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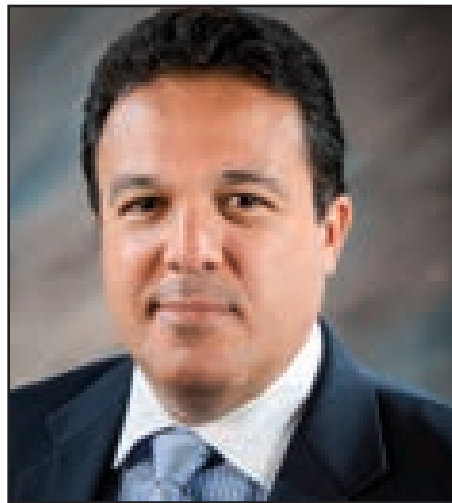
September 1, 2017

A Message from our YPS Superintendent

Sustainable Solutions for Student Success 2017-2018 and Beyond

Education in the City of Yonkers is primed and ready to soar to new heights! To propel our educational system Yonkers must build ONE community where everyone accepts the responsibility for educating all Yonkers' children. It will take a community team effort from District and school administrators, teachers and civil service personnel, to business leaders, faith-based organizations, all community-based organizations, and parents with and without children in schools. Join the team, collaborate with us to provide opportunities for Yonkers students so that achievement at high levels becomes the norm.

Last school year we cultivated dynamic collaborations among stakeholders - educators, staff, elected officials, community organizations, parents and students - who fought for Yonkers children's rights; to provide quality education deliv-



Dr. Edwin M. Quezada

ered in 21st century schools. The results are magnificent for our children today and for generations to come.

Rebuild Yonkers Schools, a 13-year, 4 phase capital improvement program to repair and rebuild the school district's 39 schools, is within reach. This program will provide thousands of students, Yonkers' next generation, the benefits from mod-

ern, healthy learning environments with opportunities aligned to 21st Century education. These schools will help prepare students for future technological communities and work. Once again led by Mayor Mike Spano, a unified team of leaders worked relentlessly and secured state funding in this year's budget. Our State delegation introduced a bill in the Assembly and the Senate which was approved and awaits being signed by Governor Cuomo. The legislation provides Yonkers funding for a double maximum cost allowance for three (3) new schools. The Rebuild Yonkers School \$2 billion plan would roll out in four phases with an estimated completion date of 2029. What a team! Assembly persons Shelley Mayer and Gary Pretlow, Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousins and George Latimer, Mayor Mike Spano, the City Council, the Board of Education Trustees and the Yonkers Council of PTAs.

Yonkers Public Schools accepted numerous challenges last year as well, met many of them, and continues to work to meet others.

Through continuous collaboration, we can fortify a stable foundation to ensure that *all* students achieve academic success today and into the future.

Important milestones were accomplished in 2016-2017 and will thrive throughout the 2017-2018 school year and beyond

What's on the horizon for 2017-2018?

2017-2018 School Budget of \$592.2 Million was adopted ensuring continuity in the delivery of instruction as well as required additional resources in Special Education and Pupil Support Services.

Over \$60 million in grant funding was secured for instructional programs, and we anticipate additional funding.

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Enhanced Medicaid Program Available at the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce (YCC) is entering the second year of our affiliation with Westchester County promoting the Medicaid Expansion Program. Through our outreach program and the work of our diverse network of assisters we have been able to help individuals acquire health benefits. Since 2004, YCC has been a partner with Westchester County Department of Social Services and is recognized as an advocate of business, a partner in government, an educational resource to ensuring a flourishing and vibrant economy, and a dedicated establishment for the community and its residents.

Utilizing our many years of experience and the working knowledge of the Westchester community, YCC has delivered on an excellent enrollment outreach program. We have contacted and assisted many Medicaid-eligible partners. We have connected with Westchester Community College, Saint Joseph's Medical Center, St. John's Riverside Hospital and many other community groups that work with Medicaid eligible residents. We work in conjunction with the New York State of Health Market Place. We continue to work with our business community in finding individuals that may be working part-time

without benefits. YCC has served our community continuously for 125 years. YCC is ideally situated to communicate with small businesses in a most effective manner by canvassing door-to-door local promoting Medicaid enrollment for the targeted group, including young adults coming off their parents insurance. We continue expanding our footprint reaching out to the community finding those among us who are eligible but still have no insurance. YCC office on Main Street in Yonkers has proven to be an ideal location. We are easy to find and totally prepared as a "Medicaid

Enrollment Service" site. Our dedicated staff has been able to assist English speaking and Spanish speaking clients. Through the NYS of Health, we have language support help for those who speak other languages as well.

