



Thanks to all our members who renewed in December

MAJOR CORPORATE



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- BJ'S Wholesale Club
- Capital One Bank
- Wingstop

RENEWING

- ADT Security Services Inc.
- After-School All-Stars of NYC, Inc.
- Comprehensive Associates LLC
- Construction Services Company
- Fairfield Inn By Marriott
- Gottlieb, Rackman & Reisman
- High Power Construction/RS Covello
- JFA Insurance Brokerage & Associate
- Keller Williams Realty Landmark
- Lund Fire Products
- Papa Ins. And Real Estate
- Restoration Medical Supplies, Inc.
- Solar Screen Co., Inc.
- Steinway Court Veterinarian
- US Powergen Astoria Generating Comp
- Veta Brome Real Estate

NEW MEMBERS

- 1010 Wins AM
- Harrison & Associates LLC
- Pinnacle Realty Of New York LLC
- Queens Ledger / Brooklyn Star Newspaper
- WSI

Staff Updates

Year-end Festivities To Recharge For The New Year

A new year that closes a tumultuous decade inspires mixed perspectives, a bit of trepidation combined with hope. The Queens Chamber of Commerce draws on 98 years of experience in guiding Queens businesses out of difficult times. Countless hours of advocacy, seminars, workshops, trade shows, promotional events and business card exchanges provide a support system, connections, information and exchange of ideas.



Show, we were busy almost non-stop throughout the day, meeting face to face with business owners and executives. Such trade shows are ideal settings for learning what others need from us, guiding us to better serve our members. Finding mutually rewarding new contacts at events like that keeps the Chamber growing, providing a fresh pool of potential new alliances for our established members to meet.

As unemployment rates edge upward, we realize our responsibility is greater than ever in our role as a conduit between workforce development offices and employers. Remember to send us details of your staffing/intern needs. Look on our web site calendar to see job fair dates at the various colleges belonging to the Chamber.

Spearheading important initiatives in Queens is also another historical imperative of ours, and this month we are proud to hold our second Queens Green Business Summit, a stimulating day to learn about and meet companies on the forefront of environmentally sound methods.

During the recent Long Island City Business Development Corporation (LICBDC) Trade

Special congratulations to Edward Mangano, of our member law firm Rivkin Radler LLP, on his election as Nassau County Executive. Please try to wind up your weeks with us at our Friday morning Breakfast Before Business. Topics to be covered between now and March range from union organization per the Employee Free Choice Act, to beauty/grooming tips for business people of both genders. Save the date of an exciting new event - Queens Fashion Week, February 10-14, 2010, launched by our member Osun Designs.

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Entrepreneurs Are Investing In Queens

Entrepreneurs from all over the country are looking at our borough as a prominent area and are counting on their success in Queens. A new business is coming to Queens, with Astoria as the northeast birthplace of the multimillion dollars franchise chain Wingstop. After a long process (15 years), complete feasibility marketing, sales and business impact studies, the first New York restaurant will open its doors in our backyard; very soon other sections of Queens will follow.



ing in Long Island City and Astoria where views of the Manhattan skyline are driving investors.

A handful of new hotels are opening doors in the area attracting tourists, executives needing quick access to the city, and young professionals looking for more space and more competitive rental fees than Manhattan.

Queens is a magnet for new businesses that nurture the cultural diversity here, and offer services and products that appeal to these varied tastes.

The diversity of businesses and the tremendous growth of ethnic communities are a great asset for economic development. Large real estate projects in southern Queens are boom-

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