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Thank You for a Great Tree Lighting



"Thank you" is the simplest way to express the Chamber's gratitude for the generosity expressed by the contributions that made this year's Tree Lighting on Friday, December 5th so successful.

Pawling's Annual Tree Lighting is just one of the many events sponsored by your Pawling Chamber of Commerce. Each event is planned with the intention of bringing a positive experience to both visitors and residents.

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Dutchess County Tourism and Daryl's House

On Wednesday, December 17th, The Pawling Chamber of Commerce annual holiday meeting was hosted by Daryl's House. Over 45 people attended the meeting at which Kathy Wagner, Director of Marketing and Special Events, welcomed the attendees and offered free tickets to the Jose Feliciano, who was doing a show the next evening.

In addition, guest speaker, Lydia Higginson, Deputy Director of Dutchess County Tourism gave a very interesting and informative presentation. Lydia works closely with Dutchess tourism partners to develop partnerships, attract business and assist in training and awareness of all Dutchess has to offer. She shared the following information:

In 2012, Tourism generated the following in Dutchess County:

- \$475 million in spending
- \$33 million in local sales tax
- \$26 million for NY State

Visitors Expenditures in Dutchess County include:

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Business Matters

Brought to you by SCORE "Counselors to America's Business." To learn more about how SCORE can help your business, e-mail them at scoredcny@hotmail.com or call 845-454-1700 x 1021 for the Dutchess Chapter, or find a counselor online at www.score.org.

ExpertAnswers:

Technology Solutions for Small Business with Ramon Ray— Editor, Smallbiztechnology.com



"Technology Evangelist" Ramon Ray has brought his unique combination of insights, advice, and humor to thousands of small business owners with his articles on smallbiztechnology.com; mainstream publications such as the New York Times and Entrepreneur magazine; and his book, Technology Solutions for Growing Businesses. He also produces the Annual Small Business Summit, the Taste of Technology Series, 12 Hours Of Tech, and other events. This month, Ramon shares some thoughts about the ever-diversifying world of small business technology.

The more we utilize business technology, the more vulnerable we become to failures and security breaches. What can a small business do to help safeguard itself from major problems such as power failures, hacking, etc.?

Have a technology expert audit your business to ensure your network, computers, and mobile devices are secure.

A technology expert can also assist with addressing "what if" questions—what if I lost power, what if I couldn't get into my business location, or what if my business was destroyed by a flood or fire. It is critical to think about business continuity and security before a problem occurs.

Regularly change your passwords and backup all your information.

Always have remote access to your data.

You recommend regular technology audits as a way to make sure a business is leveraging technology in the right way. What areas the audit should examine?

Information Security.

Training your staff so that they're using technology as efficiently and securely as possible.

Your future needs and what current/developing technologies will help meet them.

What is not working right now or what could work better.

What emerging technology trends are you watching most closely?

I think the cross-integration of cloud computing services is amazing. For example being able to load a video into Dropbox and have it seamlessly added to your YouTube account with no manual re-upload. Also, hosted applications are great but more of them need to speak with each other. This is something that the The Small Business Web is trying to do, and doing quite well.

You've written that finding a solution for every technology problem is easier when you have a trusted advisor. Does this hold true for business problems in general as well? And what role can a SCORE small business mentor play in helping find these solutions?

Having an advisor (or more than one) gives you a source of advice and insight that you don't have on your own. SCORE, which I have used for many years, has mature business leaders who know business. They've seen it all and done it all, and know what it takes to succeed-and fail.

