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SEPTEMBER 14

30th MRCC Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner

New York Country Club Spring Valley, NY A great day of golf with a spectacular view. Join us!

OCTOBER 8

Tailgate Lunch

The Mason Jar, Mahwah Join us for a casual outdoor BBQ Lunch with great cars.

NOVEMBER 6

5K Run & 3K Walk

NY-NJ Trail Conference, Mahwah Enjoy the picturesque course, plus food, awards and prizes. Register at RunSignUp.com

NOVEMBER 15 Taste of the Region

Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah Enjoy a taste of some of the region's best food and drink, a fun evening for all.

Register at mrcc.biz.



Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner, Tuesday, September 14, being held at the New York Country Club. The Van Duren Family of

Ramsey Auto Group is our 2021 Humanitarian of the Year and will be honored at the evening program. The Van Duren Family has chosen the Mahwah Municipal Alliance (MMA) and Desire 4 Hope to receive a charitable donation from this

Golf and Dinner Sponsorships are still available. We would like to thank fellow members and local businesses who 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 The Van Duren Family, MMA, Desire 4 Hope and the MRCC.

Golfers enjoy breakfast, morning putting and chipping contests, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the golf course. It's a fun packed day with food, beverages and good times with friends and colleagues followed by a Cocktail Hour and Dinner. If you don't know how to golf and want to learn, we encourage you to try our golf clinic or you can join us for the cocktail and dinner.

Journal ads are also available to show your support of our Humanitarian, the MMA and Desire 4 Hope. The journal is also a great way to advertise your businesses.

Please register to join us, as we expect this to be a sold out event!



MRCC SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again, the MRCC was able to award a \$2000 scholarship to a student from both Ramapo College of NJ and Lincoln Technical Institute. The Ramapo College



of NJ scholarship was awarded to Julia Seelin at our Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon. Michael Yurko won for Lincoln Technical Institute, unfortunately, he was unavailable to attend the luncheon.

MRCC wishes them both the very best!

L to r, Maureen Huggins, MRCC; Dr. Angela Cristini, RCNJ; Julia Seelin, RCNJ Scholarship winner; Elizabeth Brand, RCNJ; Peter Gallo, MRCC

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Ben Mills Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC

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Ben has been serving on the MRCC Board of Directors since July of 2010 and has been our Treasurer since 2012.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I hope the summer is treating you well and that you have been able to find time to step away from your computer and enjoy the warm weather. For me, summer is a time to sit back, relax, and plan for the fourth quarter. There is no better place to do this planning, than by the pool – with a cold drink in hand.

While summer is typically a time to slow down, the MRCC has been working hard to bring back our signature in-person events. In the last couple of weeks, we've had sold out attendances at our Annual Luncheon, our Scholarship and Recognition Luncheon, our WIBI Welcome Back Luncheon, and our Summer Bash BBQ. And the summer is just getting started! Be sure you check our events calendar to find your next opportunity to participate.

To cap off the summer, remember to mark your calendars for our 30th Annual Golf Outing and Humanitarian Dinner – Tuesday, September 14th at the New York Country Club. This year's Humanitarians are The Van Duren Family of the Ramsey Auto Group. Please join us as we support their chosen charities: The Mahwah Municipal Alliance and Desire for Hope. This is a great way to gain exposure to your business while enjoying a fun-filled day with friends and colleagues.

I look forward to seeing you soon!



Peter Gallo MRCC President Owner, Envision Video Services



























MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

• Lights up at Bergen Volunteers! In June,



Bergen Volunteers received over 50,000 LED light bulbs from Mega Light Inc. and the New Jersey Clean Energy Program to help promote

clean energy. We are distributing them for FREE to EVERYONE! Since June, we have distributed over 40,000 bulbs to food pantries, nonprofit organizations, individuals, and at community events and street festivals. We're having a terrific time being the "light bulb people," and want to keep paying it forward. Our organization is known for being a community hub that matches resources with needs and needs with resources, and what better exemplifies this than distributing sustainable energy throughout the community. Spread the word!

There are still bulbs available. To get your lights (60 watt equivalent), email info@bergenvolunteers.org or visit our website at bergenvolunteers.org for more information.

• Phillip E. Goldstein, CEO of Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC, one of the largest CPA firms in New Jersey and New York, has been named as one of the State's Power 50 in Accounting--CPAs selected for their forward thinking and professionalism, especially during the challenges brought on by COVID 19. The listing appeared in the publication's June 2021 issue.

To exemplify Mr. Goldstein's recent exceptional leadership, the editors of NJBIZ noted that early on during the COVID pandemic when a North Jersey county executive wanted to shut down all businesses including CPA firms, CEO Goldstein, who sits on an NJCPA political action committee along with other key members, advised Gov. Phil Murphy against this action. Ultimately CPA firms were among those listed as essential businesses.

