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- *Walter Krich Retires*
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## Krich retires after 35 years of public service

**W**alter P. Krich, Jr., a charter WIB member and Co-Chair of the Communications/Marketing Committee, retired on December 31, 2008 after 35 years of public service. As Director of Morris County's Department of Planning, Development and Technology, Walter leaves behind many accomplishments, including preservation of 17,726 acres and 106 farms, and creating a state-of-the-art countywide property tracking and mapping system.

In the 1970's, Walter became Coordinator of State and Federal Grants and Community Development Director, after which he left the County in 1979 to become the Rockaway Borough Administrator. Seven years later, he returned at a time when the county was changing from a rural to a suburban county. During the ensuing development boom, land preservation became a major issue.

"We were really ahead of the Highlands Act in this county," said Krich. "The freeholders asked voters if they wanted to buy into preservation and they answered at the ballot box, 'Yes we do.'"

Morris County Administrator John Bonanni, Krich's peer for many years as Director of the county's Human Services Department, said his colleague always brought professionalism to the task at hand.

"He has been a unique, creative and effective manager," said Bonanni. "Most admirable is that he has

always been willing to share his expertise, always willing to jump in and find solutions."

Fellow WIB member and Co-Chair of the Communications/Marketing Committee Glenn Lewis said, "It's been a joy to work with Walter all these years both on the Communications/Marketing Committee and the WIB Executive Committee. Walter is one of those rare individuals who successfully mixes the appropriate combination of very effective management and a great sense of humor that makes you glad you had an opportunity to work with him. We all wish him a long and happy retirement."



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## Sussex County Social Services joins NJ SHARES

Effective June 2008, the Sussex County Division of Social Services joined a network of social service agencies throughout the state that can complete on-line applications for residents seeking assistance from the New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (NJ SHARES).

NJ SHARES is the only statewide, nonprofit corporation providing assistance to New Jersey residents who need temporary help to pay their energy bills because of a short-term financial crisis, and who have no other means of assistance. Most other energy assistance programs have income or age restrictions. NJ SHARES provides help based on a demonstrated temporary financial crisis and a history of good faith utility bill payments. A household over the income level for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program may still qualify for this assistance. If eligible, funds are sent to the utility company on behalf of the customer.

**Carol Novrit**, WIB member and Division Head of the Sussex County Division of Social Services, said, "A financial crisis due to unforeseen circumstances can happen to anyone, regardless of family situation, income or age. Sussex County Social Services is pleased to be a New Jersey SHARES partner to provide relief to people who are not eligible for other types of assistance."

Sussex County joins NORWESCAP in Sussex and Warren Counties, and the Neighborhood House, Organization for Hispanic Affairs, Urban League and Salvation Army in Morris County in providing this assistance to their citizens.

*For assistance in Sussex County:*

- Visit the Division of Social Services in Newton at 83 Spring Street, Suite 203 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mon-Fri, or
- call 973-383-3600, or
- e-mail the agency at [scdss@oel.state.nj.us](mailto:scdss@oel.state.nj.us)



**Next WIB  
Open Meeting:**

**Jan. 29**

*Save the Date!*

## WIB in the News in 2008

In July, the *Daily Record* published an article commending the WIB for its progress, attributing much of its success to its various nonprofit partners. The article offered results and achievements of the One-Stop Career Centers from 2006-07. The article also commented on the WIB's effect on the unemployment rate in both New Jersey and Morris County since 2006.

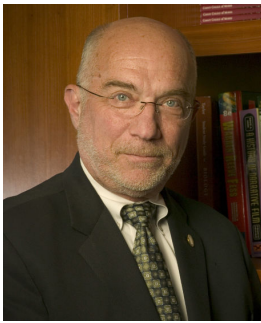
In its "Cheers & Jeers" column on July 12, the *Daily Record* gave the WIB a Cheer for its assistance in finding employment for more than 3,000 residents in Morris, Sussex and Warren counties

over the past year and recognized the literacy and skills training and post-welfare assistance programs as part of the accomplishment.

