

**MAJOR CORPORATE MEMBERS**

# A Look Back And A Look Ahead



**From The QCC President  
Albert F. Pennisi**

**T**his past year has been an exciting one at the Queens Chamber of Commerce. Together, we fought and defeated congestion pricing. We worked closely with the NYC Economic Development Corporation, the Flushing/Corona/Willets Point LDC, the Borough President's office and all the stakeholders at Willets Point to forge an agreement that will lead to the redevelopment and revitalization of the entire Willets Point area. We also added new programming and benefits that added "value" to our Chamber membership. We have sought to identify our members' wants and needs and host events that can meet those wishes.

This year, however, promises to be a more difficult time. A nationwide recession has crept into our borough, causing concerns among Queens businesspeople. Rather than sit back and watch the effects, the Chamber is committed to new training, networking opportunities and focusing on industry-specific gatherings. More targeted and strategic planning will enable our members to make new connections and drive "new" business. The solution to a bad economy is not to cut advertising and marketing budgets, but rather to expand your customer base and seek new prospects.

Our cover this month features our Queens GreenBusiness Summit, a first-of-its-kind event that promises to teach attainable, measurable and sustainable business practices that can be incorporated into virtually any business model. Rather than a "Go Green" event, the Queens GreenBusiness Summit will teach businesses how being environmentally friendly can also positively impact any company's bottom line. Attendance is FREE, so there is no excuse for not stopping by and seeing our exhibitors or listening to our professional panelists. Of course, you can always join us for lunch. Please see [www.QueensGreenBusinessSummit.com](http://www.QueensGreenBusinessSummit.com).

We are also excited at the launching of the new Queens Chamber Benefits Group. Details are still being worked out, but this plan that will launch very soon and promises to offer discounted pricing, many insurance policy options and be a true value-added benefit of your Chamber membership. The program will have a dedicated website that will allow you to compare benefits and pricing on a variety of insurance programs and carriers and select the ones best for you and your employees.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Queens Chamber of Commerce and myself, I want to wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year. Please visit our "new and improved" website and check out our calendar for all of our upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you there.

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- Abigail Kirsch At Stage Six
- Aetna
- AFC Industries, Inc.
- AFLAC NY
- Amalgamated Bank
- Amerigroup Community Care
- Astoria Federal Savings
- Atlantic Dialysis Management Service
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC
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- Capital Play
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- Center for Automotive Education and Training
- Chase
- Ciampa Organization
- City Underwriting Agency
- CNG/TimesLedger Newspapers
- Conway Funeral Home
- Courtyard by Marriott at LaGuardia
- Crowne Plaza Laguardia
- DeVry College of New York
- Dignity Memorial Funeral Providers
- Durobi
- DY Realty Services, L.L.C.
- Edible Arrangements #800
- Ellanef Manufacturing Corporation
- Elmhurst Hospital Center
- EnviroTrac Ltd.
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- Farrell Fritz, P.C.
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- First Central Savings Bank
- Flushing Savings Bank FSB
- Grassi & Co., CPA'S PC.
- Greiner-Maltz Co. of New York
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- James F. Capalino & Assoc.
- Jet Blue Airways
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- Liberty Mutual
- Long Island Business Institute
- Lyons Mortgage Services
- M & T Bank
- Major Automotive Group
- Marquise Realty Inc.
- Massey Knakal Realty Services of Queens
- Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein, P.C.
- Minutemen Fleet Radio Inc.
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- Muss Development Company
- New Douglaston Manor The New York Business Brokerage
- New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott
- New York Presbyterian Community Health
- New York Times, The
- Nextcom Construction, Inc.
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