

Chamber Entertains Yale University Students



Participants in the Yale University externship program enjoyed lunch at O'Leary's Pub in Scotia with Chamber members Derek Mebus and David Ward of Tree Top Solutions, left. They were joined by student Michael Barnett, the Center for Economic Growth's Lori King-Kocsis, students Janet Yi Man Lee and Rosaria Chiang, and Dominic Tom, the Chamber's director of communications and government affairs.

The Chamber of Schenectady County in mid-March hosted three Yale University students as part of a unique, two-week "externship" program in the Capital District. The students and a coordinator, Lori King-Kocsis of Albany-based Center for Economic Growth, spent half a day with Chamber officials before heading off for an afternoon tour of the GE Global Research Center in Niskayuna.

Yale's externship program encourages undergraduates to spend their spring break touring companies in a particular region to "get a taste of business." The local version of the program was developed by James Burton, CEO of Psyche Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in Rensselaer, working with King-Kocsis and Michael Grosso at the Center for Economic Growth.

The idea is that a significant number of the externs will become entrepreneurs, and introducing them to the Capital District could encourage them to later locate their skills and talent here. The Yale students are majoring in

biotechnology. They spent two weeks becoming familiar with organizations that promote business in the Capital District.

Dominic Tom, the Chamber's director of communications and government affairs, coordinated the students' visit to Schenectady and escorted the group. The group enjoyed a walking tour of downtown Schenectady's new and recent economic development projects as well as a drive through its historic neighborhoods, around its college campuses and over the Mohawk River.

George Robertson of Schenectady Economic Development Corporation met with the group, explaining the many projects in Schenectady County and the availability of help from economic development agencies. Lois Smith-Law, director of development and communications for Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority, described the agency's work, emphasizing the proposed \$150 million rehabilitation of downtown Schenectady.

During lunch at O'Leary's Pub in Scotia, David Ward and Derek Mebus of Tree Top Solutions related their experiences as young entrepreneurs of a local high-tech company. Ward and Mebus attend Union College and started their business about two years ago.

The students were assigned a mentor to follow their progress and encourage them to return to the Capital District.

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Important DATES!

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
Annual "Good News" luncheon and awards, 11:30 a.m. at Mallozzi's Restaurant, 1930 Curry Road, Rotterdam. This regularly sold-out event will be hosted by Jack Aernecke, WRGB-TV 6 news anchor and business reporter. \$25-\$30 per person.

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Chamber's Small Business Council networking luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Petta's Restaurant, 134 Duane Ave., Schenectady. Guest speaker Ken Rawley of Ellis Hospital discusses "Humor in the Workplace."

■ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, MAY 14 & 15
Annual Chamber member recruitment campaign led by Membership Committee Chair James Romano of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. Volunteers needed to recruit new members via phone drive as well as other duties.

■ THURSDAY, MAY 22
After-hours Networking Mixer, 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Experience & Creative Design, 510 Union St., Schenectady. Free admission, complementary refreshments.

■ THURSDAY, MAY 29
Chamber's Small Business Council networking luncheon, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Road, Niskayuna. Details TBA.

For information or reservations for any of the above, call the Chamber at 372-5656, fax 370-3217 or e-mail events@schenectadychamber.org



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Chamber Names Eight "Good News" Awards

The successful ongoing revitalization of the Schenectady County business community is reflected in the tough choices that a Chamber of Schenectady County committee had in recognizing only eight stellar businesses and individuals that will receive "Good News" awards at this year's annual luncheon.

"This was truly a difficult year to decide 'Good News' award winners because there were so many deserving nominations," says Chamber President Charles Steiner. "The more than 60 nominations submitted probably are a record number. Time doesn't permit us to recognize everyone at the luncheon, but we feel they're all winners. Their successes over the past year are testament to our community's revitalization and strength, and of the commitment we all share to Schenectady County."

The award winners will be feted on Wednesday, April 16 at an 11:30 a.m. luncheon at Mallozzi's Restaurant in Rotterdam. Jack Aernecke, anchor and business news editor for WRGB-TV 6, returns to host this year's ceremony.

