

# BUSINESS NEWS



Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce- Monthly Newsletter

## CHAMBER INSTALLS NEW COMMUNITY BUSINESS LEADERS AS BOARD OFFICERS

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The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce recently celebrated its 2019 Annual Meeting. More than 150 attended the event at the Ryland Inn, recognizing new and departing leadership. This year marked the 103rd Anniversary of the Chamber.

"In 2019, we continued to work towards the collective good of the Business Community, representing our interests and championing issues that improve the economic viability of our region," said Michelle L. Heide, Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce Board Chair. "The Board is committed to providing leadership around critical issues that impact the business community, such as adverse business legislation or to publicly support redevelopment projects like the Courthouse Square."

Chamber President Chris Phelan said, "The Hunterdon County Chamber is a true champion for the business community. It was a pleasure to release the Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments of the Chamber over the past year. It is truly a testament of the work of over 200 volunteers from various member organizations that collectively support the mission and vision of the Chamber to grow the economy of Hunterdon County."



From Left: Michelle Heide, Chamber Board Chair, Suzanne Lagay, Director of Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Chris Phelan, Chamber President, Randy and Jane Block of RAAB Coins



The Chamber appointed five new board members and officers (above), including (from left) the Honorable Susan Soloway, Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Lesley Gabel of Prevention Resources, Joanie Coffaro of Raritan Valley Community College, Casey Bednarzyk of ExxonMobil, and the Honorable Paul Muir, Mayor of Bethlehem Township and director of Red Mill Museum Village (not pictured). The Honorable Suzanne Lagay, Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders swore in the new Board Members.

The Chamber also honored three members that evening. Suzanne Lagay was decorated with the Chairman's Award (pictured at left). She led the Chamber as President and CEO for almost a decade, expanding several initiatives and bringing growth to the organization. Randy and Jane Block were honored by the Chamber for their outstanding service supporting the organization's missions, fellow members, and the business community at-large, they were the recipients of the President's Award.

We would like to thank our Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance Committee, our supporting sponsors, Diamond Nation, HealthQuest, Farmer's Insurance-Fuller Agency, Hunterdon Radiological Associates, Financial Resources Federal Credit Union as well as all the businesses, individuals and organizations that donated items to our Silent Auction.

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# NEW JERSEY'S BUSINESS CLIMATE MUST CHANGE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the recently released budget proposal from Governor Murphy it becomes more evident that we need to have meaningful change in the manner in which we approach our Business Community and the overall business climate here in New Jersey.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the annual Walk to Washington, sponsored each year by the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce, representing our Business interests here in Hunterdon County. This annual trip, which is attended by over two thousand individuals, spend time on a chartered train headed to Washington, DC. talking the business of New Jersey. The train is filled with representatives from business throughout the state, fellow Chamber colleagues, representatives from Higher Education, various fields from the medical community, the pharmaceutical and life science industries and elected officials.

The theme I heard in talking to many was that the foreseeable economic outlook is positive, but it is tempered by the ongoing overture of the challenges that continue to be put before business to succeed. The Governors' budget proposal to raise the tax rate on those who invest, build and create jobs in this State is one more clear sign that we send to the business community, which will include some who own businesses, to leave New Jersey for our neighboring states or beyond.

At the end of the day, business is looking for predictability in running their organizations as they make strategic decisions for their respective futures. We need to send a clear message to business that New Jersey is a partner in their success, not that we are here to over-regulate and continue to add tax after tax. New Jersey and Hunterdon County have so much to offer to make businesses succeed

New Jersey has had such a long history of innovation and companies that got their start here. One great example is that of famous inventor Thomas Edison, who also happened to be a founding-charter member of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce.

Our highly educated workforce is one of our strongest assets. Over half of our workforce possesses a Bachelor's degree and almost a quarter have attained advanced degrees making Hunterdon County a place of innovation and choice for our existing businesses. The signs here in Hunterdon County are very positive with the expansion and investment of ExxonMobil in Clinton Township. Another achievement for business in late 2018 was Unicom purchasing the former Merck Headquarters site, coupled with their vision of making that location a Science and Technology Park.

Hunterdon County offers the best in quality of life from our recreational opportunities, to the arts, culture and history. I truly believe that Hunterdon County has all the ingredients that make our region attractable to future investments and expansion. As Thomas Edison said, "There is no substitute for hard work." Let's continue to work to make Hunterdon County even better than it is and work collectively to change the Business Climate here in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

President & CEO

# UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

## APRIL

3 - NATIONAL MOVE MORE DAY, VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

3 - LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH, SPECIAL GUEST- JEANNE MURPHY

9 - WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

10 - LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON INFORMATION SESSION

12- UNITY BANK CB & E COURSE- BUILDING AN ORGANIZATION OF EXCELLENCE- EXECUTIVE BRIEFING

17 - LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL- SPECIAL GUEST- ROSANNE DETORRES

18 - CHAMBER 101

24 - UNITY BANK CB&E COURSE: ESTABLISHING INTERNAL CONTROLS TO PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS - PRESENTED BY BKC TAX MANAGERS

## JUNE

1 - HUNTERDON COUNTY COMMUNITY DAY

8 & 9- HACKHUNTERDON

20- LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON GRADUATION

## MAY

1- LEADS EXCHANGE NORTH

7- HUNTERDON COUNTY BUSINESS HALL OF FAME 2019 INDUCTION CEREMONY

8 - LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON INFORMATION SESSION

15- LEADS EXCHANGE CENTRAL

16 - CHAMBER 101

22 - UNITY BANK CB&E COURSE: SUCCESSION PLANNING PRESENTED BY BKC TAX MANAGERS

24- UNITY BANK CB&E COURSE:-STRATEGIC WEBSITE BUILDING PRESENTED BY INKYMA

## SAVE THE DATE

OCT. 1 - ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

NOV. 7 - BUSINESS EXPO & FOOD SHOWCASE

DEC. 8 - HUNTERDON HOLIDAY PARADE

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# HEALTHY HUNTERDON WORKFORCE INITIATIVE PLANS NATIONAL MOVE MORE DAY WALKS AROUND THE COUNTY



HUNTERDON  
COUNTY'S  
HEALTHY  
COMMUNITIES  
INITIATIVE

The Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative's goal is to continue to maintain and improve the health of the Hunterdon County workforce so that it will remain economically competitive, grow and prosper. Another goal is to provide and promote various community resources for healthy living and habits, to create a "culture of health" throughout the county.

The Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative encourages participation in the American Heart Association's "National Move More Day" on Wednesday, April 3. There will be three walks at three different times in Hunterdon County.

Walks will be held at the following times and locations:  
Red Mill, Clinton, 8:30 a.m.  
Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce offices, 119 Main St., Flemington, noon  
Deerpath Park, Flemington, 5 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes and sneakers and bring a friend or coworker. The first 50 people to arrive at each walk will receive a T-shirt. Water and healthy snacks will be available.

The Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative is a committee of volunteers made up of Chamber members. The committee plans periodic Champion's Meetings which feature various ways to improve the overall health of employees. There is no cost to join this program or to attend the programs.

Companies interested in joining the Healthy Hunterdon Workforce Initiative should call 908-782-7115 or visit <https://www.hunterdon-chamber.org/healthy-hunterdon-workforce.html>.

Below: 2018 National Move More Walk at  
Deer Path Park in Flemington



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# NEW EFFORT BUILDS MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIPS ALONG ROUTE 78 CORRIDOR IN HUNTERDON COUNTY

UPDATE FROM THE HUNTERDON COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A new initiative in Hunterdon County is aimed at promoting its central corridors as a prime location for business. The 78/22 Coalition, an effort lead by Hunterdon County Economic Development, formed in 2018 in response to a recent increase from brokers and others in developing projects along the two corridors. The member communities' goals are to jointly vet these opportunities, work together to address growth, and to begin to work more collaboratively across a wide-range of issues.