Pawling Events Calendar

Pawling Concert Series

The Rose Ensemble Friday, March 27

Pawling Concert Series The Hot Sardines Friday, April 17

Pawling Car Show Sunday, June (date TBD)

Community Garage Sale Saturday, September 5

Arts, Crafts & Antiques Fair Saturday, September 26

Chamber Auction Tuesday, October 20

Tree Lighting Friday, December 4

> SPECIAL NOTE: **Next General Meeting is** Tues, January 20, 2015, 6 pm **PAWLING PUBLIC RADIO East Main Street RSVP: Marie 845-855-1632**

Note to Member Organizations: The Events Calendar is for Chamber, Town, Village and cultural events. For any other events, member organizations can submit a mini article about the event, its background, its purpose, etc. to PM for consideration. Please prepare your information by the 10th of the previous month and deliver it to the Chamber building or e-mail to pccny@bww.com

Dutchess County Tourism and Daryl's House

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- Transportation = \$133 million
- Food = \$107 million
- Lodging = \$89 million
- Shopping = \$85 million
- Recreation = \$32 million

Lydia indicated that The Dutchess County Travel Guide, produced by this tourism department publishes 80,000 copies each year and has over 400 listings. In addition, the department's website: www.DutchessTourism.com, which has won awards, gets ½ million visitors a year. The website includes 200+ restaurants, 100+ farms & more than 700 tourism related businesses.

Another program they run is the Fall Farm Fresh Program. Since 2007, almost 6,000 visitors have come up from NYC to tour the farm and farm related businesses. For those visitors, the average

Lydia also shared the following facts:

spending per person is \$80.

- Tourism is the 5th largest industry in NY State.
- Tourism sustains 8,717 full-time jobs, generating \$240 million in payroll.
- The Hudson Valley region generates the third most tourism dollars in the state, behind only New York City and Long Island.
- Tourism in the Hudson Valley generated \$4.7 billion in the region and almost \$500 million in Dutchess County alone.
- Tourism is responsible for 6% of all employment in the Hudson Valley.

Daryl's House is a great addition to Pawling and Dutchess County and will be a great tourism attraction to our community.











Peter Cris Pres of PCC), Kathy Wagner (Director marketing and special events for Daryl's House), Lydia Higginson (Deputy Director, Dutchess County Tourism), Michael Corrigan (Manager, Daryl's House)

Tree Lighting

Each event also includes a cost factor which the chamber tries to absorb while continuing its daily operations. During difficult economic times, financial resources run thin and present challenges to continue events like Tree Lighting.

The Chamber reached out to its members, residents and other members of the Pawling community in October and November to help fund some of the costs for this important annual event.

The response was extraordinary! Some of the costs incurred include the installation of wreaths, lights for trees in the Village and the chamber building, the horses and wagon bringing Santa and the elves, and gifts for the children. Some additional costs were offset by services from the Village, Sheriffs, Town Constable, Fire Police, the schools, Girl Scouts, and many others.

Our Thanks to all!

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And thanks to those who supplied the wonderful cookies, hot chocolate, soup, hot dogs and coloring books & crayons: Ann Bolduc, Marlyn Busolt, Sandy Croyle, Lynn Denton, Hanna Folds, Patsy Venus; Trinity-Pawling School; The Grand Nursing & Rehab; Central Baptist Church; The Daily

















West Mountain Mission Fund Gives Donation to Pawling Resource Center.

The West Mountain Mission Fund has made a generous donation to the Pawling Resource Center to support upgrades of essential office equipment and a donor database. Pictured here are Roger Smith, retiring WMMF Board President, Terry Ariano, PRC Office and Program Coordinator, Rev. Jon Ellingworth, PRC Board President, and Ron Wozniak, incoming WMMF Board President, who met to discuss the donation on December 24, 2014.

The West Mountain Mission was incorporated in 1906 for educational, charitable and religious purposes, with the intent to "uplift and assist people of the neighborhood...." Albert C. Burdick, the first spiritual leader, established the West Mountain Mission as an Episcopal outreach in the needy community of West Pawling, near the intersection of present day Old Route 55 and Route 55. The mission's activities included a day school, Sunday and mid-week prayer services, and classes on gardening and music, annual art exhibitions, and a girls club for quilting and weaving.

