

Kingston Schools Chief Addresses Chamber

This Breakfast Promises To Be Educating

The last time Kingston City Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Padalino appeared before the Chamber in 2013, the district was embarking on a \$137.5-million renovation of Kingston High School and closing four elementary schools.

That renovation is now about 75 percent complete and all of the elementary schools have been sold or repurposed. Padalino said he will bring the local business community up to date at the breakfast, which is scheduled from 7:30-9 a.m. June 19 at the Best Western Plus in Kingston. Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union is the breakfast sponsor.

"A lot of the business community is interested in some of the things we're doing at Kingston High School around the construction there," Padalino said. "I'll give an update on that and highlight the progress we've made over the last seven years I've been superintendent."

Padalino plans to show business leaders photos of the KHS renovation, which includes a 135,000-square-foot addition, modern classrooms with SMART Boards in each class and

state-of-the-art science labs.

"Kids are actually able to do experiments we weren't necessarily able to do before," he said. "The technology itself is not really as new, but it's the use of the technology and the kids' use of the technology that's changing how we do things."

It's a lot less teacher-driven and a lot more student-driven. It's a lot more experience-based, a lot more project-based. That's a big change in education."

The renovation also involves a facelift for Kate Walton Fieldhouse. Meanwhile, KHS has a new entrance while the outside of the building facing Broadway was kept the same to reflect Kingston's historic nature.

"We're going to be renovating the inside of that 100-year-old building over the next 18 months," he said. "There's a lot going on there. It's pretty exciting. It's all state-of-the-art and ready for 21st-century learning."

Padalino said he will also highlight some of the partnerships the district has with SUNY

Ulster, including the use of the former Sophie Finn Elementary School into a satellite campus near KHS.

"Our students being able to just look out the window at Kingston High School and see college behind the building, even if they're not walking across to attend, as many do, they still have that feeling that college is within their reach because it's right there within their sight," Padalino said.

Padalino said the district's P-TECH program used to be at Sophie Finn Elementary, but outgrew that location and is now at the former Anna Devine Elementary in Rifton.

Meanwhile, the district is repurposing the for-



Paul Padalino

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If you haven't been to The Catamount at the Emerson Resort & Spa lately, you might have missed the \$500,000 renovation to one of Ulster County's more iconic banquet venues. The good news is you can see it all at the Chamber's next Networking Mixer from 5-7 p.m. June 12. The Mixer sponsor is Alfandre Architecture

"We thought doing a Mixer would be a great way to show off the renovation," said Tamara Murray, Director of Marketing and Sales for the Emerson.

The 2,000-square-foot Catamount, located at 5368 state Route 28 in Mount Tremper, received an upgrade of the bar, restrooms and overall color scheme as well as all new tables and reupholstered chairs, Murray said.

"While we did this renovation, we were able to mix in some of these modern touches and changes, while still keeping the overall feel of The Catamount," Murray said. "The Catamount has always been a local favorite. There's so much history to it. In the past it's been a restaurant and an event venue and people have a legitimate affection for The Catamount, or 'The Cat' as we like to call it.

"For people who have been here before, I think they'll appreciate the new touches, and for people who haven't been here or to the Emerson, it will be a great way for them to become familiar with us and what we offer."

The Cat, which can seat 150 people for all your business or personal needs, offers some of the more picturesque views that symbolize northern Ulster County. That makes this Mixer a can't-miss event.

"It's a beautiful location," Murray said. "The deck of The Cat, which will also be open the night of the Mixer, has one of the most beautiful views of the Esopus Creek. We're hoping for a really nice early summer evening and we encourage everyone to come for the Mixer to welcome in summer, get to know us a little bit better, and of course, network and meet people."

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There are also plenty of special events coming up like the Road to Woodstock Weekend July 5-7 with original Woodstock organizer Michael Lang and others. Yankees historian Marty Appel will be on hand July 17 and will likely talk about pitcher Mariano Rivera, who is inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame that month.



The Emerson has hosted several past Chamber Mixers and the resort's staff regularly attend the monthly networking events.

"The Ulster County Chamber really epitomizes what a Chamber should be doing," Murray said. "These Mixers are so well-attended. If you're

a new business, you can't

miss any of these events that the Chamber puts on. It's such a perfect opportunity to meet other people and get leads for your business.

"Their Mixers and events are also held in such comfortable atmospheres, whether it's the Emerson or any of the local businesses. We're all so truly supportive of the Chamber."