"This committee is the first successful county effort to work collaboratively with all the towns along these two routes that are so crucial to the future viability of Hunterdon," said Freeholder Director Suzanne Lagay. "The best economic development is collaborative economic development." Hunterdon municipalities represented in the Coalition include Bloomsbury, Bethlehem, Union, Clinton, Clinton Township, Franklin, Lebanon Borough, and Readington. As some of its initial goals, the group will be working to promote the two corridors as prime locations for tech and entrepreneurial growth, seeking to leverage the presence along I-78 of corporate giants such as ExxonMobil and UNICOM Global, which recently purchased and occupied the more than 900-acre former Merck Headquarters in Readington Township.

"The presence of companies like ExxonMobil, whose R&D facility here holds hundreds of research laboratories, speaks very strongly to the skill level of our local workforce. This same workforce can support a wide array of industries requiring the ready availability of an educated workforce to reach their full potential," commented coalition member John Higgins, Mayor of Clinton Township.

Aside from a talented workforce, town officials believe they can also successfully leverage their proximity to New York City, Philadelphia, and the growing Lehigh Valley to attract companies, in addition to factors such as affordable land and office space versus other New Jersey locales, beautiful surroundings, and the willingness of town and county officials to work closely with companies to support their endeavors.

According to Hunterdon County Economic Development, the county and towns are finalizing their priorities for the next few years but that, already on the list, will be a 2019 website launch which will include an interactive corridor map for detailed exploration of participating communities. Additionally, the towns will be creating an advocacy agenda for addressing larger issues with state officials such as transportation, and will be considering research such as a targeted industry study, aimed at site specific evaluations of "highest and best use" for the corridors' available properties and stranded assets.

"We are determined to maintain a vibrant economy here for years to come so that our young folks can grow their lives and careers locally and so we can continue to attract top talent to Hunterdon," said Paul Muir, mayor of Bethlehem Township. "A pro-active and cooperative effort such as this Coalition is a huge part of doing just that."

The 78/22 Coalition meets monthly in the town of Clinton. The Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelan attends these meetings regularly to represent the business community of Hunterdon County. Questions about the effort, or about business relocation to or expansion in Hunterdon, can be directed to Marc Saluk at Hunterdon County Economic Development at 908-399-1108 or at [msaluk@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:msaluk@co.hunterdon.nj.us).



# 5 Ways to Clean Your Financial House This Spring



Michelle Heide & Associates  
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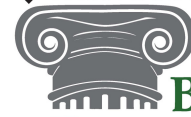
Spring is on the way. For many of us, the increasingly longer days and warmer weather signify a chance to tidy up and start fresh. If you enjoy the ritual of spring cleaning, why not take time to spruce up your finances as well? The following list is a great place to start:

1. **Your goals.** If you set New Year's financial resolutions, now is a good time to evaluate your progress. If you're on track – excellent! If you're not where you hoped you'd be, recommit to your goals. Identify what obstacles are in your way and create a plan to overcome them. If you need help deciding what to do next or how to stay on course going forward, consider meeting with a financial advisor who can provide you with a second opinion and help keep you accountable to your progress.
2. **Your portfolio.** As you evaluate your financial goals, it may be helpful to also review your portfolio, as the two often go hand-in-hand. Take a look at your asset allocation and ask yourself the following questions: Are you still diversified and invested according to your ability to withstand a potential market drop and the timeframe of when you need the money? And, do you understand why you are invested in the assets you have? Answering these questions can help you decide if you need to rebalance your asset allocation or make other adjustments to your investing strategy.
3. **Your budget.** There's a good chance that your cash flow needs will vary in the summer months to come. In addition to summer travel, you may need additional funds for things like child care or extracurricular programs while your kids are away from school. Take time to plan ahead now so you can enjoy the summer fun while still feeling confident that you're prioritizing retirement and other financial goals.
4. **Your credit report.** Did you know the three major credit bureaus – Equifax, Experian and TransUnion – are required by law to provide you with one free credit report annually? Make it a habit each spring to check your credit report. Doing so is a good way to ensure accuracy, protect against identity theft, and help you prepare for what interest rate you may receive if you plan to make a big purchase soon (such as a vacation home or new boat).
5. **Your estate plan.** Estate planning is important regardless of your net worth. It's never too early to create or update your will, health care directive, beneficiaries and basic powers-of-attorney – all of which can help your loved ones make decisions in line with your wishes in the event of your death. If giving assets to your loved ones and/or reducing your tax liability are important to you, an estate plan can also help you with strategies to accomplish those goals.