In the Fall, WIB Director Jack Patten was quoted in the October 1, 2008 edition of the *New York Times*. In the *Times* article, "Seeking Federal Grants to Save Jobs in Danger", Jack said of the Dover One-Stop Career Center, "This year, that group has helped more than 25 professionals find new jobs with salaries of more than \$100,000 per year."

## Edward Yaw Honored

### Receives 2008 Community College Spirit Award



**W**IB member **Dr. Edward Yaw** recently received the 2008 Community College Spirit Award for his positive efforts as President of the County College

of Morris. The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) presented Yaw with the honor in recognition of his continued leadership and service as chairman of the New Jersey Presidents' Council, an organization for presidents of the state's institutions of higher education.

According to NJCCC Chairman Richard Wellbrock, as quoted in the *Daily Record*, "Since its inauguration in 1993, the Community College Spirit Award has been an honor bestowed to those who embody the community college spirit -perseverance, dedication and excellence."

Dr. Yaw's association with the County College of Morris dates back to 1980, with his turn as President beginning in 1986.

He was also recognized by the Council for his endeavors in transitioning students from county colleges to public colleges and universities across the state. As highlighted in the *Daily Record*, he has played an important role in advancing the new statewide transfer articulation agreement that emerged in September 2007 when Gov. Jon S. Corzine signed the law promoting the seamless transfer of New Jersey community college associate degree graduates into baccalaureate degree programs at public four-year colleges and

universities throughout the state. Each public institution of higher education, under the new law, will enter into a collective statewide transfer agreement in consultation with the state Commission on High Education and the New Jersey Presidents' Council.

Dr. Yaw is also a member of the State Commission on Higher Education and has led accreditation evaluation teams on behalf of the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association.

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## I.B.E.W. Accepting Applications

**W**IB Member and Business Manager of I.B.E.W. Local 102 **Lou Baram, Jr.** has announced that Local 102 will be taking applications for 2009 apprenticeship the first week of January and February. Starting March, 2009, applications will be accepted for 2010 apprenticeship.

Applicants must show up in person and have the \$20.00 application fee. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at Local 102's hall at 50 Parsippany Rd, Parsippany.

For more information, call (973) 887-1718 and ask for Heather.

## Build Your Community Network

*WIB hosts meetings with FBCOs*

On September 11, 2008, the MSW WIB participated in a webinar sponsored by the State Employment and Training Commission, entitled *Build Your Community Network*, along with local Faith and Community-Based Organizations (FBCOs).

This electronic meeting brought together leaders from the FBCOs and the WIB and One-Stop system to explore areas of collaboration to help community members prepare for and be successful in the workplace.

As a follow-up to the webinar, the WIB invited area webinar participants to a meeting on September 26 in Hackensack. At that meeting, the dialogue continued and work began to develop specific collaborative strategies to outreach, coordinate and address individuals' workforce development needs.

*"All men are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality."*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### Employment & Training Links

[www.njtrainingsystems.org](http://www.njtrainingsystems.org)

#### Consumer Report Card

*This website will allow you to search for schools and organizations that provide occupational education and job training opportunities..*

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and Workforce Development  
and  
State Employment &  
Training Commission*

### Welcome to the WIB!

#### Newest WIB Members:

**Paul Boudreau**, President of Morris County Chamber of Commerce . . . **Dr. Kevin Brennan**, Superintendent of Warren County Schools . . . **Tammy Case**, Executive Vice President of Sussex Bank . . . **Frank Dragotta**, Interim County Superintendent of Sussex County Schools . . . **Kevin O'Donnell**, Manager of Florham Park Life Time Athletic . . . **Dr. Patrick Pelosi**, Superintendent of Morris County School of Technology . . . **Richard Ricca**, Director of External Affairs for Verizon-NJ

#### Awaiting Appointment:

**Maggie Peters**, Executive Director of Morris County Economic Development Corporation.