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AGGRESSIVE CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN SLATED FOR SEPTEMBER

Plans are well underway for an aggressive Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce membership campaign with a goal of recruiting at least 200 new members. The most intensive part of the drive takes place September 24 through 26 and involves teams of current Chamber members staffing a telephone drive and vying for prizes.

The Chamber will also introduce an altered chamber name and "electrified" logo and design that will energize the organization at a time when the Schenectady County business and residential communities are enjoying a resurgence in economic development and home purchases.

"This membership campaign is the biggest project that this Chamber has mounted since the drafting of a new strategic plan, and it will be a success," vows Chamber President Charles Steiner, who has been on the job since early January. "We're drafting volunteers from our members to commit to a serious and meaningful member drive, though we'll all have a lot of fun in the process. We'll need the help of all our members and the staff to make this a success. I invite everyone to join us in boosting the Schenectady County Chamber as we continue to establish and grow programs for our members."



Bill Faubion,
KeyBank NA

The drive will be carried out under the Chamber's membership committee, chaired by Amy Ertel Bellcourt, chief marketing officer for MVP Health Care, and board Chair Lois Smith-Law of the Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority. Campaign chair is William Faubion, an immediate past member of the Chamber's board of directors and vice president of business banking for KeyBank.

"I look forward to championing this effort for the Chamber," says Faubion. "Although we have an aggressive goal, we will achieve that goal with the help of the teams and individuals involved. My thanks to the Chamber staff, Amy Ertel Bellcourt and Lois Smith-Law for their support in this effort."

The Chamber has contracted with Sales Development Associates (SDA) of Auburn, Massachusetts for assistance in organizing and conducting the member drive. Similar three-day intensive membership campaigns conducted by

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SAVE THESE DATES!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28: Chamber Volunteer Recognition Party and Business After Hours Barbecue. Olde Kristel's Inn, 654 Saratoga Road, Burnt Hills. Chicken & biscuits, barbecued chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, corn on the cob, macaroni salad, coleslaw, watermelon, homemade cookies. Admission only \$5! 5:30 p.m., reservations required. Call 372-5656 or e-mail rgranger@schenectadychamber.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: 50th anniversary annual awards dinner of Schenectady Association for Retarded Citizens. Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce President Charles Steiner to receive the agency's Community Award. Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia. Reservations due by September 13. Cost: \$50 per ticket, or \$350 for a table of eight. Call Danielle Lucarelli at ARC at 372-1160 for information and reservations.

SEPTEMBER 24-26: Chamber membership campaign, with a goal of registering at least 200 new members. Volunteers needed for various duties, including marketing the Chamber and attracting new members through telephone drive. Prizes available for top teams of recruiters. Call the Chamber at 372-5656 for details about serving as a volunteer.

DOVIK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO GRADUATES

Graduates Megan Gilligan of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School and Jessica Bonner of Schenectady High School have been awarded the 9th annual Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarships by the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, the educational affiliate of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce.

Each student receives a \$2,000 scholarship, awarded in \$500 increments during their first two years of college study. Gilligan and Bonner both plan to major in elementary education, Gilligan at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, and Bonner at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Scholarship candidates had to be seniors in one of seven high schools serving Schenectady County, achieve a 75 percent to 85 percent grade point average, be dedicated to civic affairs and community involvement, and be knowledgeable about business by serving an internship or holding a job outside of school.

Gilligan, of Spring Road, Scotia was a member of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions and Students Against Violence in Education.

She was a coach with the Spartan Junior community basketball program, tutored other students, worked with military veterans for a year, helped establish a recycling program at the high school and was a member of its environmental group Green Club. Gilligan was a chemistry lab assistant and scorekeeper for the junior varsity basketball team, and supervised children associated with school and community groups. Gilligan was an honor roll student throughout high school, participated in fundraisers for the American Cancer Society and helped establish an alcohol-free prom night party.

Bonner was corresponding secretary for the Class of 2002 Club, a member of the girls varsity track and field team at Schenectady High School - she was named Most Valuable Player in 2000 - and captured the 11th grade English award. She worked as an aide assisting developmentally disabled children in the Alternative Living Group's after-school program at Woodlawn Elementary School, took part in the city school district's

summer camp program and was a four-year member of the GE Scholars Col-



Jessica Bonner, is flanked by mom Stacey Bonner, left, and aunt Regina Thompson during a Schenectady County Chamber awards luncheon at which Jessica received a Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarship. Bonner graduated in June from Schenectady High School and will be attending Shaw University in North Carolina in the fall.

lege-Bound program.