The mission suffered for lack of adequate funding after World War II, and closed by 1951, when a trust fund was created to be disbursed for scholarships, churches or other charities.

The West Mountain Mission Fund has been administered by the Community Foundation since 2008. Their generosity of spirit helps purchase equipment and further the missions of the organizations they support. In the case of the Pawling Resource Center, their funding assisted with its start-up in 1976. This year, funds will support the purchase of copying and printing equipment, and software upgrades. The similarities in community outreach and

support between the early West Mountain Mission and the present Pawling Resource Center are notable and make this a particularly apt partnership.

The Pawling Resource Center, whose mission of "Neighbor's helping Neighbors" provides services to people in need in the Pawling community. The Center, located at 126 E. Main Street in the village of Pawling, provides food pantry distributions, rides to medical appointments, referrals to social services and loans of medical equipment.

Roger Smith, President of the West Mountain Mission Fund for 35+ years, is handing over the reins to Ron Wozniak, who has been a trustee for 40 years. Other members of the present board are Liz Allen, Glen Carey, Shelly Piazza, and Judith Collette.



Pawling Rotary Holiday Luncheon Celebrates and Gives to Local and International Groups

On December 16, the Pawling Rotary held its Annual Holiday Luncheon at Christ Church at Quaker Hill with over 70 attending. At this celebration, Rotary presented donations to organizations aligned with the Club's goal of "Supporting Our Youth."

Following the benediction by Rev. Mark Allan, Pastor of Christ Church, the Christ Church Singers under the direction of Mrs. Toni LaPietra added cheer with three holiday songs.

Dick Harshbarger, Pawling Rotary Club President, began by reflecting on what has been a transformative year for the club as it actively pursued its mission of "Supporting Our Youth."

Attending from the Pawling School District were Dr. William Ward, Superintendent, and Mrs. Kim Fontana, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum. It is through the cooperation of the school district, that the Club successfully sponsored a Career Day for high school Juniors, provided dictionaries (actually in book form!) to third graders, offered college scholarships, and sponsored five scholarships for a unique weeklong leadership experi-



ence for high school students. Additionally, Pawling Rotary organized a tour of Dutchess Community College with high school juniors. (continued on page 10)

Alternative Veterans' Exemption Survey

In 1984, the New York Legislature amended the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) and enacted a new, at that time, alternative veterans' exemption. The original alternative veterans' exemption provided each county, city, town, and village the choice of whether to grant the exemption, providing a reduction in taxes for veterans. (For a list of information resources about the Veterans' Exemption, visit the District website www.pawlingschools.org.) In December 2013, the Legislature amended the RPTL providing local school districts the option of also allowing a partial property tax exemption for military veterans.

The Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption is limited to the veterans' primary residence, and school districts are allowed to offer the non-cumulative reduction in assessed value subject to the maximum levels of exemption as follows: 15% exemption for wartime service, 25% exemption for combat zone service, up to 50% exemption for service-connected disability.

Implementing the alternative veterans' exemption would result in a redistribution of taxes among taxpayers who do not qualify for the exemption. Exemptions do not affect the tax levy—the total amount of money a district needs to raise. If a community's assessed property value

decreases due to exemptions, then all other taxpayers need to make up the difference resulting from exemptions.

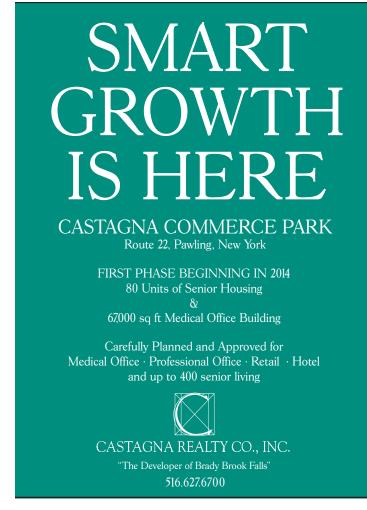
The Pawling Board of Education did not vote on the Alternative Veterans' Tax Exemption last spring due to the late passage and signing of the legislation. Rather, the Board decided to delay the vote to gather more information and to solicit the opinions of all taxpayers affected by the decision. For a taxpayer survey on this topic, go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JNRK6WJ to take the survey. A Board vote on the Alternative Veterans' Exemption is scheduled for January.

