

**October 24th, 2017**

**Dinner Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Hudson Highlands Nature Museum**

**Catered by Cafe Richiesto**

**From the Board:** Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Luann Richards; Creative Gifts, Stacey Lyle; Firthcliffe Technologies, Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch, Wynn Gold; Auric, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith, Deanne Brady; New York Eyewear.

**Chamber Members and Guests:** Anthony Davidowitz; Storm King Art Center, Jill O'Brien; HH Nature Museum, Scott Teresi; Right at Home, Helen Bunt; Butterhill Day School, Tony Burgess; Cornwall Leadership, Doreen Keyer; Cafe Richiesto, Domenic Baiocco; Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan, Vanessa Hill; Walden Savings Bank, Bernadette Montana; Brid's Closet, Miriam Yeoman; USANA, Lois Raymond; Sewscent's Gifts & Candles, Manuela Mocan; World Wide Travel, George & Diana Toth; Alternative Counseling, Pat Hines & Guest; Cornwall Fire Department, Jeff Armitage & Mike Trainor; Cornwall On Hudson Fire Department, Annie & Louie; Puppy Paws, David Hayes; FCC Gallery, Heather & Josh Wojehowski; Fresh, Bill Taradash & Guest ; Peoples United Merchant Services

**New Members**

Horizon Family Medical New Platinum Sponsor

**Guest Speaker**

Bill Taradash from People's United Merchant Services talked about sales trends and more convenient ways for customers to pay for purchases Apple Pay, Android and Samsung Pay. A lot of fraud and America not as secure as Europe and other countries. Negotiate rate announcements and make sure you review statements for notices. PCI compliance is very important for lowest rates.

**Member Spotlight**

No member spotlight

**New Business:**

- Financials - Balance is approx. \$30,000.00 and we have 170 members
- Elections will be held in Nov. Lois Raymond and Mary Lou Carolan will make up the slate, vote will be held at the Nov. meeting
- Horizon Family Medical is our newest Platinum Sponsor, thank you
- Meet our Members Monday – a weekly video of our members to help get to know them
- The Board has agreed to authorize Anthony Davidowitz to send a survey to Chamber members to discuss economy, new businesses etc. Information gathered will help the Chamber better serve its member and the Greater Cornwall Area.
- Chamber will be hosting a continental Breakfast for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Shop Hop, volunteers

are needed.

- The Cornwall and Cornwall on Hudson Fire Departments were in attendance and presented with the Chamber donation of \$800.00 each from money raised at this year's Car Show

#### **Old Business, Continuing Business**

- Committee Chairpersons updated on each committee --
- Holiday Committee- Eileen- Halloween Spooktacular will be Oct 28<sup>th</sup> starting with the Lions Club window painting 8a to 12p with trick or treating from 1p to 2:30p, pet and people parade from 2:30 to 4. Deposits have been made for the Horse drawn carriages for the tree lighting festivities Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3 to 5p. Christmas trees will be sold and available to chamber members for use outside their businesses for \$15 per tree. Santaland will be set up again this year
- Sponsorship & Membership Committee- Deanne 170 members Welcome Horizon Family Medical as our newest Platinum Sponsor

#### **Correspondence:**

**Fall Harvest 5k- \$500.00**

**Cornwall Dragons Baseball- \$200.00**

**Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner- \$80.00**

**Cornwall Walk/Run for Cancer- \$250.00**

**Cornerstone Family Health Care Gala Ad- \$250.00**

#### **Roll/Introduction**

Thank you Hudson Highlands Nature Museum for hosting the meeting and to Cafe Richiesto for a delicious meal

Respectfully submitted,

Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC