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## Register Today!

### FEBRUARY 27

#### Member Benefits Overview Via Zoom

Learn about the many ways we work to help your business grow. Opportunities abound!

### MARCH 21

#### Annual Luncheon

*The Nyack Seaport, Nyack*

Join us to kick off spring in a festive way!

### APRIL 9

#### WIBI Luncheon

*Mahwah Bar & Grill, Mahwah*

The ladies always make lunch educational and enjoyable!

## Save the Date!

### MAY 18

#### 5K Run & 3K Walk

*NY-NJ Trail Conference, Mahwah*

Run, walk, or come out to cheer your friends! Runners, sponsors and volunteers welcome!

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## APPRECIATING OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As we reflect on the evolution of our Board of Directors since 2025, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who have dedicated their time and efforts to our organization. Their commitment and leadership have played a vital role in our growth and success. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and best wishes to the following outgoing board members:

- Christine Conklin – formerly of Promenade at Tuxedo Place
- Maggie Grande – Konica Minolta Business Solutions
- Helene Guss and Michele Muldoon – both formerly of Good Samaritan Hospital
- Kimberly Brunner – formerly of Beattie Padovano, LLC (replaced by Demetria M. Bogosian, Esq.)

We are incredibly grateful for their contributions and wish them continued success in their future endeavors. At the same time, we are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to our new

board members, who joined us in January 2025. We are confident that their expertise and leadership will bring fresh perspectives and help guide our organization toward even greater achievements.

- Sean Aherne – The Mason Jar Restaurant
- Edie Haughney – Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC
- Jeffrey Kontak – Provident Bank
- Amrita Khurana – The Falcon Group at Keller Williams
- David Strauss – Homewood Suites by Hilton
- Bill Taylor – Corporate Ladders
- Don Weise – New York-New Jersey Trail Conference

We look forward to the journey ahead and the positive impact our new board members will have. Together, we will continue striving for excellence and fostering a strong, engaged community. Thank you to all past and present board members for your dedication to the mrcc!

## mrcc BUSINESS GROWTH CONFERENCE 2025



## A GREAT SUCCESS!

After a hiatus since 2020, our Business Growth Conference returned on January 16 to Ramapo College!

This year's conference featured Keith Dawkins, President of the Harlem Globetrotters and Herschend Entertainment Studios, as our keynote speaker. Attendees selected five of ten targeted workshops, each crafted to empower small business growth. The event included a full day packed with insights and networking opportunities, followed by a wine and cheese hour to connect and unwind.

Please see page 8 for more photos from the event.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## MRCC GIVES BACK



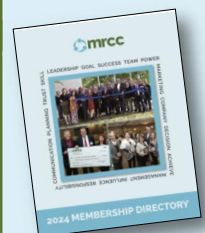
Table to Table benefitted from donations at the Taste of the Region.



The 5K Race raised funds for the NY-NJ Trail Conference.



The Michael LaViola Foundation received donations collected at the annual Golf Outing.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I am excited to return as your president for 2025! This is my second consecutive term and my fifth term overall, and it's truly an honor to continue working with all of you to advance the mission of the MRCC. As we embrace 2025, I am happy to share that we ended 2024 on a strong note, and 2025 is off to a fantastic start.

Our Taste of the Region event in November was a huge success, with over 400 attendees enjoying the diverse offerings from our local restaurants. In December, our Holiday Luncheon brought together more than 150 members to celebrate the season and our shared accomplishments.


This year kicked off with our Business Growth Conference, held at Ramapo College, where attendees spent an entire day learning, networking, and planning for success in 2025. It was a great way to start the year with focused energy and excitement.

Looking ahead, our Annual Luncheon is coming up in March, and we have many more exciting events lined up throughout the year. Our new website features a current list of all our events. With two to four events taking place each month, the MRCC offers plenty of opportunities to connect, learn, and grow.

I look forward to working with all of you this year to make your experience with the MRCC the best it can be. We are here to support your businesses, foster connections, and provide opportunities for growth and success.

Thank you for your trust and confidence in the MRCC.

Let's make this year extraordinary!

Sincerely, 

Peter Gallo  
MRCC President  
Envision Video Services



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## MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

- For the past 30 years, **PrimoHoagies** has been serving the highest quality Thumann's meats and cheeses, sliced fresh and piled high, on our award-winning seeded bread. The store is located at 320 Ridge Rd and is under new ownership by a local resident, Joe Spaccavento. "As I explored franchise opportunities, PrimoHoagies immediately caught my attention. Their commitment to superior quality and their exceptional establishments left a lasting impression. After diving deep into the business, I knew it was the perfect fit," says Spaccavento.



"Their familial culture embraced me, my wife Karen, and our kids—Anna Bella, Anthony, and Madeline—right from the start. Today, I'm proud to be the owner of Mahwah's

PrimoHoagies, where I'm able to share my passion for food with my community."

- West Bergen Mental Healthcare** is proud to announce that we have recently added two school districts, Ridgewood and Tenaflly to our school based therapeutic program. We now provide in-school therapists to 19 school districts. Our program provides intensive support for elementary schools through high schools in order to assist the most vulnerable students, while also enhancing each school's ability to meet the social and emotional needs of all their students. If you're interested in learning more about this program, visit [westbergen.org](http://westbergen.org).



