



December 2008

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2009 PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAKFAST: FEB. 19 IN POUGHKEEPSIE

This annual event presents an overview of Pattern's strategic plan for the year, and features keynote speakers that regularly draw a capacity audience of hundreds of the Hudson Valley's business, not-for-profit, civic and academic leaders. See more information [here](#).

ROUNDTABLE ON FOUR-DAY WORK WEEK DRAWS MUNICIPALITIES' INTEREST

Nearly 30 attended a working session December 4 on the energy conservation potential of the four-day workweek, a follow-up on Pattern's fall conference, "Government on the Energy Gridiron". Local officials had requested the opportunity to delve deeper into the subject with conference presenter Joan Pagones, supervisor of the Town of Fishkill and "municipal entrepreneur", who brought several of her staff to share their experiences.

PATTERN ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2009

The staff and board of directors of Pattern would like to thank the following board members, who will step down at the end of 2008, for their years of service and their support of regionalism: Neil Abitabilo, Donald Katt, Ed McCormick, Ted Petrillo, and Tom Weddell. Pattern welcomes the following New Board Members for 2009:

Scott Batulis, CEO, Orange Regional Medical Center

Peter Bienstock, President, Shawangunk Valley Conservancy

Jay Holt, Director of Construction, Holt Construction Corp.

Rev. Kevin Mackin, President, Mount Saint Mary College

William Richards, President, Orange Community College

Michael Turturro, Partner, Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, LLP

2009 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EMAILED THIS WEEK

To assist you in your 2009 budget planning, you should have received your Preview Package of 2009 sponsorship opportunities by email this week, in a format that encourages you to forward to others in your organization who may participate in your organization's budget decisions. Information can also be accessed on [Pattern's website](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

... President & CEO Jonathan Drapkin was invited to facilitate the Ulster County Economic Transition Task Force created by County Executive-Elect Michael Hein; the results of four workshop sessions will be summarized in a final written recommendation before the end of the year.

... At the Orange County Association of Realtors, Jonathan Drapkin spoke on the regional economy for their Board retreat December 1.

... Drapkin also addressed the class of Leadership Orange on December 3, on the restructuring of local government.

PATTERN HOSTS COUNTY PLANNERS FOR FIFTH MEETING OF 2008

Extending Pattern's series of cooperative working sessions for County Planners across the Hudson Valley, Pattern hosted a special session on December 1 to discuss the federal stimulus package for infrastructure investment.

AND IN 2009, WATCH FOR THESE NEW INITIATIVES FROM PATTERN:

- A monthly series of small meetings with members to discuss regional strategies;
- The 3rd annual Housing Conference this spring, and the 3rd annual Government Conference this fall.
- A new, monthly member bulletin quantifying the impact of the recession on the vitality of the region.