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**APRIL 17, 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 • 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 • David Mills • Charlie Orlando  
Craig Patterson • Alex Patullo • Lynn Porter • Bob Rittelman • Joe Schultz • William Siegel • Consie Sindet • Pete Smith  
Scott Smith • Brian Stacy • Jan Stewart • Louis Tranquilli • Erik Trepkau • Richard Urmston • Frank Vodraska • Thomas Walsh, Jr.  
Mark Yaros • Scott Zarro**

*Eligible Candidate(s):*  
*Guest(s):*

CBG President, Alex Patullo, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

All acknowledged receipt of minutes of the April 3, 2008 meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as written was made, seconded and approved by a show of hands.

Note: Do not park at the museum across the street.

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). There were four people who walked in a little late; Jan Stewart, Lynn Porter, Ruthann Disotell and Les Giese (sorry, I was told to name names). Some of you have paid the \$5.00 fee, but if you have not... cough up the fiver for the cause.

Please contact Frank Vodraska, president Alex Patullo or secretary Craig Patterson if there are any conflicts with an applicant. 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 Vodraska 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.

Alex Patullo discussed working with a Mom's Club in the area. There was some discussion on the matter and then we moved on. Ruthann Disotell gave an update on the CBG sign-up sheets. Scott Smith gave an update on the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship and flagpole. Scott Zarro announced that his company is now doing residential carpet cleaning.

Bob Rittelman announced the upcoming auto show and flea market on June 29, 2008 at Unity Bank. A sign up sheet to have your company name on the event t-shirt was passed around. Do not forget the cost for the t-shirt billboard is \$25.00.

June 22, 2008 is the next CBG social date. John Connors, of The Old River House Restaurant, has offered a fine menu for the event to take place at 7:00 pm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. \$35.per adult, \$13.50 for children and under 5 is free. I have attached a sign up sheet and other info concerning the event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

According to CBG Treasurer Richard Urmston there is \$13,730.58 in the CBG checking account (\$3,100.00 of that amount are prepaid 2008 and 2009 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."

CBG President Alex Patullo introduced the first of our two speakers, Ed Cichone. Ed is a Vice President at Unity Bank, located at 64 Old Highway 22, in Clinton. Unity Bank provides a full range of commercial and retail banking services. According to Ed, Unity Bank sets the standard in customer service as a true Community Bank. Unity Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unity Bancorp, Inc. and has served New Jersey, since 1991. For more information, email Ed at edward.cichone@unitybank.com, visit www.unitybank.com or, call him at (908) 713-4525.

Alex Patullo, CBG President, then introduced Tony Catanzaro, of Regency Landscape, the second of our two featured speakers. With more than 20 years of experience in the landscape industry, Tony offers full service residential and commercial landscaping. Specializing in design/build, Tony has the expertise to work with virtually any type of material to design a personal outdoor living space for you. His experience in landscape design, horticulture, grading and drainage, paver walks, patios and driveways, ponds and water features, swimming pool landscapes, natural field stone walls, boulder and placement rocks, and low voltage lighting will help you create your dream. Tony holds a number of degrees and certificates, including an A.A.S. degree in Landscape Management/Design, a certified Landscape Technician through the Associated Landscape Contractors of America, a certified Interlocking Concrete Paver Installer, and certificates from Rutgers University in Landscape Design and Plant Material Identification and Use. In addition, Tony is the current President of the Professional Landscape Alliance of New Jersey and is a 5 time winner in the New Jersey Landscape Achievement Awards program for residential and commercial projects. Regency Landscape is proud to provide high quality craftsmanship and Tony strives to exceed his client's expectations through innovative design, superior building practices, and continuing professional development. For more information, visit Tony at [www.regencylandscape.com](http://www.regencylandscape.com), email him at [tony@regencylandscape.com](mailto:tony@regencylandscape.com) or call (908) 647-3434.

Today's winner of the 50/50 was Fred Levedag, who took home \$38.00. The total going to the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship Fund today is also \$40.00. Before today's meeting, the balance in the Staats Brokaw Memorial Entrepreneurial Spirit Award Scholarship Fund is \$6,292.50, of which \$3000.00 will be awarded on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Remember, Byron Brisby, Jr. / Chris Callahan of The Flemington Car & Truck Country Family of Dealerships, will donate \$100 to the Staats Brokaw Memorial for each car or truck purchased at any of The Flemington/Clinton Family of Dealerships ([www.flemington.com](http://www.flemington.com) for list). Contact Chris Callahan @ 908-735-5135 or Byron Brisby, Jr. @ 908-788-2691 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 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 Ed Duffy and John Connors will be the speakers for the meeting on May 1, 2008.

Before wrapping up the meeting's agenda, Alex reminded us that there will be an "off-week" breakfast next Thursday morning, April 24, 2008 at the Old River House Restaurant. Our next regular meeting will be held May 1, 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-one. (31 members and 0 guest) There are currently 40 CBG Members (78%).

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