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MARCH 20, 2008 • CBG MEETING MINUTES

CBG Members in attendance are shown in Bold Type • *Candidates/Guests in attendance are shown in Bold Italics*

Ken Anthony • Jack Aquila • Chris Aulert • Mike Beckage • Chris Callahan • Tony Catanzaro • Edward Cichone • Tom Clarke
• John Connors • Ruthann Disotell • William Dougherty* • Ed Duffy • Steve Firrello • Les Giese • Jay Hanigan • Tracy Ivie**
• Peter Joseph • Rich Kazimir • Art Kellenberger • Will Legasse • Fred Levedag • Marsha Marasco • David Mills • Charlie Orlando
• Craig Patterson • Alex Patullo • Lynn Porter • Bob Rittelman • Joe Schultz • William Siegel • Consie Sindet • Pete Smith
• Scott Smith • Jan Stewart • Louis Tranquilli • Richard Urmston • Frank Vodraska • Thomas Walsh, Jr. • Mark Yaros • Scott Zarro

Eligible Candidate(s):
Guest(s): Erik Trepkau

Pete Smith rang the bell at 8:00 am and CBG President, Alex Patullo, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. There was a round of CBG Member and guest introductions.

All acknowledged receipt of minutes of the March 6, 2008 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made, seconded and approved by a show of hands.

CBG President Alex Patullo announced that Peter Joseph and Thomas Clarke have requested a leave of absence. Alex also mentioned having a meeting outside when the warmer weather does arrive. Ruthann Disotell passed out a committee list sign-up form. This will help rounding up CBG members that have an interest in taking an active role in various CBG endeavors. As a reminder...in an effort to get CBG members to the meetings on time, the rubber chicken(s) will be handed out to those entering the meeting late and a \$5.00 late return fee to be donated by the tardy member(s) and holder(s) of the rubber chicken(s).

Frank Vodraska announced three candidates had applied for membership: Bryan Stacy, James Helriegel and Erik Trepkau. They will be considered in that order. Frank also announced an "application order initiative". Please contact Frank, president Alex Patullo or secretary Craig Patterson if there are any conflicts with an applicant. Frank also advised that, prior to inviting a prospect to a regular meeting or "off-week breakfast," you should check with our president Alex Patullo, secretary Craig Patterson or Frank himself to try and tighten up the process and to "clear" potential conflicts. All candidates must provide the membership committee with contact information and must complete a CBG Membership Application to pursue CBG Membership.

According to CBG Treasurer Richard Urmston there was \$12,778.58 in the CBG checking account (\$4,000.00 of that amount are prepaid 2008 membership dues). Second quarter dues are due. Dues must be kept current. Those members who fail to do so risk losing their status as an active member of the CBG. The quarterly membership dues cover all the things related to CBG membership, including your web presence, networking and social opportunities, etc. Included in this is the breakfast at all "regular CBG meetings." There is also an all-inclusive \$10.00 charge for breakfast at CBG "off-week breakfast meetings."

Marsha Marasco and Chris Aulert announced that they will be resigning from the CBG. They have promised to keep the CBG informed about their futures. Thank you to Marsha and Chris for their service and support.

CBG President, Alex Patullo, Jr. introduced Jack Aquila, the first of our two featured speakers. According to Jack, Inter-City Press, Inc. offers full service graphic designing and printing. Jack can assist clients in defining their graphic goals, on time and within their budgets. Inter-City Press does all types of printing for corporate, industrial and professional clients from larger Fortune 500 companies to Fortune 50,000,000 companies like ours. Some of the types of product Inter-City Press produces include full color brochures, full color booklets, newsletters, color ad copy, manuals, reports, mailers, briefs, stationery, forms, specialties, digital printing and color posters. Jack is also an ad agency subsidiary of Sun-Plunkett Corp. His business is headquartered at 143 Petticoat Lane, in Lebanon, New Jersey 08833-4109. Please contact Jack at (908) 236-9911. His Facsimile number is (908) 236-7764. His e-mail address is icp@patmedia.net.

CBG President Alex Patullo introduced Christopher Aulert, of Beautiful Kitchens and Cabinetry, the second of our two featured speakers. Beautiful Kitchens and Cabinetry of Hunterdon, L.L.C. is a family owned and operated business serving discriminating homeowners, builders, contractors and designers, since 1963. We offer custom and semi-custom cabinetry for kitchens, baths, as well as any other room in need of

built-in cabinetry. Free design services are available to all...just bring in your measurements. We have an 1800 square foot showroom with kitchen and bath displays. Our cabinetry features many species of wood from which to choose, including alder, cherry, hickory, maple, oak, pine and more. We also offer countertops, hardware, sinks, showers and tubs. Beautiful Kitchens and Cabinetry of Hunterdon, L.L.C. is located at 2004 Route 31 North, in Ridge Plaza, in Clinton. Please call (908) 638-5700, e-mail us at bkchunt@earthlink.net or, visit us on the WEB, at www.bkckitchens.com.

Thank you to Suzanne Martino for taking charge of the 50/50. Today's winner of the 50/50 was Craig Patterson, who donated his winnings back to the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship Fund. The total going to the fund today is \$95.00. Thanks again to our president, Alex Patullo, for the terrific fund-raising ideal. Before today's meeting, the balance in the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship Fund is \$5,675.50, of which \$3000.00 will be awarded on May 15th.

The 50/50 winner of the last off-week breakfast was Brian Stacy.

Remember, Byron Brisby, Jr. / Chris Callahan of The Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Dealerships, will donate \$100 to the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Fund for each car or truck purchased at any of The Flemington/Clinton Family of Dealerships (www.flemington.com for list). Contact Chris Callahan @ 908-735-5135 or Byron Brisby, Jr. @ 908-788-2641 to make the necessary arrangements.

Also, Craig Patterson, of All Town Mortgage, LLC, will donate \$100.00 to the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award program, for every "closed mortgage" referred to him by a CBG Member. If you refer someone to Craig, make sure to let him know.

Alex Patullo also announced that he will donate \$100 to the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship Fund for each job in excess of \$5,000 for a CBG Member or someone referred by a CBG Member.

Tom Walsh, Jr. announced that Mike Beckage and Chris Callahan are scheduled to speak at the April 3, 2008 meeting. The speakers for the April 17, 2008 will be Tony Catanzaro and Edward Cichone.

Before wrapping up the meeting's agenda, Alex reminded us that there will be an "off-week" breakfast next Thursday morning, March 27, 2008 at the Old River House Restaurant. Our next regular meeting will be held April 3, 2008.

Alex then asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by a show of hands. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.

See you next week, at the off-week breakfast!

Respectfully submitted by:
Craig Patterson,
CBG Secretary

Today's total attendance was thirty-four. (33 members and 1 guest) There are currently 40 CBG Members (83%).

* Suzanne Martino was in attendance on behalf of True and Associates.

** Brad Howell was in attendance on behalf of MSI Plumbing.