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# **SHARE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT**

As the holidays approach, MRCC's nonprofit members have found many creative ways to help our neighbors in need. They welcome your help.

• Center for Food Action: Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Mahwah drop off:

Friday, Nov. 22, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 23, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Lincoln Technical Institute, 70 McKee Drive; Mahwah. Ringwood drop off: Friday, Nov. 22, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Community Presbyterian Church, 145 Carletondale Rd; Ringwood.

Become a CFA Superhero: Hearty Soup Collection - Collecting cans from Nov. 25 - Dec 3; drop off at any CFA location between Dec. 3-6. cfanj.org

 Cure Kids Cancer Foundation: Toy Drive. Accepting new toy donations for all ages and genders.

Center for Hope and Safety: Holiday

Gift Wrapping at Paramus Park Mall during the month of December.

- Eva's Village: Collecting full-size toiletries for the men, women, and children who are halfway house and shelter program clients. Financial donations are also welcome. Drop off at 393 Main Street, Paterson.
- Jewish Family and Children's Services of North Jersey: Food Drive for the Holidays & Toy Drive for children. Toys must be new and unwrapped. Drop off donations at Teaneck Office, 1485 Teaneck Road.
- Mahwah Medical: Baskets for the Homeless. Accepting donations now.
- Ridgewood Moving: Collecting new and gently used toys for Paterson/Passaic Boys and Girls Club. Drop off at Ridgewood Moving (Mahwah), CSUBS (Montvale), RE/MAX The Falco Group (Franklin Lakes), and Bergen Highlands Methodist Church (USR).

# DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Shannon Lazare • M&T Bank



Shannon Lazare joined MRCC in 2013 and was elected to the Board of Directors in February 2014. She has co-chaired chaired several

committees such as the Young Professionals Network, Nominating Committee, Golf and the Super Community Sprit Showcase. She also served as President of MRCC from 2016 to 2018.

The MRCC has a diverse mix of members and events that cater to everyone. It's a large organization that feels small as members really work together to collaborate and make introductions to one another. She loves working with the members of the Chamber and is proud to give back to the community where she works and lives.

Shannon was promoted this year to the Northern NJ Regional Manager for Business Banking at M&T Bank and has a team that helps business owners find solutions to any of their needs. She is responsible for the Bergen, Passaic, Essex and Hudson County geography. Shannon has been with M&T Bank for 7 years where she started as a Senior Relationship Manager became a Team Leader in Bergen and Passaic and now runs the Region. She has over 15 years of banking experience. Shannon is the proud mother of 5 year old twins and has lived in Mahwah for 10 years. Shannon received her BS/BA in Marketing from West Virginia University and her MBA in Management from Montclair State. She serves as Director for the

# **Register today!**

### **DECEMBER 6**

### **Holiday Luncheon**

Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, Suffern Our annual celebration of the festive holiday season, complete with holiday boutique.

# **DECEMBER 12**

### YPN Holiday Party

Mason Jar. Mahwah MRCC's Young Professionals celebrate the season in a casual setting. Join us!

### **DECEMBER 18**

# WIBI Holiday Breakfast

Sheraton Mahwah Hotel Convivial networking and festive holiday spirits.

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# CELEBRATE the Season with us! December 6 CHEON INVITE YOUR STAFF ~ Make our holiday luncheon YOUR holiday luncheon.

## 2019 HUMANITARIAN DINNER

Below: Audrey Meyers, President and CEO of Valley Health System (c) accepting MRCC's Humanitarian Award presented by Peter Gallo, MRCC President and Maureen Huggins, MRCC Executive Director.

Right top: The New Valley Hospital

Right bottom: MRCC director Cathy Davey and Dr. Peter Mercer, president of Ramapo College





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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Fall is a time for family, friends, and football. It's a time of change and of giving thanks. As the days get shorter and the weather gets cooler, I want to send this message of gratitude to all of the members and volunteers who make MRCC such a great organization. MRCC is more than just a website, an office, or an acronym; it's a community. A community that genuinely cares for the success of each of its members. It's a community that goes above and beyond. It's a community that comes together for those in need.