Once again, YCC continues its service to the residents of the City of Yonkers and Westchester County helping our residents, assisting businesses, community groups, and individuals live better and fulfilled lives. For more information, please contact the Chamber office at (914) 963-0332 or info@yonkerschamber.com.

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The 25th Annual Yonkers Riverfest will be held rain or shine on Saturday, September 16th, from Noon to 6:00 pm. The Riverfest is a festival that has drawn 25,000 people to the Yonkers Downtown and will include the best in musical entertainment, arts, crafts, great food, exhibits, children's activities and much more throughout the day. It is Yonkers biggest outdoor event and a great tradition.



From the Desk of Jeanne Martinelli

Welcome to our "Back-to-School/Yonkers Best" edition of our newspaper, The Progress, the voice of business for our City. We are so proud to highlight news from our Chamber of Commerce, and to present you with all the outstanding winners from this year's reader's poll. It's hard to believe that we are celebrating our 12th year for our "Yonkers Best" and I want to thank all those that participated and took the time to send in their votes. The voting this year was better than ever! Our Chamber is thrilled to showcase the outstanding businesses and wonderful restaurants we are lucky to have in Yonkers. We urge you all to experience first hand the best that Yonkers has to offer! A

special thank you to River Tides Condominiums for hosting a Networking Reception for our membership with special recognition to this year's "Best of Yonkers" winners!

Membership in our Chamber continues to grow and we welcome our newest members

featured throughout this paper. For more than one hundred years, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce has been committed to advancing the interests and needs of business and industry in our City. We invite you to join our Chamber and become one of the hundreds of active members who enjoy and benefit from the networking opportunities we provide at our monthly meetings and annual events. Did you know that membership in the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce entitles you to a listing in our interactive web site (www.yonkerschamber.com) with links to your business, eligibility for email blasts and access to our mailing lists.

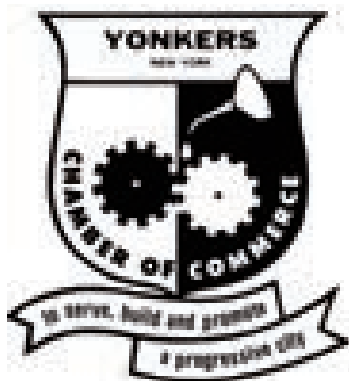
The Chamber will be busy this year putting together the new Directories

for 2018. Become a member to be sure that your business is included in this beautiful publication. The Women in Business Committee will once again reconvene in September and is always looking for new members. The Committee meets once a month on the first Wednesday of each month. All female Chamber members are welcomed to join to be a part of this dynamic and diverse group. The Committee does charitable work throughout the year including the Pajama Program and High School Scholarships. Our year culminates at the Women of Excellence Luncheon in March. Our first meeting of the year is Wednesday, September 27th at 8:30AM at the

Chamber Office, 55 Main Street, on the 2nd Floor.

The Networking Breakfasts for the Fall Season are confirmed, beginning with our September 19th Breakfast sponsored by Elizabeth Seton Pediatrics and featuring Dr. Edwin Quezada, YPS Superintendent as

the keynote speaker. Our October breakfast is scheduled for October 17th at St. John's Riverside Hospital, and will feature a local political debate. Our November Networking will be at Costco on November 20th where all attendees receive a pie, just in time for the holidays! Remember early bird networking begins at 7:30AM, and the formal program begins promptly at 8. Please call our Chamber offices to make your reservations for these exciting events. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce "Business Hall of Fame" inductees will be announced soon. Stay tuned for all the details on our website: www.yonkerschamber.com.



