

Storm King Art Center

From the Board: Joseph Dvash; Plaza Marquee, Stacey Lyle; Firthcliffe Technologies, Lois Raymond; Sew Scents Gifts, Wynn Gold; Auric, Eileen Hartmann; Cromwell Manor, Ryan Coakley; Merrill Lynch; Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith, Scott Teresi; Right at Home

Chamber Members: Laurie Perrone; Riverside Theatre Art Academy, Suzanne Vondrak; Cornwall Public Library, Dyanna & Matt Rettig; Bodies in Balance, Vanessa Hill; Walden Savings Bank, Anthony Davidowitz; Storm King Art Gallery, Bernadette Montana & Thomas Lindemann; Brid's Closet, Spencer Fern; Bank of America, Paul Stermer; Food Bank of HV, Lori Schneider; Access Physical Therapy, Tom Bregman; Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Rich Raymond; Sew Scents, Michael Summerfield; Cornwall Rising, Fred & Linda Lewis; Firthcliffe Technologies, Annie Moordian; Puppy Paws, Lynn Pebbles; Studio 208, Doug Lang; Orange County Land Trust, George and Diana Toth; Alternative Counseling

Guests:

Steve Neuhaus; Orange County Executive

Guest Speaker

Steve Neuhaus- Orange County Executive -

Mr. Neuhaus spoke about all of the new projects going on in Orange County. Lego Land is progressing nicely, Great Wolfe Lodge is coming to Blooming Grove -Chester area, Woodbury Commons is going to expand again making a new parking garage and 2 hotels. He feels the new interchange in Harriman is a good thing and he thinks Amazon is coming to Stewart. He mentioned the budget and said that \$70 million are mandated social services expenses. Also there is a new policy for DWIs. He also announced that Amanda Dana is the new director of Orange County Tourism. Perfect score on Emergency Management, Infrastructure good – improving bridges using TZ bridge material, welfare fraud, transit system county wide being discussed. This was a very informative presentation.

Member Spotlight

Anthony Davidowitz- Storm King Art Center

Anthony spoke about the Member Discount Program the Art Center has. Any business interested in participating should contact Anthony. He also spoke about the Economic Impact Survey Results. \$8.5 billion spent in Orange County.

New Business:

- Financials - \$25,243.00
- Holiday Party will be December 11th from 6:00 – 9:00 at Storm King Tavern \$22.00 per person for member plus one guest. \$34.00 for each additional person
- Chamber will be providing Shop Hop breakfast on November 24th, spending up to \$100.00 - We will offer bagels, muffins, coffee and orange juice. Breakfast will be served from 10-12.
- Rich Massimi 1st Vice President term ends 12/31/18. Wynn Gold will be 1st Vice President for the next term ending 12/31/21.
- Rich would like to run for a director's spot. There are 2 seats available if anyone is interested. You must have been an active member for 1 year to qualify.
- New text blast for chamber messages. We need cell phone numbers if you would like to receive a reminder text .
- Proposal for Social Media Contract was introduced by Wynn. Plaza Marquee will continue to maintain our Social Media at a cost of \$200.00 per month. Anthony Davidowitz made the motion and it was seconded by Fred Lewis.

- Eileen asked why people showed up tonight. Since we have been discussing this as a board it was interesting to see that location, speaker and free wine were the reasons people came out tonight.
- Joe Dvash mentioned that the Jacobowitz Law Office will be offering training on sexual harassment

Old Business, Continuing Business

- Committee Updates- Sponsorship Committee- Joe, Horizon has taken a Platinum sponsorship and Devitt's was given an In Kind sponsorship
- Membership – Ryan – Ryan said we are trying to get higher participation. Wynn made a plea for more involvement.
- Holiday – Eileen and Luann -
 - Spooktacular – October 27, 2018 Eileen provided us with details of the event.
 - Holiday Festival – Sunday, December 2, 2018 need volunteers for Santa Land. This year the Chamber will not be selling the trees.
 - A question was asked about including the Village of Cornwall in the activities we do. Eileen said the village is not interested.
 - Fall Festival – Rich and Lois – Had our follow up meeting and will be working on any issues that arose. Most vendors were very happy with the day and the weather was perfect.
 - Ribbon cutting at Riverside Theatre – Saturday 10/25/18 – 1:30

Correspondence:

\$80.00 Knights of Columbus Thanksgiving Dinner Ad

\$250.00 Dan Dulin Par 5 Landscaping Go Fund Me – Link for the Go Fund Me account will be on our website

\$500.00 Lions Club Race November 11th

Roll/Introduction

Our next Chamber Meeting will be held at Woody's All Natural, 30 Quaker Ave in Cornwall.

Thank you all for attending, and especially the Storm King Art Center for their hospitality and DeCiccis Family Market for wonderful Lite fare.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Raymond

Recording Secretary, per tem GCCC