As a community, we came together through our YPN to help support Eva's Village and at our golf outing to help raise funds for The Valley Hospital Foundation. We came together at our Taste of the Region to help raise funds for Table to Table. And our community support for 2019 doesn't stop there.

Please join us as we finish the year strong. On December 6th we will come together at our annual Holiday Luncheon to honor and recognize members of our community.

As we head into the holidays, I want to wish each and every one of you good health and happiness. Please enjoy the season with your families and friends and know how very grateful I am to all of you.

I look forward to seeing you soon!









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# **MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS**

• Good Samaritan Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth), has completed construction on a new Bariatric Surgery Center. The expansion and interest in the hospital's established weight-loss surgery program signaled the need for the creation of a modern and dedicated space for morbidly obese patients.



The 6,000-square-foot Bariatric Surgery Center includes seven private en suite rooms with larger doorways and hallways to allow for safe movement and transportation, and rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art digital monitoring equipment and modern accommodations.

The Bariatric Surgery Center is accredited by the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP), a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

For more about the Bariatric Surgery Center at Good Samaritan Hospital, please call 845-368-5285 or visit goodsamhosp.org/surgical-weight-loss-institute.

• NJBG welcomed New Jersey First Lady Tammy Murphy earlier this year for a tour of the New Jersey State Botanical Garden and historic Skylands Manor. Head Landscape Designer Rich Flynn (r) introduced Mrs. Murphy to a rare Franklinia tree, discovered and named by a friend of Benjamin Franklin.



NJBG is a beautiful natural space, an all-season destination open daily free of charge. For more info on NJBG's glittering Holiday Open House spectacular at Skylands Manor (Dec. 5-8) and other upcoming events, please visit njbg.org.

• The Mahwah Museum's Donald Cooper Model Railroad will be running special trains for the weekend of November 9 & 10 to honor Veteran's Day on Monday, November 11.

The railroad will highlight several Veteran-related exhibits, including an Army Troop Train, a freight train consisting of flat cars with tanks and other military vehicles built by Mahwah Veteran Ralph Coviello and the premiere of the "Honor our Veterans" Amtrak locomotive recently donat-



ed by museum volunteer Ed Skurna. The railroads played a vital role in moving military personnel and goods for the war effort. This is our way to celebrate this great accomplishment and thank the Veterans for their service.

The Donald Cooper Model Railroad is open weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 1-4 pm. If you are interested in model railroading, we would welcome you as a member of our crew. The requirements are a love of the hobby, being twelve years of age or older, and becoming a member of the Mahwah Museum Society. If you have any questions please click here to email our train crew or call 201-512-0099 and leave a message for the train crew.

• The MRCC Foundation is pleased to announce Kathryn Tomaszewski as their 2019-2020 college scholarship winner. She attends Rowan



University in Glassboro, NJ, majoring in Elementary Education. Ms. Tomaszewski was selected from a pool of applicants reviewed by a committee and was chosen as the best application. In accepting the scholarship she passes along her heartfelt "Thank you for this award - it

is greatly appreciated."

Foundation President Thomas Grissom also commented that the Foundation wishes to thank the committee in their selection of such a fine young student with a bright future ahead.

• Next year **The Plant Church** is stepping forward in beginning the process of purchasing and renovating the space at which we currently meet. We are excited for what the future holds and we are grateful to be part of an amazing community.

Locally we have served in many community organizations and charities, such as the Center for Food Action, Camp Acorn, Rotary Club, MRCC, and more. We have also served during many times of need such as disasters, storms, and crisis.

The Plant Church is a Christian church that has been serving the community of Mahwah and the surrounding region for over 10 years. The church has been an active member of the MRCC since 2012. We currently meet at 125 Glasgow Terrace in Mahwah, NJ, located at the corner of Route 202 and W. Ramapo Ave.







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  - 12 Member Benefit Overview; Chamber Office
  - 13 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by; TD Bank and Valley Health System; Sheraton Mahwah Hotel
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- **DEC** 6\* Holiday Luncheon; Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Hospital; Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center
  - 12 YPN Holiday Networking w/CIANJ; Sponsored by: TD Bank and Valley Health System; Mason Jar
  - Women In Business (WIBI) Holiday Breakfast; Sponsored by: TD Bank and Valley Health System; Sheraton Mahwah Hotel

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS for these great upcoming events in 2020

JAN 30\* Business Growth Conference

FEB 10\* Speed Networking

MAR 20\* Annual 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.



