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Library's Past, Present and Future Come Alive at Chamber's July Business Luncheon

(New Paltz, NY) The **New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce** held its **July Business Luncheon** on **Wednesday, July 15, 2009** at **Elting Memorial Library**, New Paltz. The luncheon, catered by **Bridge Creek Catering**, featured Library Director **John Giralico**, Board President **Barbara Hardgrave** and Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection Coordinator **Carol Johnson** and was sponsored by **CDPHP**.

Carol Johnson lead off the luncheon presentation with a funny and informative look at the history of the Elting Memorial Library and the role it has played in New Paltz since its foundation in 1909, and continued with John Giralico, who led attendees on small-group "back-stack" tours of the Library. Barbara Hardgrave wrapped up the afternoon with an earnest plea for help on behalf of the Library, which will seek funding in the form of a Town of New Paltz ballot proposition this fall, under chapter 414 of the New York State Laws of 1995.

In 2009, July business luncheon sponsor **CDPHP** celebrates its 25th anniversary of carrying out its mission to provide quality health care at a reasonable cost for its subscribers, and operating as a model for the delivery, financing, and administration of health care services. In the early 1980s, a group of physicians concerned about the potential of managed care to limit doctors' voices in the delivery of care, curtail patients' freedom of choice, and alter the economics of medicine came together to discuss the impact of managed care, staffing models and indemnity companies on health care. In early April 1984, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan, Inc., a health maintenance organization founded and guided by physicians, was born. Currently, CDPHP is one of the nation's highest-rated health plans, receiving top marks from its members year after year. From its humble beginnings as an HMO serving 11 counties in New York, CDPHP has evolved into a total health benefits solutions provider, offering a full array of products to 400,000 members across the state. For more information about CDPHP, visit www.cdphp.com.

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