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Register Today!

FEBRUARY 25

Speed Networking Doubletree, Mahwah

Join us and the Bergen Chamber of Commerce for a morning of fast-paced networking.

FEBRUARY 26

Member Benefits Overview Via Zoom

Learn about the many ways we work to help your business grow. Opportunities abound!

MARCH 20

Annual Luncheon

Nyack Seaport, Nyack
A wonderful venue, our annual roundup, and great networking.

Register at mrcc.biz

Save the Date!

MAY 17

5K Race & 3K Walk

NY-NJ Trail Conference, Mahwah
Run, walk, sponsor or volunteer for this fun event.

CLICK HERE to sign up.

HONORING THE BEST

At our Holiday Luncheon, held on December 12th at the Crowne Plaza Suffern–Mahwah, the mrcc proudly recognized its annual honorees, including Citizen of the Year, Company of the Year, and Organization of the Year. These outstanding members have gone above and beyond in 2025, demonstrating exceptional leadership, generosity, and commitment to strengthening our business community. Their dedication and service truly embody the spirit of the mrcc, and we were honored to celebrate their achievements together.

Please see page 5 for photos from the event.



Citizen of the Year Brian Durkin



The Women's Rights Information Center received check for Organization of the Year. L to r, Teri Capparelli, WRIC; Lil Corcoran, WRIC; Jenai Bacote, WRIC; Peter Gallo, Envision Video Services/mrcc President, and Lisa Maurer, WRIC



Accepting the Organization of the Year Award, Lil Corcoran for Women's Rights Information Center



Visions Federal Credit Union was awarded the Company of the Year. L to r, Lori Ballesta, Maureen Huggins, Ada Myrterber, Kevin Wittman, and Jenna Rosenberg

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Table to Table benefitted from donations at the Taste of the Region.



The 5K Race raised funds for the NY-NJ Trail Conference.



Both Bergen Volunteer Medical Initiative (BVMI) and Pony Power Therapies benefited from our Golf Outing



GREAT CONTACTS ALL YEAR ROUND!

The 2026 mrcc Membership Directory is a useful guide to excellent regional businesses. Pick up your copy at the Annual Luncheon.

Call the mrcc office for more info

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we welcome the fresh start of the year, I am filled with genuine excitement and gratitude to share my first message as your newly elected President of the mrcc. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. Serving this incredible community is both an honor and a joy.

Reflecting on the close of 2025, I am proud to say we ended the year on a high note. Our Taste of the Region event in November brought together more than 450 attendees who enjoyed the best of our local culinary talent, creating an evening filled with warmth, flavor, and community spirit. In December, our Holiday Luncheon gathered over 120 members to celebrate the season and the accomplishments we achieved side by side. Those moments of togetherness remind me just how special this chamber is.

We carried that energy right into 2026. Our Business Growth Conference at Ramapo College kicked off the new year with a full day of learning, networking, and inspiration. The enthusiasm in the room was unmistakable, and it set a strong tone for the year ahead.

Looking forward, our Annual Luncheon is just around the corner in March, and our calendar is already filled with meaningful opportunities to connect. With two to four events each month, the mrcc continues to offer countless ways to learn, grow, and build lasting relationships. Our website makes it easier than ever to stay up to date with everything happening across the chamber.

What makes mrcc so special is you, your energy, your ideas, and your willingness to show up for one another. Whether you are seeking connections, hoping to share your expertise, or focused on growing your business, please know that our team is here to support you every step of the way.

Thank you again for your trust, your participation, and your commitment to the mrcc. I am excited for the journey ahead and confident that together we will make 2026 a year of meaningful connections and remarkable accomplishments.

Warm regards,



Madina Djabbarova
President, mrcc
M&T Bank



Tom Eastwick
President & Founder
Eastwick College



Mike Marusic
President and CEO,
Sharp Imaging &
Information Company
of America

Back by popular demand, the mrcc Business Growth Conference returned to Ramapo College on Thursday, January 15, 2026 as a really dynamic event!

This full-day event once again brought together entrepreneurs, professionals, and community leaders for an inspiring day of education, connection, and actionable strategies to help small businesses thrive.

Attendees enjoyed powerful keynote addresses by Tom Eastwick, President of Eastwick College, and Mark Marusic, CEO of Sharp Imaging & Information, exploring current trends, technology, and small business innovation. The

BUSINESS GROWTH CONFERENCE 2026

breakout sessions were led by expert presenters on topics including AI, marketing, funding strategies, social media, HR, and sustainable growth; attendees also had plenty of time to network with other regional business owners and resource partners.

"This event is truly about empowering the local business community," said conference chair Peter Gallo. "We're proud to offer a space where professionals can learn from top experts, make meaningful connections, and walk away with real tools to grow their businesses. Join us again next year!"

See page 7 for photos of the event.



