



# Oracle Corporation Joins Chamber As Corporate Sponsor

Three decades ago, Larry Ellison saw an opportunity other companies missed when he came across a description of a working prototype for a relational database and discovered that no company had committed to commercializing the technology. Ellison and his co-founders, Bob Miner and Ed Oates, realized there was tremendous business potential in the relational database model – but they may not have realized that they would change the face of business computing forever.

With the agility of a much smaller company, Oracle has proved throughout its history that it can build for the future on the foundation of years of innovation, intimate knowledge of its customers' challenges and successes and the best technical and business minds in the world. The company has shown both the ability to leverage its immense size and strength to serve its customers, as well as the capacity to make decisions that upend conventional wisdom and take its products and services in new directions.

Innovation drives Oracle's success. Oracle was one of the first companies to make its business applications available through the Internet – an idea that is now pervasive. With the release of Oracle Fusion Middleware, Oracle has begun debuting new products and functionality that reflect the company's goal: connecting all levels of enterprise technology

to help customers access the knowledge they need to respond to market conditions with speed and agility.

Today, Oracle Real Application Clusters, Oracle E-Business Suite, Oracle Grid Computing, support for enterprise Linux and Oracle Fusion all fuel a commitment to innovation and results that has defined Oracle for 30 years.

Oracle Corporation recently joined the Queens Chamber of Commerce as a corporate sponsor. Oracle Solutions for midsize companies provides the power you need at the price you want.

Oracle offers a complete, open, affordable and easy-to-own technology stack bundled solutions that includes database, middle-ware, applications, analytics and unstructured content management. You decide what you need, when you need it. Some of the other features Oracle offers include:

Revamped pricing – You buy what you need and nothing you don't.

Award-winning support – Upgrade on your terms and protect your investment with lifetime support.

Oracle Offers Proven and Open Solutions and a Network of Partner Expertise

Solutions are built on open standards and leverage third-party solutions and add-on applications. Oracle's 19,000-strong part-



Oracle Director Kim Marie Mancusi and Regional Manager Frank Ambrosino joined the Chamber as a new corporate sponsor.

ner network delivers deep, industry-specific functionality and best practices.

More capability equals more choice for today and tomorrow, so you can grow your business!

Come meet with us in person at the Queens Business Expo at Citi Field on May 21, 2009. Or, for more information go to: <http://www.oracle.com> or call 212.-508-7700 and ask to speak with Frank Ambrosino.

# Queens College Hosts Biz Forum

The tone was definitely a little quieter and crowd a little smaller at the latest Queens College Business Forum, reflective of the general attitude of the uncertainty surrounding the economy. However, those in attendance had the opportunity to hear an uplifting, success story of keynote speaker Elaine Tomassetti, Principal and Co-Founder of J&E Industries.

Tomassetti, who grew up working in her father's Brooklyn construction company, now runs a 45-person, Belle Harbor-based supplier of steel reinforcing for numerous construction projects, including the new Freedom Tower that is going up at the site of Ground Zero in Manhattan.

"My business is successful, but like so many other companies, we are experiencing the economic crisis," Tomassetti said during the business forum on Friday, February 27.

After her speech, which detailed her career in the business and how she started her own company, Tomassetti answered questions including one about the progress of the Freedom Tower project. She said that her company was supposed to begin work at the site in June of 2006 and finish by the first quarter of 2007, but they are still there now.

"The delays that we have had over there,

some of them are absolutely ridiculous," Tomassetti said. "The amount of money that is being spent and wasted is ridiculous."

In addition, she also discussed what it was like to be a female business owner in a male-dominated field like construction, and she urged other women in the industry to hang tough and pursue their ambition.

"If you have the courage to start something, you have the courage to succeed at it," Tomassetti said.

The Queens College Business Forum, which began in the fall of 2005 and is sponsored by a number of organizations including the Queens Chamber of Commerce, acts as a catalyst for business in Queens. It brings together members of the business community, local government and educators to discuss important matters.

"It really is a terrific vehicle for all of the businesses here in Queens," said Queens Assemblymember Mark Weprin, who chairs the Assembly Small Business Committee and delivered the opening remarks during the breakfast. "The Queens Chamber has been doing a terrific job [promoting business]."

Weprin also said that the State Legislature was looking for ways to help with rising energy costs with a focus on renewable energy.



Elaine Tomassetti, Principal and Co-Founder of J&E Industries, delivered the keynote address at the Queens College Business Forum.