The scholarships are funded by memorial contributions made in the name of Leonard K. Doviak, who died in April 1999. Len Doviak, GE's manager of communications and public affairs at the time of his death, helped establish the foundation and was its original chair.

POWER AUTHORITY "RETURNS" HISTORIC MANOR

A thoroughly restored and renovated Lansing Manor House in North Blenheim was symbolically returned to the public during a recent ceremony hosted by Eugene Zeltmann, president and CEO of the New York Power Authority.



New York Power Authority President Eugene Zeltmann welcomes visitors to the restored Lansing Manor.

The house had been closed since 2000 for the \$700,000 renovation. The Power Authority acquired the house and surrounding dairy farm as part of its Blenheim-Gilboa pumped storage power project. Built in 1819, Lansing Manor was restored to reflect the lifestyles of the people who lived in the house during its first 50 years. The restoration includes trade work completed to historic accuracy, added climate controls and improved weatherproofing to ensure its structural and historical integrity. An on-site barn serves as a visitors center.

The home is on the National Register of Historic Places, is operated as a museum by the Power Authority in conjunction with the Schoharie County Historical Society, and there are guided tours.

Lansing Manor and the power project are free and open to the public. The visitors center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, except Christmas, New Year's Day and Thanksgiving. Lansing Manor is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except Tuesday, from Memorial Day through Columbus Day, and by appointment from Columbus Day through October 31. Call toll free (800) 724-0309 for information.

SUNNYVIEW HOSPITAL OPENS "D.R.E.A.M. CENTER"

Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Schenectady has opened its "D.R.E.A.M. Center," a new, interactive recreational space that allows patients to enjoy their leisure time while undergoing therapy. The concept originated with Kim Whiteman, a certified recreational therapist at Sunnyview.



Michael Pilliod, left, an engineer with the GE Global Research Center and a member of GE's Elfun Society, is greeted by Sunnyview Hospital and Rehabilitation Center President/CEO Robert Bylancik at the grand opening of the facility's "D.R.E.A.M. Center," a recreational space designed for use by Sunnyview patients and their families. Pilliod and the Elfun joined with Solid Surface Craftsman of Glenville and other volunteers to construct the recreation center.

The center's goal is to enable patients to "Discover, Recreate, Explore, Achieve and Motivate" themselves while undergoing treatment and therapy at Sunnyview and to enjoy recreational activities, thus speeding the healing and rehabilitation processes. The center has built-in activities, including maps, games that appeal to the sense of touch, multi-colored fiberoptic lights, audio and video equipment, and a large mural depicting sea life and the ocean. Activities that are user-friendly for brain-injured patients and their families are available, all of which are designed to be fun and therapeutic.

Whiteman's concept was taken to Michael Pilliod, a GE Global Research Center engineer and Sunnyview volunteer who, in turn, approached the GE Elfun Society for help in constructing the center. Elfun built the center on Sunnyview's third floor and completed cosmetic work, while Glenville-based Solid Surface Craftsman, Inc. built the cabinets and helped with construction. Financial assistance was provided by Sunnyview Hospital Foundation's Kelly J. Doherty Memorial Fund, established in memory of a brain-injured woman who died.

MUSIC HAVEN GALA SLATED FOR AUGUST 21

The fifth annual Music Haven Gala, featuring an evening of classic street corner a cappella doo-wop music with the world-famous The Persuasions group, will be held Wednesday, August 21 at the picnic pavilion and Agnes Macdonald Music Haven stage in Schenectady's Central Park.

A summer buffet catered by Glen Sanders Mansion of Scotia begins at 5:30 p.m. in the pavilion, followed by The Persuasions concert at 7:45 p.m. at Music Haven. Champagne and a "dessert afterglow" will be served at the concert. Attire is casual to classy.

The Persuasions - Jimmy "Bro" Hayes, "Sweet" Joe Russell, Jayotis Washington, BJ Jones and Jerry Lawson - have been performing throughout the world for several decades.

Costs for the event vary: \$70 per person includes dinner, VIP seating and a listing on the evening's program; tables for 10 for dinner and VIP concert seating are \$500; and \$50 per person includes dinner and VIP concert seating. Information and tickets are available by contacting Music Haven Director Terry Kraham at 382-5088 or Debbie DeLuke of Schenectady 2000 at 393-7252.

