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### ... From the Desk of Jeanne Martinelli

Exciting things are happening at the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce that I am happy to share with you. As you can see from this beautiful publication of The Yonkers Progress, we are hard at work to keep you informed of the latest news from our members and the Yonkers Business Community. Our Chamber is the voice of business in Yonkers and The Yonkers Progress is our voice. In addition to our newspaper, we have a very active and user friendly website: www.yonkerschamber.com, featuring upcoming events, member news and lots of photos. Please email your news to us, and we will be happy to post for you.

This year our Women in Business Committee is proud to celebrate 25 years of excellence at our Annual Luncheon sponsored by Cross County Shopping Center, recognizing four outstanding women who exemplify excellence and service to our community. We congratulate all of this year's most deserving winners Susan Sacco, Josyane Colwell, Carol Daly and Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum, who are prominently featured in this issue of The Progress. This year we look forward to welcoming back past honorees for a "parade of excellence procession" to kick-off the event at the beautiful Castle Royale. We are happy to welcome back Cablevision's News 12 Director and past honoree, Janine Rose as our Mistress of Ceremonies.

Also recognized at the luncheon are three very qualified and talented high school students from the Yonkers Public Schools who will be rewarded with a \$1,000 scholarship. Winners must meet high scholastic criteria and community and volunteer involvement. We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors. The Chamber thanks 5-Star Premier Residences for continuing their generosity by donating one of the scholarships this year! Please contact me if you would like to be a part of the dynamic Women in Business Committee. We will meet again in early September.

This year the Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual Golf Outing at the beautiful Saint Andrew's Golf Club in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, on Thursday, May 18. Invitations via regular mail, and electronically on our website, www.yonkerschamber.com will be available soon.

I am happy to report that we have welcomed many new businesses, both large and small, into our Chamber, and we continue to actively recruit new ones. New members are featured in our newspaper, The Progress, which is distributed by the Penny Saver to 45,000 homes and families and our website. I invite you all to get involved with the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce.

Ballots for "Yonkers Best" will be distributed soon and all winners will be featured in the September "Back to School" Edition of the



Progress. Here is your chance to let us know who you think is the Best in Yonkers!

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By Angelo R. Martinelli Chairman, Yonkers Chamber of Commerce

Each year the Women in Business Committee organizes an event that is nothing short of spectacular. The Women of Excellence Luncheon began 25 years ago as a way to honor outstanding individuals in our community, and it continues to be the shining star of Chamber events.

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months of pre-event preparation that go into making this luncheon a huge success. One of the most difficult jobs of the committee is selecting the honorees for each of the categories. Dozens of nominations flood into the Chamber offices each year, and believe me, it is not an easy decision to make!

This year the Business Professional Award goes to Susan Sacco, VP and Managing Director for Sterling National Bank (formerly Hudson Valley Bank) on McLean Avenue. Sue is very deserving of this award having served in so many community endeavors. Her professionalism has been a hallmark of her business activities. We applaud her for her hard work and dedication. She is truly a "Business professional" and we thank her for serving our City so well. Congratulations Susan.

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is proud to honor my good friend, Josyane Colwell, owner and Executive Chef of Le Moulin Event Planning and Catering with the Entrepreneurial Award. Josie has catered so many events in our city.

She sits on the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy Board with me where I witnessed her work first hand. I was proud when she catered the reopening ceremony at the Temple of Love at Untermyer which was in memory of my wife, Carol. I am proud to call her my friend and am happy to congratulate her on this outstanding recognition.

This year the Above and Beyond Award goes to Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum, a Gold Star Mother, author and community activist. She founded Hope, Healing and Growth, Inc., dedicated to the empowerment of women. Hope shows that she goes "above and beyond" in all aspects of her life. She is a great choice for this most deserving recognition and we congratulate her on all her accomplishments.

We are proud to present the Thomas J. Caramadre Humanitarian Award this year to Carol Daly, Esq. who has served tirelessly for many causes and organizations including the Building Hope for Yonkers Animal Shelter, Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, April's

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Child (Formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Center of Westchester), Catholic Daughters of the Americas (St Eugene Chapter), the St Eugene Home School Association and the Child Abuse Prevention Center, to name a few. In addition, I have had the privilege to serve with Carol on the Yonkers PAL Board and the Exchange Club. I can personally vouch for her humanitarian work in our community. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is very proud to honor her and thank her for all her good work.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend heartfelt congratulations to our honorees and ask all of you to join me and all the members of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce in saluting the Class of 2017!! I also extend a special thank you to our own Moira Kiernan who has successfully chaired the Women in Business Committee of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce for many years and who continues to serve us so well.



