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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Not too long ago, I remember reading the following quote:

“What must be done will discourage some, while others will become enthusiastic just visualizing what can be done.” I



Joseph Pedone

thought this would be something to share with you as I begin my role of Chairman of the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce.

Well for me, that sums up my feelings of why the executive board of this chamber gets me so revved up ... they have the energy, they have passion and they are committed to achieving great things for the members.

My friend Dimitri, who has worked alongside this distinguished cast for the past three years, has done an unbelievable job. He and the executive committee have raised the bar, built a higher level of visibility and created value for each member of the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce.

I promise I will work hard to keep this momentum moving in the right direction. We have a full slate of activity already in motion and we will continue to achieve great things that will help the chamber of commerce and the businesses they represent.

So come along with us, get your enthusiasm and passion revved up because we're ready to do some great things.

Joe Pedone
Greater Alliance
Federal Credit Union
Chairman,
Paramus Chamber of Commerce

Dinner recognizes local business and organizations



On Thursday, May 28 the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce held its sixth annual Installation and Recognition Dinner at Biagio's Ristorante & Banquets. Chamber President Fred Rohdieck presented outgoing Chamber Chairman Dimitri Miaoulis with a special recognition plaque recognizing Dimitri's many contributions during his three-year term of office. Also pictured is incoming Chamber Chairman Joseph Pedone as he is introduced to all the attendees.



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Honored at the dinner were three outstanding community businesses and organizations. Pictured are honorees Bergen Community College President Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan, Bergen Town Center General Manager Bassam Mhich, and Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter President and CEO Patricia Lombreglia. Also pictured is New Jersey State Assemblywoman Connie Wagner, who also presented each honoree with a Certificate of Recognition (as did the office of the Mayor of Paramus).

Welcome to our latest Chamber members

In just the first five months of 2009 we already have 50 new members. Since our last CrossRoads edition, the following 10 new businesses and organizations have joined the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce:

- B4B Strategies - Nick Pascarella
- C2M Interactive - Vaughn Ramos
- Carmelo Oliveri, Realtor - Carmelo Oliveri
- Curves for Women - Maria Casillas
- Lucy Grabowski, CPA - Lucy Grabowski

- MJM Specialty Cleaning Service, LLC - Michael Moran
- RBC Wealth Management - Scott Fergang
- SBS Associates, Inc. - Kathleen Felicia
- The Doctors' Office - Alvaro Alban
- Tire & Wheel Performance Center - Pat L. Verile

Local businesses, much like civic and religious organizations, are part of the community. They need your support to maintain the

services they provide. If you want them to be here in the future when you need them they need your patronage now. When you shop local you are saying 'yes' to a strong local economy. Please support our Chamber members.

For more information about all of our members, please visit the Membership Directory Page of the Chamber Web site – www.paramuschamber.com/directory.



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thank you Dimitri. Welcome Joe. Congratulations honorees.



Fred Rohdleck

On behalf of our board I want to acknowledge our gratitude to our "retiring" Chamber Chairman Dimitri Miaoulis for all his support and friendship these past three years. During his time at the helm we've grown by more than 250 members, greatly expanded our Chamber Web site, created the *Paramus! Magazine*, and in so many other ways greatly increased the value of the Chamber for our members. Thankfully he will remain an active past-chairman, member of our board of directors, and my friend.

I also want to welcome our incoming Chairman Joseph Pedone and thank the Greater Alliance Federal Credit Union for allowing Joe to participate as Chamber Chairman. I am confident that Joe will take us to the next level of growth and added value for our membership. Congratulations also to our recent honorees Bergen Community College, Bergen Town Center, and the Alzheimer's Association, each of whom have contributed so greatly to society in general and the greater Paramus area in particular.

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The greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce installation and recognition dinner

On Thursday May 28, the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce celebrated the installation of the 2009-2010 Chamber Board of Directors, honored three area organizations, said "thank you" to our outgoing Chairman, and welcomed our new incoming Chairman. Some 125 members and guests filled the banquet hall at Biagio's Ristorante &

Banquets on Paramus Road. A very special thanks to our event sponsors, Bergen Town Center, Berkeley College, Paramus Park Shopping Center and Westfield Garden State Plaza. Enjoy the following pictures from the event.



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More of the Taste of Paramus



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In mid-1995, the Education Foundation of the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce was formed as a non-profit corporation dedicated to encouraging and funding innovative and challenging ideas and projects among Paramus students and teachers. The Taste of Paramus brings together Paramus area restaurants who offer tastes of their very best food and beverage samples with proceeds contributed to the Education Foundation. This year the Taste of Paramus event contributed \$14,000 to this year's Dream Grants. A total of

\$30,000 in Dream Grant Funds will be awarded this year. This event could not be as successful if not for the generous support of our sponsors: The Rotunda at Neiman Marcus, Westfield Garden State Plaza, Berkeley College, Bergen Town Center, LDP Consulting Group, Neiman Marcus, and the Napa Valley Grille. Pictured are more of the attendees that we were not able to include in last month's article.




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Pictured are the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce members who participated in the May 9 Business to Consumer Expo at Paramus Park Shopping Center .

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