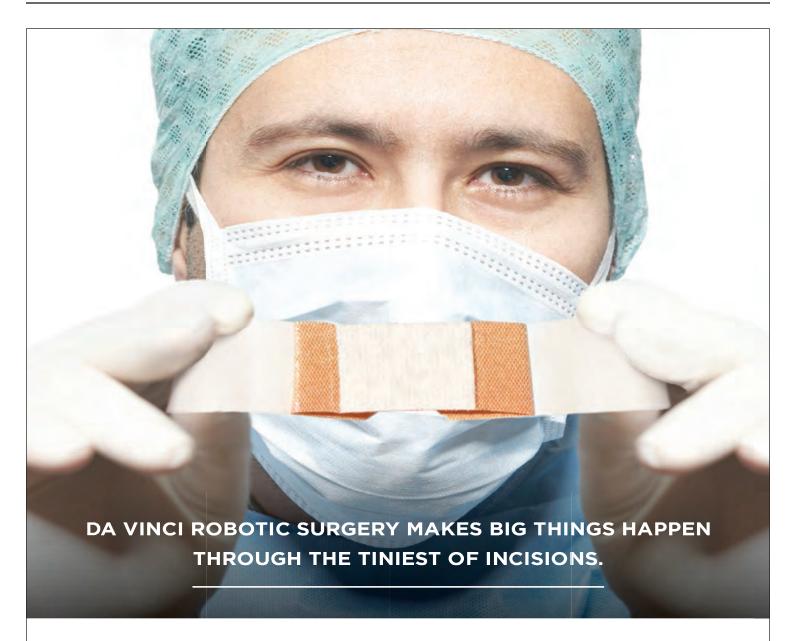
Additional information on the Alternative Veterans' Exemption Law may be obtained from the following website:

http://www.tax.ny.gov/research/propert/assess/manuals/vol14/pt1/sec4_0 1/p9_guide.htm

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Dr. Neysa Sensenig's presentation to the Board of Education on the Alternative Veterans' Exemption may be found on the district's website.







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Sources: American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), "Top Issues Facing Hospital CEOs 2009"; The Estes Park Institute, "The Top Issues in Health Gare 2010,"

Mike Pepper, The Computer Guy - Why Hackers Hack

When a computer gets hit with a virus or other malware, the owner often asks, "why do people still do this," send out viruses or "hack" other people's computers? Or, "why my computer instead of some large corporation?"



When someone hacks a computer system or a network, or sends out malware to do the hacking for them, it's typically for one of three main reasons: fun, money, or to do harm. Big corporations or governments are the target when harm is the intent; but when it's money or fun, then we're all potential prey for the bad guys.

Hacking for fun generally involves attempts to get into computers, servers or network systems just for the personal gratification – just to prove that one can overcome the invisible forces trying to keep hackers out and at a safe distance. Maybe the hacker wants to show off to peers, but mainly it's just about the challenge – to get into someplace where they're not supposed to be or to do something with their computer that they're told is not possible.

Money, though, is the incentive for most malicious computer activity. Whether directly, by taking money with computer ransoms or other frauds and bunko scams, or indirectly, by stealing private information to use in other schemes, or even more circuitously, by using the hacked computer as a robot to distribute malware to even more unsuspecting victims. Another reason to hack a system is to

steal something – information or money. Most of the hacking attacks that you hear about on the news fall into this category. Banks, large companies and institutions, or government agencies are common targets for hacking jobs, but small businesses and even an individual person's computer can be attacked.

