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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PATTERN'S ANNUAL REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT; POLLSTER LEE MIRINGOFF TO TAKE AUDIENCE QUESTIONS 2 DAYS AFTER ELECTIONS

Pattern staff, and the event committee headed by Donna Johnson and Donna Cornell, would like to thank Board members, Pattern members and other supporters for the growing response to the annual fundraiser. The event features a printed program with advertising opportunities; twenty-four sponsors have signed up to support the event so far. Call (845) 565-4900 to order tickets or to sponsor, or visit [Pattern's website](#) for more information.

FALL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT BIG HIT WITH HUDSON VALLEY OFFICIALS

More than 170 local officials and others with related business interests attended Pattern's fall conference, "Government on the Energy Gridiron", gaining ideas and resources to help cope with this winter's fuel crisis. Look for details in the upcoming Fall Newsletter.

See regional media coverage: [Energy's the Hot Topic at Conference \(Times-Herald Record\)](#), [4-Day Workweek touted at Energy-Saving Idea \(Poughkeepsie Journal\)](#), [Energy Waste: The New Frontier \(HV Biz\)](#)

PATTERN FELLOWS BEGIN ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT FOR REGIONAL PROJECTS

This year the Fellows, Pattern's regional leadership training program, will work in four groups to develop projects aimed at assisting the region through this difficult economic period. Watch for details in future member updates.

PATTERN INVITED TO PRESENT ...

... by New Hope Community, where Jonathan Drapkin spoke to New Hope's "Future Leaders" among their direct support professionals, at a staff development workshop on October 22.

LAND USE POLICY APPROVED BY PATTERN BOARD

Pattern wishes to thank the members of the [Land Use Policy Committee](#) for donating their time and expertise to the development of these guidelines. As one committee member said, this policy allows Pattern "a planning opportunity to develop regional economic, residential and civic infrastructure, and to build quality of life around it."

PATTERN'S BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

No one is prouder of Central Hudson's new "best in class" achievement than **Carl Meyer**, President and COO, who announces that the company's 840 men and women completed an entire year of work - over 1.6 million "manhours" - without a single lost time accident ... While over at IBM, **Ray Watroba**, VP for Server & Storage System Test, announces the Poughkeepsie facility has been named "Assembly Plant of the Year" by *Assembly Magazine* ... And congratulations to **Joe Vanderhoof**, president of Ottaway's Hudson Valley Media Group and publisher of the *Times Herald Record*, who now in addition will oversee the company's media group in the Poconos.

AND LOOK FOR....

- *After years of very low unemployment in the Hudson Valley, the silver lining in the current economy is that many employers say the candidate pool for job openings is improving.*
- *Speaking of unemployment...layoffs should remain a last resort. Their ripple effect impacts the economy in many other ways, e.g. inability to pay mortgages, increased public assistance.*