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steps from the Greystone Metro-North station along a private walkway and is convenient to both northwest Yonkers and Hastings-on-Hudson shops and restaurants. River Tides is the market-leading rental in Yonkers with 24-hour Concierge Service and "Resort Class" amenities including a Club Lounge, Fitness Center with Yoga Studio, Pool with Deck & BBQ Pavilion, Café, Game Room and a luxurious Spa with available Licensed Massage Therapists. Apartments at River Tides feature Euro-style Kitchens with Quartz Countertops, Stainless Steel Appliances and Island Breakfast Bars; Designer Bathrooms; Wide-Plank Flooring; Walk-in Closets; and a Washer and Dryer in every unit. Rents start at \$1895 for a Studio, \$2350 for a One Bedroom

and \$2895 for a Two Bedroom. River Tides marks a return to Greystone by GDC, which began building residential properties in the neighborhood in 1969, having built over 1,000 units in the community. Next year it will add another luxury rental to its portfo-

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topics include how mental health is directly linked to the body; combating the myth that you must choose between nutritious and delicious for a slim, toned frame, and more convenient ways to exercise. Incorporated are a meditation, a short workout, and a Quick Fire Challenge ensuring it will be full day of learning new ways to think, eat, and train.

“We’re beyond excited to host our distinguished speakers and panel guests at our debut Summit,” says Mind Your Shape Founder, Sirobe Carstafhnur whom herself had obesity issues stemming from PTSD. “The response from the New York Wellness Community was truly humbling and the Summit would not be possible if it wasn’t for their generosity. We forget that not everyone has the education, tools, access, and resources to professional health and fitness education. We decided that the proceeds from our first fundraiser will go directly to WIC families.”

The Summit is open to the public, but space is limited. Advanced registration for the event is required and available online at www.mindyourshape.com. Keynote Speakers: Founder of Maha

Rose in Brooklyn, NY, Lisa Levine is an acupuncturist and Reiki Master who turned her own house into a safe, holistic mecca for the community to heal. Jay Maryniak, Performix Athlete and Trainer is a recovering alcoholic and Type 1 Diabetic who now teaches others to overcome their addictions and setbacks and find confidence and purpose. Business Owners and Chefs, Merelis Ortiz and Ysanet Batista, have used Woke Foods as a platform to talk about our collective ancestral connection to food, and share vegan and vegetarian Dominican food practices into their community.

Additional speakers: Kershel Anthony, Creator of cardio dance craze KerBoomKa/KerBoomKidz, Jyll Hubbard, Yoga Instructor and Owner of Urban Asanas, Josyane Colwell, Chef and Owner of Le Moulin Catering, The Breukelen Co-Owner, Jason Morgan, Christina Lewis of Simple Syrup Wine and Spirits, Francesca Gentile Wellness Consultant & Deputy Chair of Workplace Wellness Committee of Delos, Transportation Planner, Matthew Arancio, Master Social Worker TaKeesha White, Chef and Register Dietitian (2B) Christianna

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The Mind Your Shape Wellness Summit is seeking approval for attendees to earn continuing education credits and made possible by Trader Joe’s, Oyin Handmade, Graze, Le Moulin Catering, Nu Bath and Body, G&G Outfitters, DJ MF3, and Dolphin Restaurant and more local New York health, fitness, and beauty businesses. More information on Mind Your Shape, the Wellness Summit, speakers and sponsors can be found at www.mindyourshape.com.

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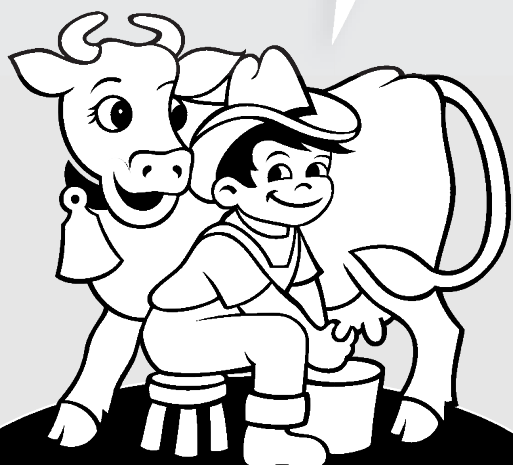
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New member profile: Martha Lynn Laskie Graphic Design

