

The Otsego County Chamber

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Media Release

The Otsego County Chamber **ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR 2010**

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The Otsego County Chamber is proud to announce the new board members and officers for 2010.

Officers for the New Year are Mark Grygiel as Chair, Roxana Hurlburt as 1st Vice-Chair, and Tanya Shalor as 2nd Vice-Chair. Chamber President and CEO Rob Robinson, now in his 15th year of service to the Chamber, will continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

New Directors for the Chamber include Carolyn Lewis, Economic Developer for the Otsego County Economic Development, Nick Savin, District Superintendent of ONC BOCES in Stamford, Steve Sinniger, Otsego County Farm Bureau, and Eric Jervis, Harlem and Jervis Law Office. These Directors will have a choice of committee assignments depending on their area of interest, including tourism, business action, education, member services and special projects.

Rob Robinson talked of the high caliber of individuals on the 2010 Chamber Board. “Anyone who has ever served on the Chamber Board knows, it is not a simple commitment of one meeting a month. It is an ongoing involvement with our business community, based on the idea that our success lies in working together. This is one of the most challenging times in New York State history and we need strong voices on our board to represent the businesses that fuel the economic engine of our region.”

Mark Grygiel with NYCM Insurance is looking forward to his tenure as Chair. “*The Otsego County Chamber* is an integral part of the business community in our region. I am proud to work with such talented individuals and to build on the success of those who came before me as Chairman. We need a cohesive voice in Albany and Washington. Our Chamber offers that, plus wonderful benefits and networking opportunities for its members.”

Roxana Hurlburt, with ISD (Information Systems Division) likes the Board’s diverse offerings. “With 2010 here, there will continue to be economic challenges to businesses. As a member of *The Otsego County Chamber*, we serve a vital role to small business. The Chamber has been successful to bring us affordable health care plans to meet everyone’s needs, energy discounts, as well as providing us with timely information regarding the legislative changes that affect us all. Our “business networking” has proved to be invaluable. Please support the Chamber and remember...SHOP LOCAL.”

The Daily Star Publisher Tanya Shalor has become the 2nd Vice-Chair of the Board. “Serving as 2nd Vice Chair is an honor and I am ecstatic to join the executive team as we continue to represent and adapt to meet the needs of our members and the business community in 2010.”

The Chamber also thanks Peter Livshin, Past Chair and Rich Harlem for their two-terms of service to the Board.

The mission of *The Otsego County Chamber* is to continually improve the overall business climate in the region; to strive for an atmosphere which attracts investment; to build a positive, forward-thinking business community; and to partner with government, groups, individuals and institutions.