

Greater Cornwall Chamber of Commerce    Wednesday, February 4, 2015  
Breakfast Meeting            Cornwall Public Library

Attending: Deanne Brady (*New York Eyewear*), Joseph Dvash (*Plaza Marquee*), Greg Winchell (*Walden Savings Bank*), Wynn Gold (*Auric Info*), Nancy Proyect (Orange County Citizens Foundation), Jill O'Brien (*Hudson Highlands Nature Museum*), George Toth (*Alternative Counseling*), Mary Davis Clark (*Clark Financial*), Rich Massimi (*Vails Gate Laundry & Dry Cleaning*), Maryanne O'Dell (Town of Cornwall Historian), Peter Sukeena (*Legacy Wealth Mgmt*), Brendan Coyne (Mayor, Cornwall on Hudson), Lynn Beesecker (*Law office LA Beesecker*), Luann Richards (*Creative Gifts & More*), Neal Miller (Superintendent, Cornwall Central School District), Karen LaRocca Fels (*Cornwall Public Library*), Lois Raymond (*Sew Scents*), Angela Lawrence, (*Navy Federal Credit Union*), Karen Kaiser Sharp (*Madison Ave. Children's & Photography*)

Rich gave an update of the many happenings the Chamber has undertaken and of the upcoming plans for the year ahead. As of February, 2015 we have almost 120 members. Chamber Board for 2015:

President: Rich Massimi, Vice President: Joseph Dvash, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Angela Calabro, Treasurer: Gary Smith, co-secretary: Mary Davis Clark and Stacey Lyle, board members: Wynn Gold, Bob LaPolla and John Finneran.

The board has been working on the calendar and updating committees. A packet will be sent out to all members, and will also be available online: [www.cornwallchamber.org](http://www.cornwallchamber.org).

Rich asked Nancy Proyect to say a few words on the Orange County Citizens Foundation. Nancy briefly described the purpose and history of OCCF, with emphasis on one initiative happening now: Placemaking, which is basically reinventing our places or creating great places in great communities. Many ideas were shared and for more information, [www.occitizensfoundation.org](http://www.occitizensfoundation.org).

Members and guests introduced themselves and highlighted important happenings within their business or within the community.

Chamber board met on January 23, 2015, received financials, went over the calendar and committees. One order of business which was to be brought up at our next meeting for vote was concerning the brackets and banners. To update: Many years ago the Chamber had seasonal banners displayed throughout the community on utility poles, and we plan to do so again. With the help of Jacqueline Gaillard and the Cornwall Alliance, the Chamber will share in the cost of purchasing the brackets and installing them, as well as look into purchasing new banners. A motion to approve \$800. was made by Lynn with a second by Wynn. All approved.

Luann asked about repairing the Chamber clock. Rich said it was slow going as the company who installed the clock is no longer in business, and the person who may repair it is slow getting back to him. Luann will ask another who may be able to help. She will coordinate with Rich.

Thank you to Vails Gate Laundry and Clark & Associates for helping to sponsor the breakfast, to Wynn for printing the sponsorship signs, to Director Karen Fels for her early hours in opening the library and helping to set up, and to Donna and Pat at Fiddlestix for the delicious buffet.

Our next dinner meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at Leo's Restaurant. The Board meets at 6:00, general is 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Davis Clark  
Co-secretary  
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