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REGISTER NOW! PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS FILLING FAST

Chief elected officials from seven counties will highlight the 3rd annual "Hudson Valley Leadership Conversation" at Pattern's President's Day Breakfast February 24 at the Poughkeepsie Grand. This year a majority of the event will be devoted to dialogue with the audience in a balanced Q&A format. *This event will again sell out early!* Click [here](#) for more information.

PATTERN HIRES VP, GRANTS ADMINISTRATION; TULLY TO TAKE PUTNAM POST

Joseph Czajka, most recently director of special projects for the Regional Economic Community Action Program, has accepted the new position of VP, Research and Grants Administration. Joe has served on Pattern's Regional Housing Committee for three years, and has in-depth experience not only in affordable and workforce housing, but also in public funding and grant writing. Pattern's VP for Planning and Advocacy, **John Tully**, has accepted Putnam County's offer to return to his former position of Deputy Executive in newly-installed Putnam Executive Paul Eldridge's administration. Pattern's staff and board supports John's decision to assist Putnam through its administrative transition, and wishes him all success.

CITY OF NEWBURGH NAMES 11 TO COMMISSION ON CHARTER REVIEW STUDY

Mayor Nicholas Valentine has assigned an 11-member City Charter Commission to support the project Pattern will lead, with Dr. Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz, to review the charter and to consider possible sharing and consolidation of services. ([more](#))

PATTERN PRESENTS PRELIM RESULTS FROM DUTCHESS SHARED SERVICES STUDY

In a meeting with the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association January 20 in Hyde Park, Jonathan Drapkin presented early findings from Pattern's study of shared services that engaged all 30 municipalities in in-depth interviews beginning last year. Topline results have been assembled across 20 areas of service delivery, showing varied potential by municipality. Discussion on next steps is underway.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD...

- ... Jonathan Drapkin spoke to the Rotary Club of Monticello on January 11 on the potential to improve local and state government.
- ... Pattern board members and staff attended Governor Cuomo's regional state of the state address in Poughkeepsie January 20.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Board Member **Dr. William Richards**, president of SUNY Orange, just celebrated the opening of the college's exciting new Kaplan Center in downtown Newburgh ... Fellows alumna **Carol Gordon**, EVP and COO of Rhinebeck Savings Bank, received the 2010 Athena Award from the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce, and will attend the ATHENA International Leadership Summit ... Current Fellow **Giovanni Palladino** AIA, VP of design development at Leyland Alliance, received an Architectural Award from the Orange County Arts Council for the renovation of the West Shore Railroad Station in Newburgh ([more](#)) ... Board Member **Dr. Daniel Aronzon** has announced that Vassar Brothers Medical Center has been named a Distinguished Hospital for Clinical Excellence in the latest HealthGrades study, ranking them in the top 5% of hospitals on patient mortality and complication rates ([more](#)) ... Fellows alumna **Andrea Reynolds**, president of the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, has announced that Fellows alumna **Christine Kane** has been appointed VP/Dutchess, and Fellows alumnus **Tom Murphy**, VP of government banking at M&T, has been elected to the board of trustees ... Immediate past Chairman **Dave MacFarland** announces that Riverside Bank has again earned Bauer Financial's highest award, the 5-star "Superior" rating for financial strength and stability ... *Congratulations!*