Goldstein leverages his audit, accounting and business expertise in such industries as construction, manufacturing, real estate, professional organizations, medical, retail, wholesale, publishing

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. His articles



Phil Goldstein

• Your money should serve you and your goals, not the other way around. Travel, retirement, stability – your dreams are within reach, but they start with a smart financial plan and the determination to roll up your sleeves and put that plan into action. In this book, Beth Blecker, cofounder and CEO of Eastern Planning, shares her unique perspective on

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local publications. Goldstein Lieberman today

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Beth also walks you through her journey of building a highly regarded planning company with an incredible team. She shares some of her successes as well as some of her struggles. Being a female entrepreneur in a male-



dominated industry has had its challenges. You learn about the importance of staying focused, showing strength and always looking out for the best interest of your clients.

Whether you're just starting out on your financial planning journey or you want your existing plan to work harder for you, you should read this book. Whether you're a financial adviser building your practice or a woman embarking into a career in business, this story will help guide your journey. It's Not Just Money, It's Life has valuable insight to help you find the right path and to stick with it. Today's a great day to start making your dreams a reality.

• Bergen Highlands Ramsey Rotary Club is excited to announce their first ever PizzaFest on September 18, 2021. This PizzaFest will raise funding for local scholarships and other community projects. It is their first ever pizza fest replacing the Octoberfest.



Local individuals are all invited to join us from 1pm to 8pm on September 18 at Adorno Fathers, 575 Darlington Ave. in Ramsey. Admission is free and the day will

include DJ music, activities for the kids and games for adults to participate in. Participants will have the opportunity to taste delicious pizza slices and other Italian dishes from up to six pizza vendors for a small fee. Beer and a variety of wines will also be available.

The PizzaFest is just one of the many activites the BHR Rotary Club sponsors to raise funds for its charitable work locally and around the world...

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Gerstein at sgerstein@guidepostmontessori.com or call us 551.552.2007



MRCC EVENTS

Recognition Luncheon

Our annual Recognition Luncheon was held on June 17 at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club. Along with great networking and a delicious meal, we were finally able to present an award to our 2020 Citizen of the Year - Donna Johns, promarkdirect, inc. (right).

Also recognized were two of our long time members, Tom Grissom, RVP Printing (member since 1992) and Maja Britton, Adastra West (member since 1994). Both have been a substantial asset to the MRCC, serving on our Board of Directors and have been active on many of our committees.







Speed Networking

Members and future members had the opportunity to network and make new connections during our virtual Speed Networking event on June 3.





AUG 10 Member Benefit Overview; Via Zoom

- 11 WIBI; Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office, 1 International Blvd. Mahwah, NJ
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- 19 YPN: After Hours; Sponsored by: TD Bank and Valley Health System, TBD

SEPT 9 YPN at Stumpy's, Sponsored by: TD Bank and Valley Health System; Stumpy's Hatchet House of Upper Saddle River, 107 Pleasant Avenue. USR, NJ

- 14 30th Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner; Sponsored by: Beverly Hills Hand Car Wash & Detailing, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., M&T Bank, Valley Health System; New York Country Club; 103 Brick Church Road, Spring Valley, NY
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- OCT 8 Tailgate Luncheon; Mason Jar; 219 Ramapo Valley Road
 Mahwah N.I.
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SAVE THE DATE

November 6- Fall Back 5K- 5K Run/3K Walk November 15 - Taste of the Region December 3 - 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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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



What Our Members Are Saying



PAMELA ETZIN An Eye For Detail

I heard about MRCC's WIBI event and decided to join. I've met wonderful women who made the membership so worthwhile and valuable to me. The Chamber has great networking opportunities.



At our June Recognition Luncheon, Lynda Wolf from The Bergen County Job Center was presented with her MRCC Membership Plaque.



Member Benefits Overview

Mark Fairman, MRCC's VP of Membership, presenting a virtual Member Benefits Overview in May to new members and future members to learn all that the MRCC has to offer its members!

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

AcuityAds; New York

Body & Brain Yoga Tai Chi; Ramsey

d.f. o'brien & co.; Wayne

Express Employment Professionals; Hawthorne

Fast Twitch Performance & Recovery; Saddle Brook

GEM Office Technologies; Mahwah

Guidepost Montessori; Mahwah

Howard Hanna Rand Realty; Closter

Industrial Contracting & Rigging Co., Inc.; Mahwah

J & M Solar Roofing; Mahwah

Jersey Mortgage Company; Parsippany

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Valley Bank; Paramus

Effective July 26, 2021



OMITCE YPN

YPN's May Workshop "Ask Your Real Estate Professionals" was presented by George Chicolo, Terrie O'Connor Realtors and Jason Horowitz TriForce Commercial Real Estate



YPN is looking forward to making connections at their monthly events.

Our Young Professionals were excited to hold their first in-person After Hours event on June 15 at Tavern 17 in Ramsey. All were glad to reconnect and make new connections!





