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New Approaches: Features Putnam, Rockland and Westchester Leaders

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Rockland County Legislative Chair Harriet Cornell, and Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino will talk about good governance in hard times at Pattern's annual southern kick-off breakfast April 4 in Tarrytown.

"The stress created by the economic disruption of the past few years has impacted the public and private sectors in equal measure," said Pattern for Progress board member Richard O'Rourke, of the law firm Keane & Beane. "This has underscored the need for cooperation among state, county and local governments, as well as businesses and the communities they serve."

Breakfast sponsors include: AKRF, C.T. Male Associates, CIC of Westchester and Hudson Valley Inc., First Niagara, JP Morgan Chase, Keane & Beane, P.C., Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Tectonic Engineering & Surveying, The Chazen Companies, The Westage Companies, VHB and Westchester Medical Center.

The breakfast is from 7:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at the Double-Tree Hilton, 455 South Broadway in Tarrytown. Tickets are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members. Table pricing and sponsorship opportunities are available by calling the office or visiting www.pattern-for-progress.org. [Click here for registration form.](#)



County leaders Scott Samuelson of Sullivan, Marcus Molinaro of Dutchess, Mike Hein of Ulster and Edward Diana of Orange (l to r in photo above) joined Pattern for the sold out March 4 Kick-Off Breakfast in Poughkeepsie. Some 340 people attended and heard about plans for consolidating economic development services and public defenders offices as well as ideas for better planning when it comes to future storms the magnitude of Irene and Sandy. [The transcript from the breakfast can be found by clicking here.](#)

Generous sponsors for this event were: Ulster Savings Bank, C.T. Male Associates, Central Hudson Gas & Electric, CIC of Westchester and Hudson Valley Inc., First Niagara, Frontier Communications, IBM, Keane & Beane, PC, Marshall & Sterling, Mohonk Preserve, Mount Saint Mary College, Tectonic Engineering & Surveying Consultants, The Chazen Companies, The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, The Poughkeepsie Journal, Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGiovanni & Weddell, Westage Companies and Westchester Medical Center.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP

April 29: Across the Aisle

A special forum featuring congressmen Chris Gibson (R-19) and Sean Maloney (D-18). One a new member of congress; the other new for a big part of his reconfigured district. Redistricting resulted in the Mid-Hudson Valley losing one or its three seats.

While Gibson is a Republican and Maloney is a Democrat, we say they've got more in common in a desire to help the Hudson Valley. We'll test out our theory as Pattern hosts a special discussion of regional issues on the theme of common ground and non-partisan politics when it comes to job creation, agriculture, our aging population and the like.

Training in the CFA Consolidated Funding Application

Last year, due to an incredible team effort, the Mid Hudson Regional Council came in with the second highest number of Consolidated Funding Applications (CFA). Join us again for workshops to train local government officials, nonprofit leaders and other grant writers on the new process used to apply for state grants in New York to be held this April in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. Details will be announced shortly. Check pattern-for-progress.org for dates.

New York Fed Names Cathie to Advisory Group Pattern board member Lisa Cathie has been selected to serve on the New York Federal Reserve's Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council, Cathie is president and CEO of Ulster Savings Bank. The CDIAC provides reports of local economic conditions and other community-level input to the New York Fed.