

# EMPIRE CHAPTER

Celebrating 34 years 1974-2008

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Empowering women to exercise their potential as entrepreneurs and industry leaders

## coming up Events

Join us in Honoring our  
2009 WCR Governing Board

Nov 19  
2009 Installation and  
Holiday Party  
6:00 PM Doral Arrowood  
975 Anderson Road  
Rye Brook, NY

Dec 3  
WCBR/WPLMS Installation  
and Holiday Party  
6:30 PM Scarsdale Golf Club

## Congratulations to

Realtor of the Year...  
Lori Ragetté

## women's council Mission

We are a community of real estate professionals creating business opportunities, developing skills for the future and achieving our individual potential for success.

## from the President



This has been a year of many challenges! For me, one I'll look back on with pride, gratitude, and wonderful memories. I would like to thank my 2008 Governing Board, Toni Crystal, Cathy Amabile, Peggy Nicholson, John Kope, Nancy LaCavalla, Myriam Ramos, Stephanie Liggio, Dorothy Jensen, Donald Arce, and Carol Kope. To all our past presidents who still continue to serve this wonderful organization. Most of all, to all of you, our members & affiliates, thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve You. and for all your encouragement, friendship and support.. as your 2008 Women's Council President.

Thank you.

Lori Ragetté

## First Multi-Chapter Networking and Education Luncheon a Huge Success

By Carol Kope

September 22nd, at The Double Tree Hotel in Tarrytown, New York WCR-Empire Chapter, hosted members from participating Chapters from Long Island, Brooklyn, Bronx, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Rockland Counties. All gathered to "network" and meet and greet each other in an attempt to foster business connections that will benefit clients and customers across county lines.

Lori Ragetté, President of the Westchester Chapter opened the event by welcoming all the participants and sponsors. Bill McCrory, a retired anchor newsperson for Fox-5News and WCR-Bronx Chapter Sponsor, was first to address the group. He is a strong supporter of Women's Council and spoke on the benefits of a strong networking organization. Leaders of the WCR Chapters in attendance were: President Christina Taylor - Bronx, President Julie Thum - Brooklyn, President Valerie Van Cleef - Long Island, President Lisa Brodsky - Greater Hudson Valley, President-Elect Kim Marie Mullin - Dutchess.

Kathi Duffy, the main speaker of the event is a National Association of Realtors® Certified Instructor for REBAC, and the PMN Designation spoke about the Performance Management Network Designation and how it is important for Women's Council Members to secure it for their business growth.



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The PMN (formerly the LTG ) Designation is revered highly throughout the profession and is often looked for in making referrals to WCR members. It helps recognize the professional and future leaders of our industry. All those in attendance at this gala were given a special offer to obtain their PMN Designation. Several WCR members took advantage of the offer and signed up for the courses being offered.

## Multi-Chapter Networking Luncheon



**Kathi Duffy, National Instructor  
for PMN Designation**

*Webster's New World Dictionary defines "Networking" as "...the developing of contacts or exchanging of information with others in an informal network, as to further a career."*



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*"Our gratitude to Carol Kope, Immediate-Past President and NY State Women's Council Governor for organizing the networking program".*

### Tech Tip

With the popularity of digital cameras, who doesn't have tons and tons of pictures scattered across their hard drives – and when you really, really need one, can't remember in what file it was saved. Welcome – **Picasa**, Google's **free** photo organizer to find, edit and share the pictures on your computer (<http://picasa.google.com/>).

You will find the pictures you forgot you had (and saved in multiple files); move and re-name your pictures from inside Picasa, make an album, add a star rating (that's for your really, really favorite shots) keep one picture in multiple albums and you can password-protect your collections. You can turn a gray sky into a blue one, making it picture perfect. You can share your pictures, make outstanding slide shows, create custom prints for at home printing, or export to a professional printer. You can create fun collages and even view your photos on your TiVo. Take a tour today. (<http://picasa.google.com/features/index.html>)