Here are this year's winners:

- **Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc.** of Schenectady, recognized for its continued employment of large numbers of people and for its many community contributions.
- **Buhmaster Energy Group** of Scotia, in recognition of the company's 90th anniversary and the many civic causes embraced by the family-owned business.
- **A Magic Kingdom** daycare center of Schenectady, now celebrating its 25th anniversary in business. The company's founders and co-owners began with a \$1,000 investment and one customer; the center has 18 employees, serves children from 70 families and has completed an expansion to accommodate infants, toddler and school-age kids from another 40 families.

- **Pattersonville Furniture Store, Inc.** of Pattersonville (Rotterdam), for offering quality products and service for many years from a rural location and establishing an outstanding business reputation.

- **Petta's Restaurant**, for marking its 52nd year as a family-owned business while remaining committed to operating in the Hamilton Hill neighborhood of Schenectady, where it also carries out several civic causes.

- **Walter Robb**, owner of the Albany River Rats hockey team and president of the Vantage Management consulting firm in Niskayuna, for his many years of working behind the scenes to assist existing business growth and new company startups. His most recent success was helping Cyclics Corporation obtain former GE patents and move to new headquarters in Schenectady.

- **The Alliance for Families and Children**, for its work in assisting community residents and winning its first state grant. Through a collaboration among Schenectady County government, United Way of Schenectady County and Capital Region BOCES, the Alliance was founded in 2000 to achieve the designation as an affiliate of "America's Promise -- The Alliance for Youth," a national non-profit organization to help provide youth with critical resources they need to become productive adults.

- **The Robert and Dorothy Ludwig Schenectady Jewish Community Center** on the Golub Family Campus in Niskayuna, for its completion of a \$3.8 million expansion and improvement project to its Balltown Road site in 2002. There are new facilities for infant childcare, expanded nursery school, meeting rooms, art and ceramics studio, fitness center, indoor swimming pool, whirlpool, exhibit space, game room and lounge. All facilities are open to the public, and membership has increased by nearly 30 percent since July 2002.



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Manning-Hilton Rejoins Chamber

Rotterdam resident Katie Manning-Hilton, former customer service director for the Chamber, has rejoined the organization as membership account executive. Manning-Hilton will be responsible for recruiting new Chamber members and advertising sales in all the organization's publications and its Web site.

While with the Chamber from 1997 to 2000, Manning-Hilton increased 1999 new-member recruitments by 50 percent over 1998 and exceeded the 1999 member registration goal, administered several business-to-business programs, surpassed advertising goals for two years, solicited more than \$60,000 in event sponsorships, and implemented a progressive business sales program to increase membership.

"Katie is a great addition to the Chamber's programs and operations," says Chamber President Charles Steiner, "and she's coming on board at an opportune time considering the Chamber has an aggressive member recruitment drive planned for mid-May. Her background and experience with the Chamber will certainly add to her effectiveness and success for the Chamber."

Manning-Hilton formerly was in commercial real estate with Prudential Blake-Atlantic Realtors, and was customer service director for Manpower, Inc. She's been a board member with Mohawk Pathways Girl Scout Council, Inc., and community relations ambassador for Northeast Career Planning.

DOT Workers get Official Greeting at Downtown Fair

Several hundred state Department of Transportation workers new to downtown Schenectady at the agency's new Region One office building got a taste - quite literally - of what their neighboring businesses and services offer during a March 11 downtown fair held at Proctor's Theatre and Arcade.

The Chamber of Schenectady County assisted Schenectady city and Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation (DSIC) officials with organizing and operating the three-hour event that was designed to familiarize the DOT employees with the businesses and organizations that surround the new office building at State Street and Broadway. About 350 workers moved into the offices on March 3. The DSIC is operator of the city's first-ever downtown Business Improvement District.

