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Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

Mark Thursday, April 23rd on your Calendar for the 2009 "Toast To the Coast"

The Hampton and Exeter Area Chambers of Commerce invite you to join us at the fifth annual "Toast to the Coast" to be held on the evening of April 23rd at the Ashworth by the Sea. Be prepared to sample a variety of fine wines, noble brews, and savor hors d'oeuvres and decadent treats from some of the Seacoast's most exceptional restaurants.

Novice to experienced wine aficionados and foodies will have the best of all possible worlds at their fingertips Thursday, April 23rd when two area Chambers of Commerce gather wine and beer distributors, as many as 10 fine restaurants, chocolatiers, and several bonafide wine experts at the Ashworth Hotel Ballroom for an extraordinary night out. This annual event draws hundreds of guests from the Seacoast area and beyond.

It will be an evening of variety with fine food from Ashworth by the Sea, Epoch Restaurant, Hickory Pond Inn, The Old Salt Eating & Drinking Place, The Purple Urchin, and Tavern at the Rivers Edge. To tempt your pallet further Hutchinson's Candy will present their decadent fudge along with other delightful confections, Cookies by Design will offer their delicious and creative cookies, Lindt Sprungli will sample their fine chocolate, The Meat House and Cornucopia Wine & Cheese Market will show off superior products from their stores.

The "Toast to the Coast" is simply the most popular event of the year. So a word to the wise being sufficient, we urge you to get your tickets early—you'll also pocket \$10 savings by buying in advance.

Besides the mingling, sampling, and noshing, the event will feature an opportunity to find our own "Top Chef" right here on the seacoast. Restaurateurs will compete for the prestigious award "Best of the Toast to the Coast".

Doors open at 6:30 pm, the tasting reception is \$35.00 in advance or \$45.00 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at the following locations: the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, 1 Lafayette Road in Hampton, 603-926-8718; the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, 124 Front Street in Exeter, 603-772-2411; Order tickets on line at www.hamptonchamber.com or www.exeterarea.org.

This event is generously underwritten by Ocean Bank. Also sponsored in part by Unutil, Stop & Shop, Allegra Print & Imaging, Seacoast Media Group, and Taste magazine. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce at 603-926-8718, ext. 102; or the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce at 603-772-2411.



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For more information, contact Cookies By Design, 92 Portsmouth Ave., Suite 2, Exeter, NH 03833, 603-773-9696, or visit www.cookiesbydesign277@gmail.com. To receive a free box of one dozen freshly baked gourmet cookies, give them a call and let them know what is the best day to receive your complimentary gourmet cookies.

SUMMER'S COMING!

Bring us your Brochures NOW for the Beach Welcome Center!

It's a Benefit of Your Membership!

Need Summer Help?

The Chamber's Beach Welcome Center will be opening soon. The staff in that office often gets inquiries about summer employment. If you have openings and want us to refer people to you, please call the Chamber office and give us contact information. Once the Beach office is open, Julie, Joe, and Bill will pass the information on to anyone who asks about available jobs.

MEMBER NEWS

The doctor and staff of **ShoreLine Chiropractic Center, PLLC** would like to cordially invite you to an afternoon of lavish delights! Indulge yourself with a massage from 8 Winds Wellness Center & Spa! Find a new you with Katie & Kristin's makeovers & make-up consultations! Center yourself with Acupuncture Energetics, LLC! Learn new ideas for transforming that room you've always wanted to decorate into the oasis it can be with Sharon Tara Transformations! Become a sommelier for the day with wine tastings and hors d'oeuvres from Hagan's Grill! Or start off spring on the right foot by learning about your spinal health compliments of ShoreLine Chiropractic Center, PLLC, 105 Lafayette Rd., Hampton Falls 603-601-6911.

Try one thing or try them all – the choice is yours! All you have to do is grab your friends, daughters, mothers, and sisters, and indulge in this exciting event on Sunday, April 19! There is no charge to attend and prize drawings will occur throughout the event!

CHAMBER CONNECTION

A Daytime Networking Event

Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 11:30 to 12:30

Speaker: Paula Hartwell-Bell

The Partridge House/Genesis HealthCare

Hampton Area Chamber members and their guests are invited to join us for this straightforward networking opportunity at the Chamber office, One Lafayette Road, Hampton, on the first Wednesday of most months from 11:30 to 12:30. Attendees will meet other professionals to make contacts and expand visibility for their businesses. There will be time for a short infomercial about your business, a featured speaker will present a topic of interest, and the rest is all about networking.

Contact Katie Curran at (603) 926-8718, ext. 104 or e-mail katie@hamptonchamber.com to reserve a spot. Space is limited to the first 25 reservations received. **Reservations are required.** An e-mail confirmation will be sent to each month's attendees.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire's Footbridge 5K Road Race & Children's Fun Run

will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2009. Though the museum has been holding a 5K race for 24 years, this year features a brand new course through downtown Dover, where the museum relocated in July 2008. Registration is now open for this fundraising event that supports the museum's many programs and activities.

The Footbridge 5K Road Race is the first race in the Seacoast Road Race Series (SRRS). Runners who complete six of the eight races in the series, including one 10K, are awarded a coveted SRRS running jacket and can win other prizes as well. This is the fifth year of the series and there is no cost for participants, though registration is required.

The Children's Museum Footbridge 5K Road Race begins at 9 am at the intersection of Central Avenue, Washington Street and Henry Law Avenue, just in front of the museum. The course runs up Central Avenue to Chapel Street, up Portland Avenue and back, finishing with a run across Dover's covered footbridge and back around to Henry Law Park. Race direction, chip timing and management services will be provided by Granite State Race Services of Newport, NH. Post-race activities, including an awards ceremony, refreshments and massages, will take place in Henry Law Park following the race. The first 250 paid registrants will receive free race T-shirts. The 5K registration fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the race.

