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Join us for a great day and evening on the links!

MRCC's 33rd Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner will be held Tuesday, September 10 at the New York Country Club. It's a wonderful day of golf followed by a cocktail hour, raffles, and a delicious dinner.



The event will honor Joe Riggio and Dan Goodman, Owners of the Varsity House Gym. The Varsity House Gym is dedicated to helping youth athletes and adults perform better, gain confidence, and get in the best shape of their lives. They have chosen the Michael LaViola Foundation to receive a portion of the events proceeds. Michael LaViola

was a client of theirs who fought a bitter battle with Synovial Sarcoma, a rare form of cancer that is difficult to diagnose and treat. The Foundation was created to help give families hope in their fight against a rare and underfunded cancer.

We would like to thank fellow members and local businesses that have already committed to a sponsorship and hope you will join them. Sponsorships are a great way to get maximum visibility at the event and show your support for Joe and Dan, the Michael LaViola Foundation, and the MRCC.

MRCC's golf outing is a fun-packed day with food, beverages and good times with friends and colleagues. Golfers will enjoy morning putting and chipping contests, and the opportunity to win prizes throughout the golf course. If you do not know how to golf and want to learn, we encourage you to try our golf clinic, or you can simply join us for the cocktail and dinner.

Golf and Dinner Sponsorships are still available!
 Journal ads are also a great way to show your support and advertise your businesses.


DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

Kevin Wittman is the Branch Manager of Visions Federal Credit Union in their Mahwah location. A board member of the MRCC since 2022, Kevin currently serves as the Chair of the Golf Outing committee. In unison with his involvement with the MRCC, Kevin is an active member in the community with the Credit Union.

Kevin specializes in all aspects of consumer lending and works with his members to create plans that cater to their needs at every stop of their financial journey. Whether it's rebuilding their credit, restructuring their debt or planning for the purchase of their first home, Kevin works collaboratively with his clients to help them achieve their goals.

Kevin grew up and maintains residency in Orange County New York, where he also looks to give back by organizing the 5K at his local YMCA. After High School, Kevin graduated from Hunter College in New York City with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. In his spare time, Kevin loves to stay active by playing golf, basketball, tennis but most importantly spending time with his wife and son.

Register Today!
AUGUST 20
Tips on Holiday Travel Luncheon

Hacienda Don Manuel
 Enjoy Margaritas and Sangria while learning great travel tips from JJ Travel

SEPTEMBER 10

33rd MRCC Golf Outing
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 A wonderful day of golf and a great evening

Save the Date!
NOVEMBER 11

Taste of the Region
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DECEMBER 13

Holiday Luncheon
Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah
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HONORING THE BEST

Congratulations to our 2024 Member of the Year, Jessica Bush of Tutor Doctor of North Jersey; and our 2024 Volunteer of the Year, Nancy Boone of Ramsey Farmers' Market.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,
 Summer is in full swing, and so is the chamber. Our Annual Summer BBQ was a wonderful success, bringing together friends, families, and colleagues for an afternoon of great food, laughter, and camaraderie. Additionally, our Inspirational Women's Luncheon was an empowering and uplifting experience, showcasing the incredible achievements and stories of the remarkable women in our community.

As we look ahead, I am excited to remind you that our Annual Golf Outing is just around the corner. This is our largest and most anticipated event of the year. Whether you are an avid golfer or prefer to just join us for dinner, this event promises to be a highlight of the year.

The outing takes place on Tuesday, September 10th and we are honoring our esteemed Humanitarians of the Year, Joe Riggio and Dan Goodman, for their outstanding contributions and commitment to our community. Their dedication and efforts truly embody the spirit of service and philanthropy that we hold dear.

In addition, a portion of the proceeds from this year's Golf Outing will benefit the Michael LaViola Foundation, supporting its important work and making a positive impact on those in need. Your participation not only promises a great day of golf and fellowship but also contributes to a meaningful cause.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the MRCC. I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Peter Gallo
 MRCC President
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MEMBER NEWS BRIEFS

• **Terrie O'Connor Realtors** is proud to announce that Ryan O'Connor has been selected as an RISMEDIA 2024 Real Estate Newsmaker!

He joins an exclusive group of industry leaders who have made newsworthy contributions to the real estate industry and their efforts to positively affect the consumers and communities they serve.