About 70 downtown businesses and agencies, including the Chamber of Schenectady County, erected informational display booths throughout Proctor's Arcade and the former Carl Co. department store. The Chamber concentrated on distributing informational materials about its members and attractions to visit. Individual businesses provided goodies ranging from free food and dessert samples from about 15 downtown restaurants to *Daily Gazette* newspapers to dance lessons from Myers Dance Studio.

An orientation session for the workers was held in Proctor's Theatre featuring guest speakers and presenters Mayor Albert Juczynski, George Robertson of the Schenectady Economic Development Corp., DSIC Executive Director John Samatulski and Chamber President Charles Steiner. Samatulski's presentation included photographs and maps beamed onto a large screen to provide the workers with directions to various points of interest in downtown Schenectady and Schenectady County.



Linda Staroba, director of member benefits and information systems for The Chamber of Schenectady County, distributed information to the several hundred state Department of Transportation employees who attended a March 11 downtown fair exclusively for the new downtown workers. The Chamber's booth was in Proctor's Arcade.

DOT officials expressed appreciation for the program, and they later supplied Chamber and city officials with comments from some of the workers who attended the event. The comments included:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Fair (March 11). The presentation was excellent and their enthusiasm for having us now in their neighborhood very welcoming. You couldn't ask for more. My entire newcomer encounters with area businesses have been very positive and genuine. Both food and information (March 11) were spectacular."

"Please pass on a special thanks to all city/business people here that took the time to prepare and participate for us."

"I truly felt after (the March 11 event) that the businesses and other organizations are sincerely happy to have us here and, in fact, I am also happy to be in Schenectady. Things could not have been nicer nor the people more friendly."

"While I have lived in Schenectady County for over 13 years, I have rarely shopped here ... we looked to Albany County for both our shopping needs and cultural events, so I was quite ignorant of all that Schenectady does have to offer. Thank you again for enlightening me and for a job well done."

Schenectady Rotary Celebrates 85 Years

The Schenectady Rotary Club marked its 85th anniversary and celebrated the induction of its 100th member - Chamber of Schenectady County President Charles Steiner - by co-sponsoring with the Chamber an after-hours networking mixer on March 20 at Parisi's Steak House (formerly Bar One).

Steiner, a Rotary Club member during his days as president of the Niagara Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, was officially inducted as the group's 100th member by club President Laura Erano, the first female president in the history of the Schenectady Rotary Club. The event was attended by more than 100 Rotary Club members, Chamber members and invited guests.

Many government officials took the occasion to issue official proclamations honoring the



Laura Erano, president of the Schenectady Rotary Club, officially inducts Chamber of Schenectady County President Charles Steiner as the 100th member of the group.

Schenectady Rotary Club for its longevity and effective civic work. The commendations included those from the Schenectady County Legislature, Schenectady City Council and state Assemblyman James Tedisco.

Member Recruitment Drive is May 14 and 15



James Romano

It didn't take long for new Chamber board member James Romano of National Grid/Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. to get involved with one of the organization's most vitally important programs: he is chairing its membership drive, slated for May 14 and 15.

This year's goal is to register at least 100 new members to add to the current 950, as well as educate the entire business community to the advantages of being a Chamber member.

"I've worked extensively on member recruitment campaigns with other chambers of commerce in past years," says Romano, "and I'm looking forward to our Chamber's drive because I've seen all the advancements Schenectady County has made in both its business and residential sectors. It's an exciting time, and an opportune one for businesses and organizations to join the

Chamber."

This year's two-day telephone drive will originate from Union College. Patrick Hoey of Sales Development Associates, a professional recruiter, returns this year to assist the Chamber.

"To have a successful membership recruitment campaign, it's vital that we involve our current members," says Lois Smith-Law, chair of the Chamber board.

Volunteers are needed to be team "captains," team members and "runners" to collect new-member dues and drop off incentive gifts. Prizes will be awarded to volunteers throughout the two-day campaign. The Chamber is also in need of donations and "Why Join Now?" incentives that will be given to the newly recruited members.

Information about the drive may be obtained by contacting the Chamber at 372-5656.

