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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

"HOUSING THE HUDSON VALLEY" CONFERENCE OFFERS NEW IDEAS, RESOURCES

Pattern's third annual housing conference drew 250 to Marist College June 12 to tackle the "next generation of issues" locally and regionally ([more](#)). The presentation of keynote speaker Dr. Robert Burchell of the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University is available [here](#). A summary of the output of this conference will be featured in the next issue of Pattern's housing e-bulletin; click [here](#) to be added to the mailing list. *Thanks again to our sponsors, listed below.*

PATTERN HONORS TWO "HOUSING HEROES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY" AT ANNUAL EVENT

Two champions of affordable and workforce housing have received Pattern's first Regional Housing Leadership Awards, recognizing individuals from both public and private sectors. Ken Kearney, a Brewster-based developer with affordable/workforce housing projects throughout the Valley, and Anne Saylor, the Dutchess County housing coordinator who has led many regional efforts, were presented their awards at the "Housing the Hudson Valley" conference June 12 ([more](#)).

2009 FELLOWS BREAKFAST GATHERS 100 TO DISCUSS "ERASING THE LINES"

Pattern's 2008-2009 class of Regional Fellows cosponsored a breakfast June 5 with five counties' leadership programs to discuss "Developing a Stronger Voice for the Hudson Valley through Collaboration and Advocacy", featuring a distinguished panel and active discussion ([more](#)). The Fellows completed their year by presenting their projects to Pattern's Board on June 11; click [here](#) to see their presentations, as well as more information about the program, which begins new recruitment in July.

BOARD ALUMNI INVITED TO SECOND ANNUAL EVENT AT THE HOTEL THAYER JULY 22

At last year's inaugural breakfast for former members of Pattern's Board of Directors, discussion was lively as participants compared past issues to current and future challenges for the Hudson Valley. Many ideas and suggestions were recorded, as was the group's enthusiastic recommendation that this become an annual event. If you have served on Pattern's board in the past and have not received your invitation letter for this year's event, please email us by clicking [here](#).

NEW MONTHLY SMALL GROUP ROUNDTABLES CONTINUE TO DISCUSS MEMBERS' ISSUES

About a dozen members and guests attended the June 24 "Hudson Valley Breakfast Table" with Pattern Chairman Dave MacFarland and President Jonathan Drapkin, discussing topics ranging from demographic changes in the Valley, to municipal consolidation, cluster development and NIMBY-ism. If you would like to join an upcoming discussion group, email us [here](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

... Pattern was invited to participate in Westchester County's Shared Services Conference on June 2, where local officials were presented ways to reduce costs and enhance services to taxpayers.

... Jonathan Drapkin was invited by SUNY New Paltz' CRREO to present to a group of visiting Russian mayors on how local government does economic development.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Michael Quinn, president of Rhinebeck Savings Bank, has just cut the ribbon on a new branch in the Beacon area, on Route 9D south of Dutchess Stadium ... Marist College's School of Management, headed by Dean **Elmore Alexander**, has been named one of the 15 top business schools in the U.S. for two fields of study— general management and operations—by Entrepreneur Magazine and The Princeton Review ([more](#)) ... "Being the Best", a workforce development curriculum written by **Donna Johnson** of DJ Consulting Services, has been selected by the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) as a best-practice training vehicle for the third year in a row. *Congratulations!*

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