MEMBER NEWS BRIEF

- **Alphagraphics**, the trusted partner of businesses and organizations throughout the region, delivering high-quality print, marketing, and visual communications solutions. From business cards, brochures, and direct mail campaigns to large-format banners, signage, and branded promotional materials, the shop offers end-to-end services designed to help local companies stand out. Their team also provides graphic design support, mailing services, and customized marketing solutions tailored to small businesses, nonprofits, and corporate clients alike.

The Mahwah business community is pleased



to welcome new ownership under Daniel Martinez, who recently took over operations. Danny brings a strong customer-focused approach and a commitment to innovation, efficiency, and community engagement. His vision includes expanding marketing services, enhancing turnaround times, and deepening partnerships with fellow members of the Mahwah Regional Chamber of Commerce.

With fresh leadership and the same dedication to quality, Alphagraphics looks forward to continuing its role as a reliable print and marketing resource for Mahwah-area businesses in the years ahead.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEB** 11 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Rockland Electric, TD Bank and Valley Health System; mrcc Office-Mahwah
- 19 Young Professionals Networking (YPN); Sponsored by Rockland Electric and Valley Health System; Bury the Hatchet Axe Throwing, Paramus
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- MAR** 10 Business After Hours; Hosted by Bar Boutique; Ramsey
- 11 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Rockland Electric, TD Bank and Valley Health System; mrcc Office-Mahwah
- 20 Annual Luncheon, Sponsored by Eastwick College, Family Promise, M&T Bank, Optimum Business, TD Bank, and Valley Health; Nyack Seaport, Nyack
- APR** 16 Young Professionals Networking (YPN); Sponsored by Rockland Electric, and Valley Health System; Booyah!, Mahwah
- 22 Women In Business Initiative (WIBI); Sponsored by Rockland Electric TD Bank, and Valley Health System; Mahwah Bar & Grill, Mahwah

2026 SIGNATURE EVENTS

- JAN** 15 Business Growth Conference, Ramapo College of New Jersey
- MAR** 20 Annual Luncheon, Nyack Seaport
- MAY** 17 5K Run & 3K Walk, New York New Jersey Trail Conference
- JUN** 5 Scholarship & Recognition Luncheon, TBD
- JUL** TBD Summer Bash, TBD
- JUL** 22 Inspirational Women in Business Luncheon, Ramsey Golf & Country Club
- SEP** 15 Golf Outing & Humanitarian Dinner, New York Country Club
- NOV** 9 Taste of the Region, Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah
- DEC** 11 Holiday Luncheon, Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah

**Sponsorships still available. Please inquire at the office.*

All dates and events are subject to change.

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MARCH 20 | NYACK SEAPORT

Annual Luncheon





WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Congratulations to our new Members!

New members received their plaques at our Holiday Luncheon

L to r, Peter Gallo of Envision Video Services / mrcc President; Tina Lyding of Voicecom Plus, Inc. / mrccVP of Membership; Tina Runtak of Hope Changes Everything Inc; Peter Petronzio of Edward Jones; Jenna Bergquist of Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS); Laura Rose of New York Pickleball Club; Martin Madoyan of T-Mobil For Business; and Wendy Cotes, mrcc Membership Administrator..

mrcc welcomes these new members and invites you to visit them at mrcc.biz

- Applause Home Care**; Fair Lawn
- Bar Boutique**; Ramsey
- Bergen Properties, Inc.**; Mahwah
- Boho Soul, LLC**; Woodcliff Lake
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- Meadowlands YMCA**; East Rutherford
- MGPstudios**; Hasbrouck Heights
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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

On December 12, mrcc held its Holiday Luncheon at the Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah. Guests enjoyed networking and holiday shopping while seasonal music was performed by the Mahwah High School Select Strings Ensemble. With awards presented, checks distributed, and over 25 holiday door prizes given out, it was a festive celebration for all.

DEC. 12 | CROWNE PLAZA



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SPEED NETWORKING

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Highlights from our January 15th Business Growth Conference, a day filled with insight, innovation, and meaningful connections to kick off 2026.





On December 4th, the Young Professionals of the mrcc gathered for a fun and festive evening at Ridgewood Moving Services Company to celebrate the holiday season together.



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Highlights from our Taste of the Region, where culinary excellence and community came together.



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On November 19th, the WIBI group gathered at the DoubleTree by Hilton Mahwah for a dynamic Round Table Connection event, sparking meaningful conversations and building lasting business relationships.



*Great food, great company, great connections!
On December 10th, the WIBI group of the mrcc gathered at the Crowne Plaza Suffern-Mahwah for their annual Holiday Breakfast, enjoying festive networking and fun holiday games to celebrate the season together.*



On January 21st, our WIBI group gathered at the Mason Jar for a networking lunch to kick off 2026, making great connections and setting the tone for a strong year ahead.



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