Chamber to Host Workshop Series

Join The Chamber of Schenectady County and Leadership Management of New York for a two-part workshop series to learn how to build your business into a high-performance organization! Learn how to develop team players, set goals and achieve results, communicate more effectively, increase productivity and profitability and meet organizational challenges. The sessions are slated for Friday, May 2 and Friday, May 9 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Registration fees, \$55 for Chamber members and \$75 for non-members, include both sessions and breakfast.

Our speaker, Norman L. Miller, specializes in professional development and team leadership. He has more than 35 years of public and private experience in recruiting, team building, communication and program development. Norm is a motivational speaker often used to inspire participants at corporate or seminar settings.

This workshop series is generously sponsored by Hudson River Bank & Trust Co.

To register, contact the Chamber at 372-5656 or e-mail events@schenectadychamber.org.

OSHA Course Set for Albany

The 2003 U.S. Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour compliance course, co-sponsored by The Business Council of New York State and The Chamber of Schenectady County, will be held April 30 and May 1 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany, State and Lodge streets. Chamber of Schenectady County members are eligible for a \$100 discount on the tuition cost.

The training and education program is designed to help companies and organizations avoid costly OSHA penalties from violations of the agency's regulations. Participation can lessen the risk of the fines and penalties because the program is designed by OSHA to present detailed information on how the agency's regulations may be implemented in the workplace.

Registration is available by calling (800) 358-1202 or visiting www.bcny.org. A course description and registration form is also available as a flyer insert in this month's newsletter, compliments of the Chamber. The cost is \$595 and \$495 for Chamber members using the priority code AC108 listed in the enclosed insert.

Chamber Co-Sponsors Tourism Reception

Chamber of Schenectady County President Charles Steiner was one of several speakers at this year's New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association (NYSH&TA) legislative reception in Albany that was aimed at encouraging state legislators to retain or increase state aid for tourism marketing efforts throughout New York state.

The March event featured a "town meeting" where program sponsors discussed local and statewide issues impacting the tourism industry, recognized legislative leaders and representatives, and prepared to meet the officials during an ensuing reception. The Chamber of Schenectady County was one of six event sponsors.

In his comments to attendees, Steiner emphasized the need for the state Legislature to maintain funding for the Matching Funds grant program at its current level in the face of Governor George Pataki's proposal to slash the spending dramatically in his tentative state budget. Steiner also urged that Matching Funds be allocated a separate line item in any approved state budget - as has been done in past years. Pataki's proposed budget lumps Matching Funds with general I LOVE NY program funding, so it would be up to I LOVE NY to decide how much of their overall budget goes into tourism marketing



Chamber President Chuck Steiner, left, is joined at the New York State Hospitality & Tourism Association's Albany Legislative Reception by Professor Toby Strianese, Chairman of Schenectady County Community College's Hotel Technology Program; Robin Granger, the Chamber's director of marketing and tourism; and Angelo Mazzone, president of Glen Sanders Mansion and chair of the Chamber's Tourism Committee.

programs operated by localities and agencies, including Schenectady County.

Steiner noted the effectiveness of the Chamber's program for Schenectady County by pointing out that increased funding and targeted marketing efforts increased the Chamber's requests for tourism and related information by nearly 700 percent over the past year. The Chamber is Schenectady County's designated tourism promotion agency, and Chamber staff member Robin Granger is the designated tourism promotion agent.

Granger and Dominic Tom, director of communications and government affairs, from Chamber staff also participated in the event.

Leadership Schenectady 2003 Class Schedule

Date	Topic	Location
April 8	Education	Schenectady High School, The Plaza
April 22	Law and Justice	Schenectady County Jail, 320 Veeder Ave.
May 20	Business and Industry Tour	TBA

Leadership Schenectady is sponsored by the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, an affiliate of The Chamber of Schenectady County. Call Pat Barney at 372-5656 for program information.

