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## **The Council of Industry Celebrates A Century of Service to Hudson Valley Manufacturers**

The Council of Industry is proud to announce that 2010 marks our 100th anniversary of service to Hudson Valley manufacturers. To celebrate this milestone, we are holding a Gala on the evening of Thursday, June 3, 2010 at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. At the event we will present certificates of perseverance to over two dozen companies that have been in business for fifty or more years. There will be delicious food, dancing and great company(s).

The Council of Industry has been the manufacturer's association of the Hudson Valley since 1910. Our membership includes manufacturers and businesses related to the manufacturing industry throughout Southeastern New York. We are a privately funded not-for-profit organization, whose mission is to promote the success of our member firms and their employees, and through them contribute to the success of the Hudson

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Valley Community. We provide access to training, networking opportunities, advocacy and discounts on products and services for our members.

The Council of Industry was formed out of necessity in the early twentieth century. The manufacturers of 1910 joined forces because a chorus of voices is stronger than one alone, and many people working in concert can achieve more than the single individual. In the early 1900s manufacturers were faced with a growing organized labor movement and sweeping legislation and regulations that were part of the progressive era. A century later, many similar issues remain of concern our members. Today the Council of Industry is an association of manufacturers working together to improve conditions for themselves, their employees and their communities throughout the Hudson Valley. This anniversary is an opportunity to look at where we have come from and to set the foundation for where we want to be in the next one hundred years.

The Centennial Gala will feature recognition of Council of Industry member companies for their longevity. Many of our members have been around for a long time and have inspiring stories of innovation and perseverance to share. We have many companies that have been in business since the 1940s and several for one hundred years or more! A short history of manufacturing in Southeastern New York is featured in our complimentary book for attendees, [Made in the Hudson Valley: A History of Manufacturing in New York's Hudson Valley Region.](#)

The Gala will have delicious food and dancing to live music by the band Bill's Toupee. This centennial anniversary provides an opportunity to show the Hudson Valley the strength and depth of the manufacturing community. If you are a manufacturer and would like to attend the Gala or would like to find out more about the Council of Industry, please visit our website [www.councilofindustry.org](http://www.councilofindustry.org).

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Tickets are \$150 per person or \$1350 for a table of ten- Contact Ana Maria Murabito (anamaria@councilofindustry.org ) to reserve your space.

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