SAWCHUK, BROWN TEAMS WITH ZOGBY INTERNATIONAL

Sawchuk, Brown Associates has affiliated with Zogby International, the renowned opinion and marketing research organization, with offices at Sawchuk's 41 State St., Albany site. Zogby is acclaimed for its political and opinion polling for clients such as Reuters News Agency, NBC News, MSNBC, the New York Post, Fox News, Gannett News Service and the Albany Times Union.

The agreement allows Sawchuk, Brown to offer highly regarded research and polling capabilities for new and existing clients, while giving Zogby an Albany presence and access to Sawchuk Brown's public relations and public affairs services.

KEYBANK DONATES \$50,000 TO WTC FUND

KeyBank N.A. has pledged \$50,000 to the World Trade Center Small Business Recovery Fund in support of the World Trade Center Small Business Relief Fund. The New York State Small Business Development Center and the New York Business Development Corporation have partnered to create the fund to provide working capital loans quickly to small businesses affected by the September 11 terrorist attacks.

"The World Trade Center Small Business Recovery Fund is an important safety net for thousands of people whose livelihood has been dramatically affected," says Elizabeth Oliver, senior vice president, Small Business division, KeyBank N.A., and board mem-

ber of the New York State Business Development Corp. "This donation is in keeping with KeyBank's commitment to help ensure that the communities in which we do business are strong, vibrant and healthy. And we are grateful for the opportunity to help those business men and women whose businesses were affected by the tragedy of September 11."

The loans will be complementary to federal and state programs available or being implemented for recovery assistance. New York Business Development Corp., founded in 1955 and funded by 160 New York state commercial banks and thrifts, will administer the program.

ON THE ROAD WITH YOUR CHAMBER



Sarah Worden, left, and Rachael Copp flank Capital District Physicians' Health Plan President/CEO William Cromie after receiving this year's \$500 college scholarships from the Albany-based company. Winners were chosen from among children who have a parent working for CDPHP. Sarah, whose stepmother Linda Worden works in the agency's credentialing department, enters her junior year at the University at Albany in the fall, majoring in urban studies and planning. Rachael, daughter of staff development trainer Helene Steiner Copp, is a junior at George Washington University, Washington, D.C., majoring in human services. She recently returned home after a year of study and volunteer work in Israel.



Megan Gilligan, second from left, a winner of a \$2,000 Leonard K. Doviak Memorial Scholarship from the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, the educational affiliate of the Schenectady County Chamber, celebrates the occasion with her father, Joseph, mom Robin (far right) and English teacher Carol Reynolds. Gilligan graduated from Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School and plans to attend the College of Saint Rose, Albany in the fall to major in elementary education.



Leadership Schenectady 2002 class graduate Suzanne Gilman of St. Clare's Hospital, left, and Michelle Heeran of Sunnyview Hospital Foundation are joined by Michelle's husband, Michael, during the group's graduation luncheon held at Attanasio's Restaurant and Banquet House, Scotia. The program, sponsored by the Schenectady County Chamber's educational affiliate Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, better prepares area business and civic leaders for more involvement in the community and for organizations serving the region. Applications are being accepted for the 2003 Leadership class that begins in January.



John Samatalski, executive director of the Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation, takes a call on his ubiquitous cell phone as he catches a ride with Maintenance Supervisor Ed Rahm along State Street through the Business Improvement District managed by the DSIC. The successor agency to the Downtown Special Assessment District celebrated its first anniversary in July, featuring a breakfast at the Holiday Inn Holidome that attracted about 125 business, civic and governmental leaders.



Members of the Mallozzi family cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Mallozzi's Belvedere Hotel, located at 1926 Curry Road, Rotterdam. The three-star boutique-style hotel has many personal and business amenities, and is managed by Quentin Incao.



The String Dusters music group performs on the Music Haven stage in Schenectady's Central Park while a film crew with the I LOVE NEW YORK state tourism program films the sight and sounds in preparation for airing a state tourism TV commercial featuring the city's annual Tuesday in the Park celebration that was held August 6. The crew spent several hours in Central Park filming various events and performances to prepare for composing the commercial. The Schenectady County Chamber assisted in the project as part of its official designation as the county's tourism promotion agency.

MEMBER BUSINESS NEWS

Pastor David Traynham of **New Horizons Christian Church**, Albany, has been named chaplain for Parsons Child and Family Center. Traynham, with 20 years of nondenominational ministry, was with the Rainbow Church, East Greenbush, and House of Praise Ministries, Schodack.