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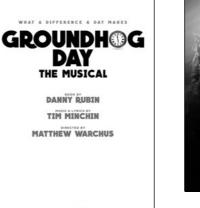
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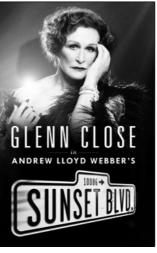
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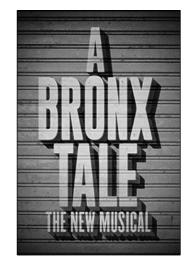
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### 25th Annual Yonkers "Women of Excellence"

### Women of Excellence 2017 Honorees



The Business Professional Award is presented each year to a woman who has not only proven herself in business, but has encouraged others to successfully reach their goals. This year, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is delighted to pres**Business Professional: Susan Sacco** 

ent this award to Susan Sacco, a lifelong Yonkers resident, who attended Sacred Heart Elementary School, Commerce High School and has an advanced degree from the American Institute of Banking. The proud daughter of the late James Barnett and Dorothy Eichel, who were both born and raised in Yonkers, Susan's Yonkers legacy began in 1902 when her grandparents settled in Yonkers and continues to the present with her family members being parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for four generations.

Susan has a 46 year career in banking, starting with the County Trust Company in 1971. She continued her career throughout Yonkers at the Bank of New York, Chase, and Hudson Valley Bank and is currently a Vice President and Managing Director for the McLean Avenue financial center of Sterling National Bank. Susan has been recently promoted to a Sterling National Bank Team as Associate Managing Director. We congratulate her and wish her the best of luck as she begins this new position on March 27.

Susan also serves her community as a member of the Women in Business Committee of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Police Athletic League, is a member of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association and is active in the Pajama Program, an organization connecting Yonkers to children in need.

Despite her numerous accomplishments and achievements, Susan remains most proud of the love and support she receives from her family, which include her husband, William, and their daughters, Danielle (married to Steven Scavone), Katelyn (married to Brendan Mulroy) and Brittany Sacco, currently residing in Colorado, and her two granddaughters, Ava and Emily Scavone. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce congratulates Susan on this most deserving recognition.



This year the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is delighted to present the Above and Beyond Award to Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum, an Author, Playwright, President of the Gold Star Mothers of Yonkers, Entrepreneur and Community Advocate living and working in the city of Yonkers. She is the proud wife of Antonio Coaxum and mother of Nicole D. Coaxum and Courtney A. Hollinsworth. At Pace University she studied Business Administration;

### Above and Beyond: Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum

afterwards graduating with an MBA with a concentration in Marketing. She gradually turned to her passion, writing, which was exposed after the death of her son, KIA in Iraq on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

Through her writing endeavors she created a publishing company appropriately named HHC Publications LLC, where she published other authors' novels and five of her own. In addition, Hope has written, produced and directed several stage plays significant to social causes

She has been influential is sharing messages of hope and positivity through various media avenues and has been published in several written publications. As part of her passion for writing, she formed writing workshops for women's shelters and community agencies that support children and families offering prevention, self-awareness, diversity, self-esteem, education and research programs in achieving healthy, stable lives.

As President of the Gold Star Mothers of Yonkers in Westchester County she has spearheaded numer-

ous Gold Star Mother and Veteran events to encourage and bring awareness to her military family. She established the Valentine's Day Card Care campaign along with the Yonkers Public Schools where over 5000 cards were created and shipped overseas. She also organized an annual event, Courtney's Care Drive with the City of Yonkers, while working with senior groups in distributing care packages to Veterans and troops serving abroad. She as well serves on several community boards within Yonkers and Westchester County.

In 2011, she founded Hope, Healing and Growth Inc., an organization dedicated to promoting the empowerment of women. The group caters to several community endeavors, including Health and Financial awareness, round table discussions and provides scholarships to young women striving to elevate their education. In 2016 Hope co-founded TheMothers2016, an assemblage of mothers who have lost a child due to various circumstances, mothers who are living with the impact, effect and aftermath of having endured this life changing experience, while providing workshops and panel discussion, studying grief counseling and creating collaborative partnerships with organizations to assist families who require resources and special services.

