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Edgar Montenegro, a financial services representative with the **MassMutual Long Island Metro agency in Syosset, NY**, a Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company's (MassMutual) general agency, has earned the **Certified Family Business Specialist (CFBS) designation**. The additional training will help Edgar Montenegro identify the needs of New York State's growing number of family-run businesses with whom they work.



An advocate for the local community, **Christine Malafi**, a partner at **Campolo, Middleton & McCormick, LLP**, a premier law firm with offices in Ronkonkoma and Bridgehampton, has been **elected to the Board of Directors of Family Service League**, a Long Island based non-profit human service organization that provides a safety net for people in need.



Jaclyn Kramer, Esq. is an **Associate with Futterman & Lanza, LLP** and she was recently **awarded as a Long Island Business News winner in the Top 50 women category**. This honor supports some of Long Island's biggest names and business leaders. Jackie Kramer makes a profound improvement to the Long Island community. She runs an Alzheimer's/Dementia monthly support group for caregivers and she also runs a complimentary monthly legal and support group for people in the community who have questions or need information.



Mark R. Damiano II (Port Washington) joined the **Corporate/Securities Practice Group at Certilman Balin as an Associate**. Prior to joining Certilman Balin, Mr. Damiano practiced as an Associate in the Construction Practice Group at a Meltzer Lippe Goldstein & Breitstone, LLP where he counseled clients on an array of matters including complex commercial agreements and commercial litigation.



PBI Payroll, a national provider of payroll processing and outsourced HR, is pleased to announce three new employees to its team, **Andrea Relkin, Sandra Bamonte and Sheila McGarrigle** to support our growth.



Alcott HR (www.alcotthr.com), a leading provider of human resources outsourcing solutions and a Certified Professional Employer Organization (CPEO) with offices in Farmingdale, Buffalo, and Manhattan, New York, announced the appointment of **Christopher A. Parlante as Business Development Consultant** serving from the company's Farmingdale, NY headquarters. Parlante brings over 19 years of experience developing new client relationships at the C-level and direct experience in the PEO industry. His strong managerial skills in recruiting, training and mentoring sales and customer service teams will also make him a valuable asset to Alcott HR.



Farrell Fritz is pleased to announce that **Charlotte A. Biblow** will be **honored by the American Heart Association** at their **2018 Long Island Go Red for Women luncheon** to be held Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at Crest Hollow in Woodbury, NY.



Lisa S. Goldman, CPA, TEP, M.TAX, a specialist in international taxation with more than 20 years of experience in the accounting profession and the private sector, has **joined top 40 CPA and Advisory firm Berdon LLP as a partner**. Ms. Goldman advises high net worth individuals as well as privately-owned companies in the real estate, manufacturing and distribution, and consumer products industries.



Christopher Byrnes, Esq. is an **Associate with Schroder & Strom, LLP** and has been named **Honoree of the 40 Under 40 Awards, hosted by Long Island Business News for 2018**. The Award recognizes Long Island's most promising business people as being the movers and shakers under the age of 40. Christopher Byrnes has significantly helped Long Islanders with real estate tax problems, ranging from tax cuts for numerous residential condo owners to assisting victims of Super Storm Sandy on a pro bono basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Jim Barlow of Ameriprise Financial Services is hosting breakfast and lunch workshops each week in January and February to educate employees who have a 401K/403b plan (existing or former plan). Hauppauge locations include member **Brendel's restaurant**. Option strategies relating to proper allocation will be discussed and you are encouraged to "bring in" a recent statement for a "hands on meeting". Call **516-479-5871** or e-mail james.a.barlow@ampf.com for a list of times and dates....



Perfect Pitch Toastmasters, invites HIA-LI members to their **upcoming meetings on Wednesday January 10th and 24th at Clearvision Optical Co., 425 East Rabro Dr. Hauppauge, NY**. The meetings run **6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Toastmasters is a non-profit, worldwide organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills. Call Aalap Shah at **323-363-4459** or email Aalap_79@yahoo.com for further information.

OTHER NEWS & HAPPENINGS



Jefferson's Ferry, a not-for-profit Life Plan Community, is partnering with the **NorthShore Career Training Institute's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program**. The partnership is designed to provide the supervised, practical work experience that is required for the CNA students. The students will work alongside experienced CNAs in the delivery of daily services to Jefferson's Ferry residents under the supervision and direction of Jefferson's Ferry's Director of Nursing and a NorthShore instructor. Jefferson's Ferry President and CEO Robert E. Caulfield made the announcement.



