

# FRBA SUMMER NEWSLETTER

## FRBA CLASSIC CAR NIGHTS

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### **FRBA Vice President Meets President of the United States**

Chris Gacos, Vice President FRBA, attended the United States small business and growth news conference held in Elizabeth, New Jersey on June 16, 2003. Peter Glynos, owner of Toy Kingdom and Swingset Warehouse, attended and represented FRBA as well.



**This article appeared in the Democrat, submitted by Ron Van Horn.**

“This summer’s popular Classic Car Shows on Main Street have brought out community residents by the thousands” said Ron Van Horn, chairman of the event sponsored by The Flemington Raritan Business Association and James Toyota.

Main Street has been the host for six of these Classic Car Shows; the final show is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27.

These events are free to the public and as well the car show participants.

“The part that has not been free is the charity given by businesses, residents and Flemington Borough to support this summer’s events” said Mr. Van Horn.

“Countless hours have been donated by FRBA board members and residents to organize and run the events. A large number of businesses have donated money and door prizes.”

James Toyota Hummer Outlet in Raritan Township is the events main sponsor; Yardville National Bank is the sponsor for the event’s t-shirt program. More than 40 area businesses have given door prizes that have



been raffled off to car show participants, racking up a bill into the thousands, Mr. Van Horn said.

He cited businesses that contributed to making the events a success: The Union Hotel, Ink River Gallery, Sweet Caroline’s, Café Main Street, Alwick Music, A Cut Above Hair Salon, 9 Central Restaurant, Art of Framing

Cocco’s Café, Kries Jewelers, Higgins Newsstand, Country Clutter, Tees 2 Please, Sneakers Plus, Cole-Hann Shoes, Main Street Massage Therapy, The Market Roost, The Boro Barber Shop, Flemington Cut Glass, Il Mulino, Initial Impressions, Hairlines, Jack’s Pizza, Orvieto Restaurant, Zippy Lube, The Shaker Café, Absolute Communications, Provence, Raab Coins, Citgo Quickmart Newsstand & Deli, Country Beauty Supply, US Grant Tobacco & Pipe, Unique Touch Hand & Foot Spa, Virami’s Pizza, Midas Muffler, Van Horn Financial, Cornerstone Print & Imaging, Westbound, Samuel Stothoff, Co. Inc. and Withum, Smith and Brown.



Pictured above: Michael Schreck, FRBA President, James Botsocas-James Toyota Hummer Outlet, FRBA Board Member and Classic Car Show Main Sponsor, Barb Cromwell & Julie Moriarty—Yardville National Bank, T-Shirt Sponsor, Ron Van Horn—FRBA Board Member and Chris Gacos FRBA Vice President.

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**Flemington-Raritan Business Association Officers and Board of Directors:**

**President Michael Schreck - Withum, Smith & Brown**

**Vice President Chris Gacos-Sneakers Plus**

**Treasurer Theresa Freligh-Withum, Smith & Brown**

**Secretary—Position Vacant**

**Association Administrator-Ed Morris**

**Board Members:**

**Debbie Stout-Commerce Bank**

**Carol Clark-Cornerstone Print & Imaging**

**Robin Buhl-Ink River Gallery**

**James Bostocas-James Toyota**

**Marshal Higgins—Higgins News Agency**

**Jerry Jaremenko—Kries Jeweler**

**Carol Nebiolo-Sweet Caroline's**

**Ron Van Horn-Van Horn Financial**

## NEW MEMBERS SPOTLIGHT

The FRBA would like to welcome the following new members:

Café Annick: 908-788-8886

Car Parts: 908-526-7035  
Reading Ridge Pharmacy: 908-782-7576

Signst Banners: 908-782-3123

Hennessy Financial: 908-284-2740 X.11

Café Main Street: 908-788-0411

A Cut Above Hair Studio: 908-782-7855

Midas Auto Service: 908-782-9322

Zippy Lube Plus: 908-788-5823

J&E Wine & Spirits: 908-237-9463

Rita's Italian Ice: 908-284-1618

The Bagel Shoppe: 908-788-7117

The Plaza Cleaners: 908-806-3212

Flemington Department Store: 908-782-7662

FCG Advisors, LLC: 908-806-7777

Edward Jones Investments: 908-788-5645

Alarmtronics, Inc.: 908-788-3900

Alwick Records: 908-284-2332

Salvatore's Talior Shop: 908-788-5081

Fan Fare: 908-782-8288  
Gilded Lily Florest: 908-782-5459

Dilts & Koester: 908-782-8200

Ms. B's Sun Inside: 908-284-9733

Tees 2 Please: 908-788-5508

Interior Motives, Inc.: 908-806-4461

AAA Mid-Atlantic: 908-782-3500

Canterbury Corner: 908-788-8856

Law Office of Louis H. Miller: 908-782-1818

HairLines: 908-788-3961

Dr. Lawrence H. Wissner : 908-782-4521

Jake's: 908-806-3188  
ValPak of MidJersey: 908-963-5566

Dancing On Air, Inc.: 908-237-9993

Country Griddle Rest. & Bakery: 908-788-8779

Time To Read Books: 908-806-3320

Mix 'Em Up Bartending: 908-782-6001

Unity Bank: 908-782-2000

Luggage Factory: 908-788-4810 ext.28

Harjes Agency, Inc.: 908-788-6060 ext.202

The Cutting Company: 908-788-8900

Applebee's Neighborhood Bar & Grill: 908-806-2231

Uncle Pete's Spanish Cuisine: 908-782-9005

ABC Computer Services, Inc.: 908-782-4793

Burkett Supply Company: 908-782-2522

9 Central: 908-782-0591

California Grill: 908-806-7141

The Boro Barber Shop: 908-782-7177

Art of Framing: 908-782-9915

For more information about our new members, please visit [www.frbanj.com](http://www.frbanj.com) and click the "Welcome Center" link.

### Hunterdon Holiday Parade

The Hunterdon Holiday Parade, sponsored by the Flemington-Raritan Business Association and it's members is scheduled to take place this year on December 7th. The parade begins at Main Street and Church and ends at the War Memorial.

If you are interested in participating in the parade or would like to volunteer to help with the parade, please contact our Parade Chairman, Chris Gacos at 908-788-2921 or the Parade Coordinator, Ed Morris at 908-284-9341, or e-mail: [ed@edwardmorris.net](mailto:ed@edwardmorris.net).

### Café Annick Weekly Events

Café Annick hosts live events every week at it's location on Board Street, Flemington.

For a listing of events, please visit the FRBA website at [www.frbanj.com](http://www.frbanj.com) and look at the calendar of events page or visit the Café Annick website at [www.cafeannick.com](http://www.cafeannick.com)

**Classic Car Show on 7-26-03 raises money for Scholarship**

By Ron Van Horn

On Saturday, July 26th, the Flemington-Raritan Business Association held it's 3rd Classic Car Show of the season. Once again, thousands turned out to stroll Main Street in Flemington and there were over 150 cars. This was a great showing given the Balloon Festival that was taking place a few miles away.

This last show included a Scholarship Putting Game sponsored by the new Commerce Bank on Reaville Road (see picture). Shown in the picture are some youngsters attempting putts, supervised by Volunteers Fran Gacos and Mike Sabbagh. Proceeds of the game go towards the FRBA Scholarship fund. Last year a Hunterdon Central High School Student received \$1,000. The next Car Show is Sept. 27th. For more information or to pre-register call Ron Van Horn at 908-806-6041.



Picture taken by: Jerry Jaremenko

**FRBA Administrator Receives Hunterdon County Veteran's Medal**

In June, Edward M. Morris, FRBA Administrator, received the Hunterdon County Veteran's Medal.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders held a Medal Design contest for recognition of Hunterdon County Veterans. The winning design was used to create a Veteran's Recognition Medal and was presented to Hunterdon County Veterans at a ceremony held on Flag Day, June 14, 2003.

Mr. Morris is an Army Veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm.

