

Thanks to all our members who renewed in September

RENEWING CORPORATE MEMBERS

**Queens County Savings Bank/
Division of NY Community Bank**

NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

**Hudson Valley Bank
Liberty Mutual**

RENEWING MEMBERS

A.N.I.B.I.C.
Affinity Health Plan
Alternative Board, The
City of New York Parks & Recreation
Cowan Financial Group
Dan Rinaldo Co., Inc.
Edmar
Energy Curtailment Specialists, Inc.
Federation of NY Housing Cooperatives
Fresh Direct, LLC
Gilman Ciocia
Honig Conte Porrino Insurance Agency Inc.
JCF Electric, Inc.
King Apartments Company
Lincoln Technical Institute
Long Island Concrete
Marbren Tire Co., Inc.
Men On The Move
Moving Right Along
New York Enterprise Report
NY Medical Career Training Center
Queens Economic Development Corp.
Ralis Insurance Agency
Ramada/Adria Hotel & Conference Center
Ryan Consulting Engineers
Signature Development Corp.
Soho Solutions, Inc.
Steinway & Sons
Sunnyside Pharmacy
The Urban Group, Ltd.
Times Newsweekly/Ridgewood Times

NEW MEMBERS

New Horizion Graphic Inc.	Woodberry & Associates, Public Relations
Allstate Insurance Co. - Kalkin Agency Inc.	Edward Jones Investment Alive Structures
Queens Long Island Medical Group	Office Solutions Inc. Ryan J. Walsh

Staff Updates

Increasing The Chamber's Visibility



September has been a month chock full of activity for the Chamber. Our Breakfast Before Business series is in full swing again, and hopefully many of you will join us

companies has increased.

The enthusiastic response we had to our first ever Queens GreenBusiness Summit, now scheduled for January 23, has allowed the Chamber to reach out to many different industries to share their green goods, services and philosophies. At a fascinating design event at Sotheby's, people offered to speak at our Summit about green textiles used in the fashion and home furnishings industry, and began discussions with a trade association representing industrial designers utilizing green methods and materials.

I love to match the face to the name, so if we have not yet met in person, please find me at the next event of ours that you attend.

Marva Kalish

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on Friday mornings.

The Chamber's contribution to the Disabilities Job Fair, scheduled for October 24 at Queens College, has been to help market, publicize and set the agenda. Such a worthwhile endeavor reinforces my feeling of personal fulfillment in what I do for the people of Queens at the Chamber. Now that the new school year is underway, my involvement as a conduit between student interns and

The Melting Pot Of Queens

October 6 is around the corner, and that is when the Queens Chamber of Commerce will have the great opportunity to outline our outreach efforts to the international business community in our borough.

We are creating the First International Advisory Council of business members reflecting the broad spectrum of nationalities in Queens, who will interface toward breaking down the insularity of their communities. These insights will assist the Chamber in planning for a successful International Trade Show in 2009.

With the participation of ethnic business associations and local chambers of commerce working with specific needs groups like New York Women Chamber of Commerce or the New York Solution Center in Jamaica, we will generate a tremendous opportunity to very secluded organizations that have no access to broader business opportunities and networking.

Another aspect of the Queens Chamber of Commerce commitment to business is

a new series of business seminars that we will start on October 20, working with the Latino and South Asian Community, in Corona and Richmond Hill respectively, at their neighborhood libraries. Brian Gurski, acting director of LaGuardia Community College Business Development Center, will facilitate the seminars conducted at the Queens Library branches to help small minority owned business to become better established, and to learn how to be successful in this new market.

The diversity of businesses and cultures in Queens County inspires me to work with both the established and emergent communities.

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Stony Brook University Honors Chamber's Marva Kalish

The Queens Chamber of Commerce's Marva Kalish received a Spirit Award from the Career Center of Stony Brook University for participation in and continued support of the University's Career Center programs and services. In her role at the Chamber, one of Kalish's key areas of responsibility involves cultivating a relationship with all the educational institutions that serve the people of Queens. She immediately set about personally meeting with all the career services administrators. The Chamber very soon was able to act as a conduit, between Chamber members needing to hire staff and the schools with students to place in jobs and internships. Queens Chamber Executive Vice President, Jack Friedman and Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny were present at the ceremony.



Marva Kalish (left) received an award from Stony Brook President Shirley Strum Kenny.

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Matching Employers to Workers with Developmental Disabilities
Friday, October 24th, 2008 • 9 am - 3 pm

Refreshments will be served

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4th Floor Ballroom

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