In a large scale attack, such as the recent one against Sony, the victims are specifically targeted; but hackers are constantly roaming the internet looking for exposed computers with un-updated software that is open to attack. Hacking into a small business with unprotected computers can reveal troves of private data. The cost to the hacker is so little that even finding a few pieces of data can yield a useful return for their effort. Don't think that being small exempts you from attack.

Disruption is another way to do harm that drives hackers. Some hackers and hacking groups, such as the infamous "Anonymous," will target a company like Sony, or an agency like the Ferguson Missouri Police Department, for the purpose of disrupting business, and/or creating chaos for the target entity.

Now we have also seen that hacking can be deployed as a weapon. The government of North Korea apparently used hacking as a weapon against Sony, causing millions of dollars in damage. The US has used hacking to slow down Iranian nuclear development. People working for the Chinese government have hacked into US corporate systems to steal confidential industrial information. Any unsecured, or improperly protected and updated computer system has the potential to be hacked. That might be the personal computer on your desk, or it could be something like the network that controls our electrical power grid.

There are all sorts of reasons why hackers hack, but it is always about sneaking into an unprotected system to take something that doesn't belong to the hackers.

Hoping, as always, that this is all quite clear and useful; please don't hesitate to call if I can fill in some details or help with anything on your computers: Mike Pepper ~ Computer Guy.

Window Sill Penguins at the Library

Penguins love snow and ice but sometimes they just like watching winter from a cozy window. Make your own penguin that fits on a window sill on these two dates:

Wednesday, January 14: Sculpting Wednesday, January 28: Painting Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Age: 7 & up.Parental supervision required. To register please call the library at 855-3444.



Update on the Oblong Conservancy



Land conservation is alive and well in the Harlem Valley. This past year we have made great strides and are writing to tell you about new initiatives that require the continued support of conservation-minded people like you. All of our work contributes to the quality of life that our community enjoys.

Here are the programs that need your support in the coming year:

In 2014 we acquired some 43 acres from the Town of Dover located to the southwest of what is now the Olivet Center. This acquisition is part of a larger federally supported program of open space protection being undertaken under the auspices of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA). These are important parcels that adjoin the Swamp River and will now be part of the tapestry of permanently protected land around us. Your support will help with the stewardship expenses of maintaining this vital parcel of protected land.

The Land Trust Alliance and the New York State Conservation

developing a Strategic Land Conservation Plan for the entirety of the Great Swamp. This will be a multi-year project that is being led by Oblong Land Conservancy, Putnam County Land Trust and Friends of The Great Swamp, and recognizes the importance of preserving the environmental value of The Great Swamp. The grant meets only some of the anticipated expenditures of this ambitious but important initiative, and your help will assist in allowing us to move forward in a timely way.

Partnership Program awarded us grant money in 2014 for the purpose of

Our Education Committee has begun discussions with the local school systems with a view to engaging students in charting the course of economic development in the Harlem Valley. The concept is to look at the ways that land use decisions are and have been made and explore ways to ensure that the future of the Valley balances economic, social and environmental issues.

In 2014 we also took an important step towards Accreditation by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. This important process will continue through 2015. We have engaged consultants to assist us in preparing for our final submission early next year and your help in defraying those expenses is needed.

Please be as generous as you can in helping Oblong Land Conservancy build on our 2014 achievements. As an all-volunteer organization we devote the majority of our financial resources to stewardship and programming. If you would prefer to take advantage of the convenience of donating online, go to: http://www.oblongland.org/donate/.

Pawling Rotary

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These donations were funded in part through Rotary events that included an annual golf tournament, summer raffle and Rotary's first annual Chocolate Festival.

In special recognition, Everett White, Fire Chief for the Pawling Fire Department accepted a donation for their support of the Rotary's Chocolate Festival fundraiser. Further, Rotary thanked Dave Kelly and the Town of Pawling for their support.