Hope Hollinsworth Coaxum works for the City of Yonkers in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, where she is dedicated and available in addressing the needs of the residents and in applying her advocacy work through the various programs offered. Hope says "It is the effort, quality and time that we put forth which will make the difference in a person's life, whether it be one, or many", her goal is to affect as many people as possible in delivering the Gift that God has given her and in providing her namesake, HOPE. The Chamber applauds her tireless work and contributions to so many in need.

### 25th Annual Yonkers "Women of Excellence"

### Women of Excellence 2016 Honorees

### Thomas J. Caramadre, Jr. Humanitarian Award: Carol Daly

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is proud to present this year's Thomas J. Caramadre Humanitarian Award to Carol Daly, a Yonkers native and the daughter of the late Peter J. McEwen, Yonkers attorney, and the late Florence Kertin McEwen.Carol is a person who has demonstrated a passion to "do more" for the residents of Yonkers throughout her personal and professional life. She is an active participant in numerous community initiatives, all geared toward improving the quality of life for all residents in Yonkers.

Carol attended Fordham University in the Bronx, graduated from Marymount College, Tarrytown with a BS degree and received her JD degree from New York Law School. While attending law school, she worked as an intern for the Legal Aid Society of Westchester which affords legal representation to indigent criminal defendants. She also taught women inmates at the Westchester County Penitentiary.

Her professional career included the practice of law privately, then with her husband for several years at his firm, and as a Hearing Examiner. She now serves as Associate Corporation Counsel for the City of Yonkers.

She is a member of the American Irish Association of Westchester and currently serves as Chairwoman and is a past President. She is also a member of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians (Yonkers Division 19). She is the treasurer of The Yonkers Lawyers Association and is a past president. She is a board member at the Yonkers PAL, a member of the New York Law School Alumni Association and Co-Ward Leader of the 11th Ward Democratic Party.

She is a member of the New York State Bar Association, Westchester County Women's Bar Association, The Yonkers Historical Society, the Aquehung Women's Democratic Club, vice president of the Yonkers Exchange Club, Board member and volunteer with Building Hope for Yonkers Animal Shelter, Board member of the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, Secretary to April's Child (Formerly the Child Abuse Prevention Center of Westchester) ,a founding member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas (St Eugene Chapter) and a past president of the St Eugene Home School Association.

She has been particularly gratified to give her time and effort to the Child Abuse Prevention Center, a non- profit organization which assist at-risk families through parental training and other forms of family assistance. She was also pleased to partake in the efforts of Building Hope to provide improved conditions for abandoned pets and other endangered animals in the area.

She is married to Hon. Thomas R.



Daly, Judge of the Yonkers City Court with whom she has two daughters, Mary, who is married to Asst. District Attorney Michael Ashraf and Dr. Margaret Daly, who is a resident at Lenox Hill Hospital. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce congratulates Carol, and thanks her for her tireless efforts. She is a true humanitarian and most deserving of this recognition.

### **Entrepreneurial Award: Josyane Colwell**

This year the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce is proud to present the Entrepreneurial Award to Josyane Colwell, Owner and Executive Chef of Le Moulin Event Planning and Catering and the recently opened Le Moulin Eatery and Wine Bar located on our beautiful Yonkers waterfront. Josyane created Le Moulin over 35 years ago, bringing her southern French sensibilities and palate to her first business location in Irvington, NY. Then married to a commercial producer, Josy found herself hosting dinner parties not only for herself but her friends and what had begun as a hobby blossomed into a business. Le Moulin is one of the few sole proprietorship off-site caterers owned and operated by a woman in lower Westchester and she is basically self-taught, drawing on her love of food and fine presentation from her French roots. Josyane's business continued to evolve and she not only cooked and catered in various challenging off-site venues, she honed her skills in the complicated logistics of event planning, from consulting on venues, to staffing, wine lists, décor

#### and entertainment.

Josyane has long been a champion of the Yonkers waterfront and was involved in early networking events on the Yonkers Pier in the early days of the Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District. She was perhaps the first chef to bring an elevated cuisine to the waterfront seeing the potential for fine dining in the downtown as early as 1999. She catered the inauguration party for the newly elected Mayor of Yonkers John Spencer on the Yonkers Pier, as well as, the ribbon cutting for Collins Enterprise as they began development on the waterfront in the early 2000s. Zuppa, X2O and the Dolphin would later establish white linen restaurants there. While Josy remained in her café on Main Street in Irvington for over 25 years, in 2014, she took the opportunity to open Le Moulin, her French eatery and wine bar, on the Yonkers waterfront at One Pierpointe Street.

