For decades, Ulster County had only one arts center. That changed with the last Census and the county now has 13. Rep. Marc Molinaro and Pat Ryan, both of whom were elected last year to their congressional positions, have worked to make access to the arts possible for everyone. Ryan, a Gardner Democrat and the former Ulster County Executive, addressed a Chamber meeting Monday, Jan. 27, at the Tivoli Arts Center with the new Dutchess County Executive, Marc Molinaro. Molinaro is working to make the arts as available as possible to all the residents of Ulster County and he hopes to do the same for Dutchess County.

He said he has been busy redefining the center's overall mission and introducing programs. Molinaro announced recently that he is calling for the appointment of a new, non-profit partner of the event. "I came to Congress to play up my hand and to chart a new course to return these positions," Molinaro said. "We need to start giving our young people a chance to work in the arts and work in the local economy."

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The Chamber Mixer at Ulster Savings Bank on April 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. is much more than a typical networking event. It’s one that fetes achievement, kindles deeper relationships and creates conversations that go beyond catching up on business and shaking hands with prospective clients.

That’s why the event is called a “Community Connect.” It is an extension of the Ulster County Black Business Achievement Awards cosponsored by the Chamber, Ulster County Tourism and Black History Kingston, which will honor six Black business owners and community leaders beginning at 5 p.m.

The 2023 honorees include:

•  John Blue and Maureen Byrd-Blue, the owners of Blue Byrd’s Haberdashery & Music in Kingston, who will receive the Black Business Excellence Award
•  Joseph McDole Junior of J’s Painting Service, Black Business Leadership Award
•  Candice Van Dyke, Sojourner Truth Award
•  Dr. Paul Childs Perez, Everett Hodge Award
•  Christina (Nina) Dawson, Maude Bruce Award
•  Alonzo Jordan, Young Black Leader of Tomorrow

Jess Davis, the Chamber’s Membership Director, said the idea for the combined event came up two years ago when she and Lisa Berger, Director of Ulster County Tourism, discussed ways to elevate Black business owners and leaders. From there, a diverse committee formed and others jumped on board, including Ulster Savings Bank President Bill Calderara.

Ulster Savings Bank is the Presenting Sponsor of the event. Go Beyond Greatness is the Welcoming Sponsor.

“We planned this with inclusivity in mind,” Davis said. “We wanted everyone to come as they are, so there’s no charge for this event. The whole idea was to create a space to allow people in the community to come together to celebrate our remarkable honorees. We chose the word ‘connect’ because it’s more than just mixing and mingling. This is a way to shine the spotlight on diversity and join together to embrace it.

“Every conversation goes before our committee. This is about listening to each other and coming up with great ideas to make it happen,” said Davis, adding that the committee tasked with selecting the honorees makes an effort to recognize leaders who aren’t necessarily “front and center.”

“They’re the workers and the doers. We don’t often see them center stage. Our goal is to bring them to the forefront and make the community aware of the many products and services they offer. There are so many people worthy of being honored, and this event was built to give them the exposure they deserve.”

Complimentary food will be provided at the Community Connect by Black-owned restaurants and caterers, including We Got The Juice, Point of Praise Catering, Seasoned Delicious Foods, One Only Cakes, Benny’s Tropical Ice and Keegan Ales and JK’s Wine & Liquor are sponsoring the beverages. Special music by DJ Seven Spirits and Instruments of Praise will be featured, and organizations like the NAACP will have a presence. Additionally, representatives from SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Ulster also will be on hand at the Community Connect.

Davis called last year’s inaugural awards presentation and Community Connect “uplifting” and said the huge turnout and enthusiasm invigorated those behind it as well as attendees.

“We are encouraged to see aspiring Black entrepreneurs take that leap and start that business they have a passion for. I think we are seeing more Black entrepreneurs follow their dreams, and I hope our event has in some way inspired them to step out and make it happen,” Davis said.

To register for the Community Connect, go to ulsterchamber.org or call (845) 338-5100.

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Thursday April 6 | 9:00 - 10:30 am
New Member Meet & Greet
Holiday Inn Express & Suites
1835 Ulster Avenue | Lake Katrine, NY
There is no cost for Chamber members and Prospective Members.
Reservations are required.
Sponsor: Hudson Valley Credit Union

Wednesday April 12 | 7:30 - 9:00 am
Chamber Breakfast Meeting
U.S. Congressman Marc Molinaro
Diamond Mills Hotel & Tavern
25 S. Partition Street | Saugerties, NY
$30 Members-Advanced Pay • $35 Members-At The Door
$40 Non-Members
Sponsor: Sawyer Savings
Not-for-Profit Partner: Sawyer Motors Foundation

Tuesday April 18 | 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Networking Mixer @ Cornell Creative Arts Center
129 Cornell Street | Kingston, NY
There is no cost for Members and Prospective Members.
Reservations are required.
Sponsor: The Arc Mid-Hudson

Wednesday April 26 | 5:00 - 8:00 pm
2023 Ulster County Black Business Achievement Awards and Community Connect
Ulster Savings Bank Corporate Headquarters
180 Schwenk Drive
Kingston NY
Registration is required.
There is no charge for admission but space will be limited.
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More info and Registration ulsterchamber.org Questions (845) 338-5100

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration of our 2023 HONOREES

Black Business Excellence Award
Blue Byrd’s (John Blue and Maureen Byrd-Blue)
Black Business Leadership Award
Joseph McDole Jr. (J’s Painting Service)
Sojourner Truth Award
Candice Van Dyke

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612 Ulster Avenue
Kingston, NY 12401
William Hadsel - Owner
Category: Bicycles - Retail & Service
Description: Bicycle sales and service, custom bikes, wheel building, car racks and plenty of accessories. We also have expanded our parts department for faster service.

Kelly Davis
Kellydanielleaesthetics.com
Kelly Davis - Owner
Category: Beauty Salons/Barber Shops
Description: Beauty and cosmetics offering services such as facials, body, contouring and sculpting, body detox, treatments, try lift, dynamic, muscle stimulation, lashes, make up.

Hudson Valley Cheesecake
56 Main Street
New Paltz, NY 12561
Dana Charres - Owner
Category: Bakeries/Baked Goods
Description: We make handmade, artisan cheesecakes using some of the highest quality ingredients.

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- Lizzie Vann (Bearsville Center), Barbara O’Brian (Levin Helm Studios) and Joan Quigley (Cruise Planners).

- Ramin Williams, Nina Dawson (both with Ulster County Government) and Jama Spencer (JACER FUNDamental Beginnings).

- Aubrey Flick, Tiffany Conte and Andrew Chen (all with Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy).

- Ingrid Kulick (Ulster Chamber Foundation), Kristin Backhaus (SUNY New Paltz), Mixer Sponsor Susan Wright (MGI Construction + Consulting), Maria Cabrera (Maria Cabrera Bridal), Crystal Jacob (Ulster Savings Bank) and Jess Davis (Ulster Chamber).

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