Join our Eblast Sponsors!







Good Samaritan

Contact the MRCC Office for details - 201-529-5566

Omrcc YPN

2021 Community Outreach Project Benefiting:



COMMUNITY OUTREACH SERVICES, INC

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WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT:

- Logo Sponsor \$250Name Recognition Sponsor \$100
- Make a Monetary Donation
- Collect/Donate Items & Drop off at MRCC Office

MRCC'S YPN is collecting items to support Community Outreach Services through November 11th . Supplies or monetary donations are greatly appreciated.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT MRCC. BIZ/YPN OR CONTACT CASSANDRA@MAHWAH.COM

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This year's "Timeless Topics for Your Health" Luncheon was held virtually on May 20. Attendees benefitted from tips by our panelists.

Pictured: Top left - Vipul H. Shah, MD, FACP from Good Samaritan Hospital, Top Right - Elliot Brown, MD, Cardiologist from Valley Medical Group, Left Center -Ellen Levine, LMT owner of Perfectly Kneaded Massage, Right Center - Jill Cruz, MS, CNS owner of Work with Your Nature Weight Loss and bottom center our Moderator - Sandi Jeanette, BS, MA from Good Samaritan Hospital.

LUNCH & LEARN

Attendees always leave our Lunch & Learns with a wealth of knowledge!



June's "Office 365 - Top Tools to Power Your Small Business" Lunch & Learn was presented by Stew Smith of Business Machine Technologies





July's Lunch & Learn was presented by Vik Rajan of Video Socials. Attendees learned the 3 marketing advantages of video posting, how to create videos for 3 types of referrals and 4 reasons why others share and why we share others.





In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, on May 12, WIBI welcomed a panel of local experts who addressed the stresses and pressures women are dealing with today. Sincere thanks to Jessica Bush, Owner of Tutor Doctor Northern NJ/Rockland; Danielle Heller, LCSW, with West Bergen Mental Healthcare; Dianne McKim, owner of Precious Stones Coaching; and Melinda Rothman, Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist. Attendees came away with lots of great advice for tending to their physical, mental and emotional well-being - without adding more stress to their lives!



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WIBI continues strong virtually and in person!

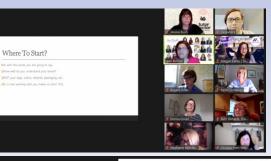


The WIBI "Welcome Back Luncheon" was held at Cenzino Ristorante in Oakland. The luncheon was originally planned to be outside under

their pavilion but due to the heatwave they were forced to move indoors. The WIBI community was so excited to catch up in person and many lucky ladies took home fabulous raffle prizes provided by WIBI members.



Our July WIBI speaker was Jean Terman of Jean Terman Photography. Jean presented "Tune-up Your 60 Second Marketing Introduction (Elevator Speech)". All in attendance were given steps to turn their 30-60 second introductions into a great first impression!









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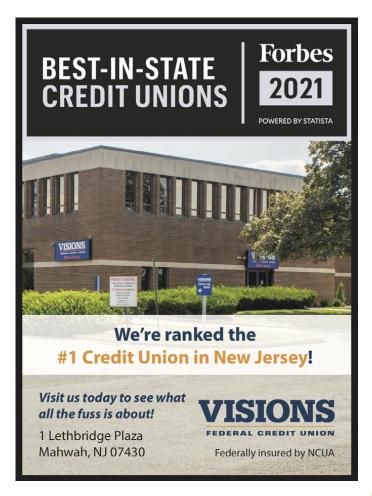


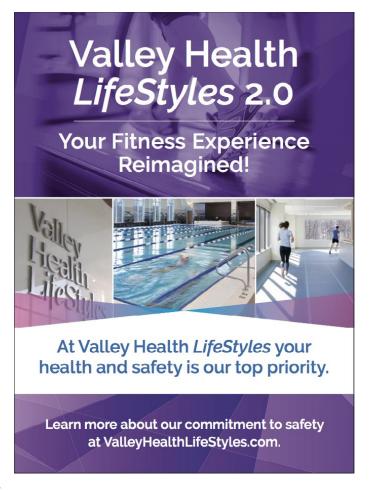
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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

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MONDAY

November 15, 2021

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MRCC ANNUAL LUNCHEON



Our first in-person luncheon since the pandemic was our Annual Luncheon held on May 6 at the Mahwah Bar & Grill. Registration closed out in three days, showing all were ready to start moving past virtual events. What a pleasure to see all the happy faces reconnecting and networking again!

Thank you to TD Bank and Valley Health System for sponsoring this event and to CardPlus® Empower and Stumpy's Hatchet House of Upper Saddle River for purchasing an exhibit table.

We were honored to finally be able to present the following awards at this luncheon:











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MRCC's 2020 Organization of the Year - West Bergen Mental Healthcare





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