Josyane built up her business over the years primarily by doing high-end off-site catering for such elite clients as Vera Wang and G100 as well as doing distinctive corporate events for clients such as Bunge. Her food was recently featured at the groundbreaking of the new Ginsburg development River Tides and the planned building on the Yonkers waterfront just north of Alexander Street. She brings her unique cuisine and unparalleled presentations to large events at country clubs and society weddings as well as intimate dinner celebrations served in a client's home. She was featured on the cover of Westchester Magazine in 2006 as one of the top chefs in Westchester County.

To Josyane, cooking is part of giving, it comes from the heart, and it's much more than a job. Food is nature, it should be healthy and organic, and along with imagination, creativity and beauty, it should be shared - this is the soul of Le Moulin Catering and Eatery. Despite her grueling work schedule, Josy has always found a way to support local non-profit organizations such as the United Negro College Fund with large events at the home of Madame C.J. Walker, America's first millionairess, the daughter of slaves who



made a fortune selling African-American particular hair products; Lyndhurst, the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy (on whose board she sits), Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, and Groundwork Hudson Valley along with many others. It is for this spirit, that the Women in Business Committee recognizes Josyane Colwell, and congratulates and thanks her for her entrepreneurial skills and dedication to serving others.

#### Yonkers Progress

### Member profile: Westchester County Solid Waste Commission



Facts About The Westchester County Solid Waste Commission

The Solid Waste Commission was created to serve as a watchdog to improve consumers' rights, lower costs, and foster fairness, honesty and competition in the garbage and recycling industry. The commission operates under the Westchester County Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection Licensing Law, which requires comprehensive background checks of all applicants for a solid waste hauler's license, as part of a major effort by Westchester County to reduce the influence of organized crime in this industry. The Commission requires that all private carters have a county license to operate. Customer Bill of Rights

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### Member profile: Create with Susan

"I am always creating, it's my passion!" says Susan Spillo the owner of Create with Susan LLC. "Whenever I am creating I am in another world that is a happy place". She has always loved crafting and being involved with various forms of art.

She has taken many classes, under many different instructors, and is selftaught in many areas of crafting.

Her business Create with Susan LLC is about "fun craft classes" where you come to Susan's home studio or she comes to your event, business, school, hospital, assisted living home or other venue. Her projects are fun, and blend creativity with a social time. Susan provides all of the materials and energy to get each person's imagination flowing. Beginners as well as advanced students enjoy designing and producing original works.

A recent article in the Journal News discussed research indicating that making crafts helps to keep a person's mind sharp, maybe even more than reading a book.

Susan has worked with groups of all ages from children to patients in assisted living facilities. Her passion and excitement encourages her students to become absorbed and to freely express themselves with whatever they are working on. During a recent class for single mothers, one mom shouted "I feel so relaxed!!" Here are some of the projects Susan offers:

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for a series of Open Public Cruises (Dinners and Sunday Brunch) from Yonkers, NY, where guests can enjoy the calm waters of the Hudson. Itineraries will include the opportunity to experience remarkable views of Historic River Towns or to The Statue of Liberty. We will also be available for Private Charters, for the corporate community and family celebrations. And to make the experience even more sensational, guests will enjoy a delicious dinner or brunch, freshly prepared and cooked onboard. "Majestic Princess" offers an intimate nautical ambience for





### New Member profile: CC Solutions

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Company description and principals

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CC Solutions has worked with hundreds of U.S. exporters to facilitate their sales of goods and services worldwide. We have extensive knowledge of EXIM's products, rules and requirements. In just the past few years, we have assisted customers in disbursing over USD 2 billion in EXIM direct and guaranteed loans.

#### Valerie Colville (Yonkers resident)

Valerie Colville is international finance professional, with over 30 years of experience in banking, and as an officer of Fluor Corporation. She has worked on transactions in industry sectors including oil and gas, power, renewable energy, mining, and telecoms. Ms. Colville is an expert in export credit agency and project financing, an export insurance broker, and a co-founder of CC Solutions. She is a graduate of Williams College and the Univ. of Wisconsin.

#### Francisco Anzola

Francisco Anzola is a finance and project management professional with 25 years of experience in the banking, engineering, and construction industries. Mr. Anzola is an expert in structured and project finance, with extensive knowledge of export credit agency and multi-lateral agency financing programs. He is a co-founder of CC Solutions.



