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SEPTEMBER 9

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34th GOLF OUTING & HUMANITARIAN DINNER

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF!

Mrcc's 34th Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner will be held Tuesday, September 9 at the New York Country Club.



The event will honor Shannon Lazare, Regional President for NJ at M&T Bank. She has chosen the Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) and Pony Power to receive a portion of the events proceeds.

We would like to thank fellow members and local businesses that have already committed to a sponsorship and hope you will join them. Sponsorships are a great way to get maximum visibility at the event and show your support for Shannon, BVMI, Pony Power, and the mrcc.

Mrcc's golf outing is a fun-packed day with food, beverages and good times with friends and colleagues. Golfers will enjoy morning putting and chipping contests, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the day. If you do not know how to golf and want to learn, we encourage you to try our golf clinic, or you can simply join us for the cocktail and dinner.

Golf and Dinner Sponsorships are still available!

Journal ads are also a great way to show your support and advertise your businesses. Mrcc is delighted to support its 2025 Humanitarian of the Year, an honor accorded to regional business leaders who combine their marketplace acumen with a true give-back attitude.



DIRECTOR'S SPOTLIGHT



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With more than 27 years of industry experience, she works with private clients and companies that seek to better the lives of their employees with individualized strategies and retirement planning. Goals are tailored to the individual and it is as personal as needed to help meet unique goals.

As a recent breast cancer survivor, Edie understands the impact of health setbacks on financial planning. She brings her own personal insight to guide clients with proven strategies.

As a long-time Chamber member and recently accepted to the mrcc board, she wants to help the Chamber prosper and grow! She looks forward to meeting all of you.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we soak up the summer warmth, I'm reflecting on the success of our recent events and looking forward to what's coming up next.

In June, we held our annual Scholarship/Recognition Luncheon, a truly special occasion where we honored our scholarship recipients and celebrated the incredible contributions of those making a real difference in our community.

In July, our Summer Bash brought members together for a fun afternoon of food, conversation, and networking—another great reminder of the strength and energy within our mrcc community.

Looking ahead, there are some exciting events in the second half of 2025 that you won't want to miss.

On September 9, we'll gather for our Annual Golf Outing—a day of golf, networking, and honoring our Humanitarians of the Year, Shannon Lazare, while supporting two wonderful causes, Pony Power and BVMI.

Then, on November 10, we'll return to the Crowne Plaza in Suffern, NY, for our ever-popular Taste of the Region, where you can enjoy local flavors and connect with fellow business leaders.

Finally, don't forget to save the date for our Business Growth Conference on January 15, 2026 at Ramapo College. It's going to be an all-day event packed with valuable insights to help your business thrive.

I can't wait to see you at these events and work together to make the next six months a time of growth and success for all of our members.

Warm regards,

Peter Gallo
mrcc President
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MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

- The **Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah** has completed a multimillion-dollar renovation designed to modernize and elevate the guest experience. The project included extensive upgrades to all 229 guest rooms, now featuring mini-fridges, Keurig coffee makers, 55-inch flat-screen TVs, upgraded bedding, and high-speed wireless internet.



Public areas also received a fresh new look, with the hotel's open-concept atrium redesigned for a brighter, more welcoming feel. The property's 25,000 square feet of flexible meeting and event space was updated to better accommodate gatherings of up to 600 guests. The Montebello Ballroom, a signature venue for weddings and corporate events, was fully reimaged in collaboration with Karen Dallago of Dallago Associates, blending modern elegance with functionality.

Outdoor spaces were enhanced including our scenic pergola for ceremonies and an inviting patio with fire pits, ideal for both private functions and casual evenings. Flagstones Restaurant now offers a refreshed dining environment alongside its daily breakfast buffet and omelet station, while Koi Lounge provides an updated setting for evening cocktails and dining.

The renovation reaffirms the Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah's position as a premier destination in the Hudson Valley, combining contemporary amenities with versatile event options to meet the needs of both business and leisure travelers.




Eastwick College
AND THE HOHOKUS SCHOOL

- **Eastwick College** received from the American Council on Education in collaboration with the Carnegie Institute, the "Carnegie Opportunity University" status! This recognition identifies the institutions that provide access to students from lower socioeconomic backgrounds along with the degree to which the institution's students go on to earn competitive wages. Only eight colleges in NJ were recognized! Eastwick was named along with Rutgers and NJIT. Quite an accomplishment!

Our sister institution, HoHoKus School of Trade was also honored with a "School of Excellence" award by the Accrediting Commission of Career Colleges and Schools. The School of Excellence Award is the highest institutional distinction awarded by the ACCSC. It celebrates accredited member institutions for their steadfast adherence to ACCSC's rigorous accreditation standards and outstanding record of student accomplishment.

Eastwick Foundation has provided more than \$1,000,000 to local charities over the years and I'm especially proud of our "Feed the Hungry" program. In 2025 we are closing in on donating over \$500,000 to Bergen, Passaic and Rockland food banks. Our foundation is the hard work of our students, grads, employees and local corporations. The Eastwick Foundation supports local charities and Eastwick Education student scholarships. Please consider helping students and people in need at www.eastwickfoundation.org.

- **The New Jersey State Botanical Garden at Skylands** is proud to mark its 40th anniversary in 2025, commemorating the designation of Skylands as the official botanical garden of the Garden State by Governor Thomas Kean on September 15, 1985.

For four decades, **NJBG** has served as a living collection of more than 5,000 plant species, a historic site of two former botanical estates, and a beloved public resource for environmental education and enjoyment.