High School "Intern of the Month"

Shannon Ausfeld, a 17-year-old senior at Rotterdam's Mohonasen High School, wants to turn her love for children into a career by becoming an elementary school teacher. She's getting a jump on her dream job by participating in the Career Exploration Internship Program (CEIP), coordinated through the School-to-Careers Partnership of the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation.

"I've always wanted to be a teacher, because I love to be around kids," says Shannon. "I'm very good with kids, I have lots of experience, and I'm sure some of that comes from my mom." Shannon's mother, Dona, is a student aide and substitute teacher with BOCES. Her dad, Vin, is a licensed land surveyor.

Shannon already has been accepted to attend the State University College at Cortland come fall 2003, where she'll major in elementary education. Her sister, Abbie, is studying to become a physician's assistant at Western New England College; brother Collin is a Mohonasen High School junior.

A guidance counselor at Mohonasen High School told Shannon about CEIP and the Foundation, the educational affiliate of The Chamber of Schenectady County. She's completed more than half of the required 108-hour internship, working with Kerriann Pace's first-grade class at Bradt Elementary School in Rotterdam. There, she works with children in one-on-one reading projects, helps staff the

reading center and assists the kids with their mathematics lessons.

"At first, there were some menial tasks that I didn't like," says Shannon of the start of the internship, "but as time has gone on, my experiences have let me know that I want to be a teacher." Shannon is able to work about five hours per week on the internship because of her school schedule and her job at a local Eckerd pharmacy.

She's heavily involved with sports, including soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and softball during the spring and summer.



Shannon Ausfeld lends her teaching assistance to several first-graders at Bradt Elementary School in Rotterdam as part of her teaching internship through the Career Exploration Internship Program coordinated by the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, the educational affiliate of The Chamber of Schenectady County. Shannon, a Mohonasen High School senior, plans to attend the State University College at Cortland to major in elementary education.

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Attention Chamber Members: May Is Open Enrollment Month!

May is open enrollment month, the time to review your health and dental insurance enrollment status so that you may add or delete dependent coverage or change medical plans, if you so desire.

You may choose among the following health plans:

- **Blue Shield of Northeastern NY**
- **GHI HMO**
- **MVP Health Care**

Please note that provider Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP) is not participating in enrollment month. Dental plans through Guardian Dental or American General are available.

Any changes made during open enrollment month take effect on July 1. For more information, contact Director of Member Benefits Linda Staroba at 372-5656, fax 370-3217 or e-mail lstaroba@schenectadychamber.org. The medical benefits program is another member-only program made available by The Chamber of Schenectady County.



Laurie McKesson, left, an account executive with Chamber of Schenectady County member IKON Office Solutions, Inc. of Troy, and Linda Staroba, the Chamber's director of member benefits and information systems, greet the public as they operate an informational booth at the recent Saratoga Springs Rotary Home and Garden Show.

This marked the third straight year that the Chamber sponsored a booth at the show, which annually attracts several thousand Capital Region residents and visitors and signals the unofficial start of spring in the Northeast. The Chamber distributed informational materials that are designed to attract visitors to Schenectady County as well as encourage homebuyers to consider locating in Schenectady County through the Chamber's My Neighbor residential marketing campaign.

THE CHAMBER ON THE ROAD



Darlene Myers, owner of Schenectady-based Myers Dance Studio, escorts Dominic Tom, the Chamber's director of communications and government affairs, through a welcoming group made up of her dance students during the March 11 downtown fair held for state Department of Transportation workers at Proctor's Theatre and Arcade. The Chamber and Myers Dance Studio joined about 70 other downtown businesses and service providers to provide informational displays for the benefit of the approximate 350 DOT workers new to downtown Schenectady to familiarize them with the organizations based near the new office complex at State Street and Broadway.



Glenville Town Supervisor Clarence Mosher, left, Schenectady County Manager Kevin DeFebbo and Schenectady Mayor Albert Jurczynski were among a host of elected and appointed officials taking part in the 2003 Leadership Schenectady class on government and history held March 11 at Glenville Town Hall. Leadership Schenectady is an annual program sponsored by the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, the educational affiliate of The Chamber of Schenectady County. This year's 25 class members will be visiting the Schenectady County Jail on April 22 to discuss law and justice topics.