**Flemington EDC enters nationwide "America in Bloom" contest**

By Ron Van Horn

A few residents, business people and community service volunteers had asked me to describe what that America In Bloom thing is and did we win? So I went to one of the people I knew who could give me the answer to share with you, Lillie Dorchak, Chairperson for the Beautification Work Group for the Flemington Boro Economic Development Commission (EDC). So this is the response that blossomed:

AIB is a non-profit, nationwide competition whose goal is to raise community pride through:

1. Preservation of local heritage

2. Floral beautification
3. Community participation
4. Partnerships between government, local organizations, residents and volunteers from all sources.

5. Environmental action  
6. Urban forestry  
It's based on a Canadian idea called Communities In Bloom that's about 12 years old and very successful. Their competition has cities and towns vying for higher and higher goals and recognitions (Provincial Best City) until the winners form partnerships with European cities as international cities in bloom. We had two judges, Leslie and Jeff. He was from the Canadian program, working now in the US as a judge. Our judging will be announced Sept. 20 in Chicago. We are head to head with Lewes Delaware in our 5,000 or less population category.



Picture taken by, Ron Van Horn

Picture shows EDC Promotion Group Member, Tara Lisciandro signing Flemington's "Brag Book" put together for the AIB contest. The signing took place at a dinner on the porch of the Union Hotel on July 19<sup>th</sup>. The book was beautiful and took many hours to put together. The book was made up of past and present pictures and articles. The goal of the book is to help paint a picture for the judges of where the town has come from, where the town is at, and what direction we are heading in relation to AIB goals (items 1 - 6 mentioned in this article). Pictured with Tara, to left of picture is Resident Volunteer Carol Wachter, Tara in middle, and on right is one of the AIB judges Leslie Croyle. The Judges were in town for a few days. Let's hope we bring home the Gold.

### YMCA Announces Inaugural YCares Golf Classic

The Hunterdon County YMCA will host its Inaugural YCares Golf Classic on Monday, October 20, 2003 at Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes, New Jersey. Chairing the event are YMCA Board Members *Vince Cirianni of International Planning Alliance*, and *Gene McCarthy of Yardville National Bank*. Other local community leaders supporting the event planning include: *Chuck Chulvick, Raritan Valley Community College; Ed Delia, Delia Associates; Marie Koch, Hunterdon County Democrat; Wayne Myer, Interstate Restoration; Tim O'Rourke, Amper Politziner & Mattia; Vic Rotolo, Rotolo & Midlige; Pat Schriver, Custom Alloy; and Nick Susalis, N. Susalis & Associates.*

The scramble event will include 18 holes of golf, golfer gift bag, giveaways, lunch, and gourmet buffet dinner. Prizes will be awarded in several categories including special prizes for on-course challenges including LongDrive, Closest to the Pin, Hole-In-One, and more. Individual Golfers are \$175, Corporate Sponsorships begin at \$1,000 and include a foursome and associated recognition benefits. Other participation opportunities are available at several levels including Cart Sponsors, Tee/Green Sponsors, Beverage Sponsors, and more.

Opened to the public in July, 2002, Heron Glen Golf Course is one of the finest municipal golf courses in the region. Heron Glen offers five sets of tees that challenge players of all abilities from amateurs to professionals; stretches of 7,000 yards; meanders through rustic wooded landscape, three lily ponds, tranquil streams, and the Neshanic river; and is guarded by seventy-two strategically placed bunkers. Proceeds of the event benefit YCares Financial Assistance Scholarships. The Hunterdon County YMCA is committed to serving the community by making our programs, services, and facilities available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. In the past 5 years, YCares has distributed over \$1,000,000.

For more information on the Golf Classic or the YMCA YCares program, call Anita Bennison at 908-236-7879 x16 or email [abennison@hcyymca.com](mailto:abennison@hcyymca.com).

2003 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hunterdon County YMCA. With two branches in Flemington and Annandale, plus satellite program sites in Milford, Clinton, and area elementary schools, the YMCA serves the entire Hunterdon County area. For more information, stop by or call one of our branches at 144 West Woodschurch Road, Flemington (908-782-1030) or 1410 Route 22 West, Annandale (908-236-0055).



