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Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Newsletter

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce

Presents

“2009 Annual Dinner & Awards Presentation”

March 5, 2009 – 6:00 pm

Ashworth by the Sea on Hampton Beach

Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a scrumptious dinner.

With a chance to win fabulous trips!!! Watch for more details coming soon.

Prestigious Awards: Lifetime Achievement, Business of the Year . . . & more

Great music & dancing with the Soul Mate Band!



**Ceremonial Dinner Sponsor:
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Want to be a Chamber Director?

**Chamber Board of Directors
Nominating Committee Asking
Members to Step Forward**

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce will be nominating some new directors to be on the ballot for the Annual Meeting March 5, 2009.

Names must be submitted by January 30, 2009 for the mailing of ballots to the Chamber membership in the first week of February.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please call Katie Curran at 603-926-8718, ext. 104 or email katie@hamptonchamber.com.

CHAMBER CONNECTION

A Daytime Networking Event

Wednesday, February 4, 2009, 11:30 to 12:30

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.

MEMBER NEWS

Exeter Hospital has donated \$100,000 to Families First Health and Support Center which will enable the community health center to continue to provide health care to uninsured and under-insured patients on the Seacoast. This is the second year that Exeter Hospital has awarded a \$100,000 community partnership grant to Families First.



Kevin Callahan, President and CEO of Exeter Hospital, recently presented a \$100,000 donation to Helen Taft, executive director of Families First Health and Support Center in Portsmouth.

"Our ongoing desire to support Families First stems from our mission to improve the health of everyone in the community by providing both services and information to our residents," said Exeter Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin J. Callahan. "The type of preventative care patients receive at Families First not only improves patients' health status, but also reduces avoidable health care expenses incurred by uninsured and underserved patients."

Families First provides primary, prenatal and oral health care, as well as parenting and family programs, to 5,000 Seacoast residents each year. About one-third of the center's patients live in Exeter and other towns in Exeter Hospital's catchment area.

"This generous grant shows that Exeter Hospital shares with Families First a commitment to ensuring that high-quality health care is available to all, without regard to ability to pay," said Helen Taft, the Executive Director of Families First Health and Support Center. "We could not fulfill our mission without this kind of substantial support from the business community."

Exeter Hospital also supports Families First by lending a medical van for the Mobile Health Care for the Homeless program to use in Hampton every Tuesday and sponsoring the "Artists of the Seacoast" calendar and Hunt for Health scavenger hunt fund-raiser.

Families First Health and Support Center provides affordable primary, prenatal and oral health care; parenting and family programs; one-on-one family support; and mobile health care for people who are homeless.

Allegra Print & Imaging has announced their purchase of Allegra Print & Imaging of Manchester, thus increasing their presence within New Hampshire. The Portsmouth location has been family owned and operated since it was opened originally as an American Speedy Printing Center in 1987. Since then, it has had a successful record of growth while providing an unsurpassed level of customer service.

Steve and Cary Chaisson look forward to the opportunity of providing their new clients the same level of customer service they have become accustomed to on the Seacoast. Allegra is now offering 20% off of your next order for a referral to the Manchester facility that results in an order. They will also give the new Manchester client a 20% discount on their first order.

Allegra Print & Imaging is very excited about the growth of their business and extend thanks to their current clients for their ongoing patronage and support.

For more information, in Portsmouth call 603-433-4680 or visit www.allegraNH.com, and in Manchester call 603-669-0005 or visit www.allegraManchester.com.

**BIA and SBDC Announce
"Small Business Day at the State House"**

On February 10, 2009, the **Business & Industry Association (BIA)**, in partnership with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center (SBDC), will host the fourth annual "Small Business Day at the State House". This event is a great opportunity for small business owners and managers throughout the state to gain exposure to top policy makers like the Governor and legislative leaders, and top policy issues that directly impact Chamber members' companies bottom lines.

A preliminary half-day agenda has been released for the event to be held at the Holiday Inn, Concord. Presentations are scheduled to include: State Leadership Panel topic "What are the top small business issues facing the 2009 New Hampshire legislature and how will our elected state leaders resolve them?"; BIA topic "Never Too Small to Export"; and SBDC topic "What to do to keep your business afloat during the current recession". Visit www.nhbia.org for more details to come.

Key legislators will be invited to attend this event. After the program, Chamber members are encouraged to arrange face-to-face, small group meetings with state legislators representing their area.

Small Business Day at the State House is priced at \$15 per person. Contact BIA for more information at 603-224-5388.



Doc Noel (left), President of the Hampton Area Chamber, presented a check to Phil Maltais of the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation.

WHS. This will be done through a grant application process. In the future, the Foundation hopes to build a comprehensive database of alumni and their educational and professional career paths in an effort to create networking opportunities for future and past graduates. The Foundation realizes the importance of maintaining contact with and celebrating the personal and professional successes of Winnacunnet graduates.

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to make the donation from the Holiday Auction to this worthwhile effort.

For more information on the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation, call 603-926-7850, email info@winnacunnet.org, or contact them at P.O. Box 1002, Hampton, NH 03843.

For information on the Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce, call 603-926-8718 or visit www.hamptonchamber.com.

Hampton Area Chamber Makes Donation to Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce recently made a donation of a portion of the proceeds of the 2008 Holiday Auction to the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation. B.J. "Doc" Noel presented the check to Phil Maltais of the Foundation at the Chamber office.

According to Maltais, "The Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation is a group of approximately 15 people from the four communities served by Winnacunnet High School. They raise funds to provide grants for projects and programs outside of what is normally funded." Some of the prior donations have been made in the areas of science, the arts, and athletics.

On the website www.winnacunnet.org, the group Mission is described as: The primary focus of the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation is to provide supplemental funding to enhance a program of excellence in education at WHS.

Their Purpose is: The Foundation will support, augment, and enrich the outstanding educational processes already taking place in the classrooms at



Kennedy & Loiseau Real Estate (formerly Yankee Trader) Celebrates New Company Name

Kennedy & Loiseau Real Estate had their Christmas/Open House party at Hampton's newest condominium "ROSE CREST", located at 437 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, to announce the official opening of their new company. According to Jim Kennedy, nothing has changed except the name. Kennedy & Loiseau Real Estate is still located at the same office at 333 Ocean Boulevard, Hampton Beach, with the same telephone number (603-929-4030), and the same staff.

Over 200 hundred people showed up for the event, which showcased one of the newest properties for sale with Kennedy & Loiseau. For more information on Kennedy & Loiseau or Rose Crest and other properties, call 603-929-4030.



Membership Renewals

- Boardwalk Inn & Cafe
- Citizens Bank
- EnergyNorth Propane
- Exeter Hospital
- The Masiello Group/Better Homes & Gardens RE
- Silver Wave Motor Inn
- Representative Nancy Stiles
- Stoney Knoll Realty
- Two Guys Smoke Shop
- Weichert Realtors, Yankee Trader
- Wings Your Way

Thank you for your continued support and investment!

See What You Missed at Business After Hours in December at Widow Fletcher's Tavern . . .

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Thank You to Parker and Lisa Ryan and the Widows Staff for a Wonderful Holiday Event!

Thanks Also to Ocean Bank for Their Generous Co-Sponsorship.



Tobey and Merrill Insurance collected donations for the *New Hampshire Food Bank* at Business After Hours. Those who donated were entered into a raffle for a gift basket provided by Tobey and Merrill.

At left, Debbie Hill and Barbara Lizotte of Tobey and Merrill accepted the donations.

At right, Phil Bean wins the basket.



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