

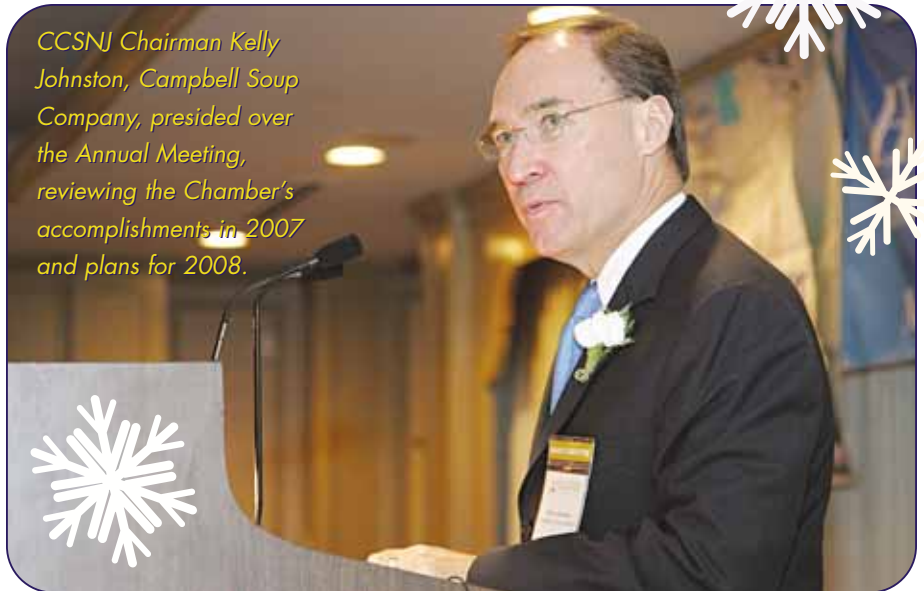
Meet Newly Elected Legislators at Legislative Reception

Join us as we honor the leaders and members of the South Jersey Legislative Delegation at Chamber's Legislative Reception, sponsored by *Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, AmeriHealth New Jersey, Atlantic City Electric, Comcast, Lockheed Martin, and South Jersey Industries*, on *Wednesday, January 23, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*, at *The Mansion on Main Street*.

Join us for great networking with fellow Chamber members and the legislators who represent you in Trenton in an after-hours setting. Call the Chamber or register online at www.chambersnj.com. *

Annual Meeting and Holiday Party Sets the Stage for 2008

CCSNJ Chairman Kelly Johnston, Campbell Soup Company, presided over the Annual Meeting, reviewing the Chamber's accomplishments in 2007 and plans for 2008.



More than 450 Chamber members gathered at The Mansion on Main Street on Thursday, December 13 for the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Holiday Party, sponsored by *Deborah Heart & Lung Center, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Medallion Business Credit, NJ American Water Company, and PSE&G*.

See pages **8** thru **10** for complete coverage

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Business Community Voices Concerns Over Paid Family Leave Bill

More than 300 Chamber members had the unique opportunity to debate Paid Family Leave with the bill sponsor, Senator Stephen Sweeney, and Governor



Senator **Sweeney**

Corzine at two meetings in November.

Paid Family Leave legislation, **S-2249 (SWEENEY/BUONO)**

and **A-3812 (ALBANO, PANTER)**, would provide up to 10 weeks every year of Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) benefits to workers to care for a newly born or adopted child, or a sick family member.



Governor **Corzine**

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Environment Committee Meets with NJDEP Commissioner

CCSNJ welcomed New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Lisa P. Jackson at the December 4 Environment Committee meeting, sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Atlantic City Electric and Manko Gold Katcher & Fox. Commissioner Jackson discussed New Jersey's energy and climate control issues, as well as the Energy Master Plan. ☀



Commissioner Kolluri Announces Transportation Projects for SJ



At the December 11 Transportation Committee meeting, Kris Kolluri, commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, spoke on a wide variety of issues facing the South Jersey area, such as the PATCO expansion project and the removal of the Marlton Circle scheduled for August of 2008. The meeting was sponsored by Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey and CMX. Y

"Walk to Washington" with CCSNJ

Chamber members may register for exclusive packages through CCSNJ for the 71st Annual State Chamber/NJ Society of CPAs "Walk to Washington," set for January 31 and February 1, 2008.

Instead of the train, travel with us on a luxury chartered bus with door-to-door service from the Chamber Headquarters in Voorhees to the front door of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Enjoy the VIP treatment with the Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey's special package designed exclusively for our members:

- ★ Entrance to our Chamber's private, invitation-only *VIP Hospitality Suite*, sponsored by *Atlantic City Electric*, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. After the bus arrives, relax and network with fellow members and state and federal legislators from Southern New Jersey, while you enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.
- ★ Round-trip transportation on a luxury chartered bus to and from *Chamber Headquarters* in Voorhees with lunch and refreshments included, sponsored by *BP America, Inc.*
- ★ Your hotel room, arranged for in advance (both check-in and check-out) by our Chamber. Pick up your room key at the Chamber's VIP reception.
- ★ A ticket to the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce reception and dinner honoring New Jersey's Congressional Delegation may be added to your package.

Contact Felice at (856) 424-7776, extension 20, or fkelem@chambersnj.com for more information about our package options. ☀

More **Gov't Action** continued on pages 12



From the President

Make the most of your Chamber membership – Get involved!

As you make plans for the year ahead, I encourage you to explore new ways to increase your involvement with the Chamber to maximize the benefits of membership. One way for you to get more involved is to join one of the Chamber's 10 committees.

Members have told us that one of the things that they value most about their Chamber membership is committee involvement. Many members participate in committees to build relationships and increase their company's visibility among other Chamber members. The Chamber's committee meetings provide intimate settings for members to build the connections that will benefit their business down the road.

By participating in our industry-specific committees, you and your coworkers can take an active role in the government, membership, special events and marketing divisions of the Chamber. Our Government Action Committees provide information on business issues in Trenton, access to leaders in state government and

business, and allow members to bring their companies' top issues to the table and provide input on public policy issues. Members can help build the Chamber's membership base, and network of contacts, by welcoming new members through the Ambassador Committee. Two of our biggest events of the year, Business Expo and our Golf Classic, are planned and implemented by committee members.

On page 6 of this issue of *The Review* you will find a listing of our committees, which further explains each committee's role and activities. Please review this list and pass it along to others in your office. The more individuals from your company serving on committees, the more visibility your company will enjoy. You may sign up online by visiting the Committees page of our web site, www.chambersnj.com.

The Chamber consistently looks to our committee members for input on our legislative positions and for assistance and expertise with our other activities and events. We look forward to welcoming even more committee volunteers in 2008. Thank you for your continued support! *



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Coriell Institute to Outline Cutting-Edge Project

On *Friday, January 25*, the Wachovia Good Morning South Jersey Series will host an event featuring Dr. Michael Christman, president & CEO of Coriell Institute for Medical Research, at 7:45 a.m. at *The Mansion on Main Street* in Voorhees.

Coriell Institute for Medical Research recently launched its multi-million dollar Delaware Valley Personalized Medicine Project (DVPMP), a cutting-edge research project that will be conducted right here in South Jersey.

DVPMP will study the personal genome profiles of 10,000 volunteer patients in South Jersey and the Delaware Valley over the next three years. The findings will help doctors and patients make important decisions about preventative care and proper medical treatments for a range of conditions, including cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.

Dr. Christman will outline how this personalized approach to medicine will fundamentally change medical practice in the next five to 10 years, improving the effectiveness and lowering the cost of medical care for future generations.

Visit www.chambersnj.com to register. *



Special Events

GMSJ: Transforming Health Care Delivery



On December 7, Richard P. Miller (second from right), president and CEO, Virtua Health and Thomas Giordano (second from left), vice president and general manager, enterprise clients, GE Healthcare discussed their companies' strategic alliance to create a new digital hospital in Voorhees that improves communication of vital clinical information, maximizes safety and efficiency, and integrates technology with an outstanding patient experience. Pictured are (left to right): CCSNJ Executive Vice President Kathleen Davis; Thomas Giordano, GE Healthcare; Susanne Svizeny, Wachovia Bank, N.A.; Richard P. Miller, Virtua Health; and CCSNJ President & CEO Debra DiLorenzo. The event was part of the Good Morning South Jersey Series sponsored Wachovia Bank, N.A. ✨

Smart Business Series: Talent Pipeline



On November 9, the Chamber's Smart Business Series hosted a seminar entitled "Strengthening the Talent Pipeline." Panelists outlined how member companies can attract, motivate and retain employees that want to grow professionally and give their business a greater competitive advantage, including: (left to right) Lorraine Clark, staffing manager, Protocall; Charles M. Ivory, Ed.D., executive director, EIRC; CCSNJ Executive Vice President & COO Kathleen A. Davis; Kenneth B. Ross, director, communications & public affairs, Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems & Sensors; Edward Bailey, metro Philadelphia district human resources manager, UPS; Christine V. Bonavita, partner, Blank Rome, LLP; and Kathleen Voss, senior organizational consultant and executive coach, Right Management. The event was sponsored by The Alloy Silverstein Group, Right Management, Blank Rome, LLP and Protocall. ✨

Ziereis Appointed Vice Chairman

of Special Events & Marketing Division



Jim Ziereis

At the Chamber's Annual Meeting on December 13, the Board of Directors elected Jim Ziereis as vice chairman of the Chamber's Special Events & Marketing Division. Jim is an active member of the Chamber, who has served on the Board of Directors and as chairman of the Chamber's Business Expo Committee for eight years.

Jim is the vice president of conventions and hotel sales for Harrah's Entertainment-Atlantic City Operations which consists of Harrah's, Showboat, Bally's and Caesars. He recently joined Harrah's Entertainment after spending 17 years at Tropicana Casino And Resort where he was most recently their assistant vice president of hotel sales.

Jim also serves on the Board of the United Way of Atlantic County, as well as the International Special Events Society-New Jersey South Chapter. ✨

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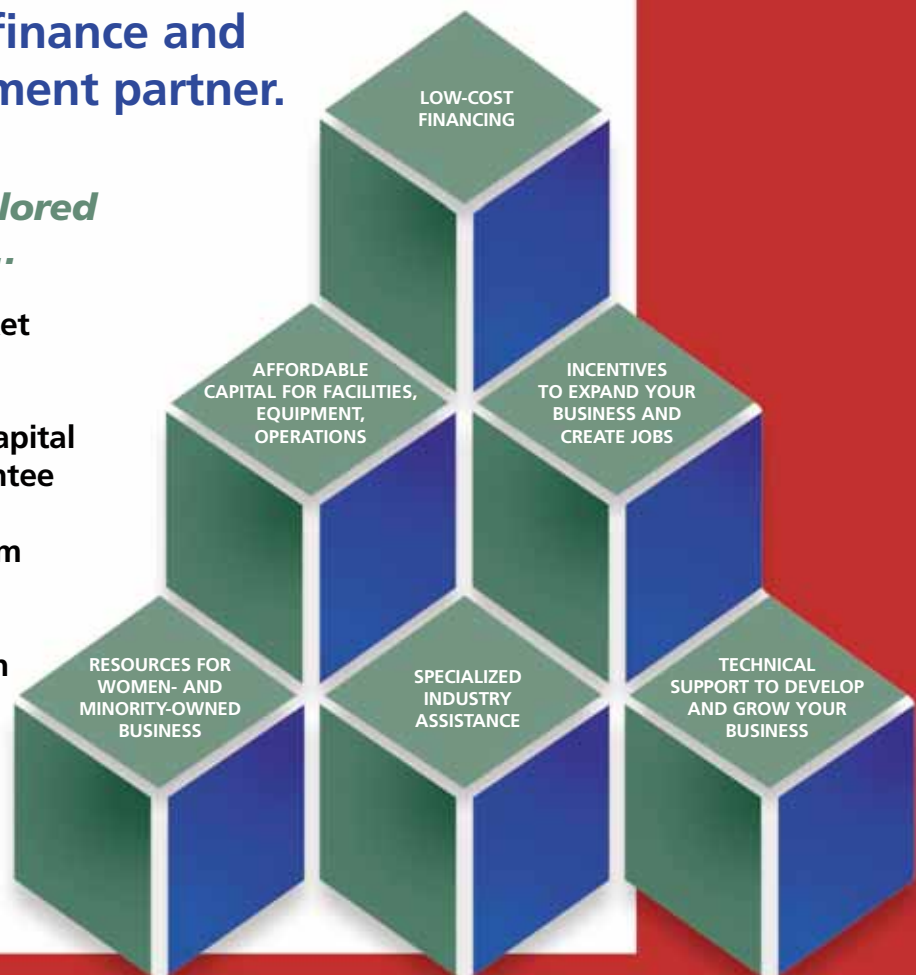
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Chamber committee involvement offers members an excellent opportunity to take an active role in planning and implementing programs and strategies to achieve the Chamber's goals. While participating on committees, you will be networking with other members, increasing the visibility of your company name and ultimately enhancing the effectiveness of your Chamber membership.

Please review the various committee descriptions below. We encourage you to join the committee(s) you find most interesting and/or assign key personnel from your organization to appropriate committees. Always keep in mind that your Chamber membership is a company-wide membership.

To sign up, visit the Committee page of www.chambersnj.com, or call Susan McLaughlin at (856) 424-7776, extension 23.

GOVERNMENT ACTION DIVISION

■ Communications & Energy Committee

Hosts policymakers who discuss issues relevant to the communications and cable industries, as well as the "traditional" utilities (gas, electric & water).

■ Congressional Action Committee

Hosts meetings with members of the region's Congressional delegation.

■ Environment Committee

Hosts legislators and regulators to discuss environmental issues and develops positions which are communicated to elected officials and regulators.

■ Health Issues Committee

Meets to develop positions on issues regarding health care, including cost and availability, and communicates those positions to government officials.

■ State Affairs Committee

Meets with members of the State Legislature and the Governor's Cabinet. Members are updated at each meeting on current legislative issues.

■ Transportation Committee

Meets to discuss transportation issues impacting business, including state and federal legislation and funding.

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— **FRAN HAHN**
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Member Testimonial

SPECIAL EVENTS & MARKETING DIVISION

■ Marketing Resource Committee

Meets to provide a forum for marketing and public relations professionals to discuss relevant issues.

■ Business Expo Committee

Assists in planning and implementing the Chamber's largest annual event and the region's largest business-to-business trade show, scheduled for September 20, 2007.

■ Golf Classic Committee

Plans the golf outing, scheduled for May 1, 2007 at Woodcrest Country Club.

MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

■ Ambassador Committee

Welcomes new members to the Chamber, encourages their participation in Chamber events and programs, and attends events throughout the year to greet new and current Chamber members. ✨

CCSNJ's Member Savings Program

THE CHAMBER'S MEMBER BENEFITS CENTER

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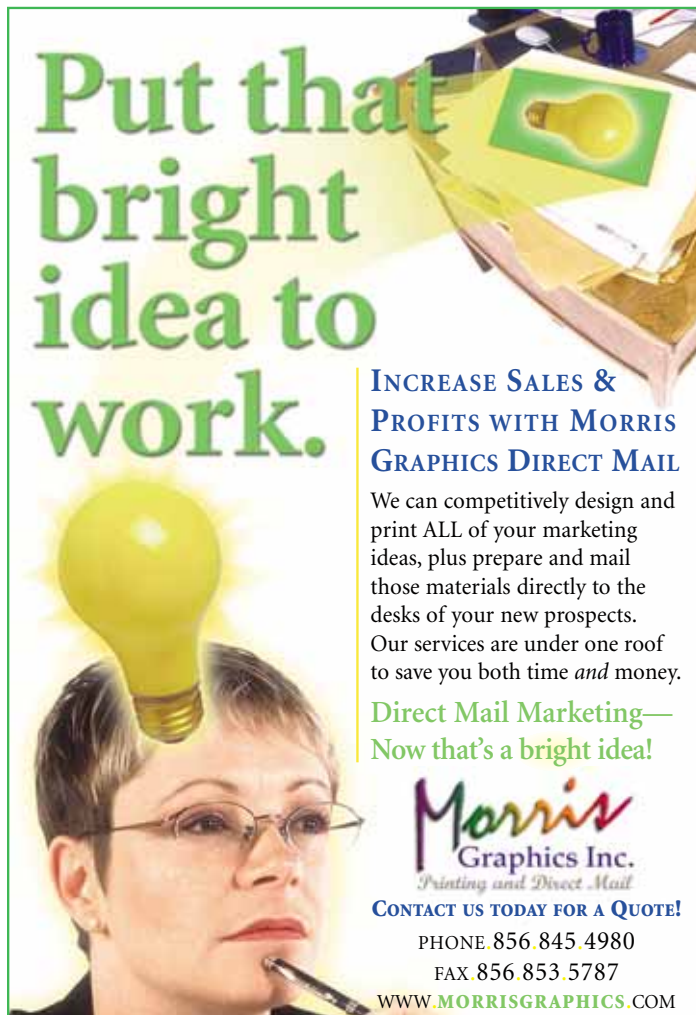
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Annual Meeting & Holiday Party

Board Members

Elected at Annual Meeting

The following individuals were elected to serve on the Chamber's Board of Directors:

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

- * Kelly D. Johnston, vice president, Government Affairs Campbell Soup Company

VICE CHAIRMAN

- * Dr. Herman Saatkamp, Jr., President The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

VICE CHAIRMAN & TREASURER

- * John H. Overpeck, Jr., CPA, Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

VICE CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP

- * Glenn Stefanowicz, Executive Vice President PNC Bank



(At podium) Nominating Committee Chairman Joseph Fetterman, senior vice president and principal of The Staubach Company, presided over the election of the Chamber's 2008 Board of Directors. Members stand as they are nominated.

VICE CHAIRMAN, SPECIAL EVENTS & MARKETING

- * James Ziereis, Vice President, Convention & Hotel Sales Harrah's Entertainment - Atlantic City Operations

VICE CHAIRMAN, GOVERNMENT ACTION

- * Kenneth B. Ross, Director of Communications

Lockheed Martin Maritime Systems and Sensors

SECRETARY

- * Peter Spirgel, Esq., Managing Shareholder Flaster/Greenberg P.C.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- * Ravneet Bhandari, Senior Vice President of Revenue Strategy & Systems Trump Entertainment
- * Bart Bohlen, Vice President of Operations Acme Markets
- * Jordan Cooper, General Manager Crowne Plaza Cherry Hill
- * Joseph A. Forline, Vice President, Customer Service PSE&G
- * David W. Kaiser, Market President - Southern New Jersey Bank of America
- * Walt T. Lafferty, President and Publisher Courier-Post



CCSNJ Chairman Kelly Johnston (from right) and President and CEO Debra DiLorenzo recognized retiring Board members, including (from left) Joseph Barton, regional public affairs manager, PSE&G; and Bruce Katcher, partner, Manko Gold Katcher & Fox. See full list of retiring Board members on page 9.

* **Louis A. Rebecca**, *Operations Manager*
Computer Sciences Corporation

* **John Wilkins**, *Chairman*
Delaware Valley Wholesale Florists

RE-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

* **Joseph M. Collins**, *Vice President of Sales*
NBC10

* **Roy T. Fazio**, *Owner & Executive Vice President for Marketing*
Protocall

* **Thomas J. Heitzman**, *Executive Vice President*
Whitesell

* **Christopher Janis**, *CPA, Managing Director*
Accume Partners

* **Dr. Christopher T. Olivia**, *President & CEO*
Cooper University Hospital



Despite a period of darkness due to a power outage, networking continued at the Holiday Party. Pictured are (left to right): Bob Marshall, Atlantic City Electric; Board member Jennifer Young, Verizon Communications; and Board Vice Chairman Herman Saatkamp, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.

* **Lauri Ann Plante**, *SPHR, Assistant Vice President, Talent*
Virtua Health

* **Judith L. Roman**, *President & CEO*
AmeriHealth New Jersey

* **Leeanna Roman**, *President & CEO*
Providence Pediatric Medical DayCare, Inc.

* **Mark J. Sever, Jr., Esq.**, *Partner*
Archer & Greiner

* **Jennifer P. Young**, *Director of External Affairs*
Verizon Communications

RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

* **Joseph W. Barton**, *Regional Public Affairs Manager*
PSE&G

* **Edward Cloues, III**, *Chairman and CEO*
K-Tron International, Inc.

* **Bruce S. Katcher, Esq.**, *Partner*
Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP

* **Paula D. Villa**, *Director of Business Management*
Computer Sciences Corporation –
Defense Division

* **Christopher Warren**, *Vice President Business Banking and Area Manager*
Citibank



Lauri Ann Plante, SPHR, (left) vice president of talent for Virtua Health, was recognized for her contributions to the Chamber as vice chair of the Special Events & Marketing Division.

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Networking at the Holiday Party are Board members (from left) Ian Meklinsky, Esq., Fox Rothschild; Roy Fazio, Protocall; and Peter Spigel, Flaster/Greenberg, P.C.



New Board member Louis Rebecca (second from right) enjoys the Holiday Party with his team from Computer Sciences Corporation, including: (from left) Ken Shorter, David Necowitz, and Jim Kulcyk.

(From left) Board member Liz Thomas of Thomas/Boyd Communications networks with Michael Willmann, WMSH Marketing Communications; Joseph L. Mintzer, Coriell Institute for Medical Research; Laura Bishop, Thomas/Boyd Communications; and Courtney Sill and Michael Cristman of Coriell Institute for Medical Research.



This leave is in addition to the TDI benefits that women now receive for childbirth, and would require businesses of all sizes to comply. Employees utilizing this leave would receive two-thirds of their usual wage, a maximum of \$502 a week (2007 rate).

On November 28, Senator Sweeney joined more than 100 members at a State Affairs Committee meeting to discuss the much debated issue of Paid Family Leave. Senator Sweeney attributed his passion about Paid Family Leave to his own personal experience that required him to take lengthy periods of time off from work to care for ailing family members. However, business leaders shared the detrimental impacts the legislation will have on the business community, including the increased costs of hiring temporary workers and/or paying overtime, decreased productivity, and abuse of the program. Senator Sweeney stated that he would consider reducing the number of weeks of leave from 10 to six.

Just two days later, Governor Jon Corzine addressed more than 200 members at a PNC Executive Series event. The Governor predicted, as Senator Sweeney also mentioned, that while New Jersey may be among the first states to adopt Paid Family Leave, the issue may soon be required at the

federal level if a Democrat is elected president in 2008.

In addition to the strong opposition demonstrated by businesses at these two meetings, many of our members reached out to legislative leadership enumerating the many problems this proposal poses to the business community. The business community's voice was heard.

On Thursday, December 13, Assembly Democrats discussed Paid Family in their caucus and decided not to hear this bill before the 212th legislative session ended on January 7, 2008. "The Assembly Majority Caucus spent the better part of an hour discussing the paid family leave issue from all sides," remarked Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts. "Members expressed significant support and significant concerns about the legislation. It was clear from the scope of discussion that we will need more time to work through some issues, such as the bill's impact on small businesses, the potential for abuse, and the timing of some of the bill's provisions. These issues are surmountable and it is my belief that a paid-family-leave insurance bill will soon become law in New Jersey. It's not a question of if, it's a question of when."

For more information on Paid Family Leave, please visit the Legislative Work page of www.chambersnj.com. *

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GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Adelphia Restaurant

1750 Clements Bridge Road, Deptford

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BREAKFAST: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

DATES: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, Jun. 12, Jul. 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Braddock's Tavern, 39 South Main Street, Medford

LUNCH: 12:00 Noon to 1:30 p.m.

DATES: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, Jun. 19, Jul. 17, Aug. 21, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Blue Heron Pines, 550 West Country Club Drive, Cologne

BREAKFAST: 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

DATES: Mar. 27, Jun. 26, Sept. 25

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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DATES: Jan. 31, May 29, Jul. 31, Oct. 30

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Measure to Alter the Business Employment Incentive Program (BEIP) Released from Committee

On December 3, the Chamber testified in opposition to **A-4001 (FISHER, EGAN, VANDREW) / S-2247 (SWEENEY)** in the Assembly Labor committee. This legislation would require those applying for grants through the Business Employment Incentive Program (BEIP) to pay the prevailing wage to those who are constructing, renovating, and preparing a facility for its operations. The Chamber opposes this measure, which will increase the cost of projects undertaken by companies that receive BEIP grants. We oppose any change that will have a negative impact on the BEIP, which has proven to be a successful business incentive program that creates jobs.

The bill passed both Houses and is currently awaiting action by the governor.

Changes to the Urban Enterprise Zone Rebate Program Supported by CCSNJ

On December 3, the Chamber supported an amended version of **A-3938 (BURZICHELLI, CRYAN)** in the Senate Economic Growth Committee. The legislation, as amended, returns the UEZ program to its pre-2006 status, fully restoring the point-of-sale sales tax exemption for all UEZ businesses. Current law exempts from sales tax purchases by qualified UEZ businesses for their own use within the UEZ, but requires the businesses to pay the sales tax to the State, and then apply for a rebate of the tax amount paid, rather than exempting the sales from tax at the point of sale. The Chamber

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supports this legislation as it will negate the administratively burdensome rebate program that companies had to comply with to obtain their UEZ benefit.

The bill was voted out of the Senate Economic Growth Committee and has been referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Business Retention and Relocation Assistance Grant (BRRAG) Eligibility Extension Advances

On December 3, the Chamber supported **S-80 (KEAN, BUCCO)** in the Senate Economic Growth Committee. This bill amends the "Business Retention and Relocation Assistance Act" to extend

eligibility for the granting of tax credits to businesses relocating 50 or more employees within New Jersey. Current law requires that a firm relocate a minimum of 250 jobs in order to be eligible for the tax credits. Many businesses in New Jersey are manufacturing firms with fewer than 100 employees.


The bill was voted out of committee and referred to the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee.

Governor Conditionally Vetoes Plant Closing Bill

On November 8, Governor Corzine conditionally vetoed **S-472 (SWEENEY) / A-1044 (VAN DREW)**, which would have required additional pre-notification for layoffs or transfer of operations that would go beyond the requirements of the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act.

The Chamber worked directly with Assemblyman Van Drew on this piece of legislation that was created in response to the Millville Dallas Airmotive Plant closing in 2004. As introduced, S-472 would have extended the notification period to 90 days before a plant shut down or a mass layoff of 50 employees or more — the lengthiest notification period of its type in the United States. The Governor's conditional veto removes the 90 day notice from the legislation; however, keeps the penalties for non-compliance at a high level. The Chamber agrees with the Governor's decision to remove the additional notification time from the bill, which would unquestionably have a punitive effect on operating business in New Jersey. Both Houses concurred with the Governor's conditional veto. The bill currently awaits signage by Governor Corzine. ✪


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EVENTS

- Camden County College will celebrate its 40th anniversary with an event on January 19 entitled, "Happy Together for 40 Years: Camden County College and You," featuring performances by 1960s bands the Turtles and the Grass Roots. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. at the Collingswood Grand Ballroom and Scottish Rite Auditorium with hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing to oldies and a silent auction. The concert will follow in the auditorium at 8 p.m. Cost is \$120 per ticket for Camden County College alumni and \$150 per ticket for all others. For tickets, sponsorship inquiries or additional information, contact Melissa McKelvey at (856) 374-4946 or mmckelvey@camdencc.edu.

APPOINTMENTS

- Michael J. Miles joined the New Jersey office of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP as an associate in the Litigation Department. He is also a member of the Labor, Employment and Immigration Group. Noted health care lawyer Linda Hamilton joined the Voorhees, New Jersey office as of counsel in the Health Care Group and the Business & Finance Department.
- The Mercadien Group announces that Lee D. Boss, CPA, has been promoted to principal; Herbert S. McMullen, II, CPA, CGFM, and Linda K. Soley, CPA have been promoted to director; and William Craig has joined the company as director of automotive dealer services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Benjamin A. Levin, managing partner of the New Jersey office of Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP, was selected for inclusion in *The International Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers 2008 (6th Edition)* for the third consecutive year. Levin was nominated by his peers in the national franchise bar.
- Crème de la Crème® Early Learning Centers of Excellence® opened its newest center, Crème de la Crème (Mount Laurel) Inc. on Dec. 10, 2007. The new 21,000 square-foot facility, located at 299 Walton

Ave., will serve the social, emotional, physical and cognitive development needs of approximately 300 children.

AWARDS

- Kennedy Health System physician Mary Jo Robinson, DO, FCAP, FAOCP, has been honored by the American Osteopathic College of Pathologists (AOCP) with a Special Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recognizes her exemplary leadership in the AOCP, as well as her commitment to osteopathic medical education.
- The Department of Health and Human Services awarded the prestigious Organ Donation Medal of Honor to Virtua Memorial Hospital's Gift of Life Organ Donor Program, which achieved a 75 percent organ donation conversion rate.
- The Philadelphia Business Journal and the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) has honored Ninfa Saunders, RN, MSN, MBA, PhD, Virtua Health's executive vice president of health services, as one of their 2007 Women of Distinction.
- Kennedy Memorial Hospitals - University Medical Center/Cherry Hill has received the American Stroke Association's Get With The GuidelinesSM-Stroke (GWTG-Stroke) Bronze Performance Achievement Award. The award recognizes Kennedy's commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards and recommendations.

DiLorenzo Honored

- On December 14, New Jersey Society of Association Executives (NJSAE) presented CCSNJ President & CEO Debra P. DiLorenzo with the organization's Excellence in Association Management Award. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated vision and leadership in the field of Association Management through innovation, collaboration, and leadership. NJSAE honored DiLorenzo for serving as a voice for the business community; doubling the Chamber's membership during her 13-year tenure; making 77 cost-saving recommendations totaling \$1 billion to the state; and becoming the first U.S. Chamber to receive the ISO certification. Please join us in congratulating Deb on this achievement. ✨



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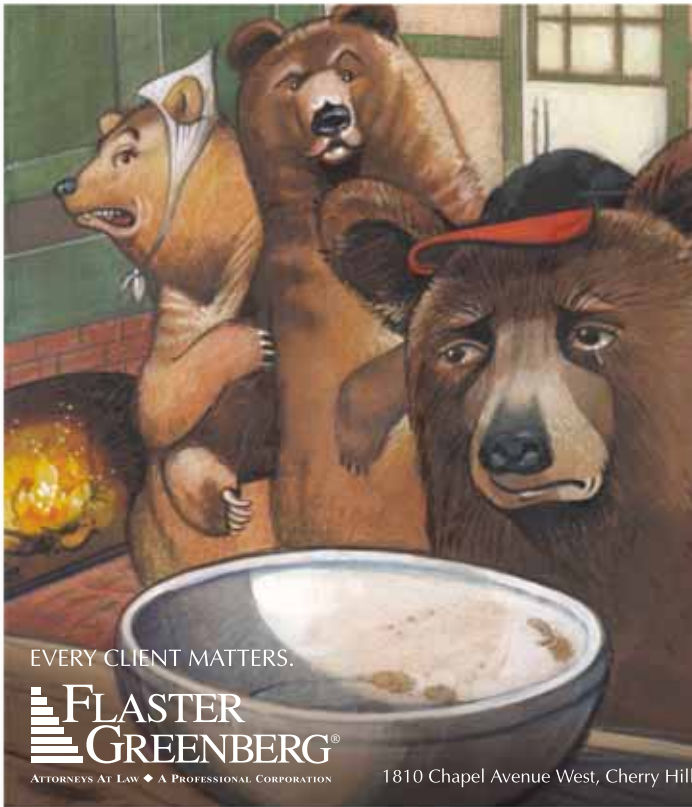
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January Calendar of Events

* Indicates Meeting held at Chamber Headquarters

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
For more information about upcoming events visit www.chambersnj.com	Chamber Closed in observance of New Year's Day		Network Connection Lunch: Noon, <i>Caffe Aldo Lambertini</i> , Cherry Hill	
7	8		Network Connection Breakfast: 8:30 a.m., <i>Adelphia Restaurant</i> , Deptford	11
14	Rutgers Quarterly Business Outlook: 7:45 a.m., <i>Clarion Hotel</i> , Cherry Hill		Network Connection Lunch: Noon, <i>Braddock's Tavern</i> , Mount Laurel	18
21	22	Legislative Reception: 5:00 p.m., <i>The Mansion on Main Street</i> , Voorhees	24	25
28	29	30	Network Connection Breakfast: 8:30 a.m., <i>Heritage House</i> , Millville Walk to Washington VIP Reception: 4:00 p.m., <i>Marriott Wardman Park Hotel</i> , Washington D.C.	Have a Happy & Prosperous New Year!



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