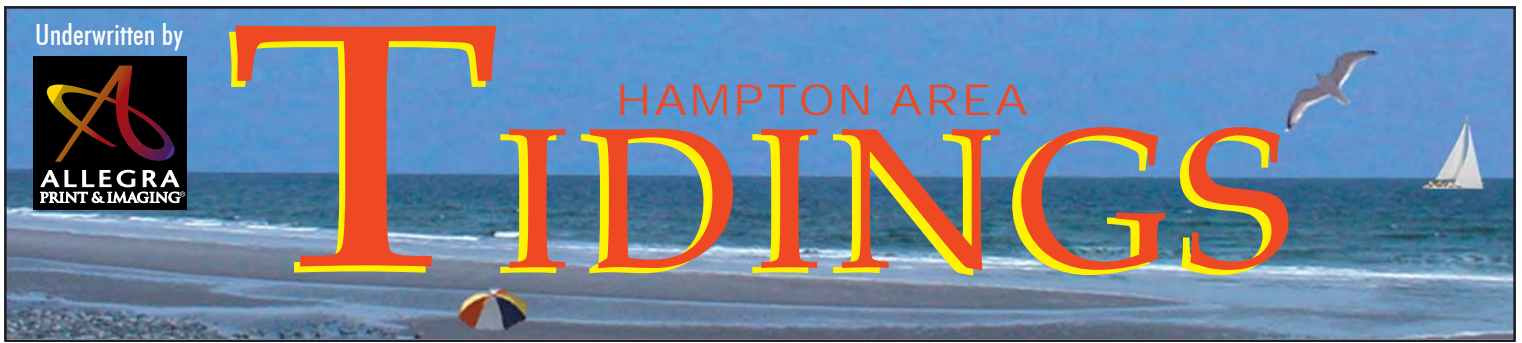


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## Bean Insurance to Sponsor Chamber's Holiday Auction

### *New! Silent Auction of Decorated Wreaths*

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce Holiday Auction will be held at the Galley Hatch Conference Center located at 815 Lafayette Road in Hampton on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Proceeds will benefit the HACC & Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation. The primary focus of the Friends of Winnacunnet Foundation is to provide supplemental funding to enhance a program of excellence in education at WHS. The goal of the organization is to work with WHS to create a learning environment that fosters achievement and growth among WHS students and staff.



According to Ginni McNamara, Director of Special Events, "We've already lined up key sponsors and donors who have contributed in the past. We'd like to thank our event underwriter, Bean Insurance Agency, for their generous support again this year. Allegra Print and Imaging is also already on board as a sponsor. Sponsorships are still available at all levels."

Check off everyone on your Christmas shopping list. Incredible items will be up for bid – dozens of gift certificates to fabulous restaurants, spas, and more. There is always a fabulous array of holiday gifts and treats to choose from. Take a chance on a money tree and bid on the ever popular "Mystery Gift".

McNamara announced, "Something new this year is the 'Festival of Wreaths Contest'; a silent auction from that will enthrall holiday enthusiasts of all ages."

The silent auction will be the perfect way to kick off the evening and bid on the wreaths on display from 5:30-6:30. Professional and amateur decorators, including interior designers, businesses, youth groups, schools, churches, and all generous individuals are welcome to donate a decorated wreath to our silent auction. Take advantage of this affordable opportunity to show off your products, put your inventory to work, attract new customers, and show off your creativity! All for a good cause. Wreaths will then be judged for awards: Best

of Show, Most Original, Most Traditional, A Child's Dream, Judges Choice, and People's Choice. If you don't have the time or are not so crafty? Then consider sponsoring a wreath for \$100. A chamber volunteer will purchase and decorate a wreath representing you or your business.

It's not just an auction but a great night out with a catered array of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and sweet treats. Doors open at 5:30 pm, the auction starts promptly at 6:45 pm. There is absolutely no admission charge and the

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Holiday Auction is open to the public. Chamber membership is not required. "Great food, great gifts, great fun!" McNamara concluded.

For more information, to sponsor the event, or to donate an auction item or wreath, call the Chamber at 603-926-8718 or visit [www.hamptonchamber.com](http://www.hamptonchamber.com).

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## MEMBER NEWS

This year **BayRing Communications** will have 50+ wishing stars on a Christmas tree in their office, just waiting for you to help make sure that each one is selected and the wish is fulfilled. The stars are provided by the Salvation Army, and BayRing's goal is to fulfill all the wishes and ask for more stars. Here is how the program works: Each star has the wish of one local child. You can contribute by selecting a star, purchasing the item, and bringing the unwrapped gift back to BayRing Communications. Make it a family project by bringing your child along to help pick out the star.

If you would like to help, stop by BayRing Communications, 359 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, NH (on Pease Tradeport) between November 3 and December 10 to pick up a star and fulfill the wish of a local child. For more information, email Krystle Conte at [krystle@bayring.com](mailto:krystle@bayring.com) or call 603-766-1000.