We build strong kids,  
strong families,  
strong communities.

### FRBA Newsletter Submissions

Does your business or organization have an event that you would like published in a future FRBA newsletter? If so, please send information about the event to Ed Morris, fax 1-760-875-6076 e-mail: [ed@edwardmorris.net](mailto:ed@edwardmorris.net), or call 908-284-9341.

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## FRBA Organizational Announcements

The Board wishes farewell & thanks to Susan Fantus who has moved out of the State with her family. Susan did an excellent job in representing our Board and we wish her the best in all her endeavors.

The Board welcomes Marshall Higgins. Marshall will fill the open spot from Susan Fantus. Below are few facts about Marshall:

- In Flemington 48 years
- Past FRBA Board Member/VP 1991 – 1997
- Rotary Club – for 8 years
- Historical Review Board for Flemington Boro
- Owns Family business that dates back to grandfather in 1898: Higgins Newsstand on Main Street in Flemington
- Married 29 years to Pat
- Children: Heather (24) – Teacher at HCRHS; Son Scott (21) attends college – Ringling School of Art & Design in FLA
- Dog (Bulldog) - Bailey

### Interested in becoming a FRBA Member?

Your business must be in the Flemington Borough or Raritan Township. If you have more than one location, only those within these areas can be members. Membership is for one year. General meetings for members of the board are held on the Second Wednesday of each month. If interested in attending a meeting, please contact Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 or e-mail ed@edwardmorris.net. Members receive a decal indicating membership in the FRBA for display in their business location upon receipt of dues. Members also receive a newsletter to keep abreast of FRBA activities, and are listed on the FRBA web site.

If you are a business owner whose business is located within the FRBA area as stated above, please complete the form below and follow these instructions:

1. Print or cut out this copy of the form
2. Complete the form
3. Mail, along with a check in the appropriate amount made out to  
Flemington-Raritan Business Association  
"FRBA" Box 564, Flemington, N.J. 08822.

Please complete multiple forms for all locations included in the FRBA membership.

Annual Dues Schedule :

- 1 store - \$125.00
- 2-5 stores - \$175.00
- 6-20 stores - \$225.00
- 21 or more stores - \$280.00

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Retail business or Professional Service? (circle one)

Type of business or service: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Flemington-Raritan Business Association Donation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_ Please use this donation for the following: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday Parade \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ FRBA Scholarship Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail to: \_\_\_\_\_ FRBA Operating Fund \_\_\_\_\_

Flemington-Raritan Business Association

PO Box 564, Flemington NJ 08822

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#### Want to get involved?

There are several Flemington-Raritan Business Association events that you can help out with by being a volunteer:

- Hunterdon Holiday Parade
- Community Day '03
- Autumn Fest 2003
- Business Expo 2003
- Membership Committee
- Scholarship Committee

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 or ed@edwardmorris.net

#### Car Show Continued from front page:

Commerce Bank's Flemington branch sponsored the door prizes for a putting game that helps to fund the FRBA's college scholarship program. " We appreciate the great support from the Flemington Department of Public Works, the Flemington Police Department, and the Economic Development Commission. We all look forward to the final show on September 27th." Mr. Van Horn added.

For more information on the event call Ron Van Horn at 908-806-6041.

Pictures of the events can be found on the FRBA's website, www.frbanj.com

FRBA extends special thanks to our Resident Supporters for the many hours of Volunteer work given supporting the Classic Car Shows:

- Tom & Deb Astarita, Kathy, John & Greg Atanasio
- Jack & Debbie Glessner, Marty Goodfriend
- Jill & Dave Goetz, Betsy & Bo Haluszczak
- Mark & Evi Lobell, Claire Stilwell
- Kathleen & Mike Sabbagh, Dan & Helaine Smith
- Shawn Van Horn, Jim & Mary Martin
- Andrew Camp, Mike D'Aloia

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#### FRBA Website Update

Our website continues to get better everyday with new info that you can use!

It is now featuring a printable directory of all FRBA members!

