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Chamber Chatter

The newsletter of the Wells Chamber of Commerce



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Board of Directors' Meetings

Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm at the Chamber Office, Route 1. Chamber members are welcome to attend.

Newsletter

The Chamber newsletter is distributed on the 15th of each month. All newsworthy items should be submitted by the 5th of the month and inserts by the 10th of the month to be included in the current month's issue. All articles are subject to Chamber approval.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Fellow Chamber Members:

As the first big storm of February rages outside, I just read an article on www.hubspot.com called "Eight Ways to Market Your Seasonal Business During The Off-Season". As a tourist town, wintertime is when some of us either close up for a while or see business drop off. Whatever the case may be, this article has some good common-sense suggestions that you might find helpful. We all try to make the downtime productive to be better prepared for when the busy season returns. Hopefully, that includes stopping by the Chamber office with a fresh supply of business cards, literature, etc. for our wall displays. We are proud to promote business for our members!

Sincerely,
Brian Lepine, Chair
Board of Directors

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION DEADLINES ANNOUNCED

Town Clerk Jessica Keyes has announced the deadlines for the State, Municipal and School Annual Town Elections:

- Date of Election - Tuesday, June 13, 2017.
- Nomination papers available - (85 days prior) - March 20, 2017.
- Deadline for filing candidate papers to the Town Clerk - (45 days prior) - May 1, 2017.
- Candidates are needed for the following: Town Clerk (3 year term), Selectmen - 1 (3 year term), Trustee-CSD Committee - 1 (3 year term), Trustee - Wells Sanitary District - 1 (3 year term), Trustee-Wells Public Library - 3 (3 year term) and 1 (1 year term).
- Deadline for filing final draft of an ordinance to be voted at the Municipal Town Election to the Town Clerk (45 days prior) - May 1, 2017.
- Deadline for filing petitions/order for Referendum Questions to the Town Clerk - May 1, 2017. (*Copies of Ordinance must be certified by the Selectmen prior to any filing and/or posting of the Hearing Notice and/or the Warrant. Certification of all questions signed by Selectmen*).
- Final date possible to hold public hearing on Referendum Questions - (10 days prior) - June 2, 2017.
- Date Absentee Ballots available - (30 days prior) - May 12, 2017.

Any questions, please contact Town Clerk Jessica Keyes at 646-2882.

News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

We're plugging away at the 2017 Guide and Map. We've proofed the first draft and things are looking great. We're anticipating delivery in early April.

Keep us posted on things happening with your businesses. You can post your events on our on-line Events Calendar, on your Facebook page and e-mail us newsworthy items for the newsletter! We're more than happy to share with everyone!

We've sent out sponsorship request letters to those folks that have helped sponsor our many events in the past. Sponsorships are available for as little as \$50 so let me know if you're interested in getting involved. It's a great way to help us with non-dues revenue!

Enjoy the snow!

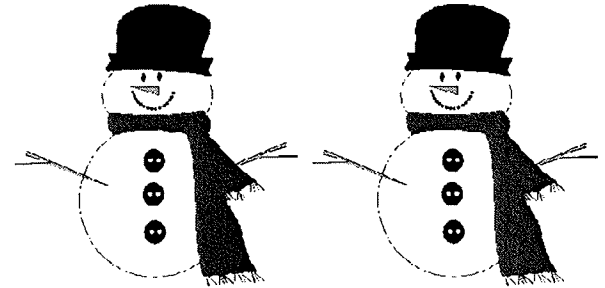
Get involved! - The world is run by those who show up!

-Eleanor J. Vadenais, President/CEO

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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F.Y.I.

The **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** is continuing their **EGGS & ISSUES** breakfast forums for the spring season. The dates are *Friday, February 17* - scheduled speakers are Barb Wentworth, President/CEO of the United Way of York County and Nikki Busmanis, Program Manager for 2-1-1 Maine; *Friday, March 10* - scheduled speaker is Captain David Hunt, New Commander of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; and *Friday, April 14, 2017* - scheduled speaker is Adria O. Horn, Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans Services. All of these events start at 7:00am with coffee and networking, breakfast at 7:30 followed by the speaker. The event ends at 8:30am. Cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. An invitation/reminder notice will go out prior to each of the specific event dates. FMI contact York County Community College at 207-646-9282.

The **WELLS ROTARY CLUB** will be sponsoring their **ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE** on *Tuesday, February 21* at St. Mary's Church, 236 Eldredge Road from Noon-5:00pm. To schedule an appointment call 800-REDCROSS (800-733-2767).

DF RICHARD ENERGY is hosting an informational workshop - **The ABC's of Home Comfort** - on *Wednesday, February 22* from 6:00-7:00pm at their office at 124 Broadway in Dover, NH. This is a casual informational workshop to learn the ABCs of Home Comfort and how air flow and heat loss affect your homes' comfort. From Ice Dams to Cold Damp Musty Basements - learn about the home you live in. To RSVP call 603-516-6698.

The **2017 GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE ON TOURISM**, hosted by the Maine Office of Tourism, is scheduled for *Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 & 15* at the Augusta Civic Center. Tuesday includes Industry Leading Workshops and the Welcome Reception and Wednesday features a Full Conference Day and an Awards Luncheon. To register, go to www.mainetourismconference.com.