Martha Lynn Laskie Graphic Design & Illustration has been a proud local small business in Yonkers, New York for a decade. Specializing in logo design, brand development and web design, MLLGD has been featured in multiple publications and hired by top companies in and around the New York City and Westchester Area. Martha Lynn Laskie’s unique approach to graphic design has allowed her to

become a part of the business fabric in New York. She is also part of AIGA, a member of the Freelancers Union, Creative Circle, Graphic Design Guild, and The Creative Group. Local Yonkers clients include Tombolino Ristorante, Alpha Beta Creatives, Smart Money Entrepreneurs, Therapy Care PT, Optimum Electrical Contracting, St. Barnabas Catholic Church and many more. Martha Lynn is featured designer

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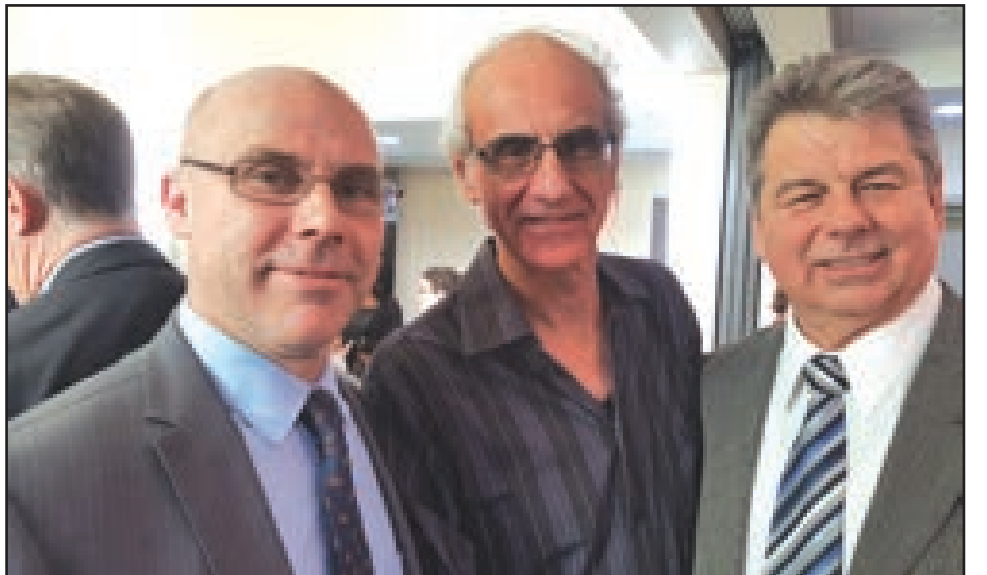
(L-R) Jim Landy, Larry McCrudden, CEO Michael Spicer and Mayor Mike Spano at the March Networking Breakfast at St. Joseph's Medical Center, our breakfast sponsor.



Enjoying early bird coffee at our March Networking Breakfast are (L-R) Susan Sacco, Bruce and Patricia Buckler, Frank Legio and Moira Kiernan.



Walter Recher (L) with Sam Reda at the April Networking Cocktail Reception, sponsored by Original Energy and Hampton Inn and Suites on Tuckahoe Road



(L-R) Jack Malley, Mario Trombetta and Stephen Szulhan enjoy the April Networking Reception at the new Hampton Inn and Suites.



Chamber President, Kevin Cacace, presents the Knife and Fork Award to Gerald Klein, CEO of Tompkins Mahopac Bank, and sponsor of the April Networking Breakfast. They are surrounded by the many staff members from Tompkins Mahopac Bank.



Chamber members (L-R) Diane Pratt, Ed Falcone, Janice Lubin-Kirchner, Marcia Klein and Kathy Kuhnel at Dunwoodie Golf Course for the April Networking Breakfast.

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Richard Fitzgerald, CEO of Sound Associates and sponsor of our May Breakfast at Untermyer Gardens, receives the Golden Knife and Fork Award from Chairman Angelo Martinelli. Looking on are Steven Byrnes, Patrick Daugherty and Kevin Cacace



Enjoying the May Breakfast at the magnificent Untermyer Gardens are (L-R) Dina Pace, Kathy Ennis and Chris Kenney O'Rourke.



