

## What's new on the business scene for Dec. 25

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### APPOINTMENTS

**Astor Services names board chairman** — James M. Raimo Sr. was elected chairman of the board of directors of Astor Services for Children & Families, Rhinebeck, a nonprofit organization that provides behavioral and educational services to more than 6,000 at-risk children and their families in 33 locations in the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx.

Raimo is vice president for facilities & operations at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh. He has served on the boards of several community-based organizations, including Catholic Charities Community Services of Orange County. He has also served as president and treasurer of the Newburgh Rotary Club.

“The Astor family feels very fortunate to have Jim as our new board chairman. He brings not only a wealth of knowledge and leadership experience to this position, but his dedication to, and compassion for the children and families we serve are at the core of all his hard work on our behalf, and for this we are especially grateful,” said Jim McGuirk, Ph.D., CEO, Astor Services for Children & Families.

Raimo is a graduate of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, with a master's in public administration, and a bachelor's in political science and a paralegal certificate. He and his wife Carol have three children and reside in Hyde Park.

**Economic development corporation welcomes new board chairman** — The Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation (HVEDC), New Windsor, has named James P. Laurito as the new chairman of its board of directors. Laurito is president and CEO of Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.. He has served as the president of the New York State Electric & Gas Corp. and Rochester Gas & Electric Corp., and holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from West Virginia University. He also completed an executive program at Columbia University in financing and manufacturing management.

Laurito replaces outgoing chairman Steven Lant, who stepped down at the end of October. Attorney Robert J. Levine, partner at Cuddy & Feder LLP, has been serving as interim chairman.

In other news, HVEDC's Brian Gates has been promoted from vice president to senior vice president, and Gina Domenico has been promoted from general manager to vice president of operations.

Gates has more than 25 years of top sales and management experience and joined HVEDC in 2011. He is responsible for attracting and retaining businesses in the seven-county region of the Hudson Valley. Domenico joined HVEDC in 2008 with more than 15 years of program and project management experience. She will manage all aspects of human resources, special projects and finances.

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