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WABAN ... "Making a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities for 50 years" ... will be hosting their **46th Annual Telethon** on **Saturday, March 18** from 10:00am - 6:00pm at the St. Ignatius Gymnasium in Sanford. Television coverage will be produced by Metrocast Cablevision (Channel 12) in conjunction with Time Warner Cablevision (Maine Channel 9). The Telethon will be televised to over 150,000 viewers in Maine and New Hampshire. The proceeds will help Waban build a brand new Autism Therapy Wing at the Fraser-Ford Child Development Center. Please see the enclosed flyer on how you can help by donating gifts or gift certificates. FMI call 207-324-7955 or www.waban.org.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REV. WILLIAM J. KELLY COUNCIL** will be hosting their annual **St. Patrick's Dinner Dance** on **Saturday, March 18** at St., Mary's Church, 236 Eldredge Road. The event starts with a "social" from 5:30-6:00pm followed by a traditional corned beef (or ham), cabbage and root vegetable dinner. After dinner, music for dancing will be provided by a DJ. Door prizes will be awarded. Tickets are \$25 per person (BYOB) and can be purchased during weekend services at St. Mary's Church or by calling 207-251-4009 or 207-850-6488. Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 12. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to **The Center for Grieving Children**.

The **7th ANNUAL YORK COUNTY JOB FAIR** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 5** from 2:00-6:00pm at the Nasson Community Center Gymnasium, 457 Main Street, Springvale. The Fair is sponsored by the York County Community College, the Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce, Workforce Solutions, Maine Military & Community Network, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Maine Department of Labor/Maine CareerCenters. Participation fee is \$60 and includes table rental and lunch for two attendees. To reserve space, contact the Sanford-Springvale Chamber of Commerce at 324-4280. (Employers are required to post open positions on Maine's Job Bank—FMI go to www.mainecareercenter.com or 324-5460).

The **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** announced their Spring 2017 **South Coast Senior College**. South Coast Senior College is a casual learning environment open to everyone 50+ in York County and Seacoast NH for year-round and summer residents. There are no tests, no previous college experience, no papers and no quizzes. These are non-credit courses taught and facilitated by volunteers (your peers). Cost is \$25 for annual membership and an additional modest fee for each course. Most courses are held at the York County Community College campus. South Coast Senior College is part of the Maine Senior College Network (MSCN), which began in 1997 at the University of Southern Maine and is currently a consortium of 17 independent groups from York County to Fort Kent. To see a full list of the Spring 2017 offerings go to www.yccc.edu/business-community or call 207-216-4344.

The **YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE** is offering their **One Book, One Community - Read. Reflect. Engage.** - a campus-wide initiative that seeks to engage students, faculty, staff and the community in reading, discussing and analyzing the same book. This semester, the One Book One Community Committee has chosen **The Possibility Dogs** by Susannah Charleston - What a Handful of "Unadoptables" Taught Me About Service, Hope and Healing. Copies of the book are available in the YCCC Library. There are two free events planned with the hopes that the faculty, staff, students and members of the community will join them: **Wednesday, March 8** at Noon Author Susannah Charleston will be on campus for a discussion of the book working with dogs and therapy animals. On **Wednesday, March 29** at 6:00pm there will be a Panel Presentation with the topic of Service & Therapy Dogs. Panelists include Arika Zielfelder, Rick Barnaby and Mary & Scott Mace. The panelists are matched with a service dog, have been in therapy work with dogs and train puppies for Canine Companions. For more information go to www.yccc.edu or call 207-646-9282.

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FEBRUARY SCHOOL VACATION PROGRAMS

WELLS RESERVE AT LAUDHOLM, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 207-646-1555 x:110, www.wellsreserve.org, caryn@wellsnerr.org.

Tuesday, February 21 - 9:00am-3:00pm - Kids' Camp: Wild Winter. A lot of animals are out and about in Maine's wintry weather. How do they survive? Explore the winter survival strategies of Maine's wildlife and borrow some of their secrets as we become creatures of the snow. For ages 7-12. \$50/\$40. Scholarships available. Registration required.

Wednesday, February 22 - 9:00am-3:00pm - Kids' Camp: Sea Sleuths. Sleuth out the secrets of the sea. Study snails in tide pools, watch live plankton on the big screen and create a planktonic creature for a special challenge. For ages 7-12. \$50/\$40. Scholarships available. Registration required.

Thursday, February 23 - 10:00am-2:00pm - Winter Wildlife Day & Snow Day (storm date Friday, February 24). A FREE day of nature appreciation and outdoor fun. The Center for Wildlife brings some of its most popular animal ambassadors to help show how wildlife has adapted to Maine's cold, snowy winters. You can choose to search for tracks and animal signs on a guided trail walk, or stay in for a story and activities. At Noon, everyone is invited to go sledding, snowshoeing or cross-country skiing (bring your own sled, skis and snowshoes if you can). The day culminates with hot cocoa and a bonfire.

WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1434 Post Road, Route 1. 207-646-8181, www.wellslibrary.org.

Wednesday, February 22 - 10:30am - BJ Hickman Magic Show. Magician BJ Hickman uses comedy, magic, dazzling deceptions, audience participation and mind reading miracles at these popular shows. All ages. FREE.

Thursday, February 23 - 6:00pm - Family Movie Night. Have fun eating popcorn and hanging with friends while enjoying the show. FREE.

Friday, February 24 - 2:00pm - "Bats of the World" Presentation. Chewonki's Traveling Natural History Program will be introducing us to the role bats play in ecosystems ranging from the Maine woods to the South American rainforests. All ages. FREE.