To celebrate this milestone, NJBG will host public festivities at the Botanical Garden on Sunday, September 14, 2025, welcoming visitors to enjoy the grounds, tours, and other anniversary activities. A formal rededication ceremony will take place on Monday, September 15, and is by invitation only.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUG** 8 Business After Hours "Cocktails & Connections"; Hosted by Hotel Nyack
- 29 Speed Networking; Hosted by Double Tree by Hilton Mahwah
- SEP** 9 34th Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner; Sponsored by: Bergen Magazine, Beverly Hills Hand Car Wash and Detailing, Check-M-Out Security Services & Investigations, LLC, Christian Health, Crowne Plaza of Suffern-Mahwah, Eastwick College, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., Liberty Hyundai, Lincoln of Ramsey, M&T Bank, Novino Restaurant, Optimum, Provident Bank, Sterling Carting, TD Bank, Valley Health System, and Visions Federal Credit Union; New York Country Club
- 16 Young Professionals Networking (YPN); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; New York-New Jersey Trail Conference
- 17 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Valley Health System; Novino Restaurant
- OCT** 8 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Valley Health System; mrcc Office
- 22 Lunch & Learn; A Powerful Way to Create Space, Reclaim Energy and Love Life Again, mrcc Office
- 23 Young Professionals Networking (YPN) TRIVIA Night; Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Booyah!

2025 SIGNATURE EVENTS

- JAN** 16 Business Growth Conference, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- MAR** 21 Annual Luncheon, Nyack Seaport
- MAY** 18 5K Run & 3K Walk, New York New Jersey Trail Conference
- JUN** 6 Scholarship & Recognition Luncheon, Ramapo College
- JUL** 9 Summer Bash, Crowne Plaza
- JUL** 23 Inspirational Women in Business Luncheon, TBD
- SEP** 9 Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner, New York Country Club
- NOV** 10 Taste of the Region, Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah
- DEC** 12 Holiday Luncheon, Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah

**Sponsorships still available. Please inquire at the office.*

All dates and events are subject to change.

Please visit mrcc.biz for up-to-date information and to register for all events.

GRAND OPENING



On August 5th, the mrcc joined in celebrating the Grand Opening of Sole Revival Wellness Center in Mahwah. We're thrilled to welcome them to the Chamber family and wish them much success in our community.



WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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and invites you to visit them at mrcc.biz

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Congratulations to our 2025 Member and Volunteer of the Year!

From left:

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Member of the Year – Crystal Springs Golf Resort, represented by
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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

This year's Scholarship & Recognition Luncheon, held at Ramapo College of New Jersey, brought attendees together to celebrate our scholarship winners while networking and building valuable connections.

KUDOS!



Congratulations to our 2025 Scholarship Recipients!

Pictured left to right:

Maureen Huggins, mrcc Executive Director; Don Tomaszewski, mrcc VP of Scholarships; Erin McDonald, RCNJ Scholarship Recipient; Jorge Vares, LTI Scholarship Recipient; Chana Wellikoff, Eastwick College Scholarship Recipient; Edie Haughney, mrcc AVP of Scholarships; and Peter Gallo, mrcc President

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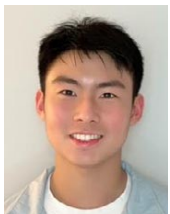
INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN LUNCHEON

Our Annual Inspirational Women in Business Luncheon, sponsored by Town & Country Compounding Pharmacy, was held at the newly renovated Crowne Plaza Hotel. Members of both mrcc and BCPWN enjoyed visiting exhibitor tables, connecting with fellow professionals, and being inspired by keynote speaker Cristyn Madley, Founder and Executive Director of Families for Families, in a fireside conversation moderated by Susan Caminiti of CNBC.



INTERNS AT WORK

Andrew Liu and Shreya Thirumala volunteered their time this summer to intern with the mrcc, contributing to our website updates and social media efforts.



Andrew Liu is an incoming junior at Phillips Andover Academy in Massachusetts and returned for his second summer interning with the mrcc. He played a key role in transitioning to a new database and website and continues keep the website updated. A lifelong Mahwah and Bergen County resident, Andrew enjoys working at the Chamber because it allows him to support local businesses and contribute to the community he calls home.

Shreya Thirumala is an incoming senior at Bergen County Academies, where she studies technology and business. This summer she served as a Marketing Coordinator for mrcc, she managed the Chamber's online presence, assisted with event promotion and logistics, and supported various community outreach efforts. A proud Mahwah resident for over 13 years, Shreya enjoys biking, playing the piano, and spending time with friends.



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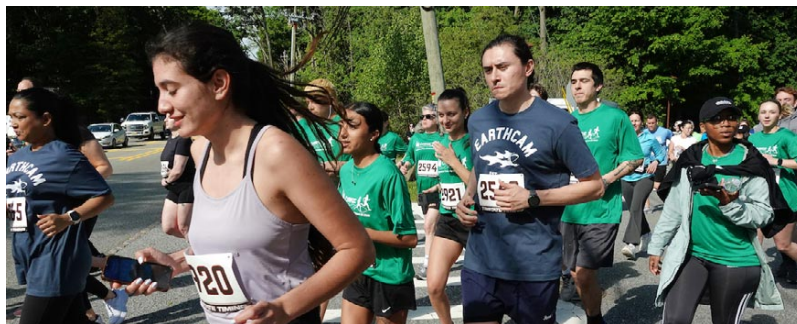
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