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mer Meagher Elementary School in Kingston for the administrative offices and four to six Pre-K classes, which start in the fall. “Research is telling us that our 4-year-olds need to come into kindergarten ready to learn,” Padalino said. “That’s our investment in the future—getting those 4-year-olds in there early. “The Latino population is exploding so we’re going to be offering dual-language classes for our 4- and 5-year-olds who attend the pre-K classes and expanding that into our elementary schools. That’s a big change in our community and in education, really. Our fastest-growing demographic right now is our Latino

population. It’s important to find a way to reach them and bring them in and make them a part of our school community.”

The district sold the former Zena Elementary School, which was also one of the four schools to close.

“The last time I spoke before the Chamber, we were closing four elementary schools, we were building a new high school, we were consolidating middle schools, and a lot of things were happening,” Paladino said. “We did have four schools where the community looked at it and said, ‘What are you going to do with these schools? They’re just going to sit there and be a drain on our community.’ But we’ve been able to repurpose each of them.

“We’re happy to be able to close that circle and be able to go back to people and say, ‘We kept our promise.’ We did not let these buildings sit vacant.”

Padalino, former superintendent of the Watervliet City School District, has been on the job since January 2012 and says he is looking forward to addressing the Chamber for the second time in his tenure.

“We’ll be past our budget vote by then and I think we’ll probably be talking about what Kingston will look like in September when the kids come back,” he said.

Chamber breakfast programs are a great way to network with other local business leaders and stay on top of current events. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. For more information or to register, call the Chamber at (845) 338-5100 or go online at www.ulsterchamber.org.

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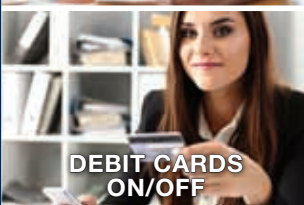
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The Kingston resident went on to SUNY Ulster and SUNY New Paltz before earning a master's degree in Integrated Media Arts from CUNY Hunter College. He moved back to the Hudson Valley in 2015 and started Nostrand Productions, a Kingston-based

digital film and video production company.

"We offer video projects and campaigns from concept development to distribution," he said. "We're a full-service production company."

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Simultaneously an adjunct professor who teaches digital media production at SUNY New Paltz, Nostrand said joining the Chamber was a wise move for his growing company.

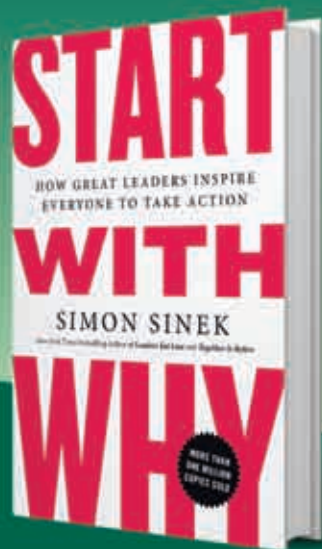
“The Chamber has really enhanced my relationship with the business community in Ulster County,” he said. “The Chamber has helped foster those connections



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Caroline Crumpacker, the executive director at Opus 40, said Fite built it mostly by hand, using bluestone harvested on site.

Fite purchased the property, an idle quarry, in 1938. The following year, he traveled with an archaeological team to Copan, Honduras to do restoration work on an ancient Mayan monument. His work there using dry-key stone masonry techniques inspired him to do something extraordinary with his property.

He began his work locally in 1940. It took him more than three decades to build the outdoor labyrinth that consists of "ramps and terraces constructed around pools and trees and fountains, rising out of bedrock a half-mile deep," according to Opus 40's website.

The centerpiece is a nine-ton, bluestone monolith known as "Flame." According to a New York Times story, Fite and his colleagues had to use a flatbed truck to move the colossal rock from a stream to his property.

Crumpacker noted that one of the remarkable

features of Fite's land sculpture is that guests can engage with it directly.

"People can walk on it, under it and through it. They can also make little sculptures with small pieces of bluestone in one area."

Opus 40 draws its share of day trippers and tourists as well as locals who appreciate what's in their backyard, she added. In fact, many have described it as Ulster County's Stonehenge.

