

May 28, 2019

Monthly Meeting

Minutes

Woody's All Natural

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, Rich Massimi; Vails Gate Cleaners, Gary Smith; Rank & Smith

Chamber Members: Emily Nestlerode; Hudson Highlands Nature Museum, Tony Burgess; Cornwall Leadership Institute, Bernadette Montana, Thomas Lindemann; Brid's Closet, Dyanna & Matt Rettig; Bodies in Balance, Barbara Rubin; Barbara Rubin Coaching, Steve Jones; Keller Williams, Dave Neff; Hudson Valley Renegades, Jim McGee, Carley Nielsen; Carley Nielsen Art,

New Members

Maximum Revenue Solutions, Inc
Cafe Cornwall Inc
Pepettini To Go
Goshen Chamber of Commerce
Hudson Valley Parent Magazine
Shae Interiors
Stories Preserved for Generations to Come

Guest Speakers:

Colin Schmitt- NYS Assemblyman

Colin Schmitt spoke about the committees he heads as State Assemblyman Labor, Housing, Banking, Art Development and serves on the Assembly Advisory Councils of Anti-vaping, Education and Animal welfare.
He is working together with other leaders to move the 99th district forward

He has moved his District office to 6 Depot St in Washingtonville and is open Monday thru Friday from 9am to 5pm

He is using his time in office to focus on local concerns such as roads, civil service issues, and providing resources for local issues. He will look into anything that is brought to his attention and is trying to be the clearing house for local issues. He wants to be the ambassador for his district.

Discussion turned to the water contamination and it has been determined that the Federal Government is the reason for the contamination and feels that the polluter pays for the pollution. He continues to apply pressure at the Federal level since the Federal government won't give the state inspectors access to the pollution site.

Discussion then turned to the grant monies available for Main St. Revitalization and he said Highland Falls is going through the process now through grant funding.

Our next Guest Speaker is **Kathy Stegenga**, President of the Blooming Grove Chamber

Kathy feels chambers must unite to help businesses thrive and work together to be able to reach out to the State and County for grants

Member Spotlight

Terrie Goldstein from Hudson Valley Parent Magazine

HVPM is 25 years old with a readership of 800,000 visits to their website per month of parents of children of 16 and under.

New Business:

- Financials - approx. \$34,000 which does not reflect bills due for the Golf Outing
- We have 140 members
- WALL Radio has a Chamber Corner every Tuesday and has invited us to speak about our area and members, the first members that will be spotlighted will be our Platinum Sponsors, each broadcast is 1/2 hour long.
- Directories are printed
- Hudson Valley Multi Chamber Mixer will be June 11th from 5pm to 8pm, many surrounding Chambers will be attending, this is a great opportunity to showcase our Cornwall community
- Donation Request Form is now online, please direct organizations looking for donations from the chamber to use this process
- River fest need volunteers, weather will be awesome stop by Sunday June 2nd from 11am to 6pm
- Congressman Maloney is hosting an event at the Newburgh Free Library on June 14th from 3:30 to 5pm on "Why hire Vets"

Old Business, Continuing Business

- Holiday Committee (Eileen) No update to report
- Sponsorship Committee (Joe) New sponsors to various events
- Car Show (Luann) 4th Annual Car Show will be held this year Sunday Sept. 1st with a rain date of Monday Sept 2nd
- Music at the Park (Joe) come on out and enjoy great music
- Fall Festival (Rich/Lois) Vendor apps are flowing in nicely
- Business Development & Support (Scott/Eileen)
- Recycle Day (Vanessa) Recycle Day will be held Saturday June 8th,
- Golf Outing (Ryan) 56 golfers had a great day \$9000 was raised, just waiting for final bills to calculate net
- Art Walk (Wynn)

Correspondence:

Girls on the Run \$500

Upcoming Member Events:

Next Chamber meeting will be June 25th at Storm King Art Center

Roll/Introduction

Thank you Woody's All Natural for a delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,
Luann Richards

Recording Secretary, GCCC