



A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

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HUD DEPUTY SECRETARY RON SIMS TO KEYNOTE SPRING HOUSING CONFERENCE; JUNE 14 EVENT TO EXPLORE SEQRA, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Four panels have been assembled to examine the impact of housing, land use and the environmental review process on the regional economy at the "Housing the Hudson Valley" conference in Poughkeepsie June 14. Registration is \$60 for members (\$75 for non-members), which includes breakfast and lunch. *Five counties have now recommended this event for 3 hours of training credit, and municipal board members may attend at a discounted price of \$35, thanks to sponsors listed below.* Click [here](#) for agenda and registration information.

JOIN GRADUATING FELLOWS FOR LUNCHEON ON LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING

On June 9, from noon to 1:30 at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, "Following the Leader: A Panel Discussion on Leadership and Mentoring" marks the graduation of this year's 20 Regional Fellows. Panel members are Donna Johnson, president of DJ Consulting and chair of the Orange County Chamber; Suzanne Loughlin, executive VP of Firestorm Solutions and past chair of the Sullivan County Partnership, Carl Meyer, president of the Solar Energy Consortium and retired president of Central Hudson; and Barry Rothfeld, publisher of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. Tickets are \$25 for members (\$40 for non-members). Click [here](#) for event info. Email us [here](#) for information on next year's Regional Fellows program.

PATTERN BEGINS REVIEW OF SHARED SERVICES POTENTIAL IN DUTCHESS

Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and VP Charlie Murphy have started Dutchess County's shared services analysis with input from County Executive Bill Steinhaus and Lagrange Supervisor Jon Wagner, president of the Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisors Association.

MEMBERS' INPUT REQUESTED FOR PATTERN'S STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

The Board of Directors have initiated an update of Pattern's strategic planning process, through a committee headed by SUNY Orange President Bill Richards, which has had its first meeting earlier this month. Members with suggestions for Pattern's approach to regional issues are encouraged to email Jonathan Drapkin at jdrapkin@pfprogress.org.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Pattern Board member **Barry Rothfeld**, publisher of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, has received the Publisher of the Year award from Gannett, and was one of ten publishers awarded a ring for outstanding service, his third ([more](#)) ... Board member **Peter Bienstock** co-chaired the benefit committee for Storm King Art Center's 50th Anniversary Gala at Sotheby's in NYC May 10, which raised more than \$900,000 for the Art Center ... Pattern Fellow '09 **Chris Rottkamp** recently graduated from the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce "Leadership Dutchess" program ... Pattern Board member **Marjorie Rovereto**, president of Ulster Savings Bank, has joined the Marist College School of Management Advisory Board.

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