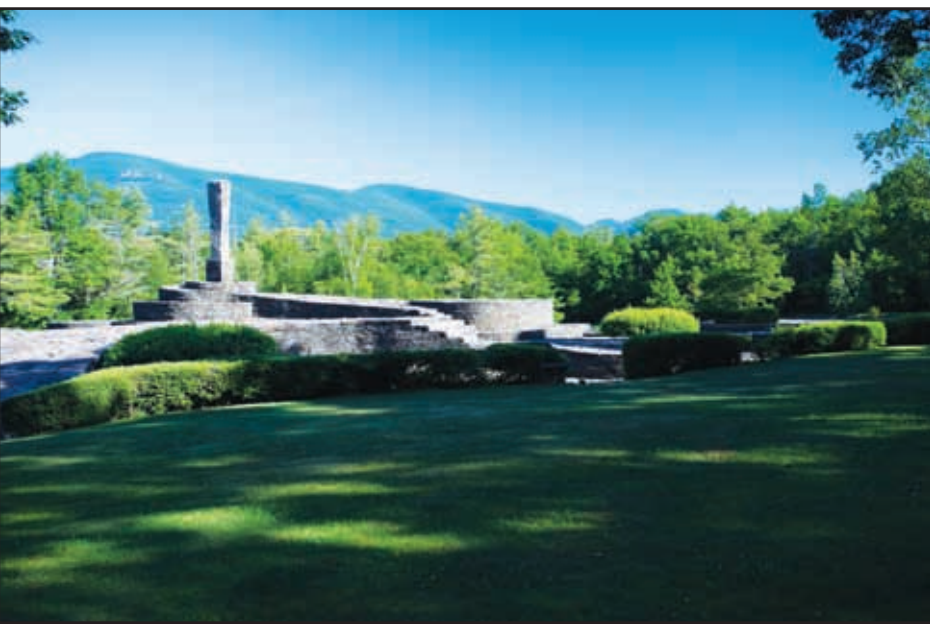
"There are all different kinds of Earth art experiences, but I don't know of anything quite like Opus 40," she said. "I think it's a really great aggregate of what's compelling about the Hudson Valley—our history, our local culture and our natural beauty. It's a tribute to bluestone quarrying, and it's a cultural resource.

"It lets you engage with it in so many ways. You can picnic, you can visit the Quarryman's Museum. You can see terrific local artists in the Fite Gallery at Opus 40. You can take workshops that use Opus 40 as a springboard.

"I think that people are realizing more and more that the Hudson Valley is an incredible place. Some of the most important parts of the history of New York state are right here."

This year, Opus 40 has several events planned, including poetry, drawing and photography workshops, bird walks, wine tastings and theatrical performances, including Cirkus Luna! on June 22, Makbet on June 23 and "Jesus Christ Superstar" on June 27.

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Description: *Veteran Reintegration through purpose, dignity and respect. The Center provides Alternative programs and training that assist veterans struggling with the transition from military service to civilian life.*

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721 Broadway, Suite 110
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www.tmiproject.org
Blake Pfeil - Operations Manager
Category: Non-Profit Organizations
Description: *TMI Project is a non-profit organization offering transformative memoir workshops and performances.*

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Daphne Scarafoni - Property Manager
Categories: Retirement Communities; Apartments - Townhouses - Rentals
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WHY CAN'T WE SERVE

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Woodstock, NY 12498
www.whycantweserve.com
Marty Klein - Producer/Writer
Category: Arts & Entertainment
Description: *Marty Klein is a blind veteran from Woodstock who recently released a feature-length documentary called "Why Can't We Serve." The film focuses on why high-functioning soldiers with disabilities—incurred while serving—should have the option to remain in the military with a chance for a career of dignity if they so choose. Right now, that option is not available. Klein wrote and produced the film, which was shot at various locations across the country. It features vets, national policymakers, business leaders and counselors. He is currently screening the film throughout the nation.*

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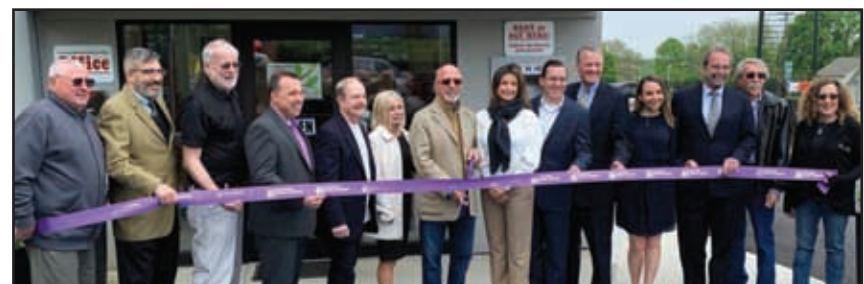
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