Children ages 12 and younger can participate in the Fun Run, which takes place at 10:30 am in Henry Law Park. The Fun Run features a 1/2-mile race, two 1/4-mile races (one for children 6 and under, another for children 7-10), and a free 50-yard dash for children age 4 and under. All Fun Run participants will receive a blue ribbon, and prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers of the longer races. Paid registrants in the 1/2-mile and 1/4-mile races will also receive free t-shirts. The entry fee for the 1/2-mile and 1/4 mile races is \$8 for registration in advance and \$10 on race day. There is no fee for children participating in the 50-yard dash although a signed release form is required.

Entry forms are available at The Children's Museum of New Hampshire or by calling the museum office at 603-742-2002. Registration forms can also be downloaded at www.childrens-museum.org and online registration is available at www.active.com. Runners may pre-register at The Children's Museum on Friday, May 1 from 5-7 pm. Walk-up registration will also be available at The Children's Museum on race day starting at 7:30 am up until 15 minutes prior to

the start of each race. Information on the Seacoast Road Race Series can be found at www.proportsmouth.org.

For more information on the race, please contact The Children's Museum of NH at 603-742-2002 or email questions@childrensmuseum.org

Seacoast SCORE of Portsmouth, in association with the national SCORE and American Express, is offering an invitation-only Small Business Speed Coaching Test Drive event for small business owners in New Hampshire.

This free event will be held at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH on Thursday, April 30 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The Small Business Speed Coaching Test Drive is designed and built with the current economic realities in mind to help you meet both challenges and opportunities. During the day, attendees will receive:

Coaching: In-person, one-on-one business counseling from one of the SCORE counselors selected for the event—seasoned experts in managing through all types of business cycles.

Networking: Meeting and solution-swapping with small business owners from your community.

Tools: An array of incisive workshops addressing key success areas such as financial and business planning and marketing/selling in a difficult economy.

Advice: Practical tips from some of the region's most prominent and successful small business owners.

Inspiration: Exciting success stories from business owners like you.

For more information or to sign up, call 603-433-0575 or email info@scorehelp.org.

RAM Printing, Inc. of East Hampstead, NH has been selected for the 2nd year as a winner in New Hampshire Business Review's 2009 BOB Awards, which honor the "Best of Business" in New Hampshire in over 80 categories.

RAM Printing, Inc. was honored in a statewide readership survey in the "Best Commercial Printer" category. All of the winners were honored at a celebration held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord.

"With over double the number of ballots cast for 2009, the BOB Awards have really become a standard of excellence in the business community," said Jeff Feingold, editor of New Hampshire Business Review. "If other business owners have named your business a BOB business, that really says something about the high caliber of the company you're running."

The Best of Business Awards are presented by New Hampshire Business Review in partnership with FairPoint Communications, and are sponsored by Anthem, Surplus Office Equipment, Southwest Airlines, Griffin York & Krause, Comcast Business Class, Walden University, the New Hampshire Business Resource Center, the Alexander Technology Group, Charter Trust, Goodwin's Office Furniture & Supply, and KBW Financial Staffing & Recruiting.

New Hampshire Business Review is the state's only business newspaper, reaching over 50,000 subscribers every other week. It is part of McLean Communications of Manchester, a publishing company that also includes New Hampshire Magazine, ParentingNH, New Hampshire Home Magazine, NH.com, the Telegraph, and The Cabinet Press.

Seacoast Harley-Davidson, Inc., always looking for new ways to create the ultimate customer experience, has done it again.

The 10-time Harley-Davidson Bar and Shield winner has just announced that they are *the first dealer in New England* to offer a new Pledge to their customers by way of the WALKAWAY® Vehicle Return Program. This program offers loan protection on any new or pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycle purchased and financed at either Seacoast Harley-Davidson or Harley-Davidson Shop of Roch-

ester should a customer lose their job or experience another covered life-changing experience.

"We are very excited about to offer this new Pledge to our customers through the Walkaway Vehicle Return Program." said Seacoast Harley-Davidson President and General Manager Al Contois. "It's just another way that we can show support for our customers during these tough economic times."

Contact the dealership at 603-964-9959 for more information on Seacoast Harley-Davidson, Inc.'s new customer Pledge.

Seacoast Harley-Davidson is a 66,000 square foot Harley-Davidson® motorcycle dealership located on U.S. Route 1 in North Hampton, NH. They sell the full line of Harley-Davidson® new and pre-owned motorcycles, Parts, Accessories, and MotorClothes®. The dealership has one of the largest service departments in the country with 24 lifts, has a rentals division, and in 2007 opened a secondary retail location in Rochester, NH. For more information about the dealership and their legendary promotions, please call 603-964-9959 or check them out online at www.seacoastharley.com.

The Pledge is offered through the WALKAWAY® Vehicle Return Program. WALKAWAY is a registered trademark used under exclusive license by WALKAWAY USA, LLC.

Hampton Beach came in No. 4 in a top ten list of the "Best Beach Vacation" deals in the country. The list was compiled by Askmen.com, a web site that boasts seven million readers a month. The site selected Hampton Beach because it offers free weekly fireworks and nightly entertainment.

"Throughout the year there are various festivals or regattas that are worth checking out," Askmen.com said. "Hampton Beach understands the value of a free event, which makes it one of the best all-time beach deals."

Rounding out the top five on the list was Topsail Island Beach in North Carolina as number one, Orange Beach in Alabama as number two, Myrtle Beach in South Carolina as number three, and Ocean City in Maryland as number five.

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Wednesday, April 15 – 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

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490 Lafayette Road, Hampton

Co-Sponsored by FIRA
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