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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The month of May marks my final month of serving as Chairman of The Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce. It has been an honor to work with all the volunteers on the Board of Directors and our President of Operations Fred Rohdieck.



Dimitri Miaoulis

I appreciate the support I received over the past three years. I appreciate the friendships formed. I appreciate everyone's efforts and generosity in supporting the initiatives to help the chamber be a vital part of the community.

I want to congratulate and welcome our incoming Chairman Joe Pedone from The Greater Alliance Federal Credit Union.

If you are a local business and have not joined the chamber I encourage you to "get involved and grow your business." If you are a local resident I encourage you to support our chamber members to help keep the community vibrant.

Dimitri Miaoulis
Baroan Technologies
Chairman of The Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce

Chamber welcomes new members

In just the first four months of 2009 we already have 40 new members. Since our last CrossRoads edition the following 14 new businesses and organizations have joined the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce:

- Allmilmo USA Corp – Lothar Birkenfeld
- Alpine Home Media – John Vitiello
- Avant Care Physical Therapy, P.A. – Diana Singer
- Coldwell Banker – Camelo Oliveri
- Geek At Your Service – Amitai Sela
- Jefric Consulting – Alan Buckwalter
- Jos A. Bank – Ammar Alhounir
- Joy's Farm and Garden Center – Frank Feoranzo
- NJ.com – Salomon Islas
- Northwestern Mutual Financial – Steve Bohm
- Prominent Builders – Annemarie Wells
- Secure Technology Integration Group – Richard Shinnick
- Signature Financial Group – Eric Afacan
- Whole Foods Market Paramus – Paula DiMeglio

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

21 South Custom Cabinetry opens up



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Pictured at the grand opening ribbon-cutting are Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce Chairman Dimitri Miaoulis, 21 South Custom Cabinetry partners John Amodeo and Dewey Burlison, Chamber Vice Chairman Joseph Pedone, and Chamber President Fred Rohdieck.

On Thursday evening, April 16, we helped celebrate the grand opening of one of our newest Chamber members, 21 South Custom Cabinetry. They are a design and remodeling firm specializing in craftsmanship, quality and personalization. Their showroom is located at 21 Spring Valley Road, Paramus and can be reached at 201-845-5757 or at www.21southnj.com.

Paramus welcomes Cartridge World



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Pictured at the event from Cartridge World is Bob Doyle, "Fill" The Printer Man (Christine Tashjian), Susan Keenan, as well as Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce President Fred Rohdieck.

On Friday, May 1, the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce helped celebrate the fourth anniversary of Chamber member Cartridge World of Paramus. As a Cartridge World franchise, their mission is to provide their customers with a cost-effective, environmentally friendly alternative to continually purchase new printer consumables. Cartridge World Paramus is located at 63A E. Ridgewood Ave., Paramus, and can be reached at 201-261-3131 and at their Web site www.cartridgeworldusa.com/store237.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Growth and success in "bad" times isn't new or unusual.



Fred Rohdleck

While recently attending a lunch meeting with one of our newest Chamber members, I was reminded that many companies started during the Great Depression and past recessions. One of the America's strengths is its people, and it was the people, not the government that saw those downturns as opportunities. (I'll expand on this in my upcoming Chamber President's message in the next edition of *Paramus! Magazine*)

Another one of our members recently shared with me that he made the big decision not to participate in the recession. You might say 'What are you nuts? This is the biggest down turn since the depression.' What he and many of our entrepreneurs are saying is either you control your destiny or someone else will. We hear from so many of our businesses that they are not just standing still and giving up. They see these times as an opportunity to do things smarter...and less costly.

I can't complete this column without acknowledging my 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.

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Courtyard by Marriott hosts chamber networking event



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Pictured are many of the event's attendees networking and building relationships.

The Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce member Courtyard by Marriott Paramus hosted an inter-chamber networking event on April 2, attended by over 130 Chamber businesses and organizations from the Greater Paramus Chamber of Commerce and several "sister" area Chambers including Fair Lawn, Hackensack, Ridgewood, Allen-

dale, and Saddle Brook. Thank you to Wendy Aguila and Nathan Gullo for their hospitality. The Courtyard by Marriott Paramus is located at 320 Route 17 North, Paramus and can be reached at 201-599-1414, or you can reach Wendy at wendy.aguila@marriott.com.

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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 amongst Paramus students and teachers. The Education Foundation recently contributed over \$33,000 in educational related grants. One of the Foundation's major fund-raising events, and a great time for all attendees, is The Taste of Paramus where Paramus area restaurants offer tastes of their very best food and beverage samples with proceeds con-

tributed to the Education Foundation Fund. This event was held on Wednesday, April 22, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rotunda at Neiman Marcus at the Westfield Garden State Plaza. Sponsors for this event were; Westfield Garden State Plaza, Berkeley College, LDP Consulting Group, Neiman Marcus, and the Nappa Valley Grille. Pictured are many of the attendees enjoying great food, great wine, and a great cause. You can find a full list of participating restaurants on the Chamber Web site. Additional pictures will appear in next month's edition of CrossRoads.

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