As with many spring cleaning projects, it's possible to get overwhelmed as you review your finances. If this happens to you, step back and take each task one at a time. A financial advisor in your area can also help you get "unstuck" and identify ways to re-energize your finances.

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## COMING UP NEXT...

- May 9 & 10: Building an Organization of Excellence, Jim Barnoski
- May 22: Succession Planning (Ed Kurowicki & Joe Carducci, BKC)
- May 24: How to Generate More Business Using Your Website, INKYMA
- June 26: Fraud Prevention and the Closely Held Business (Rob Kenific, Forensic Accounting Specialist of BKC, & David Watts, P.I.)

# Leads Exchange

## NORTH



Wed., April 3  
7:45 - 9 a.m.  
111 W. Main St.  
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## CENTRAL



Wed., April 17  
7:45 - 9 a.m.  
14-B Royal Rd.  
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*Hosted by:*  
Judy Gold of Coldwell Banker



*(Top Row, 1 to 7) B. Flanagan, D. Makoski, M. Lyons, W. Rudnik, A. Fialk, J. Papay. (Middle Row, 1 to 7) K. Lichtenstein, L. MacWilliam, T. Bussel, L. Parikh, D. Fredericks, J. Kopen, T. St. Angelo. (Bottom Row, 1 to 7): R. Ward, W. Goodwin, R. Cushing, M. Chazin, J. Manfreda.*

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## DEVELOPING HUNTERDON COUNTY BUSINESS LEADERS- LEADERSHIP HUNTERDON CLASS OF 2019

### INTEREST MEETINGS:

**April 10**

**May 8**

**June 11**



Glenn King became Executive Director at Freedom House in 2013. Prior to that, he held the positions of Clinical Director and Counselor. He is responsible for overall operations of Freedom House Inc. Mr. King is also a graduate of the Freedom House substance abuse treatment program and passes along his professional expertise, life experiences and wisdom to the residents of the house.

He is a long-time resident of New Jersey and has spent most of his life working in Hunterdon County. He gives back to the community by helping community members' access substance abuse treatment, jobs, and housing. He has coordinated and participated numerous projects for New Jersey and Pennsylvania non-profit organizations. He loves golfing, bowling, cooking, and fellowshiping with family and friends.

Glenn has said, " Having the opportunity to meet, network and learning with current and future leaders throughout Hunterdon County is without parallel."



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HACKHUNTERDON

## 2019 HACKHUNTERDON DATES ANNOUNCED

Hunterdon County's annual hackathon, a 24-hour tech product creation competition, is now accepting applications for this year's event to be held on June 8th and 9th at Hunterdon Central Regional High School in Flemington, New Jersey.

The HackHunterdon Hackathon annually invites the regions' technologists, entrepreneurs, students and other innovators to be part of the marathon-style gathering to build new projects, connect with fellow technologists, be inspired, and ultimately pitch their ideas for prizes and potential investment. Additionally, sponsoring companies have directly recruited participants at each of the previous two hackathons.

The event is in it's third year and is run by three regional economic development partners- Hunterdon County Economic Development, the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and Flemington Community Partnership.

Marc Saluk, Economic Development Director of Hunterdon County said, "The hackathon is a great annual opportunity to identify and bring together our local tech talent. This gives them a chance to work with each other and us a chance to partner with them long term to continue to cement Hunterdon County as a hub of innovation."

Chamber of Commerce President Chris Phelan agrees.

