

E-BULLETIN FOR MEMBERS OF HUDSON VALLEY PATTERN FOR PROGRESS FEBRUARY 2015

SAVE THE DATE: COUNTY EXECS BREAKFAST MARCH 16 Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Ulster Leaders to Tackle Regional Topics



Above, from left, Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Scott Samuelson and Ulster County Executive Mike Hein.

In an event regularly attended by 350 people or more, the leaders of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties will discuss issues of regional importance on Monday, March 16. The breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. and concludes at 9:30 a.m. at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, 40 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie. Tickets are \$40 for members and \$50 for nonmembers; table pricing and event sponsorships are also available. Please call the Pattern office at 845-565-4900 or email rdegroat@pfprogress.org for information or reservations.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN IN HIGH GEAR

It's all hands on deck for the 50th Anniversary Campaign, "Pattern for the Future" which aims to raise \$600,000 in addition to the \$400,000 Ford Foundation grant announced in November. Campaign Chairman John Rath and Campaign Director April Gozza teamed up to hold meetings over the past two weeks with campaign leaders on the Pattern Board and from within industry sectors. A campaign publication which tells the story of Pattern and explains the campaign is in circulation as well, see it at pattern-for-progress.org. How can you best contribute to the campaign? Call the Pattern office to find out, 845-565-4900.



Above, Jonathan Drapkin, Congressman Sean Maloney, Congressman Chris Gibson, and Allison Dunne.

Packed House for Across the Aisle 2015

The third edition of Across the Aisle, Pattern's signature event with Congressmen Sean Maloney, D-18, and Chris Gibson, R-19, drew its biggest turnout yet as 140 people filled the room at the Marist College Student Center Cabaret on Feb. 6 for an early morning session about the politics of Washington and the difficulties of crafting bi-partisan solutions to the nation's and the region's challenges.

Maloney and Gibson addressed term limits and ethics, passenger rail safety and war powers legislation as well as agriculture, energy policy and student loan debt.

Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and WAMC radio's Allison Dunne moderated the talk. To view video footage of the event, visit <u>pattern-for-progress.org</u>.