

RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG MOVERS AND
SHAKERS OF THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY



FORTY UNDER

40*





The Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce applauds achievements of these 40 individuals living and working in the valley

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During the day, Mark Chang is a urological surgeon at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. By night, he's a moye-busting dancer nicknamed "Chango-Bango."

Alex Serroukas was raised by a wild pack of waitresses and chefs, and now he is a restaurant developer.

In addition to co-founding a computer company, Eric Gorman has flown a helicopter, driven a stock car and swam with the sharks.

Chang, Serroukas and Gorman are three of the 40 people under the age of 40 who will be honored Monday for their business accomplishments, volunteerism and interesting things that set them apart from everyone else.

The Forty Under 40 Shaker Awards were launched three years ago by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of

Commerce in order to recognize the achievements of young people living and working in the Hudson Valley.

This year's reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in the City of Poughkeepsie, a venue that can accommodate the 700 people organizers expect to attend the sold-out dinner.

"This says how excited people are to celebrate the young talent in the Hudson Valley," said Ann Meagher, chamber president and chief executive. "This is something that has been long overdue."

Meagher described the Forty Under 40 festivities as a "true production" similar to the Academy Awards. To complement the "mover and shaker" theme, the awards given to the winners are engraved silver martini shakers.

"It's a party, not a typical reserved chamber event," she said. "I love that it's like that. It's what makes the
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THE FORTY UNDER 40, PICTURED ABOVE

From left to right:

Row 1: Neeraj Alimchandani, Peter Berman, Deborah Breen, Howard Brown, Mark Chang and Matt Chernay.

Row 2: Bryan Cranna and Dana Diorio-Casey. **Row 3:** Michael Flynn and Dan French.

Row 4: George Gattullo, Jennifer George, Lauren Gillett, Eric Gorman, Dan Gruner and Kirk Imperati.

Row 5: Sean Jones, Ryan Kelty, Edward Kowalski, Jennifer Lange, Kimberly Hunt Lee and John Mack.

Row 6: Steve Malkischer, Danielle Suzanne McClinton, Jennifer McGahan, Demetreus Moustakas, Maribeth Muellerleile and Dawn Turpin-Orgetas.

Row 7: Jason Page, Chris Petsas, Anthony Quatrochi, Daniel Scavino, Jessica Schoen and Alex Serroukas.

Row 8: Christopher Short, Aislinn Smith, David Steltenkamp, Stefani Timpano, Kelly Traver and Corey Whitted.

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event grow each year."

About 620 attended in 2007, up from about 350 in 2006.

From more than 100 nominations, this year's winners were chosen by a panel of business leaders including previous Forty Under 40 recipients.

Todd Hutton at Cumulus Broadcasting and Peter Carr of The Valley Group are co-chairmen of the award committee.

"It was very nice to be recognized for helping to shape the Hudson Valley," said Hutton, who received the award in 2006. "Now it has sort of become a fraternity. 'You're Forty under 40, I'm Forty under 40.'"

This year's group comes from all sectors of the business community.

"Each winner had done things for the community they live in or for the business they work in to make a difference to our local community and economy," said Carr, also a past winner. "It is an extremely qualified and diverse group. The voting was extremely difficult this year."

Stefani Timpano, of the Systems & Technology Group of IBM Corp., was pleasantly surprised she was nominated and named a winner.

"It's special because it wasn't something that I knew about and I just think it will be a great memory I can add to the list," the 39-year-old said.

AG Edwards financial consultant Maribeth Muellerleile is

the youngest on the list at 21. Her resumé boasts 22 social and civic organization affiliations.

Corey Whitted, 27, sits on the board for the Hudson Valley Renegades Pitch for Kids Fund, which raises grant money for local nonprofits.

Neeraj Alimchandani, senior vice president of Indotronic International Corp., serves on the board of directors of the Anderson Center for Autism. In his spare time he enjoys fusion and alternative rock music, and racquetball.

McCabe & Mack personal injury lawyer Kimberly Hunt Lee is a volunteer for the United Way, American Heart Association & REHAB Programs.

Another lawyer, Kelly L. Traver, of Gellert & Klein, is vice president and past treasurer of the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association. She also serves on the board of trustees for the Arlington Education Foundation.

Bryan F. Cranna oversees the legal division of the Dutchess County Clerk's office and is the Deputy Mayor of the Village of Tivoli, where he lives.

Meagher said she'd like the Forty Under 40 event to give people "a sense of pride in where they live and sense of faith in those people who are really the future of our economy."

"These are young, vibrant faces that are giving back to the community already; that bodes particularly well for the Hudson Valley."

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