"The hackathon is a primary piece of a collaborative, long-term effort to encourage small business and innovation growth in Hunterdon County," commented Phelan. "Teams from previous events are still working together to develop and bring their ideas to market."

Phelan emphasized though that just plain "fun" is a key element to the success of the hackathon, adding that special events, games, cool swag, and plenty of free food and caffeine are provided in an effort to keep energy levels up and make for a memorable event.

Last years' hackathon had 78 participants that divided into 22 competing teams, with about half of those being composed of high school students. In addition to bringing a lot of energy to the event, Saluk stated that student teams took two of the top three prizes while competing directly against teams composed of adults.

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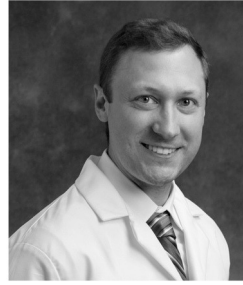
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Hunterdon Central Superintendent Jeff Moore was not surprised by the kid's successes.

"Our children have an incredible amount of talent, and are amazing problem-solvers both inside and outside of the classroom," stated Moore. "I see it day in and day out."

Regardless of the breakdown of participants, organizers are excited about this year's event and about what the overall HackHunterdon initiative continues to mean for the community.

"Momentum is building in Hunterdon County to spur growth in the technology sector, and it starts right here in Flemington," said Bob King, Board President of Flemington Community Partnership. "We are discovering the wide breadth of talent already here in the Flemington area and throughout Hunterdon County from both the hackathon as well as our monthly tech meetup, which has over 400 members."



# HACKHUNTERDON

HackHunterdon is organized in partnership by:



Those interested in applying to the 2019 HackHunterdon Hackathon or just learning more about the event can do so at [HackHunterdon.com](http://HackHunterdon.com). Questions can be directed to [team@hackhunterdon.com](mailto:team@hackhunterdon.com) or by calling 908-399-1108.

The HackHunterdon Tech Meetup is held on the last Thursday of every month at Lone Eagle Brewing in Flemington at 7pm. Register here: <https://www.meetup.com/hackhunterdon/>.



## Tax Tidbit: Tax Scam Alerts & How to Defend Yourself



Now is the time for tax fraud and theft. As the IRS continues to neutralize these threats, scammers are developing improved tactics to steal your identity and tax refund. Here is a recap of what the IRS is seeing this year:

- **More sophisticated email scams** - A recent IRS alert warns taxpayers to be on the lookout for new, sophisticated email phishing scams. Thieves may use these fraudulent emails to try to access your personal data through a hyperlink or trick you into providing financial information. This year, thieves are better able to make emails look like they are coming directly from the IRS. Your defense: The IRS will not contact you via email asking for personal or financial information so do not provide it! If you receive a suspicious email, don't click any links or open any attachments. Simply forward the message to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) and delete it.
- **More realistic phone scams** - Scammers are going to great lengths to impersonate the IRS by providing fake badge numbers and appearing as the IRS on your caller ID. They may threaten you with a lawsuit or with arrest, demanding that you make an immediate payment over the phone. Your defense: If you get a call from someone claiming to be the IRS, hang up immediately. The IRS does not call and ask for information over the phone. Even if you think it's actually the IRS, get the caller's name and badge number. Then hang up and call back directly to the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. Do not call back on a phone number provided to you by the caller!
- **Evolving identity theft scams** - Scam artists are now going around you to get your information. A popular scam is to send a phishing email to your employer's human resources department with the intention of getting your W-2 information. Once they have enough of your information, they file a fake tax return and send the refund to their bank account. You won't know it happened until you file your tax return and the IRS rejects it. Your defense: File your tax return as soon as possible to shrink the filing window available to crooks.

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## HATS OFF



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Congratulations to Judy Gold of Coldwell Banker Flemington for being recognized as part of the 2018 International Diamond Society of Coldwell Banker. This award indicates that Judy ranks among the top 10% of agents in the region. Judy is also the moderator for the Chamber Leads Exchange Central Program. She coordinates speakers for the program and serves as the leader for the program. The group meets the third Wednesday of each month and is hosted by the Hampton Inn Flemington. See page 9 for more information on upcoming meetings.

