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MAY 19

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MRCC GIVES BACK AT THE 2019 HOLIDAY LUNCH

Donations were given out to local charities, including \$12,500 to Valley Hospital Foundation \$1000 to the Center for Food Action, \$1,530 Table to Table, \$7,500 to Ramapo College Foundation, and \$40,000 from Tom Eastwick to various member Food Banks.

Top r: Shannon Lazare, MRCC 2019 VP Golf Chair, Rob Angner, accepting check for Valley Hospital Foundation; Janet Filipow, RCC 2019 AVP Golf Chair, and Peter Gallo MRCC President

Middle: Maureen Huggins, MRCC Executive Director Ilene Isaacs, Table to Table, Rena Rothman, MRCC Taste of the Region Chair; and Peter Gallo, MRCC President

Bottom r: Maureen Huggins, MRCC Executive Director; Cathleen Davey, Ramapo College Foundation; Paul Scarduffa, MRCC VP 5K Chair; and Peter Gallo. MRCC President

Bottom I: Tom Eastwick donating \$40,000 to eight local member food banks (\$5000 each). This year his "Feed the Hungry" reached \$200,000.

CLICK HERE

to view a video of the Holiday Lunch





MRCC INTRODUCES A BOLD NEW LOOK

Last fall, MRCC invited members to help create a new logo in an effort to reflect MRCC's increased recognition in the greater business community. At the Holiday Luncheon, MRCC unveiled their new logo. The logo, developed by Maureen Walsh of Avalon Marketing Solutions, Midland Park, NJ, is designed as a simple graphic icon embodying the coming together of regional business leaders to support and strengthen their relationships and shared goals.

The colors were chosen to be bold and contemporary to create impact and draw attention to the Chamber. The color choices also reflect a subtle nod to the environment of the Mahwah region, with its lush green mountains and wooded areas, and the blue skies and lakes of northern New Jersey. The new branding identity for MRCC will be utilized in all external and internal communications.



Pictured I to r: Aparna Mulchandani, MRCC VP of Marketing; Maureen Walsh, Avalon Marketing Solutions; Peter Gallo, MRCC President



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DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT



Christopher Heyer Scura, Wigfield, Heyer, Stevens & Cammarota, LLP

Christopher Heyer, Esq. is a Partner

with the law firm of Scura, Wigfield, Heyer, Stevens & Cammarota, LLP based in Wayne, New Jersey. He concentrates his practice in complex commercial litigation and employment law in both Federal and State Courts in New Jersey and New York. He represents individuals and corporations in employment matters, including discrimination whistleblower matters, employee handbooks, employment contracts, non-compete agreements, severance agreements and workplace investigations. His practice also includes business and corporate contracts, and real estate matters.

Chris has been an active member of the MRCC since 2008 and a Director since 2013. He is also active in developing the MRCC's OMNI group. Chris believes in giving back to his community, having served as a Councilman for the Borough of Emerson from 2003-2009, coaching youth sports, and being an active parishioner of Assumption Church.

For more information regarding Mr. Heyer and his firm's practice, you can log onto www.scura.com, and learn more about his commitment to "easing your legal burden through personal and professional service".

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am honored and proud to be starting my 2nd term as President. I want to express my continued thanks to every one of our members, directors, staff, volunteers, sponsors, and business partners for making MRCC Bergen County's premiere Chamber of Commerce.

The MRCC is an ever-growing organization with over 60 years of history. Started in 1957 as a small organization serving local business owners, we have grown into a regional organization serving over 600 members. There is something for everyone within our chamber. I encourage you to get to know your fellow members by getting involved with one of our committees and attending some of our many annual events. Together we can help each other grow and prosper.

If there is anything I can do to enhance your experience with the MRCC, please feel free to reach out to me directly. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.









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MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

• Good Samaritan Hospital, a member of the Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHealth), has completed a comprehensive upgrade to its Orthopedic Surgery Center, which offers a new level of patient experience to the region and fosters a specialized, patient-first approach to orthopedic care.

The 10,000-square-foot unit offers 14 private en suite patient recovery rooms, each equipped with state-of-the-art digital monitoring consoles that nurses can use to input all patient documentation. The modern space also includes a multi-purpose room used for patient education, mindfulness exercises and community dining; a PT/OT gym complete with large scale simulations/props to help patients practice navigating activities of daily living; a walking track and a family waiting area with a coffee bar. The unit also has centralized meeting spaces for multidisciplinary collaboration.



• "BMT is honored to once again be named to the NJBIZ Reader Rankings as one of the top

cybersecurity companies", says
Stew Smith, Vice President of



Business Development at BMT. "The

number of cyber-related crimes has risen exponenially. Data security is no longer being viewed as optional, it is a fundamental part of every day business operations. We are proud to be recognized as a leader in this space."