Receiving Rotary Club donations were:

Rotary Foundation which funds worldwide challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition; Polio Plus that has been responsible for nearly eradicating polio and has reduced cases by 99 percent worldwide since 1979; and Rotoplast that seeks to eliminate the incidence of untreated cleft lips and palates in children worldwide by the year 2025. Accepting these donations on behalf of Rotary International was Mrs. Penny Byron, Rotary's District Governor.

Pawling Resource Center with Rev. Jon Ellingworth, Board Chair and Terry Ariano, Office and Program Coordinator accepted this donation that will be directed toward a special "helping hand" initiative to support local youth.

Pawling Free Library with its Board Chair, Brian Smith accepting. Pawling Youth Development to provide local children's and youth service programs with Ann Godesky, Board Chair accepting.

Smith Johnson Scout Cabin (The Smith Johnson Scout Reservation) to support the maintenance of this important, eighteen acre, Scout facility. Accepting was Chris Kendra, Board Member

Pawling Public Radio accepting was Board Member Amy Emke. This program will provide a stipend to student participants of this special, six week PPR Summer College Internship Program that has also been opened to recent high school graduates.

Rotary Interact Club accepting was Rachel Sullivan, President. Attending this luncheon were the Interact Club officers and senior class. The Interact Club of over 50 members is a community service club sponsored in partnership with the Town of Pawling and the Pawling Rotary.

Camp Sundown with its founder, Caran Mahar, accepted a major donation from November's First Annual Rotary Chocolate Festival on the part of the Rotary and Interact Club. Camp Sundown is a special place that began in 1996 when Dan and Caren Mahar had the dream of creating a year-round "night camp" to offer sun sensitive children and their families a way to meet and play with others who share this health challenge. They enjoy a "camp" experience like their peers, but with a different time clock.

-Jeff Asher

Financial Focus

Consider These New Year's Financial Resolutions

Now that 2015 is upon us, you may be thinking about making some New Year's resolutions. Perhaps you'll decide to take up a musical instrument, or hit the gym more often, or even learn a new language. All these are worthy goals, of course — but you could also gain some key benefits by working to achieve some financial resolutions.

Here are a few to consider:

- Fill "gaps" in your investment portfolio. From time to time, you or possibly your financial advisor, if you work with one might identify "gaps" in your investment portfolio. For example, you might find that you are making insufficient progress on a key goal, such as saving for a child's college education. Or you might discover that you need to place additional resources in a particular asset class to achieve proper diversification, which can help reduce the impact of market volatility on your portfolio. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee profits or protect against loss.) So, put "filling portfolio gaps" high on your list of New Year's financial resolutions.
- Boost your 401(k) contributions. If your salary has gone up with the New Year, consider boosting your contributions to your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. You may not be able to afford to contribute the maximum annual amount which, in 2015, is \$18,000, or \$24,000 if you're 50 or older but if you increase your contributions every year, you can greatly speed your progress toward your retirement savings goals. You can put this New Year's resolution into effect by contacting your human resources or benefits department as soon as you get back to work in 2015.
- Eliminate "unhealthy" investment habits. As part of your general New Year's resolutions, you may have decided to cut back on "carbs" and sugar-laced soft drinks, with the expectation that these

- moves could help your overall health. But you can also make "unhealthy" financial moves, such as chasing after "hot" stocks (which may already have cooled off by the time you find them) or selling quality investments just because their price has temporarily dropped. Strive to focus more intently on your long-term investment strategy, as opposed to reacting to short-term stimuli.
- Review your estate strategy. During any given year, you might experience major changes in your life marriage (or remarriage), new child, new home, etc. and these changes will have profound effects on your estate plans. But whether or not you encountered any of these events in 2014, it's a good idea to look over your estate planning documents* such as a will, living trust, power of attorney, and so forth to make sure they are still current with your wishes. It's especially important to update beneficiary designations on your insurance policies and retirement accounts, so that they are aligned with the wishes you have expressed in your will. And if you haven't drawn up your estate plans* yet, make a New Year's resolution to do so in 2015 because it's never too soon to take the steps necessary to protect your loved ones in the future.