# HATS OFF



The law firm of Norris McLaughlin, P.A., has announced that eleven of its Members have been selected for inclusion on the list of New Jersey Super Lawyers for 2019. Only five percent of New Jersey attorneys are given this honor. The firm again showed its strength in alternative dispute resolution, bankruptcy and creditors' rights, environmental, and litigation matters.

The following attorneys were recognized as New Jersey Super Lawyers 2019:

Morris S. Bauer, Creditor Debtor Rights  
Martha N. Donovan, Environmental  
William A. Dreier, ADR  
Edward A. Hogan, Environmental  
Jill Lebowitz, Estate & Probate  
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Shana Siegel, Elder Law  
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In addition, Jessica L. Palmer, an Associate of the firm, was selected for inclusion on the list of New Jersey Rising Stars for 2019.

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**Colleen Duerr of Shifting Gears Consulting** recently became certified by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as a Certified Fundraising Executive (CFRE). A Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) is a fundraising professional who has gone the extra mile to confirm their own mastery of fundraising practices.

The CFRE is the only accredited, globally recognized certification for fundraising professionals. Congratulations Colleen!



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Devon works regularly with local non-profits sitting on the community. She currently utilizes her Farm Management Degree from Oklahoma State University to serve as Vice President for Valley Crest Farm & Preserve, a 110 acre farm in Lebanon, NJ. Devon's grandfather founded this organization in 2011 to provide food to those in need and serve as an agricultural educational outlet to those in our community. Devon also volunteers for the United States Pony Club and sits on her local real estate boards community service committee.

Devon is a member of CORE Association of Realtors, NJ Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

"Leadership Hunterdon is an amazing program that has afforded me a deeper understanding of our community's civic and political duties that I could not obtain from any other program. This year long course is not only filled with information about our community but also encourages the participants to reflect inwards to see how we ourselves can grow into community activists and leaders."

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(Pictured: Ryan Reep- Owner/Operator of Chick-fil-A Flemington with 4 team members from the Flemington location.)

Four local employees of **Chick-fil-A Flemington** were honored recently as recipients of the Remarkable Futures Scholarship program, totaling \$10,000 in awards. This is a program run by Chick-fil-A and is intended to provide funding to team members to further their education. Nationally, Chick-fil-A awarded over \$15 million in scholarships to over 6,000 team members. In addition, Chick-fil-A Flemington has paid out over \$12k in 2018 to team members for tuition reimbursement and certification programs. Congratulations!

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**Crown Trophy** of Flemington recently celebrated 10 years in business. Owner Jim Gano serves on the Chamber Board of Directors and also hosts a weekly Chamber radio program, *Takin' Care of Business*, Thursdays at noon. Congratulations!

**Zero Surge**, a Frenchtown manufacturer, produces failure-free surge protection for computers, TVs, gaming consoles, audio/teleconferencing equipment, copiers, medical/laboratory equipment, POS systems, digital displays, security systems, PLCs, and other sensitive electronics. They are celebrating 30 years in business! Congratulations on this great milestone!



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# FYI- MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Red Mill Museum Village** is hosting a Kentucky Derby-themed party held on the historic grounds at 56 Main Street, Clinton on Saturday, May 4 from 4:00- 9:00 PM. Attendees will be served food and drink while watching the races. Tickets are \$100 per person (plus fees for online purchases). They can be purchased, in person at The Red Mill (while supplies last) or online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/red-mill-derby-kentucky-derby-party-benefitting-red-mill-museum-village-tickets-54538880259>.

The **Good News Home for Women** will be holding its **Annual Golf Classic** on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Beaverbrook Country Club in Annandale, New Jersey. This event is being held to raise funds needed to continue helping women break-free from the bondage of drug and/or alcohol addiction and help them recover.