The annual NJBIZ Reader Rankings feature some of the top New Jersey businesses in industries such as engineering, non-profit, education, real estate, and professional services. NJBIZ readers nominate companies for each category and vote on the top 5 to 8 businesses to determine the winners. This year, over 40,000 votes were cast!

• Mark Fairman was honored as one of the top 2020 **New York Life** agents in the country for the 4th quarter of 2019. He was presented with a special trophy in honor of New York Life's 175th anniversary this year. Since 2003, Mark has provided families and businesses with custom insurance and financial services from the top providers in the industry. He specializes in Guaranteed Retirement Income,



Mark Fairman

Estate Planning, Long Term Care, Life & Disability Insurance, College Funding, Investments, and Employee Benefits. Mark is licensed as a Registered Representative through the regulatory agency, FINRA, carries a Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow (LUTCF) des-

ignation with the American College, the professional designation of CLTC (Certified in Long Term Care) in the field of Long Term Care planning, and is an active member of NAIFA (National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors).

KONICA MINOLTA

• Konica Minolta in Ramsey is proud to announce its status as a Google Cloud Premier Partner. The new alliance will enable the company and its dealer partners to offer the full suite of Google Cloud solutions. This builds upon Konica Minolta's strategy to provide the most comprehensive portfolio of intelligent connected workplace solutions.

As Google Cloud's Premier Partner for the office technology industry, Konica Minolta will deliver its productivity and collaboration solutions. The relationship will also facilitate technical development of advanced productivity tools between the two organizations, all built on the Google Cloud. This furthers Konica Minolta's mission to bring to market tools that enable businesses to better manage their digital transformation.



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- FEB 10 Speed Networking & Membership Drive; Hosted by Valley Health System; Valley Center for Health & Wellness
 - 11 Member Benefit Overview; Chamber Office
 - Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 13 OMNI Night of Comedy; Sponsored by TD Bank; West Nyack Levity Live
 - 19 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 27 Young Professionals Network (YPN); Stumpy's Hatchet House Upper Saddle River; Sponsored by TD Bank & Valley Health System
 - 28 Image Empowerment Luncheon; Park Ridge Marriott
- MAR 11 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 20 Annual Luncheon; Sheraton Hotel Mahwah; Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, Mercedes Benz of Paramus, TD Bank and Valley Health System
 - 24 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Stumpy's Hatchet House Upper Saddle River
- APR 7 Business After Hours; High Exposure
 - 15 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 22 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 30 Young Professionals Network (YPN); West Nyack Lucky Strike; Sponsored by TD Bank & Valley Health System
- MAY 6 "Timeless Topics for Your Health" Luncheon; The Views at Mt Fuji; Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital & Valley Health System
 - 12 Member Benefit Overview; Chamber Office
 - 13 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, M&T Bank, TD Bank and Valley Health System; Chamber Office
 - 17* 5K; Ramapo College New Jersey; Sponsored by Good Samaritan Hospital, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., M&T Bank, Mercedes Benz of Paramus, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., and Valley Health System
 - 19 Dinner Networking Cruise; Sponsored by M&T Bank

*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.





Learning to De-Stress at an MRCC Luncheon

Attendees were eager for good ideas when Dianne McKim, Precious Stones LifeCoach (r, standing), brought her talents and sound advice to an MRCC Luncheon at Restaurant L in Allendale.

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WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS

MRCC welcomed new members during the celebrations at the Holiday Luncheon.



Front row I to r: Ken Jay of EPSG Payment Solutions, West Nyack; Joel Wesseldyke of JJ Travel Associates, Ho-Ho-Kus; Miri Upton of Synergia Financial Group, Ramsey - AVP of Membership; Jennifer Edelson of JJ Travel Associates, Ho-Ho-Kus; Lisa Ladden of British Swim School of North Bergen County, Mahwah; Debbie Milovic of Forget Me Not Services, Mahwah; Betty Friedel of Guardian Digital, Inc, Midland Park; Sharon Gigante-Pushie and Nancy Chu of Aspire Financial Coaching, Ho-Ho-Kus; , Wendy Cotes of MRCC - Membership & Finance Administrator.

Back row I to r: Courtney Phillips of Edgewood Country Club, River Vale; Paulette Strauss of Edgewood Country Club, River Vale; Mark Fairman of New York Life Insurance Company, Saddle Brook- VP Membership of MRCC; James Fremont of British Swim School of North Bergen County, Mahwah; David Wreski of Guadian Digital, Inc, Midland Park





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

British Swim School of North Bergen County; Mahwah

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DMS Design and Advertising Inc; New Milford

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- Jeremy Mathews, The Plant Church; Zak Raffel, Cross Country Mortgage; David Lipke, HSBC: Brooks Olphin, Point Data; Andrew Bolson, Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A.
- Dave Rounds, MRCC YPN Chair; Nick Nappo, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc.,: Ron Novak, Lakeland Bank; Nadia Khalil, MRCC YPN Chair
- Rhea Levin, Lakeland Bank; Elliot Rivera, TD Bank; Belal Taouch , Keller Williams Village Square; Ariella Vasques, Court Reporter









