



PACC Annual Holiday and Awards Gala

Over 55 civic-minded residents and businesses attended the Sheraton Parsippany Hotel to support the Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Holiday and Awards Gala that benefits the Chamber's Employment Outreach Scholarship Program. "Tonight's event is about honoring the volunteers of the chamber who are essential in driving not only the growth of the chamber, but also the communities we serve," stated Frank Cahill, Executive Board of Director for the Chamber.

"The Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to be a volunteer organization that serves the businesses, residents, and volunteers of the Greater Parsippany Area. We are proud to be an organization which drives both Economic and Community Growth, while improving the quality of the life for everyone." stated President Robert J. Peluso in his Presidential address. Peluso went on to say that the "Chamber's Journey" started in 1956, but its success in 2010 was contributed to uniting community volunteers and establishing a collective voice in the community. Throughout 2010, the Chamber successfully assisted over 1000 local residents in workforce assistance, held successful Legislative Luncheons, and expanded the Taste of Parsippany by launching the Greater Parsippany Rewards Card to drive consumer spending.

Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Awards winners included: Maggie Peters and Morris County Economic Development Corporation for Economic Development; James Fang for Employment Outreach Scholarship; Niraj Chabra and Ameriprise for Community Growth Award; Parsippany Life for Business Leader of the Year; Mary Beth Kane from Chelsea at Montville, Harvey Topitz from Rivers Insurance Group, and Bridget Katilas from Provident Bank for Community Spirit Awards, Heather Mitchell and the Meadow Wood Manor, Laurie Guerrero and Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, and Jim Lengeling and Apple Spice Junction for Outstanding Public Service Award and Robert J. Peluso from Capital One Bank for Board Member of the Year.

The Chamber looks forward to another successful year in 2011. In continuing to drive, innovative services and programs to support community and economic growth in the Parsippany Area it plans to include local marketing programs and Free Networking Breakfasts along with other affordable programs for its members. On Monday, March 7, the Chamber holds its Annual Power Economic Dinner and its Annual Job Fair on Wednesday, April 27. All events are posted

on parsippanychamber.org.

Pictured Left to Right Brian Grant, Parsippany Life, Harvey Topitz, Bridget Katlisa, Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce President Robert Peluso, Maggie Peters, Mary Beth Kane, James Fang, Niraj Chabra and Jim Lengeling. Photo by Frank Cahill.