

April 23, 2019

Monthly Meeting

Minutes

Cromwell Manor Inn

From the Board: Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Stacey Lyle; Correspondence Secretary, Wynn Gold; Auric, Eileen Hartmann; Cromwell Manor, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch; Scott Teresi; Right at Home, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts, Vanessa Hill; Walden Savings Bank, Lois Raymond; Sew Scents Candles and Gifts, Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners

Chamber Members: Doug Land & Shanna Abeles; Orange County Land Trust, Lynn Pebbles; Studio 208, Colleen McNully & Guest; AFLAC, Tom Bregman; Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Tony Burgess; Cornwall Leadership Institute, Michael Summerfield; Cornwall Rising, Patricia Spaulding; William A Smith & Son, Sean Ackerman; Ramblin Hudson Valley, Doreen Keyer; Cafe Richiesto, Bradley LaVallee; Rand Realty, Christine Dorsey; Your Ideal Body, Britany Johnson; SERVPRO, Jason Stokes; Sportsplex, Randy Clark; Clark & Associates

New Members

Hudson Valley Renegades
Steven Jones- Realtor
Hartman Consulting
Northern Medical Group/ Orange Medical Care Division
The Rehab Attic
Warwick Valley Chamber of Commerce
Cafe Cornwall

New Platinum Sponsor

Clark & Associates

Guest Speakers:

Marcel Martino- Inspire

Started in 1950 by a physical therapist to help treat children with CP.

Helps individuals with developmental disabilities

1. Largest Pre School in the state with over 250 children. 80 in Newburgh in Suny Orange Campus, looking to open new campus in Middletown
2. Provides Day Hub for young adults ages 18 to 30 at different locations
3. Respite for families to get a break and recharge from providing care to family members with disabilities

Greatest need now is for people with Autism and behavioral issues

No group homes, people helped are in their own apartments

Unemployment for people with special needs is 60 to 70%

Inspire partners with Cornerstone to provide Dental and Hearing assistance

Holds annual Pajama Drive, over 2000 sets of pajamas were collected this year

Member Spotlight

Lynne Fisher- The Rehab Attic

In business for herself, started refinishing furniture as a hobby and now has opened a store front at 225 Main Street she has the shop and the barn. 1st Barn Sale will be held May 4th and she will be holding Biweekly DIY classes the 1st will be May 1st and will be a Farmhouse Tray

Dr. Raval- Northern Medical Group/ Orange Medical Care Division

Dr. Raval has been treating people for over 20 years, newest location is 10 Elm Street, Cornwall.

Treating patients with natural medicine through Eastern Diet based on detoxification and maintenance.

While modern medicine helps treat disease it is a big business, Dr. Raval feels by treating chronic disease with a combination of good food, a healthy mind set and alternative medicine we can live our best lives.

Bliss Restaurant is part of this practice, members will receive a free lunch by saying Dr. Raval sent me, try it out!

New Business:

- Financials - approx. \$25271
- We have 135 members
- A vote for the new Mission Statement Wynn 1st, Jason 2nd passed in favor
- Cornwall Chamber Multi Chamber Mixer, 24 chambers have been invited. June 11th from 5pm to 8pm at Storm King Art Center, entertainment provided by the West Point Band and catered by Loughrans. Cost is \$25 per person
- Chamber website analytics were provided Plaza Marquee:
29,000 visits to our website, 9333 new, visitors click on 2.36 pages with a bounce back rate of 69%. The biggest spike in visits was from Sept 22nd to 23rd, 2018 (Fall Festival) 97% of people searching are from the US. 47% of visitors look for us from a desktop during traditional work time. The most searched businesses are 1. The Cornwall Local, 2. Quality Auto, 3. Global Security, 4. Creative Gifts 5. Cornwall Historical Society
- Donation Request Form is now online, thank you Wynne and Eileen, please direct organizations looking for donations from the chamber to use this process

Old Business, Continuing Business

- Sponsorship Committee (Joe) will be handling all sponsorships for all Chamber activities, we have 6 Platinum Sponsors renewing.
- Car Show (Luann) 4th Annual Car Show will be held this year Sunday Sept. 1st with a raindate of Monday Sept 2nd
- Music at the Park (Joe) 10 Bands are booked
- Fall Festival (Rich/Lois) Fall Festival will be held Sunday Sept. 22nd this is our biggest fundraiser of the year.
- Business Development & Support (Scott/Eileen) Town Board has approved 2 dates
- Recycle Day (Vanessa) Recycle Day will be held Saturday June 8th.
- Golf Outing (Ryan) 20th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 20th
- Art Walk (Wynn) Details coming soon

Correspondence:

Cornwall Little League- \$225

Hudson Highlands Nature Museum- Hike a thon- \$250

Cornerstone Golf Tournament- \$200 Tee Sign

Upcoming Member Events:

Conerstone Golf Outing May 13th

Beltane Festival/ Brid's Closet May 4th Palaia Vinyards

Riverfest June 2nd 11am to 6pm

Hudson Highland Nature Museum Hike a thon April 27th 9am to 11am

Roll/Introduction

Thank you Cromwell Manor Inn for a delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,

Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC