



*Minutes for September 20, 2023 General Chamber Meeting*

Networking began at 5:00pm

Meeting called to order at 5:44pm

Opening remarks and welcome by Michelle Adams

Welcome from Matt, owner of Hudson Social

County Update from Shari Ascher, Westchester County Govt

- County budget process has begun and encouraged all business owners and residents to attend the meetings and provide feedback
- Job fairs for people who need special accommodations have been successful; ESL job fair scheduled for next week; job fair for seniors in Jan
- Covid numbers are rising
- Economical development programs (new jobs, training) focused on Clean Energy will be rolling out
- Cyber Security based job fair planned for January

Dobbs Ferry Update from Mayor Vincent Rossillo

- Introduced Rob Yamuder, new Village Administrator
- Dobbs Ferry recently received a \$2million grant to repair High St bridge and was 1 out of 5 cities to be evaluated for improving the downtown district
- Parking changes in Dobbs are making a difference
- Working on better Wifi in city

Michelle Adams, Immediate Past President, made the following Chamber announcements

- The Board of Directors elected Danielle Centofanti-Davidson (Main St. Business Strategies) to the role of President, and Melissa Panszi Riebe (A D'zine) to the role of Secretary
- Steven Komisinski (Sunnyside Federal) was elected to the new role of Vice President, Strategic Partnerships

Danielle Centofanti-Davidson, President, welcomed all new members since the May Chamber meeting and announced additional Board of Directors open seats: Hastings Village Rep, Dobbs Ferry Village Rep, as well as ongoing project chair opportunities

The final Village Chats are scheduled via zoom as follows:

- Irvington, Sept 21, 9am
- Dobbs Ferry, Oct 17, 10am

- Hastings, Oct 16, 10am

Upcoming Chamber Events (to attend & sponsor)

- Inaugural Chamber Golf Open, Oct 11, Saint Andrews Golf Club, Early bird pricing ends tonight
- Halloween Tours, Oct 18 (3 trolley rides, 1 kid-friendly trolley round, 2 adult trolley rounds. Tix to go live soon.
- Taste Local Food Tour, Nov 4 - 12-4p,
  - Includes River Arts Studio Tour, hop on and off trolley or drive yourself (with a DD)
  - Sponsorships available, and we're passing around a sign up sheet for anyone interested in participating the day of!
- Shop Local Campaign kicks off November
- Fall Women's Social, Nov 16
- Holiday Trolley, Dec 2
- We love celebrating business milestones, and anniversaries, so in the next few weeks we're excited to celebrate:
  - LetterShop Open House, Sept 28 in Dobbs Ferry
  - Saint George Bistro 10th Anniversary, Oct 4 5pm (all are invited to attend for a toast)
- Next General Chamber Meeting: Nov 1, 2023 - Location TBD

Paddy Steinschneider announced the upcoming Dobbs Ferry Festa on Oct 7. Chamber is supporting. Asking for support via participation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm

NEW MEMBERS since May Chamber meeting

Business Name	Contact	Location	
Aesthetics By KM LLC	Katherine Medina	Irvington	
Analog on Hudson	Laura & Ben Fraternali	Dobbs Ferry	
Benny and Binias Hair Studio	Benny Gjevukaj	Dobbs Ferry	
Children's Village	Peter Sobel	Dobbs Ferry	
Dental Arts of Hastings-on-Hudson	Cindy Karathanasis	Hastings	
Dobbs Ferry Historical Society		Dobbs Ferry	
Evolution Content	Flora White	Hartsdale	
Garden Club of Dobbs		Dobbs Ferry	
Hudson River Landing	Florim Bajraktari	Dobbs Ferry	
Hunt for College & Education	Tanya Hunt	Irvington	
Kabela & Co.	Izabela Tokarski	Dobbs Ferry	

KD Physical Therapy, PLLC	Kerri Y Demitrovic	Dobbs Ferry	
Lettershop	Brigid Nelson	Hastings	
Lifeway Network	Chloe Kastner	Tarrytown	
Mike Risko Music	Mike and Miriam Risko	Ossining	
One Week Each Year	Ruthie Kalai	Web Only	
Plitnick Plumbing	Laura Plitnick	Dobbs Ferry	
Sam's Italian Restaurant	Christina Giliberti	Dobbs Ferry	
Symphony Medical	Eileen Carey	Dobbs Ferry	
The Hardesty Group at Compass	Ed Hardesty	Dobbs Ferry	
The Wright Method	Stephanie Wright	Hastings	
Westchester Connect	Joel Alexander	Yonkers	
Wildly Cakes and Sweets LLC	Maria Ramirez	Dobbs Ferry	
Mercy College	Jodi Epstein Hoellger	Dobbs Ferry	