

Rooney to Head COPE 2006–2007 Board of Trustees

Peter M. Rooney has been elected as president of the 2006-2007 Board of Trustees of The COPE Center. Rooney, a resident of Essex Fells, is vice president of ACS, in Secaucus, a provider of fully diversified business-process outsourcing solutions for commercial and government clients worldwide. With ACS since 2005, Rooney coordinates Human Resource consulting and administrative services for clients, such as Johnson & Johnson, Merck, and Tyco. He has over 30 years of experience in the HR consulting field.



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Also elected as officers on the COPE Board are vice presidents Roger Nelson, Esq., of Verona, and William Bloom, of Essex Fells, and secretary John Finney and treasurer Stewart Campbell, both residents of Montclair. The 2006-2007 Board also includes the following trustees: Joan Brandley, of Caldwell; Janet Dryden-Nevious, Martin Garvey, and Theodore Irwin (immediate past president), all of Essex Fells; Richard Hatzenbuhler and Robert Prout, of Verona; Anita Johnson, of North Caldwell; and newest member, Nancy Stone, of Montclair. Sue Garfinkel-Seidenfeld, of West Orange, is COPE’s executive director.

According to Garfinkel-Seidenfeld, “The 2006–2007 board is off to a good start in its strategic plans for COPE. With our headquarters undergoing major renovations, our upcoming annual gala event scheduled for December 1, and plans for a capital campaign,” she adds, “I will be depending on our trustees for their expertise to keep COPE headed in the right direction.”

COPE is a nonprofit agency dedicated to providing quality behavioral health-care services that are affordable, accessible, and responsive to individual, family, and community needs. The letters of COPE’s name stand for Counseling, Outreach, Prevention, and Education, all areas in which the agency’s professional staff is actively engaged in programs throughout Essex County and surrounding areas, including the centers in Montclair and Verona. Its counselors work in the areas of drug and alcohol abuse, family crises, problems in daily living, and AIDS. COPE was started over 30 years ago by the Junior League of Montclair and the United Way of North Essex. Information on any of COPE’s programs is available by calling 973-783-6655 or by visiting the agency’s Web site, www.copecenter.net.

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