Ryan serves on the board of directors for Greater Bergen Realtors (GBR) and is the Sargent At Arms for Fair Lawn Toastmasters. He is also a

GBR and New Jersey Multiple Listing Service, Inc.'s inaugural Leadership Academy graduate of 2023 and is on the 2024 year's Advisory Group. With a heart for service, Ryan has supported Habitat for Humanity for years and is now a General House Evaluator for Rebuilding Together North Jersey (RTNJ).

Ryan has been named a Trailblazer. This category spotlights the bold-thinking trendsetters for their contributions to industry innovation, game-changing technologies, creative professional and consumer programs and so much more.

Please join us in congratulating Ryan on this outstanding accomplishment! Contact him for any of your real estate needs!

• **Hard work and dedication** have paid off for Thomas Messina of **New York Life**. He has just been selected as one of the best insurance professionals in the state by Forbes Top Financial Security Professionals for New Jersey.

Tom says, "I'm truly honored, it's a recognition I do not take lightly. First and foremost, I share this award with my clients. They trusted me and inspired me to work hard. Also, New York Life has been with me every step of the way giving me the tools and resources I needed. As we move forward this year, if you have any questions or concerns about your personal finances, please don't hesitate to reach out. Working together, we can reach your goals."



• **Tuxedo Park School** students from Bergen and Orange Counties showcased their talent at NYSSMA and All-County Chorus and Band competitions. 24 of 27 TPS students achieved the top rating of "Outstanding" across levels I through VI at NYSSMA.

11 students secured "Outstanding" in All-County Honor Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Andrew K. of Tuxedo Park and Kennedy S. of Rock Tavern were selected for the All-County Chorus in the elementary division and Kurt M.

of Tuxedo Park was chosen for the All-County Band. For the Junior High Division David S. and Charlotte H. of Goshen, Maddie N. of Tuxedo Park, and Lucas B. of Franklin Lakes each earned spots in the All-County Orchestra, while Matan K. of Suffern and Yianni M. of Tuxedo Park were selected for the All-County Band, and Rebecca H. of Westtown for the All-County Chorus. Additionally, Michael M. of Tuxedo Park made history as the first TPS student selected for the High School All-County Band.

Stuart Johnson, head of school at TPS proudly exclaimed: "Our students' achievements in music reflect their dedication, talent, and the support of our school's comprehensive and exceptional music program for students in Pre-K through grade nine led by Todd Schietroma."



• **The New Jersey State Botanical Garden** and **NJBG**, its 501c3 nonprofit support group, are the subject of the latest episode of *Treasures of New Jersey* on NJPBS.

The program explores the history, architecture and plantings of the Garden's original Skylands estate, which hosted J.P. Morgan, Andrew Carnegie, Ethel Barrymore and many other celebrities from the Gilded Age thru the Roaring 20s. Purchased by the State in 1966 as its first Green Acres property, the 1100-acre estate is now a beautiful NJ State park.

Today, NJBG's volunteers offer many year-round public events at NJBG, highlighting an extraordinary garden and park that is open every day free of charge. For more info, visit NJBG.org.

Treat yourself to a virtual visit: NJBG's Treasures of New Jersey program is now available for streaming anytime on NJPBS.org.

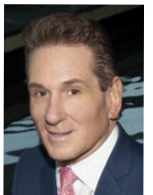


• **Phillip E. Goldstein**, CEO of **Goldstein Lieberman & Company LLC**, has been recognized for the 6th consecutive year as one of New Jersey's Power 50 Leaders—Professionals were selected for their extensive expertise and exemplary professionalism.

NJBIZ is the only weekly business journal covering the entire state.

Mr. Goldstein's articles appear regularly in international, national and local publications.

Goldstein Lieberman remains one of the state's largest and fastest growing firms in the region.





mrcc | **WIBI** WOMEN IN BUSINESS INITIATIVE

On May 7 our WIBI women joined Ridgewood Chamber at West Bergen Mental Health. On June 6, Angela Goodman of NRG Health and Wellness gave great steps to reduce stress in 10 minutes or less.



mrcc | **YPN** YOUNG PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

On June 4 our young professionals gathered at Go Low Indoor Golf for a great night of networking and golf.



