generous Sponsors!





Do you know of a Young Entrepreneur who would like the chance to win a cash prize of \$1000?

Students ages 14-18 can participate in a youth-only entrepreneurship competition. Participants will compete and pitch their business idea/business venture to a panel of judges. The business idea can be about any topic, and participants must make a short and informative presentation about various aspects of their business, such as their marketing strategies, finances, etc.

THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS AUGUST 22.



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## **REGIONAL EVENTS**





Members of the MRCC were able to network with members of other chambers at both April's Multi Chamber Business After Hours at The Craftsman in Fair Lawn and May's Speed Networking at Paramus Park Mall.

### Compared Omni Official Men's Network

Drinks, Apps, Cigars, and Smiles were had by all at OMNI's first in-person event since the pandemic.





MRCC VP Mark Fairman welcomed attendees and new members.



L to r, MRCC Executive Director Maureen Huggins, Ramapo College President Dr. Cindy Webb, MRCC President Ben Mills.

Though the heat wave forced us to hold our Summer Bash BBQ inside, that did not stop us. The Crowne Plaza fired up the grills and brought the food inside into their beautiful atrium! Over 100 members and future members enjoyed gathering with old colleagues and meeting new ones.

Thank you to our table exhibitors, to M&T Bank for sponsoring this event, and to the Crowne Plaza for once again doing an awesome job hosting!

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