

# BUSINESS SCENE

DUTCHESS COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE • AUGUST 2024

## Contact Breakfast to feature keynote from Dutchess Tourism President and CEO

The Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce will host the August Contact Breakfast on Wednesday, August 21, at 7:30 a.m. at DoubleTree by Hilton, 40 Civic Center Plaza in Poughkeepsie.

This month's breakfast will feature a keynote presentation from the President and CEO of Dutchess Tourism, Melaine Rottkamp.

Melaine Rottkamp is a certified destination management executive who has worked passionately since 2011 to support and highlight more than 1,200 tourism-related businesses and organizations in all parts of Dutchess County.

In her role as President and CEO, she employs data-driven strategies to oversee Dutchess Tourism's advertising and marketing campaigns, positioning the county as a premier destination for both leisure and business travelers. These efforts attract visitors from around the world, resulting in nearly \$2 million dollars per day in visitor spending for local businesses and attractions. This substantial economic impact also contributes \$88 million in local and state taxes, which are reinvested into the community.

Melaine also leads Dutchess Tourism's business support and outreach initiatives, which encompass workforce development programs, educational seminars, conferences, networking opportunities, and recognition events. She directs the activities of Film Dutchess in collaboration with the Hudson Valley Film Commission, driving productions and economic investment that totaled \$53 million in direct spending for the region last year.

A sought-after speaker, Melaine shares her expertise at regional, state, and international tourism conferences, offering successful strategies

and fostering collaborations among destination organizations and tourism businesses.

This summer, Dutchess Tourism's exceptional efforts were honored with three Tourism Excellence Awards from the New York State Tourism Industry Association, recognizing their achievements in marketing, business support, and visitor services programs.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors of this month's breakfast, JanCare Private Health Services Inc. and Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union.

All member representatives are encouraged to attend. A light breakfast will be served. Chamber members and guests must pre-register for the Contact Breakfast by calling 845.454.1700 x 1000 or by visiting [dcrcc.org](https://dcrcc.org). Registration in advance is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members. Cancellations less than 48 hours from the event and no-shows will be charged the full ticket price.

Wednesday, August 21 • 7:30 AM

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## Astor Services Hosts Free Community Screening of Pixar's "Inside Out 2"

Astor Services, a leading provider of quality mental and behavioral health and education services for children, young adults and their families, hosted community screenings of Pixar's "Inside Out 2", followed by post-movie discussions on the importance of all emotions and healthy ways to balance them. The screenings took place at the AMC 13 Bay Plaza in the Bronx and the Roosevelt Theatre in Hyde Park. Theresa Venticini, LCSW – Bronx Day Treatment assistant director, led the conversation in the Bronx and Kathy Mills, Psy.D. – director of crisis services, facilitated the discussion in the Hudson Valley.

The event was free of charge, thanks to the support of sponsors, who teamed with Astor to help make the day extra special for attendees. Catholic Charities of New York and Mike Mills - State Farm Insurance Agent served as popcorn sponsors, while Adams Fairacre Farms, Astor Services' Board of Directors, Marjorie Cadogan, Rondout Savings Bank, Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle, LLP, and Williams Lumber Home Centers were candy sponsors.

## HV Law Firm Cuts Ribbon, Donates to Nonprofit

In celebration of its next chapter, and to mark founding partner Kenneth Stenger's 45th year in business, Stenger, Glass, Hagstrom, Lindars & Iuele, LLP (Stenger Glass Law) has donated \$1,000 to the Dutchess County SPCA.



*Pictured, from left to right, are partners A.J. Iuele, Karen Hagstrom, Kenneth Stenger, Jessica Glass and Ian Lindars with Dutchess County SPCA alum Alyssa.*

The Dutchess County SPCA – an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, no-kill shelter – strives to create a community in which all animals are treated with compassion and respect; this funding will help the organization continue its mission of sheltering animals in need, securing permanent homes for adoptable pets, and providing practical and educational resources to the public to promote the highest standards of animal care.

Following its recent rebrand, Stenger Glass Law has prioritized community engagement, supporting a variety of local nonprofits that positively contribute to our community, such as the Dutchess County SPCA and Hudson Valley Animal Rescue & Sanctuary, among others.



*Pictured from left to right are: Samantha, Astor's Bronx Day Treatment assistant director, Theresa Venticini, Gabby and Greisyn.*

## Chamber Network, Present & Refer

Tuesday, August 13 • 4 - 5:30 PM

Hilton Garden Inn  
25 Westage Drive, Fishkill

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