

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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RESCHEDULED PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAKFAST SOLD OUT... AGAIN!

The annual President's Day Breakfast, which was postponed to April 7 due to the memorial events for City of Poughkeepsie Officer John Falcone, has added Columbia County's chief elected official to the panel, Roy Brown, chairman of Columbia's Board of Supervisors.

REGIONAL HOUSING COMMITTEE PLANS SPRING HOUSING CONFERENCE

Pattern's newly expanded Regional Housing Committee, headed by VP Joe Czajka, is formulating plans for the fifth annual "Housing the Hudson Valley" conference. Watch for news on Pattern's website, where you will find the Committee listed [here](#).

DRAPKIN KEYNOTES SULLIVAN'S NOT-FOR-PROFIT CONSOLIDATION SUMMIT

More than 140 participants representing 70 nonprofit agencies attended the first Sullivan Not-for-Profit Leadership Summit March 4 at The Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, where Jonathan Drapkin was keynote speaker and also shared Pattern's experience with consolidations on the regional panel in the event's workshops. ([more](#))

PATTERN FELLOWS DISCUSS REGIONALISM WITH THREE CHAMBER EXECUTIVES

Pattern's Fellows hosted heads of the Mid-Hudson's three largest chambers March 15: Dr. John Ambrosio of Orange, Charlie North of Dutchess and Al Samuels of the Rockland. Pattern board member Donna Johnson, president of DJ Consulting Services, Inc., moderated the panel discussion on how the current economy has affected the way chambers work.

CZAJKA LEADS GRANTS WORKSHOP FOR REGION'S NONPROFITS

Pattern VP Joe Czajka was speaker at Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's regional workshop March 16, where an audience of about 100 gathered for a session titled "How to navigate the Federal and State Grant Process for Nonprofits and Faith-based Organizations". Follow up with Joe [here](#).

PATTERN ON THE ROAD...

- ... Joe Czajka and Robin DeGroat participated in the HUD-sponsored **Census Data Workshop** March 31 in Albany.
- ... John Clarkson participated in the **CRREO shared services meeting on Justice Courts in Ulster County** March 23 at SUNY New Paltz;
- ... Chris Ferrero presented Pattern's regional issues to the **East Fishkill Rotary** March 10, and the **Middletown Kiwanis** March 16. *If you would like Pattern to speak to a community group about regional issues, email Chris [here](#).*

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Pattern Fellow **Victor-Pierre Melendez**, who was recently made director of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's Green Cities Initiative, was presented with the Luminary Award at the annual Passing the Torch Through the Arts event February 26 for his work in environmental education and watershed awareness ([more](#)) ... Pattern Board Member **Dr. William Richards**, president of SUNY Orange, has announced the school will cosponsor a free event April 9 called "Reconnecting Families Summit" ([more](#)) ... Fellows alumna **Karen VanHouten Minogue**, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan, is a 2011 Honoree for the Tribute to Women of Achievement in the area of Public Service ([more](#)). Fellows alumnus **John Davies**, Executive Vice President of Riverside Bank, has been elected to the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan ... Pattern Fellow **Michele Babcock** has been named partner at Jacobowitz & Gubits ... *Congratulations!*