Seated with Chamber President Angelo Martinelli, are Sterling National Bank CEO and Keynote Speaker, Jack Kohnsky and Lynn Bagliebter, Executive VP at Sterling Bank, our June Networking Sponsors.



(L-R) Joining us at our June Networking breakfast at the beautiful Olde Stone Mill is Westchester County Executive Chief of Staff George Oros, with Tom Szczepaniak of Sterling National Bank.



This year's winning team at the Annual Chamber Classic at Saint Andrew's Golf Club are the brothers Minerva, (L-R) Matt, Dan and Mike. Congratulations!



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Superintendent's Message

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Smart Schools Bond Act implementation is underway - \$3.5 million will provide enhancements to our classroom Instructional Technology capability, approximately \$20 million will provide additional security technology in all schools, and Eugenio Maria de Hostos MicroSociety School, Kahlil Gilbran School and School 30 will undergo significant rehabilitations that will provide more prekindergarten space and eliminate portable classroom structures.

6-year contract agreements were signed with all of our bargaining units providing a stable framework for improving instruction through 2021.

My Brother's Keeper Challenge (MBK) initiated in September 2016, is part of a national movement to close the opportunity gap for young people of color. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano accepted the Community Challenge and tapped Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic of the Nepperhan Community Center and myself to co-chair Yonkers MBK. The movement is thriving in the high schools and emerging throughout the Yonkers community and in

the elementary schools. Yonkers is a MBK leader in New York State. Find out more at www.YonkersPublicSchools.org/MBK.

Yonkers Basics launched in August 2017, supports early learning and parenting skills for Yonkers' children - birth to toddlers. The Yonkers Basics Campaign is sponsored by Yonkers Public Schools and the City of Yonkers, and brings together a citywide coalition of organizations and individuals to share these principles with parents and caregivers around the city. For more information, go to www.YonkersPublicSchools.org/YonkersBasics.

3-Year-Old Prekindergarten is available in partnership with St. Peters School and Yonkers Children's Place. Space is limited! Children must be 3 years-of-age on or before December 1, 2017.

Dual Language elementary program is growing at Thomas Cornell Academy

International Academy for high school recent immigrant English Language Learners at Roosevelt High School - Early College

Studies is thriving and increasing services.

Special Education programs and support services are expanding building in district capacity for students with disabilities.

New Code of Conduct focused on Restorative Practices is being finalized for dissemination in the fall.

Class of 2017 graduated 82% of the seniors on-time as of June (unofficial as of this publication) and earned **\$98 million in scholarships**.

Student Attendance rate is 93%.
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Throughout this school year, our collective efforts will focus on stability as well as identifying and implementing sustainable solutions for students' success. The Board of Education's *Mission, Core Values and Goals* is the umbrella over our work. Under it, we will align the outcomes in our 3-Year Strategic Plan 2016-2019 - a living document, it will evolve over the next three years through a continuous learning cycle - plan, implement, review, improve - focused on high

standards, organized curriculum, quality instruction, assessment and professional development; the administrators' SMARTER Goals and the My Brother's Keeper milestones.

Our learning community is poised to significantly move Yonkers' educational agenda; to improve instructional achievement outcomes that will address the needs of all students.

The Board of Education Trustees and the Superintendent's new leadership team will vigorously pursue a collaborative approach to our work. We can no longer work in isolation.

Rebuild Yonkers Schools and Sustainable Solutions for Students Success 2017 and Beyond must be the mantras that every member of our community echoes as we continue to achieve excellence in all schools. The Trustees of the Board of Education, the Mayor and the Superintendent of Schools are all committed to leaving Yonkers better than we found it. It is our moral imperative.

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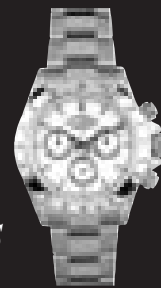
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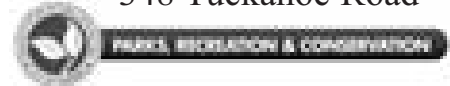
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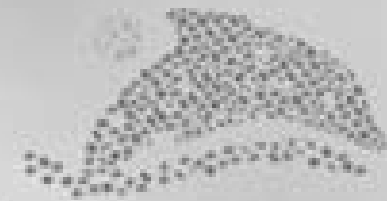
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