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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:

Welcome back Eleanor!

As you may have heard, Eleanor Vadenais was out on a medical leave in the middle of this summer. We are happy to report that she is back 100% and in good health. The Board would like to thank all the staff at the Chamber office for holding down the fort in Eleanor's absence. In addition to the day to day running of the Chamber, our Silent Auction fundraiser at HarborFEST in late July went off without a hitch.

Finally, this is a something we all can learn from. Regardless of how busy we all get, it's never too soon to seek medical advice when you suspect a problem. Catching any ailment early is the key to a quick recovery.

Sincerely,

Brian Lepine, Chair  
Board of Directors

## ... NEWS FROM YORK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**EGGS & ISSUES:** 7:30am. These breakfast Forums are planned as part of YCCC's mission to help provide information and education about issues affecting York County and the State of Maine. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.

Friday, October 13 - Rebecca Dyer, Executive Vice President of Programs, Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy.

Friday, November 3 - Panel discussion on the Opioid Epidemic and its impacts on the workplace.

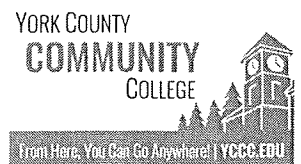
**VISITING ARTIST SERIES:** 6:00pm. The VAS was created with the express purpose of making the arts available and accessible to YCCC and the community-at-large. Events are free and open to the public.

October 3 - American writer Lois Lowry

October 12 - Double or Nothing variety show

October 19 - Folk singer Catie Curtis

For more information on these programs call  
207-646-9282 or on-line at [yccc.edu](http://yccc.edu).



### News from the President/CEO...

Greetings everyone:

As you may have heard, I was on an unexpected medical leave for a little over a month this summer ... it wasn't the way I intended my summer to go, but what are you going to do?? Thanks to everyone who sent their happy thoughts and good wishes my way.

Thank you to Darr Littlefield and the rest of the staff at the Chamber for stepping up during my absence. I totally missed the Silent Auction at HarborFEST but by all accounts everything went off without a hitch! I was back on my feet in time for Chili Fest and our latest event Family Jamboree ... both events were very successful!

Next up we'll be working on our Veterans Day 5K scheduled for Saturday, November 11 at the Wells Elks Club on Bald Hill Road and our 32nd Annual Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 10. We'll keep you posted on the theme for the parade.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Business After Hours on Wednesday, October 4 from 5-7 at SIS Bank, 1149 Post Road, Route 1. They've got some great food, refreshments and prizes lined up for the event ... we hope to see you there!!

The Member Renewal packets went out ... if you have any questions, give us a call!

Get involved ! - The world is run by those who show up !  
-Eleanor J. Vadenais, President/CEO

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Farmer's Market** - every Wednesday (through 10/11/17), 1:30-5pm, Wells Ogunquit Center at Moody (Senior Center), 300 Post Road, Route 1. wellsfarmersmarket.org.

**September 28** Wes McNair, poet and essayist at York County Community College, 112 College Drive. 2:30pm. 207-646-9282, yccc.edu.

**September 29** Tee Up & Drive Charity Golf Event for Waban's Special Olympians. Sanford Country Club, Route 4, Sanford. 207-324-7955, waban.org.

**September 30** 15th Annual Punkinfiddle Family Festival at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 10am-4pm. 207-646-4521, wellsreserve.org.

**September 30** Saturday History Tour at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am-1pm. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 7 & 8** Friends of the Wells Public Library Craft Show, Wells Elementary School, 276 Sanford Road, Route 109. Free admission & parking.

**October 7** Do You Remember the Neighborhoods of Wells? at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 7** Saturday History Tour at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am-1pm. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 14** Saturday History Tour at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am-1pm. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 14** Cooking Classes for Kids! at York County Community College, 112 College Drive. Culinary classes for middle-school students. 207-216-4344, yccc.edu.

**October 21** History Walk & Talk at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 21** Cooking Classes for Kids! at York County Community College, 112 College Drive. Culinary classes for middle-school students. 207-216-4344, yccc.edu.

**October 28** Spooky Tour! of the Meetinghouse Museum at the Historical Society of Wells and Ogunquit, 938 Post Road, Route 1. 10am. Free. 207-646-4775, historicalsofthewellsandogunquit.org.

**October 28** Cooking Classes for Kids! at York County Community College, 112 College Drive. Culinary classes for middle-school students. 207-216-4344, yccc.edu.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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## UPCOMING ENTERTAINMENT

**Through September 30** Heartbreak Hotel at the Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 207-646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

**September 22** Sound Decision at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 22** Scarab: A Tribute to Journey at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 207-985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

**September 23** Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 29** Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**September 30** Ray Zerkle & Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**October 4-29** From Here To Eternity at the Ogunquit Playhouse, 10 Main Street, Route 1, Ogunquit. 207-646-5511, ogunquitplayhouse.org.

**October 5** First Person Plural at Wells Reserve at Laudholm, 342 Laudholm Farm Road. 7pm. 207-646-4521, wellsreserve.org.

**October 6** Northern Charm at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**October 6** The Doo Wop Project at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 207-985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

**October 7** Cool Change at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**October 7** Ellis Paul & Sophie B Hawkins at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 207-985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

**October 13** Mike Mazola at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**October 13** One Night in Memphis at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 207-985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

**October 14** Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

**October 14** The Platters at Vinegar Hill Music Theatre, 53 Old Post Road, Arundel. 207-985-5552, vinegarhillmusictheatre.com.