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Hmart is committed to giving back to our communities. We have a longstanding com-

mitment to support non-profit organizations, various scholarship funds and youth development programs. We also support big and small organizations throughout the country with continuing efforts to reach out to local communities with a substantial number of grants that are directed to local communities across the country. Hmart cares for and takes great pride in giving back to our neighbors, friends, and local communities.

We look forward to our Grand Opening at our new Yonkers location at High Ridge Plaza on Central Park Avenue in Yonkers.

### New Member profile: Berdon LLP

Berdon LLP is ranked among the nation's top CPA and advisory firms. Offering a comprehensive array of accounting, tax, financial, and management advisory services, Berdon provides individuals, privately held organizations and multinational corporations with technical expertise and industry specific insight to help overcome challenges and succeed. The Firm's service approach focuses on developing strategies and techniques to help clients minimize taxes, maximize profits, grow their businesses, and prepare for a financially secure future.

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### Member profile: Phoenix for Life

Diane Pratt has re-invented herself as a Transition, Loss and Grief Coach. She created Phoenix4Life coaching LLC and supports individuals, families, couples to find their new purpose in life with joy and celebration as they travel and navigate through their transition and grief journey.

After experiencing her husbands passing unexpectedly, Diane was heartbroken for her loss, felt extremely lonely, lost and didn't know how long she would feel this way. The expectation of others was for her to go back to her normal routine within a few weeks, disregarding this major life changing event. At the recommendation of a friend, Diane sought support, which aided her in moving forward and continuing to exceed in her career. Through her own loss and experiencing her own painful grief journey, she was inspired to support others through their painful grief process and all it entails. Transition and grief can be one of the most painful and misunderstood life changing events we experience in our life time. Diane provides a safe space and compassionate support to share your loss. You will come to understand that your loved ones will always be with you in thought and spirit. That you too are allowed to continue with your life to experience joy, love, and laugh-

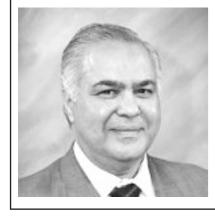
ter. Diane has given several interactive educational workshops at the Yonkers Grinton I. Will and Riverfront Library to support attendees and openly discuss the different types of grief, 5 stages of grief, what the grief process entails and why we do not feel comfortable talking about death and dying.

Diane discovered coaching in her 20s and has applied coaching techniques in her personal and professional life. She is a Certified Professional and Spiritual Coach, End of Life Doula, and Reiki Practitioner. Diane is the Vice President for the NAPW Westchester Chapter and the Educational Coordinator for the

"The Achievers Network" BNI Chapter in Yonkers, NY.

You can connect with Diane on LinkedIn - www.linkedin.com/in/ diane-pratt, via email -Diane@Phoenix4LifeCoaching.com or Phone: 914-589-8877





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### Member profile: Science Barge

The Science Barge will celebrate its ninth year on the Yonkers' waterfront with its season opening on April 29, 2017 from 12 pm – 4 pm. This joyous rite of spring brings together elected officials, civic groups, and residents from throughout the region for a full day of family fun. This event is FREE and open to all ages! The Science Barge is a fully sustainable urban farm and environmental education center on the Hudson River. Winner of the Omega Institute's prestigious "Leadership in Sustainable Education" award in 2014, the Science Barge offers one of the region's most dynamic and immersive STEM educational experiences. Each year, Science Barge educators teach thousands of students about urban agriculture and renewable energy - plus curriculum-based programs on biodiversity, botany, carbon footprint, scientific method, and, now, climate

change.

The Barge greenhouse uses a variety of innovative systems to grow an abundance of fresh produce entirely off the grid. All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels, while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by captured rainwater. The Science Barge attracts approximately 4,500 weekend visitors every year from the New York metropolitan area and all over the world. Each year, the Science Barge is a specific destination for visitors from at least different 15 countries.