Seven teams from Schenectady's independent **Brown School** came home with honors from the New York State Olympics of the Visual Arts, an event founded by the state Art Teachers Association and co-sponsored by the state Education Department, State Museum and New York State Alliance for Arts Education. Students were presented with a series of problems to work on throughout the school year.

Kirk Panneton, M.D., vice president of medical affairs for **The Eddy**, has been appointed to the adjunct faculty at the Albany College of Pharmacy. The Schenectady resident is board certified in internal medicine and geriatrics, and he also serves as medical director for several Eddy affiliates.

Capital District Physicians' Health Plan is highlighted in a national report, *Innovations in Medicaid Managed Care: Health Plan Programs to Improve the Health and Well Being of Medicaid Beneficiaries*, from the Washington, D.C.-based American Association of Health Plans. CDPHP is recognized for its care of members with asthma and for promoting childhood immunization.

Kelly Gibbons has been promoted to branch manager of the 120 Erie Blvd., Schenectady office of **1st National Bank of Scotia** from her most recent post as assistant branch manager of the bank's Colonie office. A 10-year veteran of the bank, Gibbons is purchasing officer for 1st National.

Three **Schenectady County Community College** students received Chancellor's Awards for Student Excellence during a ceremony at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center: **Kimberlee Barrett**, a business administration major from Schenectady; **Robert Lemyre**, a science major from Saratoga Springs; **Shawna Morgan**, a teacher education transfer major from Scotia. The awards go to graduating students with at least a 3.82 grade point average who have best demonstrated

and been recognized for the integration of academic excellence with other aspects of their lives.

Leslie Ellis has been named assistant director of development for **Parsons Child and Family Center**. The Latham resident was director of development at Capital Repertory Theatre and was a national accounts manager for Kaiser Permanente.

Joan Lipscomb, a secondary special educator, has been appointed to the board of directors of **Catholic Charities Diocesan AIDS Services**. Catholic Charities is the human service and social justice arm of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

The following appointments have been made at the Schenectady-based **Visiting Nurse Service Association**: **Marvin Helf**, accounting manager; **Lynne Smart**, billing supervisor; **David Summers**, rehabilitation services supervisor. Helf was a senior accountant at Kaiser Permanente, Smart was VNSA billing coordinator, and Summers most recently was a registered nurse at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

Maureen Seymour has joined **C.T. Male Associates, P.C.** as a CAD drafter in the land development division, where she's responsible for production and revision of CAD drawings. She most recently was a CAD drafter/designer for Guilford Mills.

The following officers have been elected to the **Schenectady County Bar Association**: **J. David Burke** of Niskayuna, law clerk to state Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Sise and former clerk to Appellate Division Justice James N. White and to state Supreme Court Justice D. Vincent, president; **John Seebold** of Schoharie and the Schenectady-based Capasso & Massaroni law firm, vice president; **Robert W. Hoffman**, a Schenectady attorney, treasurer; **Kathryn McCary** of Schenectady, a partner in the McCrary & Huff law firm, Scotia, secretary.

Pauline McHeard of Schenectady has been appointed administrative assistant at the new **International Charter School of Schenectady**. She most recently held a similar position with the New York State Nurses Association, where she was personal assistant to the association's lobbyist.

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PARSONS RECEIVES \$27,000 IN GRANTS

Albany-based Parsons Child and Family Center has received \$27,000 in grants from three agencies.

A \$10,000 Phoenix Foundation grant is for Parsons' Youth Advancement Through Music and Art (YATMA) program that includes an original, progressive arts curriculum that instills early success, promotes creativity and emphasizes each child's learning process. YATMA served more than 80 children in 2001.

A \$2,000 grant from the Stewart's Christmas drive is for Parsons' current summer program that provides pre-vocational and recreational opportunities for at-risk youth in the agency's residential and foster care programs. The eight-week program serves 25 children, helping them develop self-esteem and self-confidence, and allow for recreational, social and job-training skills.

A \$15,000 grant from the Bender Foundation is for the agency's Work Appreciation for Youth program, designed to help at-risk youth age 12 and older realize the value of education and work, and assists children in developing skills for getting and keeping jobs.

NIMO MERGES WITH NATIONAL GRID

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has completed its merger with National Grid of England to form National Grid USA, the eighth-largest electric utility in the United States and the largest combined gas and electric distribution company in New England.

