

PATTERN'S PROGRESS

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RESERVE TICKETS FOR ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION NOVEMBER 3

Former Empire State Development Corporation Chair and NYS Deputy Secretary for Economic Development Patrick Foye will speak at Pattern's annual fundraiser event at Anthony's Pier Nine on November 3. Visit Pattern's website [here](#) for information on Pattern's nine Regional Award winners to be honored that evening, and to make reservations for sponsorship, journal advertising and tickets.

"TAX CAP CHALLENGE" ATTRACTS 200 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE

Pattern's 2011 Fall Conference on Local Government, hosted with CRREO at SUNY New Paltz Oct. 3, featured both NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and former Nassau County Executive and NYS Property Tax Relief Commission Chair Tom Suozzi as keynote speakers. Breakout sessions on police, assessors and school boards were well attended, as was a special "Nuts & Bolts" workshop; click [here](#) for workshop handouts. *Thanks to sponsors listed below.*

HOUSING ROUNDTABLE FOCUSES ON FORECLOSURE COUNSELING, HOMEBUYER ED

Pattern's first Hudson Valley Housing Roundtable was convened September 29 by Pattern VP Joe Czajka. Sixteen participants, half from financial institutions and half from housing agencies, discussed the future of agency programs, impacts on lending and the market, funding alternatives, and best practices. For information on future sessions, email Joe [here](#).

REGIONAL FELLOWS CLASS OF 2011-2012 KICKS OFF FIFTH YEAR OF ACTIVITY

This year's class of 25 Regional Fellows will set forth this month on a newly-enhanced curriculum to include group projects on issues of regional significance. Click [here](#) for information on Pattern's Fellows program, including Alumni lists from the program's first four years.

LARRY WOLINSKY PRESENTS SEQRA UPDATE IN ORANGE COUNTY

Pattern Board Vice Chair Larry Wolinsky presented to members of planning and zoning boards at the Orange County Municipal Planning Federation Sept. 19 on environmental law topics including Pattern's efforts to implement SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) regulatory changes. Wolinsky heads the environmental/land use legal team at Jacobowitz & Gubits, and is Board liaison for Pattern's SEQRA initiative.

RICHARD O'BEIRNE REMEMBERED BY PATTERN STAFF AND BOARD

We were saddened by the sudden death last month of longtime Pattern supporter and board member Richard O'Beirne. Both Pattern and the Hudson Valley have benefitted from Richard's unique strengths and wisdom. His presence will be profoundly missed. ([more](#))

PATTERN BOARD MEMBERS AND FELLOWS IN THE NEWS ...

Board Member **Scott Batulis**, president of Orange Regional Medical Center, was presented the Senior Level Healthcare Executives Regent's Award at the Healthcare Association of NYS annual meeting in September ([more](#)) ... Fellows alumna **Carol Gordon**, VP of Rhinebeck Savings, and Pattern Board Member **Barry Rothfeld**, publisher of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, will receive Friends of the Arts awards at the Mill Street Loft annual event Oct. 20 ... Pattern Fellow **Pam Tarquinio** has been named executive director of the American Heart Association's Westchester, Fairfield & Putnam Counties region... ... *Congratulations!*

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