# **COUNTY EXECUTIVES LUNCHEON**

MRCC invited County Executives from both Bergen County and Rockland County to speak at our September Luncheon on county initiatives their administrations are working on. The luncheon was sponsored by Eastwick College and Goldstein, Lieberman & Company LLC.

Pictured above: Peter Gallo, MRCC President; Maureen Huggins, MRCC Executive Director; Tom Eastwick, Eastwick College; Ed Day; Rockland County Executive; Phil Goldstein, Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC; and James Tedesco, Bergen County Executive.



# **Bergen County's Premier Chamber of Commerce™**

# **WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**



### **WHO'S WHO BBQ**

MRCC had a very successful Open House Who's Who BBQ hosted by the Crowne Plaza

Bad weather brought the event inside but did not deter people



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from attending.



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

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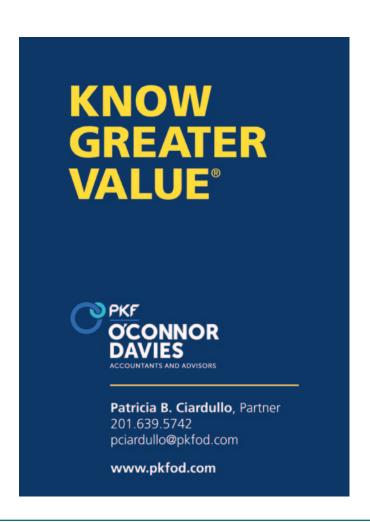


### **MEMBER BENEFITS OVERVIEW**

New members are invited to this free quarterly breakfast program to learn more about MRCC.







# YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK SUPPORTS EVA'S VILLAGE

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MRCC's YPN group had a very successful 2019
Community Outreach Program collecting and purchasing close to \$2000 worth of full-sized toiletries.

MRCC thanks all committee members and a special thank you to our Outreach Sponsors: Check-M-Out Security Services & Investigations, LLC, Lakeland Bank, PKF O'Connor Davies, Business Doctor of North Jersey, Bergen Highlands/Ramsey Rotary, Community Outreach Services, Inc., Meyerson Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A., The Plant Church, Visions Federal Credit Union, and our Program Sponsors TD Bank and Valley Health System.

On November 25, MRCC's YPN committee will conclude their outreach by going to Eva's Village to greet, seat, and serve over 400 individuals at their tables.





# **SNAPSHOTS**

# from Chamber Events



Above: On August 7th we held our "Master the Mic" Breakfast at Mahwah Bar & Grill with guest speaker Joshua Lask. Attendees were entertained while learning techniques on conquering the fear of public speaking and engaging audiences.



# Inspirational Women's Luncheon

Our July Inspirational Women's Luncheon this year was sponsored by M&T Bank and was held at the Hilton Woodcliff Lake. Our speaker Debbie O'Connell, Golf-Positive, kept all attendees engaged during her discussion of "Your Vision, Your Life."







# Tailgate Luncheon

October 4th was a beautiful day to have our Tailgate Luncheon and Car Show at the Mason Jar. Attendees enjoyed an outside BBQ with music by LB Entertainment, while getting to see new 2020 cars from Liberty Hyundai, Mahwah Ford, and Mercedes-Benz of Paramus. Thank you to Visions Federal Credit Union for sponsoring this event.

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Our Taste of the Region on October 21st was another huge success with over 400 in attendance enjoying samplings from 25 Food and Beverage exhibitors along with 24 Business Exhibitors. A special thank you to the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Mahwah-Suffern for hosting this event along with

our sponsors: Good Samaritan Hospital, Mercedes-Benz of Paramus, Bergen Magazine, Envision Video Services, Eastwick College, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., TD Bank, Bergen Volunteer Center, Valley Health System, and M&T Bank







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• July - Beth Blecker, Eastern Planning



· August - Amy Martinez, Visions Federal Credit Union

**WIBI** 

WIBI continues to have great speakers with TD Bank and Valley Health System as 2019 Program Sponsors!