Join YPN's Community Service Project - see page 9



UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUG** 20 "Tips on Holiday Travel Luncheon; Hacienda Don Manuel
- SEP** 10 33rd Annual Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner; Sponsored by: Bergen Magazine, Check-M-Out Security Services & Investigations, LLC, Christian Health, Crowne Plaza of Suffern-Mahwah, Eastwick College, Inserra Supermarkets, Inc., Liberty Hyundai, Lincoln of Ramsey, M&T Bank, Optimum, Provident Bank, Sterling Carting, TD Bank, Valley Health System, and Visions Federal Credit Union; New York Country Club
- 18 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; MRCC Office
- 25 Lunch & Learn "Understanding Your Medicare; MRCC Office
- 26 Young Professionals Networking (YPN); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; Pinstripes
- OCT** 09 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by TD Bank and Valley Health System; MRCC Office
- 15 Multi Chamber Networking; Miller's Ale House
- 23 Lunch & Learn; TBD, MRCC Office

*Sponsorships still available. Please inquire at the office.
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- Optimum; Oakland
- Pvolve Upper Saddle River; Upper Saddle River
- Singer Agency; Mahwah

Effective July 31, 2024

Be Part of Something Bigger!

MRCC offers you many great networking opportunities to help promote and grow your business. But you can also be part of our efforts to raise funds for regional charities. Our wonderful volunteer teams help create events year-round - our 5K, Golf Outing, Taste of the Region, and more - signature events that provide fun networking for MRCC members and guests, while helping those in need around us. Join one of our many productive committees: you'll meet new people while you do good.

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5K RACE & 3K WALK



Johnna Marcus, MHS Senior, singing the National Anthem



Earthcam, Inc. was proud to take back the Corporate Challenge trophy!

MAY 19 | TRAIL CONFERENCE



Learning to Shine

Our Annual Inspirational Women in Business Luncheon, sponsored by Town & Country Compounding Pharmacy, was held this year at the Nyack Seaport with the Bergen County Professional Women's Network (BCPWN). Attendees enjoyed exhibitor tables, great networking, and listening to our inspirational speaker, Sue Rodin, President of Stars and Strategies, Inc.



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Supporting the Best and Brightest

This year's Scholarship/Recognition Luncheon was held at the Ramapo College. Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients (pictured left to right) Michael Velez, Lincoln Technical Institute; John Brighthouse, Ramapo College of New Jersey; and Maria Cocioppo, Eastwick College



Helping businesses thrive is important.

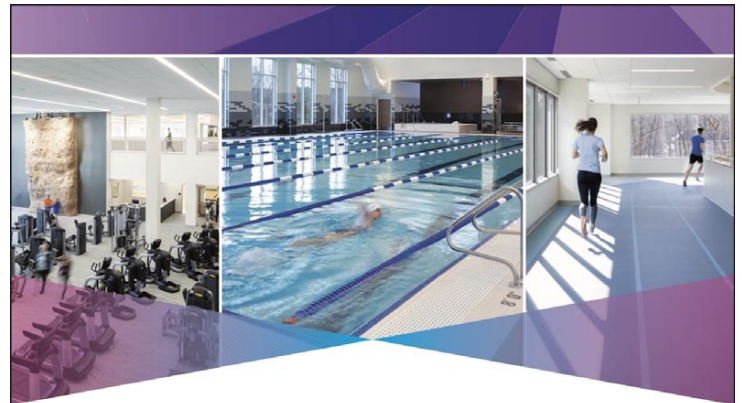
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BBQ MOVED INDOORS!

Though July 9th was a hot steamy night, it did not deter the MRCC from holding its annual Summer Bash BBQ. Members and Non-Members enjoyed the air conditioned room, burgers, hot dogs, chicken, and salads while playing network BINGO and visiting all the exhibitor tables.



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2024

Community Outreach Project

BENEFITTING:



WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT:

Sponsoring

- \$250** for logo recognition sponsorship
- \$100** for company/name recognition sponsorship

Making a Monetary Donation

Purchasing / Collecting items to be dropped off at MRCC Office

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RAMSEY Farmers Market





MRCC'S YPN is collecting items to support Center for Hope & Safety through August 19th. Items, Sponsorships or Monetary Donations are greatly appreciated.

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LUNCH & LEARNs at the MRCC Office

Members enjoying lunch at our office while learning great advice.



In May, members enjoyed lunch at our office while learning about Cyber Security, presented by Mario Zaki of Mazteck IT.

July's L&L was presented by Remi Leibovic of RCL Media on simplifying Social Media.



MULTI-CHAMBER NETWORKING



MRCC members joined other Chambers for a great night of networking at RP Prime in Fair Lawn.



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33rd ANNUAL


**GOLF
OUTING
& HUMANITARIAN
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