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## Voters' Choice—What's Next? Fifth Friday Networking Event to Explore the Possibilities

Bergen LEADS Fifth Friday, a powerful networking and learning event that attracts leaders from every sector in Bergen County, will be held on November 22, 2013 from 11:30 am to 2 pm at the Stony Hill Inn, 231 Polifly Road in Hackensack. This date is actually the fourth Friday in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next week.

Fifth Friday is hosted by Bergen LEADS, Bergen County's civic leadership program for adults sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County. Tickets are \$40.00 and must be purchased in advance by registering online at <a href="www.bergenleads.org">www.bergenleads.org</a>. or by calling 201-489-9454 Ext. 112.

This fall—no matter who prevails—Election Day results will have far-reaching effects. The November luncheon will feature two highly-acclaimed observers of the political process, who will weigh in on how those results will affect Bergen County.

Brigid Callahan Harrison is Professor of Political Science and Law at Montclair State University. A frequent commentator in print and electronic media on US politics, she provides regular political analysis to major news outlets and writes a weekly column on New Jersey Politics in the Sunday edition of the Record.

Peter Woolley is Professor of Comparative Politics at Fairleigh Dickinson University. He is co-founder and executive director of FDU's independent survey research group, <a href="PublicMind">PublicMind</a>. His research in public opinion and his political commentary have been cited in news outlets from the Sydney Morning Herald to the Washington Post and the Trenton Times, from NJN to CNN and in newspapers from Alaska's Ketchikan Daily News to the Miami Herald

The discussion will be moderated by William "Pat" Schuber, former Bergen County Executive and Bergen LEADS seminar director.

PNC Wealth Management is presenting sponsor for the 2013 Fifth Friday series. Theresa de Leon, senior vice president of PNC Wealth Management in Paramus, says "Bergen County is a thriving community, dedicated to developing strong, committed leadership that is supportive of the community values we share. PNC Wealth Management is proud to celebrate the opening of its new office in Paramus by partnering with the Volunteer Center of Bergen County in sponsoring the Bergen LEAD's Fifth Friday series. The series provides an excellent opportunity for us to demonstrate our continued commitment to the community and to its future leadership."

Fifth Friday is also supported by TD Bank, Archer & Greiner PC, the Meadowlands Regional Chamber of Commerce, Synetek Solutions, (201) Magazine and The Record.

Sponsorships for the November 22<sup>nd</sup> event are available. For more information about the Fifth Friday events, or about Bergen LEADS, call 201-489-9454 Ext. 119.