Tours of the hydroponic greenhouse, climate change exhibits, and activities for children are available every weekend, Noon-6 pm, from mid-April to November. Art & Science Sundays, for children ages 4-10, offer planting and science activities, crafts, crabbing, and more from 2-4 pm, July to

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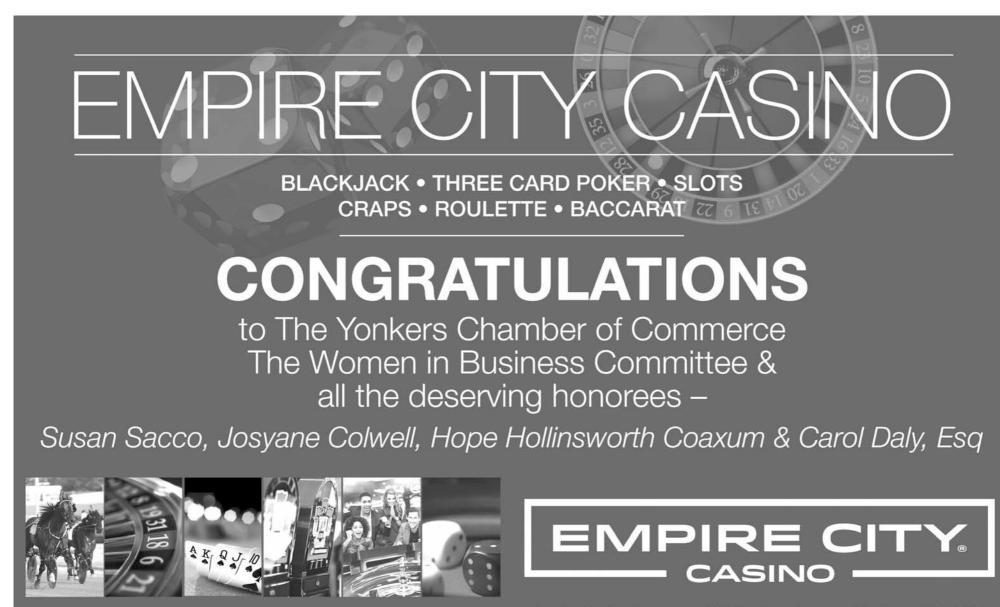


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The Science Barge is funded by grants from the Apple Hill Fund, Cabbage Hill Farm Foundation, City of Yonkers, Con Edison, Croton Energy, Domino Sugar, Green Mountain Energy, Hitachi America, Hudson River Foundation, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Science Barge, a project of Groundwork Hudson Valley, is



located at 99 Dock Street, just north of the Yonkers Pier. For more information, contact Groundwork at 914-375-2151 or visit our website at groundworkhv.org.



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### New Member profile: Astoria Bank

Astoria Bank is a full-service community bank that has been making a difference in the financial lives of its customers and the neighborhoods it serves since it was established more than 125 years ago. With its headquarters located in New York, Astoria Bank has 88 branch locations throughout the greater New York metropolitan area as well as a convenient network of ATMs, online and mobile banking channels.

Marie-ilena Skourakis is the new branch manager of Astoria Bank in Hastings on Hudson. Since joining the Bank in October 2016, Marie has gotten to know and work with many local business owners, professionals, and residents of Westchester County. She has 14 years of retail banking experience, including two years as a licensed mortgage banker, and most recently as manager of People's United Bank in Scarsdale.

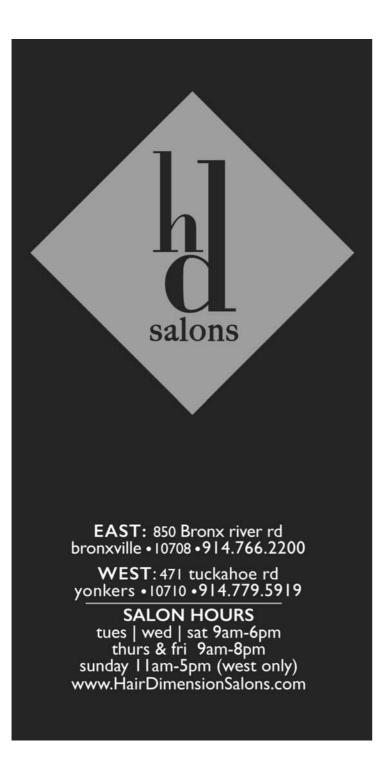
Marie, who was born and raised in Yonkers, is passionate about helping customers reach their financial goals. Whether helping customers to build their business, purchase a home, send children to college or plan for retirement, she is committed to building lasting banking relationships.

In her role as Branch Manager/Vice President, Branch Banking Division, she and her team consult with customers on their everyday banking and financial needs. She also meets with area businesses to get to know their unique needs and recommend financial solutions to help them succeed. In addition to her own extensive knowledge, Marie has direct access to a team of seasoned business banking specialists, financial consultants and commercial and residential mortgage specialists.

