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## Business Briefs

**Eric I. Abraham** of Manalapan, a partner of the law firm Hill Wallack LLP, Princeton, has been selected to be among New Jersey Monthly Magazine's 2009 New Jersey Superlawyers Rising Stars list. Abraham, a member of the firm's Complex Litigation Practice Group, concentrates his practice in business counseling and commercial litigation at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts, representing corporations, partnerships and individuals. In his community, Abraham is the chairman of the Western Monmouth Utilities Authority, a post he has held since joining the WMUA Board of Commissioners in 2000.

**Allaire Village Inc.** recently received a \$10,000 arts and cultural grant from the Ocean First Foundation. Allaire Village Inc. is licensed by the state of New Jersey to operate the 40-acre, state-owned Historic Village at Allaire, the site of James P. Allaire's Howell Iron Works Company in the 1830s. Allaire Village is able to present, throughout the year, many educational and interpretive programs. These programs are made possible by the support of private donations, membership fees, fundraising events, admission fees, and patronage of the general store and bakery. Historic Village at Allaire is in Allaire State Park on Route 524, Wall Township.

**Meridian Occupational Health**, a provider of medical care and rehabilitation for work-related injuries and illnesses, has recently relocated its Freehold office to Manalapan. The office formerly located at 77-55 Schanck Road, Suite A-18, Freehold, has moved to 195 Route 9 South, Suite 213, Manalapan. This new location provides a more spacious area for physical therapy and more patient parking, according to Steven G. Crawford, M.D., medical director for Meridian Occupational Health.

**Patricia Heim, LPN**, coordinator of the Country Cottage (Alzheimer's area) at the Chelsea at Manalapan, has been named a Champion of Senior Living by the Assisted Living Federation of America, the professional association representing assisted living providers across the nation. The Champion honor denotes an employee of extraordinary merit who goes above and beyond the call of duty every day for his/her residents. Heim is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, who takes a lot of pride in her residents and gives them personal attention, according to her supervisors.

**Meridian Health Affiliated** Foundations will host its 2009 "Healthcare Perspectives" luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 8 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa, Long Branch. Keynote speaker will be Patricia Andriolo-Bull, director of Commonwealth Choice. She will present "Universal Healthcare: The Massachusetts Experience" and discuss her experiences as she managed the Massachusetts Health Care Reform, a modification that requires all residents of the state to have health insurance. Proceeds of the event will benefit Meridian's nonprofit hospitals and community health programs in Monmouth and Ocean counties. For tickets or more information, call Meridian at 732-751-5112.

brides and voted The Knot Best of Weddings 2008/2009 Pick for the second year in a row. The company's listing can be viewed in The Knot Best of Weddings 2009 magazine, which is now available.

The Studio Photographers will travel worldwide for destination weddings and special events. They specialize in a blend of illustrative portraiture and documentary style. Images from The Studio Photographers have been featured on CBS-TV's "The Early Show," TheKnot.com, theweddingchannel.com, and in the pages of Contemporary Bride magazine. Their fashion work has also led them to be the exclusive cover photographer

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for Contemporary Bride of N.Y. and N.J. magazine.

**Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A.** has announced that the following local residents have been selected for inclusion on the 2009 "New Jersey Super Lawyers" list as designated by "Law & Politics" magazine: Darren M. Gelber and Edward T. Kole, both of Manalapan; Stuart A. Hoberman of Morganville; and Vince P. Maltese of Colts Neck In addition, John M. Cantalupo of Colts Neck has been selected for inclusion on the Rising Stars list. The lists were published in the April 2009 edition of New Jersey Monthly and New Jersey Super Lawyers. Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., founded in 1919 by David T. Wilentz, is a law firm with offices in Woodbridge, Eatontown, New York City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

**Lia sophia** recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism. Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, Angela Greco of Freehold and Kristina Cosco Cataldo of Howell have earned this accomplishment in their first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing lia sophia with other new advisers. Lia sophia offers fashion jewelry through personalized in-home demonstrations. Details: [www.liasophia.com](http://www.liasophia.com) or 800-487-3323.

**Rosaria Montali** of Manalapan and Melissa Verdoni of Farmingdale have joined Tastefully Simple, a home taste-testing company, as consultants. Both women will offer the company's gourmet foods and beverages to guests at home taste-testing parties. Guests will receive samples, meal ideas, recipes and serving suggestions. For details, email Montali at [rosaria526@aol.com](mailto:rosaria526@aol.com) or Verdoni at [melissaverdoni@rocketmail.com](mailto:melissaverdoni@rocketmail.com) or visit [www.tastefullysimple.com](http://www.tastefullysimple.com).

**The Winning Colts** chapter of BNI hosts a free breakfast to teach business owners how to grow their business every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Colts Neck Café, Route 34, Colts Neck. Details: 732-547-7226.