**New Generation, Inc.** presents a 50's Rockin' Eve Dinner & Dance in support of heating cost for its Greenland, NH shelter for pregnant & parenting women in crisis on Saturday 11/22/08 at the Casey Function Center, 1950 Lafayette Road, Portsmouth, NH. Come out and dance to the oldies, bid on silent auction items, and enjoy a fabulous dinner donated by La Famiglia Restaurant of Greenland.

"We held a 50's dance in 2006 to help cover the cost of food for the girls, and it was a huge success," says volunteer Dot Smith of Exeter, who is once again organizing this fundraiser. "This year we have more space for dancing, and area merchants have been very generous in donations for the silent auction." Executive Director Kelsi Deters-McCarthy adds, "The shelter has particular concerns with the high cost of oil this year, and this fundraiser is crucial to help keep the mothers and their young babies warm."

Tickets are \$20 per person or sponsor a table for 8 at \$140. BYOB, set ups are available. Purchase tickets at Second Generation Thrift Shoppe in Greenland or Rochester, or by calling 603-436-4989.

Founded in 1987, New Generation, Inc. is a shelter for homeless pregnant and parenting women that houses up to seven women and their children at a time, providing counseling, parenting education, nutrition and life skills, transportation to partnering agencies. Other services: *Second Generation Thrift Shoppes (in Greenland and Rochester)*, *Generation Gap Furniture Barn* and *Next Generation Infant & Toddler Center*. For further info, stop by at 568 Portsmouth Avenue, Greenland, call 603-436-4989, or visit their website at [www.newgennh.com](http://www.newgennh.com).

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According to Marie Brownell, "Whether you are looking for general liability insurance for your business; the ability to roll over your IRA or cover your mortgage with disability or life insurance; to provide health insurance for your family/business; or car insurance for your teenager, Brownell Insurance Center, Inc. is available to service your every insurance need effectively while providing you with peace of mind. Every family's insurance situation is unique. That is why we take pride in developing and maintaining strong client relationships. We work for ONE person—you, our valued client. We are here to help you with those 'situations' in life."

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## CHAMBER CONNECTION

### A Daytime Networking Event

Wednesday, December 3, 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](mailto: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.

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## Hampton AED Fund Established to Equip Police Patrols with Defibrillators

Some of the most worthwhile projects come from the grassroots efforts of our citizens. A new effort has begun to supplement the emergency equipment available to our citizens and first responders. A small group of community minded citizens have offered to raise funds to purchase AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) to be supplied to first responders and to Hampton town-owned buildings.

From time to time, a New Hampshire heart attack victim will not survive because the first responder, often a police patrol car, does not carry a defibrillator onboard. On a positive note, heart attack victims in Kittery, ME and Pelham, NH have survived because the first responder did have a defibrillator that was used to shock the victim's heart back to life.

Your contribution in any amount is most appreciated. Because the Hampton AED Fund will provide funds raised to the town to purchase the units, donations are tax-deductible. Donations are being sought from businesses and individuals. An AED costs approximately \$3,000 per unit. The Hampton AED Fund seeks to raise an initial sum of \$18,000 to purchase six units in the first phase of the project. Subsequent funds raised will be targeted for town buildings.

For more information on this project, or to donate, please contact Maury Friedman at [maury1@comcast.net](mailto:maury1@comcast.net) or Vic Lessard at 603-926-3021.

## TNT Subs Re-opens with Original Owners

The Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand re-opening of TNT Subs at 725 Lafayette Road in Hampton with a ribbon cutting. In 1989, the building was a video store. Tori LaBonte and her father Bruce Aquizap converted the business into TNT Subs, named for "Tori's Notorious Torpedos". In 2000, the business was sold, and in June of 2008 the Aquizap family bought it back, restoring the family business.

According to Tori, "We are excited to be back with a very diverse menu. We want to be able to serve everyone's taste from kids to grandparents. Besides our subs (6, 10 and 15"), we offer 30" subs for parties, games, and board meetings, with 24 hours notice."



Tori and Samuel LaBonte and  
Bruce Aquizap

TNT's bread choices abound, from whole wheat and Texas toast to lavash, Syrian, and more to come. They offer award winning chili, sweet potato fries, wraps, pizza, homemade soups and chowdah, salads, Mexican tacos and burritos, organic pasta, along with the extensive sub menu.

TNT is currently going "green" and attempting to be as ecologically responsible as possible, according to LaBonte.

To further the family-oriented atmosphere at TNT Subs, there is a great selection of kids' items on the menu and a play area.

For more information, call TNT Subs at 603-926-2076.



It's a family affair at TNT Subs, as the Aquizap family cut a ceremonial ribbon at the grand re-opening of the business at 725 Lafayette Road in Hampton. Five-year-old Samuel LaBonte watches as his mother and grandfather snip the ribbon. Pictured are (from left): Samuel LaBonte; Pat Morgenstern, Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce; Tori LaBonte and Bruce Aquizap, owners of TNT Subs; and Allison of TNT Subs.

### Membership Renewals

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