- Phillip E. Goldstein, CEO of **Goldstein Lieberman & Company**—certified public accounting and business advisory firm, announces that its most recent merger puts the firm in the top 1% of the Nation's 43,000 CPA firms. The firm's placement is according to Inside Public Accounting, North America's leader in CPA resources delivering firm rankings, surveys and advice.

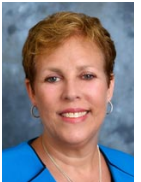


Effective February 1, 2025, the 50 year old firm, Teich, Beim & Moro, PC, headquartered in Rockland County, New York, merged with Goldstein Lieberman, and Goldstein Lieberman's recognized award-winning team, will continue to effectively service its Business, and Tax Clients. "We are certain that this move will be seamless and provide even greater capabilities to our new and long-standing client list," remarked Michael Beim, President of the 50-year old CPA Firm.



- Eastwick College** in Hackensack is starting their Culinary Arts program. Their unique 18-month and evening 24-month culinary arts program is a complete associate's degree path of study. It features a state-of-the-art cooking facility designed by executive chef for the renowned international restaurants Carmine's and Virgil's, Glen Rolnick, and our very own chef professor Frank Acurso, head baker of Wyckoff Bakery. Students learn a wide range of cuisines and study all facets of food service operations. This includes food preparation, bar management, facilities design, nutrition, and event/menu planning. Graduates are prepared for entry-level opportunities including prep cooks, line cooks, station chefs, and bartenders. With experience these opportunities may lead them to positions as chefs, sous-chefs, pastry chefs, executive chefs, food service managers and careers in restaurant management and ownership.

- Mahwah resident **Rena Rothman** has been named this year's winner of the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award by the Saddle River Valley Lions Club. Established in 1973 by Lions International, the Melvin Jones Fellowship was created in honor of the organization's founder and is the highest honor the club can bestow upon one of its members.



In his announcing the award, Lions' president Jeff Smyrchnyski said that "Rena continually shows her belief in community service by her actions. "She is a person who constantly gives of herself."

Community service has been a way of life for Rothman throughout her life. A Lion since 2010, Rothman has served on numerous committees within the organization and has participated in all of the club's major service activities and fundraisers.

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**5K RUN**  
**3K WALK**

**MAY 18**  
**TRAIL CONFERENCE**

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Our December 'Lunch and Learn' offered a program on 'Tech for the Holidays' by Felicia Halpert and Acosta Rodis from Bergen IT LLC

## MULTI-CHAMBER NETWORKING

FOGO DE CHÃO



On November 20th, members of the MRCC, along with the Fair Lawn, Fort Lee, and Hackensack Chambers, gathered at Fogo De Chao for a fantastic evening filled with delicious appetizers and valuable networking opportunities!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB** 11 Young Professionals Networking (YPN) "Paint & Sip"; Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Pinot's Palette, Ridgewood
- 27 Member Benefits Overview. MRCC Office
- MAR** 19 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; MRCC Office-Mahwah
- 21 Annual Luncheon, Sponsored by Eastwick College, Family Promise, M&T Bank, Optimum Business, TD Bank, and Valley Health; Nyack Seaport, Nyack
- APR** 9 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Mahwah Bar & Grill, Mahwah
- 22 Young Professionals Networking (YPN) "Paint & Sip"; Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Pinstripes, Paramus

### 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, TBD
- 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-Mahwa
- 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](http://mrcc.biz) for up-to-date information and to register for all events.

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**Certified Financial Services;** Paramus

**Ellie Mental Health of Northwest Bergen, LLC.;**  
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**Howard Hanna Rand Realty;** Suffern

**LSR Consultants;** Upper Saddle River

**PrimoHoagies Mahwah;** Mahwah

**Promofect, LLC;** Mahwah

*Effective February 12, 2025*

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(6) months Website ad

### Silver Member

**Sponsor 3-4 new members**

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## THE BIG EVENT



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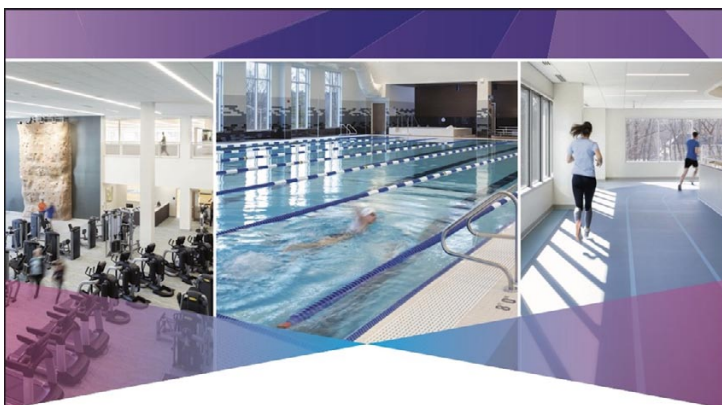
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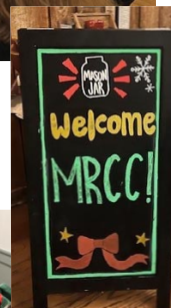
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