For more information go to [www.golf4gnh.com](http://www.golf4gnh.com) or contact Robin Jackson at (908) 806-7913, ext. 326. Many sponsorship opportunities available.

**Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation** is hosting it's 27th Annual Golf Classic on May 13th at Fiddler's Elbow in Bedminster. For more information, call 908-788-6591 or email [ddalley@hhsnj.org](mailto:ddalley@hhsnj.org)

The **Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation** will be hosting their first annual Wine Women and Shoes event on May 9, 2019 at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Wine Women and Shoes is a strolling wine, food tasting and boutique shopping experience with a dream closet raffle, glass slipper live auction, dinner, fashion show and a best shoe contest that come together for a few hours of fundraising, camaraderie and fun. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation (HHF) Special Needs Funds, which ensures cancer and financially vulnerable patients receive quality life-saving medical treatments, wellness resources and non-medical support. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.winewomenandshoes.com/hhf](http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/hhf) or call the Hunterdon Healthcare Foundation office at (908) 788-6591 or email [ddalley@hhsnj.org](mailto:ddalley@hhsnj.org).

The **Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium** in Branchburg will present several children's programs in April, as well as star shows and laser concerts for all ages. Planetarium tickets cost \$10 for one show, \$16 for two shows on the same day. For reservations and information, call 908-231-8805. For additional information, visit [www.raritanval.edu/planetarium](http://www.raritanval.edu/planetarium).

**To submit your organization's announcements, visit [hunterdonchamber.org](http://hunterdonchamber.org) and fill out the form on the NEWSLETTER page under the 'News and Events' tab. Submissions must be received by the first Monday of the preceding month for publishing. All submissions subject to approval by the Chamber.**

Registration is open for the **Sixth Annual Freedom House 5k Run & 1 Mile Fun Walk!** It will take place on May 11, 2019 at Duke Island Park in Bridgewater.

The proceeds from this event will help ensure that those seeking recovery over addiction are not turned away due to their lack of financial resources. Services, such as those offered by Freedom House, are a key component to helping to combat the heroin epidemic. To sign up visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/NJ/Bridgewater/FreedomHouse5KRunWalk>

**Harvest Family Success Center** is hosting Together Yoga!, a FREE program for EVERY-BODY, so moms, toddlers, grandparents and everyone in our community can enjoy the benefits of a relaxing yoga session! Together Yoga is held every Wednesday from 10-11 am at Independence Manor, 188 route 31 in Flemington NJ. They also provide water and a healthy breakfast snack for all, bring your own mat or you can borrow one from them. Call Harvest FSC with questions: Penni Trionfo at 908-237-0465.

**Hunterdon County Parks** is offering field trips and programs that can travel to your location this summer. Field trips include Nature Walk, Animal Clues, Birding, Incredible Insects, Amazing Adaptations, Pond or Stream Study, and Plant Study. Most programs take place at the Hunterdon County Arboretum, Echo Hill Park, and Teetertown Preserve, but they can be conducted in any County park. Some may even be able to be conducted on your property. Indoor programs that can travel to your location include Reptiles Alive, Animal Strategies, Rocks & Minerals, Skull Workshop, Nests & Eggs, Recycling, Water Issues, lectures on wildlife, and many more! Contact Senior Park Naturalist Laura Bush at (908) 782-1158 or [lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:lkroon@co.hunterdon.nj.us) to book a program.

The **Max Challenge of Flemington** is accepting donations of items to their Silent Auction for their **Day of Giving Event** on April 13th. The event will feature unique 45 minute fitness classes at 10AM, 2PM and 7PM with a recommended donation of \$10 per class. Pre-Registration recommended If you are interested in donating an item or participating, please contact Roxanne Lopatin at 732-277-1763.

**Chick-fil-A Flemington** hosts weekly BINGO for prizes on most Wednesday's at 9:30AM. For more info call the Flemington restaurant at 908-237-2697.

**View these events or make a submission to our Community Calendar at [hunterdonchamber.org](http://hunterdonchamber.org)**



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