**October 14** Rizing Tide Band at Mike's Clam Shack, 1150 Post Road. 8:30pm. 207-646-5999, mikesclamshack.com.

## CHILI FEST THANKS!

The 17th Annual Chili Fest was a terrific success!

A huge thank you to: Primary Event Sponsor Kennebunk Savings, Gold Sponsor DF Richard Energy, Bronze Sponsors SIS Bank and People'sChoice Credit Union; Congdon's Doughnuts; Maine Diner; Koriahn Quint for making the Wells Chamber "People's Choice" chili and TC Hafford Basement Systems for the use of the truck and trailer.

Thank you also to the numerous volunteers that assisted: Danielle Simoneau of State Farm Insurance, Erin Simoneau and Jayne Adinolfi; Nancy Kwederis of Bellevue by the Sea; Brian Lepine of Lepine Home Inspections; Jim Kanak of the York County Coast Star; Ted Gadomski, Eric Nixon of Bangor Savings Bank; Jim & Patti Berger; Bob Burt; Mary Ann & Howard McMaster; Bob Monteith of Bangor Savings Bank; Donna Burroughs, Ray Fortin, Doreen & Chris Rogan of YCCC; Jacki Grant; Lauren Janousek; Donna Freni; the packing crew from The New England House and Bryanna Thibault, Michelle Henaire and Jake Moran of Kennebunk Savings. A HUGE thank you to our Chief Judge and Scorekeeper Mike and Mary Alice Kropp as well as ICS judges Vickie Tankis, Linda McGrath and Jack & Helen Arruda - what a great group!

Following are the winners of the 2017 Maine State Cook-Off:

### Red

1st Place - Mario Saccoccio, Enfield, CT

2nd Place - Anne Marie Malone, Granby, CT

3rd Place - Michael Lesperance, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick

### Verde

1st Place - Dave Kelley, Loudon, NH

2nd Place - Roxanne Ballachino, Manchester, CT

3rd Place - Stacy Kelley, Loudon, NH

### Salsa

1st Place - Anne Marie Malone, Granby, CT

2nd Place - Dave Kelley - Loudon, NH

3rd Place - Judith Omerza, Wilkes-Barre, PA

### Youth

1st Place - Sadie Butler, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick

2nd Place - Kyriell Sheffield, Granby, CT

### People's Choice

1st Place - Dave Kelley, Loudon, NH - Booth #107

2nd Place - Lori Skinner, Amherst, NH - Booth #109

3rd Place - Koriahn Quint for the Wells Chamber - Booth #101

### Best Booth

Penne Childs, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick



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### SILENT AUCTION THANKS!

The Wells Chamber of Commerce Annual Silent Auction, held on Saturday, July 28, was a terrific success! The Chamber raised over \$3,500 that will be used for our Scholarship Fund for Wells High School seniors.

Thank you to the following businesses for their donations: Amtrak Downeaster, APEX Charter & Guide Service, Avita of Wells, Bangor Savings Bank, The Beachcomber, Belle of Maine, Bellevue by the Sea, Billy's Chowder House, Cape Neddick Country Club, Carriage House Motel, Castaways at Compass Pointe, Chase & Hamlyn, Congdon's Restaurant, Country Peddler Shop, Country Time Pet Boarding, DF Richard Energy, Dairy Queen of Wells, Downeast Flowers & Gifts, Dutch Elm Golf Course, E.A. Scribner Insurance Agency, East Restaurant, Elms Centre Gifts, Finestkind Scenic Cruises, Fisherman's Catch, Flagship Cinemas, Flowers by Christine/Chase & Company Antiques, Forbes Restaurant, Garnsey Bros. Rentals, Gorham Savings Bank, Hackmatack Playhouse, Harding's Books, Hobbs Harborside, Home Fashion Outlet, Howe's Floor Store, Intown Trolley Company, Jake's Seafood Restaurant, Jonathan's Restaurant, Joshua's, Kennebunk Savings, Lepine Home Inspections, Living Wells Farm, Mike's Clam Shack, Milliard Construction, Misty Harbor Resort, Moody Beach RV Resort, Nortey Dental, Ocean Graphics, Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit Trading Post, Re/Max Realty One, Roseway by the Sea, Sanford Bonanza Steak House, Sanford Country Club, Seacoast Pizza & Pasta, Sea-Vu Campground, Sevigney-Lyons Insurance, SIS Bank, Southern Maine IT Solutions, Summer Solstice Craft Shows, TC Hafford Basement Systems, The Lovelight Center, The New England House Seafood and Sports Bar, Tully's Beer & Wine, Tuls North, Wells Beach Lobster Pound, Wells Beach Mini Golf, Wells Beach Resort Campground, Wells Clothing Outlet, Wells Reserve at Laudholm and Wells Super Food Market IGA.

Thank you to the Wells Rotary Club for affording us the opportunity to once again hold our event as part of their Annual HarborFest and Chicken BBQ - they are terrific hosts! Thank you to TC Hafford Basement Systems for the use of the trailer and to our volunteers and fellow committee members Darr Littlefield, Pam Valentinas, Patti Berger, Brian Lepine, Maureen Clayton, Jackie Grant, Eric Nixon, Eric Beauregard, Jim Berger, Nancy Hafford, Nancy & Steve Kwederis, Lauren & Jeff Janousek, Doreen & Chris Rogan, the packing crew from The New England House and Koriahn Quint - great job! It was a fabulous group effort! Thank you all for your generosity and continued support of our organization.