Come see the changes at:  
[WWW.FRBA.NJ.COM](http://WWW.FRBA.NJ.COM)

#### New Membership Sales Coordinator Returns to College

Angie Glessner - Thanks for the excellent job this Summer! Well it is back to the books for Angie. Angie is back at college and we will miss her. This Spring and Summer Angie worked on building our Membership, did Administrative projects and Volunteered on events. Angie worked hard and achieved excellent results. We look forward and hope to have her back on break next year. Thanks again, and best wishes to Angie for a great year.

## Community Events Calendar

### September:

#### **Flemington Raritan Business Association's Quarterly Business Reception 9/18/2003**

Come to the FRBA's Quarterly Business Reception and meet your fellow business owners and community leaders. The Reception will be held at The Union Hotel, starting at 6 pm. Please RSVP by 6/10/2003 Call Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 for more information.

**Raritan Township Community Day 9/20/2003.** Raritan Township is holding it's annual Community Day in June this year, for more information call the Township Clerk at 908-806-6100. The FRBA will have a booth at this event and needs volunteers to staff the booth, please contact Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 if you would like to volunteer or are a member and would like to have promotional materials for your business at our booth. The contact for Raritan Township is Allan Pietrefesa, Administrator/CFO at 806-6106

#### **Flemington HERITAGE FESTIVAL—September 20th**

**HUNTERDON HARMONIZERS CRAFT FESTIVAL—** September 20th & 21st, Main Street, Flemington

**"TRIAL OF THE CENTURY"** - September 20th.

**A Re-enactment of the Infamous Hauptmann-Lindbergh Kidnapping Trial.** Show Time: 2PM & 8PM. For information and reservations, call (908) 782-2610 or visit FamousTrials.com.

#### **FRBA CLASSIC CAR SHOW -** September 27th

Along Main Street, Mine Street & Fulper Road  
Downtown Flemington

Time: 6:00-9:30PM (Registration at 5PM)

Car Exhibitors: FREE Registration. Exhibitor packet w/ coupons & freebies. Trophies & awards. Spectators/Visitors: Music by DJ Chuck Leonard, MC - Kroozin' Productions, Door prizes, Free parking available on side streets & parking lots. For more information or pre-registration, call Ron Van Horn at (908) 806-6041.

#### **The Shaker Café—**September 27th

The Shaker Café Presents: The Cellar Dwellers, Good Food, Good Music, Good Fun! The foot stompin' starts at 7PM and the fun never ends!

### October:

#### **EDC Beautification Days—** October 4th & 5th, from 8AM to Noon

The Flemington EDC is looking for groups, organizations and individuals to help keep Main Street Flemington looking it's best! If you are interested please contact Ron Van Horn at 908-806-6041. Participants will receive a free t-shirt and a lunch voucher. Registration to take place from 8AM to 9AM.

#### **EDC AUTUMNFEST 2003-** October 11th.

Main Street in the Flemington Cut Glass Lot & on Fulper Street

Time: 12-6PM (Rain Date: 10/12)

Featuring Live Music by Knuckle Sandwich, The Voodudes, Vic Della Pello Band, Punchapalooza & Local Band Showcase. Kids Activities: "The Great Pumpkin Carve-Up", Pony Rides, Animal Shows, Magic, Scarecrow Making, Balloons. Great Food by The Ship Inn including Microwbrew Tasting. For more information, call (908) 237-8237. The FRBA is the reigning champion and holder of the Mayor's Cup, come help the FRBA defend it's title, call Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 if you would like to participate.

#### **CHAMBER EXPO—**October 16th

Health Quest, Time: 11AM-7PM

If you are an FRBA member, and would like to help man the FRBA booth or have your promotional materials displayed at the booth, please contact Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 or e-mail: ed@edwardmorris.net

### Every Week:

**Café Annick** hosts live events every week. For a listing of events, please visit the FRBA website or Café Annick's website at [www.cafeannick.com](http://www.cafeannick.com)

**For the most recent listing of events, please visit [www.frbanj.com](http://www.frbanj.com), and if you have an event you would like to have listed, please contact Ed Morris at 908-284-9341 or e-mail: [ed@edwardmorris.net](mailto:ed@edwardmorris.net)**