Niagara Mohawk's name has been retained, though it is now "a National Grid company." National Grid USA serves 3.2 million customers in New York state, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, covering nearly 30,000 square miles. Its operating annual revenue is \$6.7 billion. The merger resulted in customers receiving an average 8 percent delivery price reduction reflected in bills beginning February 1, according to company officials.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

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SDA on behalf of the North Shore and Great Providence chambers of commerce in Massachusetts netted 265 and 225 new members, respectively. The chambers of commerce in White Plains and Orange County, New York garnered 195 and 230 new members, respectively, through earlier drives coordinated by SDA and its president, Patrick Hoey.

The campaign committee is accepting member volunteers who want to participate in the campaign, and Faubion is actively seeking other members whose expertise will be of value to the drive. Members interested in learning more about the campaign may call the Chamber for information. Twenty-five volunteers are needed for each of six recruiting sessions. Additional volunteers are needed to act as "runners" to collect dues payments as new members join.

Several incentives are being developed to attract new members in addition to the large number of benefits and programs regularly available to members. For example, companies, organizations and individuals that register as a result of the campaign will receive a 15-month membership for the price of a one-year membership (dues vary

according to a sliding scale). A limited number of new members will be able to insert a free advertising flyer in an upcoming edition of the *Connections* newsletter, a member perk that normally costs \$200.

Steiner notes the Chamber at the same time will roll out a new Chamber "dba," or doing business as moniker - The Chamber of Schenectady County, though the corporate name will remain Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, Inc. A new logo developed for the Chamber at no charge by Schenectady-based The Creative Advantage will also be formally introduced, with the dba and design set to adorn all future Chamber materials.

"The membership drive, the incentives to join the Schenectady County Chamber, the new dba, the 'electrified' logo, the recent formation of the Tech Valley Coalition with the Albany-Colonie Regional and Rensselaer County chambers - they're all showing the progress and success that this Chamber is enjoying," says Steiner. "We want everyone to share in the success, to take this opportunity to learn about our valuable programs and take part in our community's revitalization."

Got Special Events?

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Upon approval, your event will go "live" on the World Wide Web!

2ND ANNUAL SDN BARBECUE IS AUGUST 15

Schenectady Day Nursery's second annual Lobster & Steak Fest is planned for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, August 15, in the Central Park pavilion, Schenectady. The menu includes a 1/4-pound lobster or 14 oz. steak, each with a baked potato, corn, beverage and dessert for \$30. A "surf and turf" menu of both the lobster and steak with all side dishes is available for \$50, and a hot dog menu is available for \$5.

Participants may dine in the pavilion or ask for take out. Folk singer George Ward will perform songs of the sea during dinner, and a free Music Haven Stage performance of Ruth Pelham's Music Mobile follows dinner. Tickets are available at the five Schenectady County Price Chopper Supermarkets, Open Door Book Store on Jay Street in Schenectady, and the upper Union Street, Schenectady and Rexford locations of Salamack's. Call 374-3995 for information.

ENTREPRENEUR COURSE BEGINS IN SEPTEMBER

The fall version of an intensive entrepreneurial training course, sponsored by and held at the Schenectady County Community Business Center, 920 Albany St., Schenectady, will begin Monday, September 9 and continue through December 18.

The 45-hour, 15-week training program guides entrepreneurs through the step-by-step process of starting and managing a business successfully, and helps existing business owners run their companies more efficiently and profitably. Classes are taught by recognized experts, and covers areas such as business plans, marketing, financing, legal issues, insurance and the Internet.

Classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. each Monday night at the center. There is a fee for the course, and some scholarship money is available. Call 382-3069 for information and registration.

LEADERSHIP SCHENECTADY 2002 GRADUATES HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Graduates of the *Leadership Schenectady 2002* class were honored at a luncheon meeting of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce board of directors. The program is sponsored by the Chamber's educational affiliate Schenectady County Chamber Foundation.

The class project was providing services at a concert and fun fair sponsored by Hamilton Hill Arts Center held June 21 at Jerry Burrell Park, Schenectady, with graduates helping to clean the site in preparation for the event and providing entertainment for children in attendance at the concert, which featured Alex Torres and the Latin Kings.

For each of the past nine years, classes of up to 25 regional business leaders have graduated from Leadership Schenectady and gone on to become active volunteers in the communities in which they reside and work. The training they receive makes them excellent candidates for positions as key volunteers and board members in community organizations.