Family Service League, a Long Island based non-profit human service organization, is proud to announce that **two additional Caregiver Support Groups have been formed**. These additional Northfork sites give Long Islanders eight convenient locations throughout Suffolk County, from as far west as Huntington, to and to both North and South Forks. With generous support from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging, FSL has provided FREE Caregiver Support Services to individuals caring for a person with disabilities (over age 60) since 2005. These services include individual counseling, support groups and trainings. Timely topics such as estate planning, stress management and nutrition are discussed. On average, FSL has seen 85 clients each month in 1:1 counseling and support groups during calendar year 2017. These groups provide a safe space where caregivers can share their experiences, concerns and successes. It is also a great venue to learn more about community resources.



UCP of Long Island held its **Life Without Limits Gala honoring Kevin M. O'Connor**, President and CEO of Bridgehampton National Bank, on October 27th at Flowerfield. The event raised over \$200,000. The funds raised will support the comprehensive programs and services that UCP of Long Island provides to thousands of children and adults with disabilities.



On November 3, **Ernie Fazio, Chairman, Long Island Metro Business Action (LIMBA)**, interviewed **Tom Falcone, Chief Executive Officer, Long Island Power Authority (LIPA)**, during the LIMBA meeting at the Courtyard Marriott in Ronkonkoma. Some topics covered included changing trends in energy sources, preparing for natural disasters and preventing outages. During his presentation "Improving Our Power Infrastructure," Mr. Falcone was asked whether LIPA will continue to embrace renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power. He said the utility will continue to meet Governor Cuomo's ambitious clean energy goals by investing in renewable energy sources and battery technology to store or distribute excess energy. As for whether LIPA plans to purchase wind and solar energy from other states, Mr. Falcone said it would not be necessary at this time because, among other things, LIPA produces enough energy to power Long Island until 2035.

Options for Community Living, Inc. (Options), Smithtown, New York, is the **proud recipient of a \$15,000 grant award from the M-A-C AIDS Fund** in support of its housing programs for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. The M-A-C AIDS Fund is committed to addressing the link between poverty and HIV/AIDS by supporting diverse organizations around the world that provide a wide range of services to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA).



On November 4, the **Village of Islandia** held its **annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Triangle**. **Mayor Allan M. Dorma**, a Vietnam veteran, was joined by local elected officials, war veterans and representatives from the Lakeland and Central Islip Fire Departments to honor those who served and continue to serve in the armed forces.



Elizabeth Thomas LLC announces the launch of a **FREE Love The Island Car Magnet Donation tie-in with Hauppauge based Long Island Cares**, the charity founded by the late musician and singer / songwriter Harry Chapin to benefit the hungry and food insecure on Long Island. **"Consumers get a FREE Love The Island Car Magnet for every \$25 worth of orders and a \$2.50 Donation will be made to Long Island Cares with every FREE car magnet earned,"** said Jim Rowe Chief Brand Officer. There is also **FREE SHIPPING** on every order.



Anchor Real Estate of Long Island, Inc. celebrated its opening with a **welcoming ceremony and open house hosted by The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce** at the company's office at **83 East Main Street, Suite 6 in Patchogue on Tuesday, November 14**. A privately-owned boutique real estate company located in the heart of Patchogue Village, the company's experienced licensed real estate agents are knowledgeable in the state of the market across Suffolk and Nassau Counties and provide individualized customer service to both buyers and sellers.



On **Tuesday, December 12**, families from across Patchogue **celebrated the lighting of the first candle on the town's new Menorah on the first day of Chanukah**. The new Chanukah Menorah was **donated by Gershow Recycling** in response to a request from the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce. After 20 years, the previous Menorah needed replacing and the Chamber asked local businesses to help. Gershow, which has a location in Medford, purchased it on behalf of the community. The Menorah, which stands nine feet tall and features energy-efficient LED lights, stands proudly near the Capital One Plaza on East Main Street in Patchogue Village.



Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) was happy to host **Kathleen Attanasio, Branch Manager at People's United Bank**, who volunteered to **lead a cooking class for the residents at FREE's residential program in Medford**. The group learned how to create a Thanksgiving feast. Everyone learned a little something, ate great food and had tons of fun while doing it. Kathleen plans on returning to teach the group how to bake cookies for the Holidays.



Michael Frenda Business Growth Strategist at Dale Carnegie Training of Long Island presented: **5 step formula - Build and sustain a multi-million dollar business**. Was held on **Tuesday, January 9th 8 am to 10 am**. Hosted by **Lorraine Gregory Communications 95-A Executive Dr, Edgewood, NY 11717** and catering courtesy of **Coliseum Caterers**.

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