She looks forward to meeting new people and sharing her passion for making a difference in the community.



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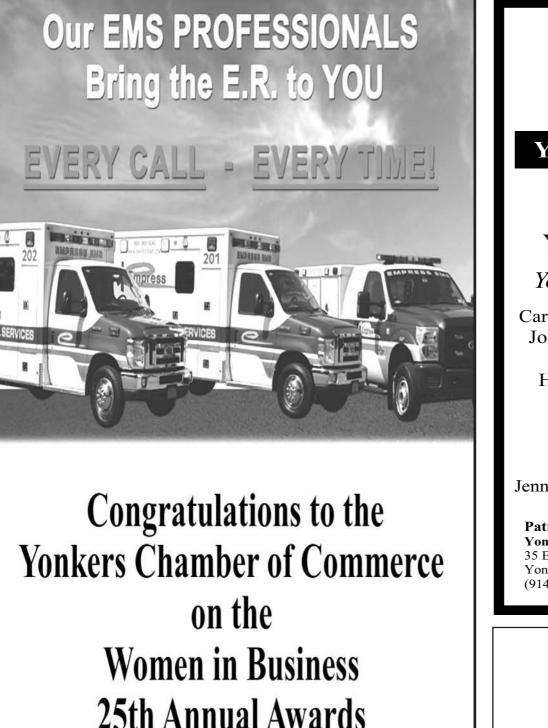
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### **Chamber Networking Events**



The Knife and Fork Award was presented to December Breakfast sponsor Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz and Curto Law Firm: (L-R) Steve Accinelli, Chamber Pres Kevin Cacace, James Veneruso, Chamber Vice-Chair Paul Ranieri, Keynote Speaker DA Anthony Scarpino and Steven Schwartz.



Attending the December Breakfast are (L-R) Michael Martinelli, Chief Judge Yonkers City Court, Henry Djonbalaj, President of HD Realty, and Chamber President Kevin Cacace.



Networking at the December Breakfast at the Fairways at Dunwoodie are (L-R) Ezra Ebanks, Ed O'Donnell and Sandy Albanese.



All smiles at the December Breakfast are Valerie Colville of C&C Solutions and Juan Gonzalez, President of I Train with Juan.



(L-R) Chamber President Kevin Cacace presents the Knife and Fork award to Yonkers Brewing Company Team Jackie Rubbo, Nick Califano and John Rubbo, with Keynote Speaker Chris Dessi at January Breakfast.



Enjoying early-bird networking at Yonkers Brewing Company are attorneys (L-R) Stephen Veneruso, Steve Accinelli and Howard Berman.



Fr. Matthew Janeczko (c) Associate Pastor Sacred Heart Church is joined by Chamber members Lisa Summa-Guarino of Westchester Bank, and Moira Kiernan, Sterling National Bank at January Breakfast.



The Yonkers Public Library is well represented at the January Breakfast by Deputy Director Susan Thaler (L) and Shauna Porteus, the new Community Services Librarian.

### **Chamber Networking Events**



Paul Ranieri, Vice Chairman of Chamber Board of Directors, presents the Knife and Fork Award to Westchester Bank President John Tolomer, with Bank officials Lisa Summa-Guarino and Stephanie Weston.



Early bird networkers at the February Breakfast sponsored by the Westchester Bank are (L-R) Vinnie Restiano (Yonkers Chamber of Commerce), Doug Crossett (All Safe Fire) and Janice Lubin-Kirshner (JCCY)



Enjoying Breakfast at the Hampton Inns and Suites are (L-R) Ralph Newman of Dott Communications and Bob Walters of the Yonkers Science Barge at the February Networking Breakfast.



Networking at the February Breakfast are (L-R) Irene Amato (ASAP Mortgage) and Astoria Bank officials Miranda Toma and Marie Ilena Skourakis.



Donning their smocks at WIB Paint Night are (L-R) Melvina Carter, Lourdes Santacruz and Anita Morck.



Mother and daughter artists Beverly Merrigan and Moira Kiernanat Paint Night, sponsored by the Women in Business Committee.



Having fun at Paint Night are (L-R) Judge Maryann Scattaretico-Naber, Claudia Cacace and Doreen Tiedeman.



Group Photo of all the new artists at WIB Paint Night at Dunwoodie to raise money for the Virginia Eyler Scholarship Fund.

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