The 24 students in the 2002 graduating class and their business affiliations are: Ann Aragosa, David Connelly and Miriam Jurado, Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory; Karen Bilowith and Joseph McQueen, United Way of Schenectady County, Inc.; Joel Burbank, GE Power Systems; Kristen Church, KeyBank; Sharran Coppola, Bethesda House; Robert Elliott, Waddell & Reed,

Inc.; Suzanne Gilman, St. Clare's Hospital; Michele Heeran, Sunnyview Hospital Foundation; Jeanne Jadwin, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp.; Maria Kotary, Schenectady County Community College.



Schenectady Leadership 2002 graduates gather for a class photo as the members marked their achievement with a luncheon in late June hosted by the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Also, Cyria Lobo, Union College; Theresa Murphy, Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority; Christopher Myers, Concord Development Co.; Lorraine Nicklaw, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan; Stephanie Przybylek, Schenectady Museum; Edward Rising, Capital District YMCA; John Samatulski, Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corp./Business Improvement District; Walter Simpkins, Community Leadership Training Center; Cheryl Sullivan, Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce; Elaine Wiczorek, U.S. Postal Service; Laura Zeligler, Law, Order & Justice Center.

Applications are being accepted for the January start of the *Leadership Schenectady 2003* class. Information and forms are available by contacting program coordinator Pat Barney at the Chamber office.

ARTISTS NEEDED FOR ANNUAL STOCKADE SHOW

Area professional and amateur artists are invited to register for the 51st annual Villagers' Arts Show, to be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 7 in Schenectady's historic Stockade District. Only original works of fine art, including drawings, paintings, sculpture, graphics, non-utilitarian textile wall hanging and photography, may be exhibited. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. the day of the show. There is a \$25 fee per artist. A special category of young artist - under 25 years of age and a student - will be judged separately. Works will be judged for cash prizes and ribbons. For information, contact Matt Volks at 381-6322 or Connie Colangelo at 374-7355.

GE ENGINEER IS "COMPASS MENTOR OF THE YEAR"

Mark Kowalczyk, a lead mechanical engineer in steam turbine design engineering at GE Schenectady, was named "COMPASS Mentor of the Year" during an annual volunteer reception hosted by GE Power Systems at its Schenectady plant.

"The Spirit of Commitment: A Salute to Volunteerism" included dinner, induction of new GE Elfun members, guest speaker GE CFO Keith Sherin and an awards ceremony.

The CORporate Mentoring Program At Schenectady Schools, or COMPASS, provides for adult mentors to establish a relationship that helps Schenectady County youth develop their interests and understanding of math, science and technology applications. Mentors guide students through real-life applications of the sciences, point out career opportunities in the various fields, and serve as adult role models. Mentors, consisting of business representatives and community volunteers, work with students one-on-one or in groups.

A three-year COMPASS mentor, Kowalczyk during the past school year mentored fourth-

graders at the city's Pleasant Valley Elementary School, and he developed a workshop on machines that supports the state's standardized tests for fourth-graders. The one-hour workshop includes topics such as simple machines, friction and gears, and he provided a mountain bike for hands-on exercises. The workshop was shared over the past school year with fourth-graders at the Woodlawn, Berne-Knox-Westerlo and Bacon (Amsterdam) elementary schools. He also co-chaired the Junior Achievement Job Shadow Day at GE Power Systems.



Mark Kowalczyk

COMPASS is one of several programs administered by the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, an educational, non-profit affiliate of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce. Foundation information is available by contacting Mary Anderson at the Chamber at 372-5656 or manderson@schenectadychamber.org.

ARC TO RECOGNIZE CHAMBER PRESIDENT

Charles Steiner, president of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, will be one of three honorees at the 50th anniversary annual awards dinner to be hosted by the Schenectady Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) on Wednesday, September 18 at Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia.

Steiner is to receive the organization's Community Award. Thomas O'Conner Sr. and Jr. of Mohawk Paper will be given the Customer of the Year award, and Rich Bonaker of Superior Quality Products accepts the Employer of the Year award. The awards are designed to honor

companies and individuals who support ARC's mission and the agency's clients.

The event begins with a 5 p.m. cocktail reception, followed at 6 p.m. by the dinner and awards ceremony. Guest emcee will be Jack Aernecke, long-time news anchor and business reporter for WRGB-TV 6. Schenectady Mayor Albert P. Jurczynski will make a special award presentation. Tickets cost \$50 each or \$350 for a table of eight. Information and reservations, due by September 13, are available by contacting Danielle Lucarelli at 372-1160.



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