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PATTERN'S PROGRESS

A Monthly E-Update for Members of Pattern for Progress

AGENDA FOR JUNE 12 HOUSING CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS NEW CONCEPTS, STRATEGIES

Speakers on "the next generation" of issues in housing will be Deborah VanAmerongen, commissioner of the NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, Dr. Robert Burchell, co-director of the Center for Urban Policy Research at Rutgers University and a widely respected expert on housing policy and land use, and Judith Calogero, CEO of the New York Housing Conference. In addition, Housing leaders from all over the Hudson Valley will participate on panels discussing ideas and resources for dealing with current economic trends. Click [here](#) for information and registration info.

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR JUNE 5 FELLOWS' BREAKFAST ON "ERASING LINES"

The 2009 Regional Fellows' Leadership Breakfast, "Erasing the Lines: Developing a Stronger Voice for the Hudson Valley through Collaboration and Advocacy", will feature John Clarkson of the NYS Commission on Local Government Efficiency and Competitiveness, Diana Gurieva of the Dyson Foundation, Margaret Moree of the Business Council of NYS, and Arthur Weintraub, former member of the Berger Commission in a panel moderated by John Galanti of Galanti Holdings. Location is the Holiday Inn Fishkill, time is 8 to 9:30 a.m. and tickets cost \$25; for more information, email Robin [here](#).

NEW MONTHLY SMALL GROUP ROUNDTABLE GIVES MEMBERS CHANCE TO DIALOGUE

The Hudson Valley Breakfast Table, "a small group discussion of the region's big issues", is Pattern's newest initiative in two-way communications. Pattern President Jonathan Drapkin and Board Chair Dave MacFarland now meet monthly with a dozen or so members and guests from around the region to informally present information and gain the perspective of our members on trends and issues. If you would like to join an upcoming discussion, email cferrero@pattern-for-progress.org.

PATTERN LENDS SUPPORT TO HUDSON VALLEY REGIONAL COUNCIL IN CRAFTING CEDS

Planning officials and economic development leaders from seven counties met May 4 with Pattern and the Hudson Valley Regional Council, with the goal of revising the Hudson Valley's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which supports county applications for federal grant dollars. The group will meet again May 29, when each county puts forward their priority projects, so the group can determine which projects are most likely to benefit from a regional approach.

PATTERN ON THE ROAD ...

- ... Jonathan Drapkin was featured speaker at a Philanthropy New York regional forum presented by the Funders Network of the Mid-Hudson Valley, on the effect of the economic crisis on the region.
- ... Pattern was invited to participate in a May 20 roundtable with DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis.

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Barry Rothfeld, publisher of the Poughkeepsie Journal, came home from the NY Newspaper Publishers Association with 7 awards, the second-most won by a newspaper of any size in the state ([more](#))

... Former Board Member **Ed McCormick** has been elected chairman of the National Black Caucus of School Board Members, an affiliate of the National School Boards Association that addresses the challenges and opportunities faced by school board members working with issues of achievement for children of color ([more](#)) ... *Congratulations!*

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