Sue Ellen DeWeese, left, and Katherine Papa, co-owners of A Magic Kingdom nursery and daycare center on Consaul Road, Schenectady show off the company's 25th anniversary birthday cake during an open house and party held recently to celebrate Magic Kingdom's Silver Anniversary. DeWeese and Papa began the business with a \$1,000 investment and one child, but have grown the business to include 18 employees serving 70 families and will soon open a facility expansion to accommodate about 30 more infants, toddlers and school-age children. A Magic Kingdom will receive a "Good News" award from The Chamber of Schenectady County at an April 16 luncheon at Mallozzi's Restaurant.

Free "E-Learning" Program Touted to Chamber Members

The Capital Region Workforce Investment Board (WIB) brought its high-tech message for "e-learning" to a Chamber of Schenectady County "business at breakfast" during March, complete with an offer to provide qualified businesses and organizations with hundreds of free Internet-based learning programs for their employees.

The WIB has contracted with NY Wired! to provide e-learning accounts to eligible businesses and organizations that can offer free online training for their employees. The accounts are valid for a year and employees can access the online training at any time and from anywhere there is a computer with Internet access.

The presentation was made by NY Wired!'s CEO Brian Lee and project manager Elisabeth Durkee to about 40 attendees at a breakfast sponsored by the Chamber and its Small Business Council.

- Program features include:
- Self-paced training delivered via the Internet
 - A limit of 100 participating companies

from Schenectady, Albany and Rensselaer counties

- Maximum of 15 employees per company receiving unlimited access to 450 "soft skill" courses (for example, management and communications) and 200 desktop application processes such as MS Word and Excel. Employees must make less than \$18 per hour to participate

- Tracking of courses for completion, with reports provided to companies

- E-learning implementation training and ongoing support provided to companies.

The program goal is to upgrade employee skills in the many different areas of study available.

The Chamber event was designed specifically to show how up to 30 Schenectady County-based companies could qualify for the free training. Some of the current participating companies are



Elisabeth Durkee, project manager for NY Wired!, readies a presentation on a free e-learning program while company CEO Brian Lee discusses the unique project with attendees at a Chamber-sponsored "Business at Breakfast."

MVP Health Care, Union College, St. Clare's Hospital and Feuz Manufacturing. Officials note each course offered could cost nearly \$2,000 per employee to complete in traditional training programs.

Chamber members interested in further information or program applications may contact Robert Wildermuth, WIB's director of workforce development, at 462-7600 or via e-mail at crcc13@albany.net.

"Student Solve" Program Includes Chamber's STC Partnership

The Schenectady County Chamber Foundation's School-to-Careers Partnership has joined with Schenectady County and six school districts to establish a "Student Solve" program that allows students to tackle problems that are facing the county.

Selected county departments and officials are working with teams of students from six high schools to develop unique solutions to particular problems. The results of the students' research and problem-solving process will be presented to the Schenectady County Legislature during a May 20 dinner.

For example, a team of seven students at Schenectady High School since February

has been researching and developing methods that would boost parental involvement in educating students that are at risk of dropping out of the education system. One of the team's proposed solutions is that Schenectady County participate in a national program the students found through the Internet - The Parent-Child Home Program - that instructs parents on the value and methods of helping their children with learning skills.

At Rotterdam's Schalmont High School, a student team is researching whether Schenectady County belongs in the nursing home business through its long-time operation of the Glendale Nursing

Home or whether there are more effective and cost-efficient methods to operate such a facility. County legislators for some time now have been debating the same points, including whether the county should pay for costly renovations to the existing Glendale Home or construct a new facility.

Across Rotterdam at Mohonasen High School, students are engaged in determining the reasons for and solutions to childhood inactivity and rising rates of obesity in youngsters.

Information about Student Solve is available by contacting Mary Anderson, director of foundation programs at the Chamber, at 372-5656.