Left, front row: Amy Martinez, Visions Federal Credit Union; Lauren Gurry, Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey; Wendy Cotes, MRCC Back row: Thomas Messina, Compass Wealth Strategies; Andrew Bolson, Meyerson, Fox, Mancinelli & Conte, P.A.; Dave Rounds, MRCC YPN Chair; Ryan Fillweber, Viirtue



VISION 2020

On January 30, 2020, the MRCC Vision 2020 Business Growth Conference was held at the Mahwah Sheraton. Amazing and informative Keynote Speakers, a Business Panel and multiple Workshops were enjoyed by the 100+ business professionals who attended. Many of the MRCC members took advantage of the opportunity to display their products and services by securing a vendor table. This event is one of the best business focused events of the year. You don't want to miss the next Business Growth Conference coming in 2021.



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Below: Throughout the conference, attendees gained new knowledge at topical workshops

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Right: Business Panelists included Tom Eastwick of Eastwick College, Donna Miller of C3Workplace, and Michael Battistella of Solutions3

Far right; Keynote speaker Monica Kang of InnovatorsBox















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OMNI

The OMNI men's networking group gathered at Lucky Strike, West Nyack, NY for a fun night of conversation, fellowship...and bowling! With tasty appetizers on hand, the guys were all smiles as new friends and old made meaningful connections. While no one qualified for the PBA Tour, there were plenty of strikes and spares to go around! MRCC Board members Chris Heyer and Mark Fairman, along with active members Mike Fidlow, Barry Dorfman and Michael Ravensbergen, welcomed members and nonmembers alike and made everyone feel at home. On February 13, OMNI also enjoyed a Night of Comedy at Levity Live, West Nyack, NY, and many more great events are being planned.

Spread the word...something great is happening at the MRCC!

Left, top to bottom:

- John Nederfield, Sesi Consulting Engineers; Matt Lask, LB Entertainment; James McNerney, McBride Corporate Real Estate; Ken Jay, EPSG Payment Solutions; Nick Saglimbeni, The Journal News-Lohud.com; and Devin Weck. M&T Bank
- Bowling and networking a great combination!
- Michael Fidlow, Strategic Employer Planning Group; Barry Dorfman, Hudson United Insurance Services; Chris Heyer, Scura, Wigfield, Heyer, Stevens & Cammarota, LLP; and Mark Fairman, New York Life Insurance Company

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CEREUS FINANCIAL ADVISORS David J. Haas CFP®

Cereus Financial Advisors in Franklin Lakes NJ helps executives, small business owners, and other individuals with financial planning, wealth management, and insurance. David Haas started



Cereus in 2015 after working for another local Registered Investment Advisor. At Cereus, our advice to you is given by a fiduciary who puts your best interests first and we are always transparent about fees and costs so you are in the driver's seat for your finances. For David, who has lived in Mahwah with his family for 33 years, it was natural to join the MRCC. David feels that it's extremely important to strengthen the community by supporting education, the environment, and reducing poverty. The MRCC is a vital part of these efforts because its activities bring business leaders together to improve everyone's lives. At the same time the MRCC promotes local commerce,

which is just another way to benefit the community.







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November - November WIBI attendees enjoyed Guest speaker Kimberly Girardi of Girardi Staffing LLC and Showcase Your Business Sponsor Charlene Wisnewski of CW MediaWorks IIc





• December - Over 60 women from our WIBI community enjoyed a Holiday Breakfast at the Sheraton Mahwah Hotel. Celebrating with a hot buffet breakfast, warm comradery, and a few surprises (it's WIBI after all!).







October - Wine Tasting, Julie Belardinelli of The Boisset Collection at Jean Terman's Photography Studio in Wyckoff.



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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On December 6th the MRCC held its Holiday Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Over 200 guests enjoyed visiting vendor tables at our Gift Emporium for last minute holiday shopping while seasonal music was playing in the background performed by the Mahwah High School Select Strings Orchestra. During the luncheon, awards were given to Cindy Myer, Citizen of the Year; Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc., Company of the Year; and Center for Food Action, Organization of the Year.



CLICK HERE to view a video of the Holiday Lunch

Left, top to bottom: Cindy Myer of Ridgewood Moving Services receiving Citizen of the Year Award from MRCC SVP, Rob Angner and MRCC President Peter Gallo • Allison Kern accepting award for Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc, MRCC's Company of the Year • Linda Somwaru accepting award and \$1000 check for MRCC's Organization of the Year Top right: Helene Guss and Sandi Jeanette along with other attendees from Good Samaritan Hospital, Event Sponsor

Below, I to r: Students performing from MHS Orchestra • Attendees enjoying last minute Holiday Shopping MRCC's Executive Board Members, President Peter Gallo, Treasurer Ben Mills, and Senior VP Rob Angner











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