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The Hudson Valley Writers' Center Autumn Celebration
 Friday, September 25, 2009

Lois Taplin Bronz has devoted her life to helping people and improving our communities. She worked in education for 32 years as a secondary school teacher, college professor and academic consultant, and served on the Greenburgh Town Council for 16 years. In January 1994, she became the first African American woman elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators and in 2002 was unanimously elected by her peers to serve as Chairperson. Lois is a hands-on volunteer, serving on a number of community boards including those of Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, Union Child Day Care Center in Greenburgh, United Way of Westchester, Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Westchester Coalition, Westchester Arts Council, and the Hudson Valley Council for Senior Citizens. At eighty years old Lois is still an elegantly eloquent and feisty negotiator in the demanding world of politics. She currently serves as Chair of the Community Services Committee and was recently named the 2009 New York State Senate Contemporary Woman of Distinction.

Dr. Howard W. Smith has worked in education for over 30 years. He has been Superintendent of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns since 2001 and is Adjunct Professor at Fordham University in Tarrytown. He is President of the Southern Westchester Chief School Administrators Association, a member of the Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents, Joint Policy Committee for the Lower Hudson Education Coalition, and serves on the Advisory Boards of the Elizabeth Mascia Childcare Center and Tarrytown Historical Society as well as the Writers' Center. We are grateful for his longtime support and invaluable partnership in the community.

Our invitation's cover image is "Half Moon on the Hudson" by **Gary DiMeo**, a Hudson Valley native whose love of the river was born from a childhood spent along the Hudson. A self-trained painter who works in oils in the style of the Hudson River School, Gary's works grace collections in the U.S., Europe, Japan and China.

All proceeds to benefit The Hudson Valley Writers' Center

Sleepy Hollow Country Club is located on Route 9 at Sleepy Hollow Road. Please call the Club for directions: 914-941-8070

The Hudson Valley Writers' Center
cordially invites you to attend its

2009 Autumn Celebration

honoring

Lois Taplin Bronz
Westchester County Legislator

Dr. Howard W. Smith
Superintendent, Public Schools of the Tarrytowns

Special reading by Writers' Center Board Member **Christine Lehner**
from her new comic novel *Absent a Miracle*

Friday, September 25, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough, New York

Cocktails, Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions and Dancing to the music of *Escape*