### **CLICK HERE** to view a WIBI video



• September - Diane McKim, Precious Stones Life Coach



- October Health Panel, I. To r. Sabrina McEntee, Wibi Committee; Michele Gannon, Mary's Place by the Sea; Jodie Katz, MD, Valley Center for Integrative Medicine; Karen Karsif, MD, Good Samaritan Hospital at Sheraton Mahwah Hotel.
- October Wine Tasting, Julie Belardinelli of The Boisset Collection at Jean Terman's Photography Studio in Wyckoff.





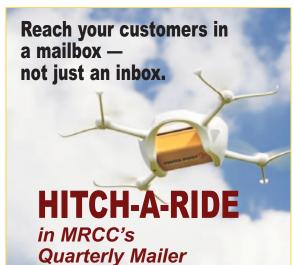
### **OMNI Kickoff**

"The Inaugural OMNI event was spectacular. Cigar in one hand, brandy in the other, with hours of open conversation in a friendly atmosphere, produced an incredible evening for all."

— Mike Fidlow, MRCC member/Strategic Employer Planning Group.

Attendees of the first OMNI men's networking event gathered at the Crowne Plaza Suffern Hotel & Conference Center for an enjoyable evening of networking, conversation, and fellowship. With hand rolled cigars provided by MRCC member Rob Menaker of Maxum Cigars, and a complimentary cigar book gifted by MRCC member Barry Dorfman of Robert Alan Insurance Agency, the event was truly memorable.

MRCC Board members Chris Heyer and Mark Fairman, also in attendance, look forward to announcing OMNI events in 2020 where the camaraderie is sure to continue!



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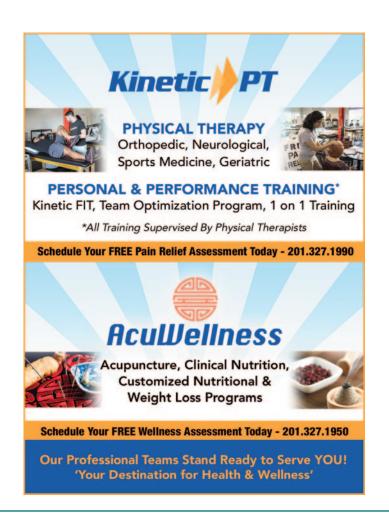
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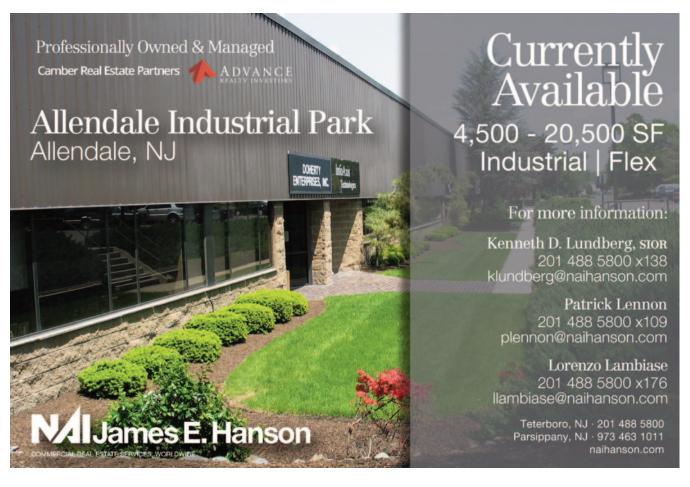
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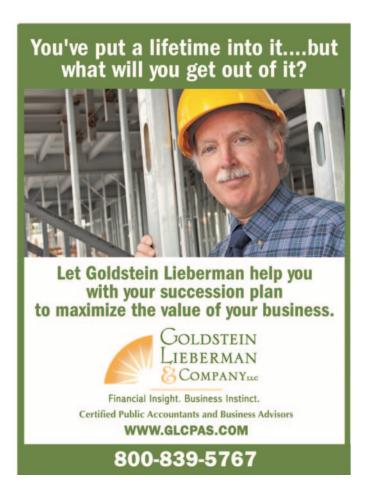


MRCC held its 28th Annual Golf Outing at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club benefiting MRCC and The "New" Valley Hospital.











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