Unlike some New Year's resolutions, these financial ones won't require a big shift in your lifestyle. But if you can stick to them, they can make a big difference in your life.

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* Edward Jones, its employees and financial advisors are not estate planners and cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your estate-planning attorney or qualified tax advisor regarding your situation.





Member News

FrOGS Calendar of Events for February/March

Hike to Pine Island (ice permitting) - **Saturday, January 24 Noon.** A perennial favorite! A short, but moderate to difficult, hike over the ice to Pine Island (not for children under 12 or those with heart problems). An alternate hike location will be selected if there is no ice. Due to limited space and changing conditions, you must call ahead and reserve! Call Rick (845) 878-6486 or Judy (845) 878-7740.

Winter Walk - Saturday, February 28 Noon. An easy to moderate naturalist-led interpretive walk at Lakeside Park in Pawling. Meet at the Pawling Recreation Center parking lot. Call Beth (845) 228-5635 or Judy (845) 878-7740 to reserve your spot.

FrOGS' Annual Meeting: All About the Great Swamp - Sunday, March 8 2 PM. Learn about the Great Swamp and the work FrOGS does to take care of it in a presentation by Dr. Jim Utter. Tentative location: Patterson Library. Check our website www.frogs-ny.org for more information.

"The Bear Reality" with CT Master Wildlife Conservationist Felicia Ortner - Sunday, March 15 1:30 PM. Black bear populations are increasing throughout the area. Our program will give participants information about their natural history and behaviors. Connecticut Master Wildlife Conservationist Felicia Ortner will suggest strategies for the coexistence of humans and bears. At Trinity Pawling School in Pawling.

The Pawling Library

The Pawling Library offers a variety of adult and family programs including entertaining and educational seminars and workshops. Check our Calendar for a complete listing of our Adult and Family Programs.

Monday Matinee: Spend an entertaining afternoon with us enjoying a newly released film. We'll have popcorn but please feel free to bring your own snack and beverage. This afternoon movie presentation is for an adult audience. Please observe the film's ratings. And let us know what movies you'd like to see. See you at the movies! Mondays at 2:00 pm. Registration is required for this event, check our Calendar for upcoming movies.

Intermediate Hatha Yoga with Maria Polhemus - This program is for adults with prior yoga experience. Hatha Yoga is one of the most popular relaxing forms of exercise. Come spend an hour with us and enjoy a new found path to tranquility. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat or blanket. Each session ends with a guided meditation. **Tuesdays 1:00-2:00 pm.** Registration is required for this event. Please note: There is a program fee of \$4.00.

The Writers Circle: Meet with other writers to share your writing projects, discuss what motivates you to create, exchange your publishing resources, participate in constructive critiques and more.

Meets the **third Wednesday of each month**, **7:00-8:30 pm**. Registration is required for this event.

Membership in the Chamber of Commerce Includes

Membership in the Chamber includes: reduced advertising rates in our monthly newsletter, advertising in the local newspapers, radio and cable stations to increase your exposure, free listing in the Chamber Website and Guidebook, the opportunity to participate in the gift certificate program, and monthly business networking meetings.

Fees are: \$165 for a business or \$45 for a not-for-profit and \$35 for an individual membership.

Please send your check to:

PCC Attention Andrew Carlucci, P.O. Box 19, Pawling, NY 12564

Editorial Notes

The Chamber thanks the following members for contributing their time and talent to making this publication possible: Pete Muroski, and the staffs of Morales Communications and Phoenix Marketing.

Information about special events, as well as any comments and/or corrections to this newsletter, should be dropped off at the Chamber building, The Yarn & Craft Box or email: pccny@bww.com. If time and space permit and within the context of editorial judgment, the information will be used.

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