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"Ossipee Valley News"

Hi folks,

Our chamber has many active members in it. See below for more details. Have you got something to add? Let me know. We can put it in the newsletter or I can sell you a set of mailing labels so you can send out your news in a mailing to our members.

Little Hooves

The owner of Little Hooves Tack Shop in West Ossipee, Cyndi Phelan, has been nominated and awarded the 2007 Cambridge's Who's Who Women in Business for not only doubling the amount of business she does but also for increasing the physical size of her store. She is a successful business woman who continues to offer a wider variety of products in the store and through tent sales on the weekend. She also specializes in "Keeping Children in Riding" Mini up to Draft Tack, English & Western clothing and tack, driving carts, driving harnesses and driving supplies. Her business is located on Route 16 in West Ossipee next to the Shell gas station (M&V).

2008 SnoCross

The second annual Rock Maple Racing SnoCross is on and scheduled for Feb. 23 and 24. Sponsorships for the event will be available soon. Please contact Kathryn Amaral at Sammy's Inn at 323-9100 or via email at samanthasinn@roadrunner.com. Don't let your opportunity to be a part of this momentous event pass you by.

Fall colors

We had a very beautiful fall foliage season, even if it did come a little late in the season. Unfortunately, I did not get much of a chance to get any pictures this year, either for the guidebook or the website. If there are any of you shutterbugs out there who would be willing to donate your great pictures for the guidebook next year (or the website), I would love to see what you have. Please email me the pics or call me at the office so we can look at them from a disk.

Ossipee Historical Society

The Ossipee Historical Society's annual dinner was Tuesday, October 23 at Ossipee Concerned Citizens. They are moving along well with their biggest project yet, the preservation of the county courthouse in Ossipee Corners. They need to raise quite a bit of money to bring this most beautiful building to a more usable condition year round. To find out more about what you can do to help in this project, visit their website at carrollcountycourthouseproject.org. There are also pictures of the space on the website.

Ossipee Main Street Charette

Sarah Millette, the executive director of the Ossipee Main Street Program, and her staff and crew of many volunteers, successfully hosted about 10 different engineers, planners, architects, and other professionals from PlanNH to come up with a new look for Center Ossipee Village. The event went very well, getting input from many town residents and business owners. In addition to putting a park into the downtown area, they are also thinking about livening up some open areas near Mountain View Station Restaurant and the chamber's office with a small park with a statue, flowers, and benches. The full report will be available in a few weeks. This group is going to need all the volunteer help (person hours) and financial assistance they can get to get this off the ground. Please pay close attention to any mailings or pleas for support. Bringing Center Ossipee Village back will definitely help everyone in our area!

Mountain View Station

Gina and Larry Ross, the owners of Mountain View Station, have started something new. They are now hosting a cribbage night on Thursday evenings and a game night on Friday nights at their restaurant in Center Ossipee Village!

Gina said she has had a good turnout and is looking forward to even more fun for families, a way to beat these short-day blues. These events are BYOB, if you are interested! For more information, call them at 539-3993.

Carroll County Altrusa

Carroll County Altrusa, a community service organization, will hold its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, November 12, at the Tri-CAP building on Rte. 16 in Tamworth. Their mission is for their 27 members to partner fellowship with service. For more information email Carrollcountyaltrusa@yahoo.com. WWW.Altrusa.Com, or contact Cathy @ 323-8067.

Tamworth Community Christmas Project

One of Altrusa's new projects is to put together a mailing for the Tamworth Community Christmas Project. The Tamworth Community Christmas Project is 15 years old and provides coats, boots, sweatshirt, hats and mittens to children in need who live in Tamworth. Last year it served 50 families and around 75 children. It is exclusive to Tamworth. The appeal letter will be sent to citizens and local business in the next week. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation can send it to the TCCP, PO Box 230, Chocorua, NH 03817.

Easter Seals and a free breakfast

Amy and Scott Willard at The Whittier House in West Ossipee are hosting a **free** breakfast for area businesses and individuals. See the attached document for more information. Anyone who is interested in attending is more than welcome! We will be serving the same meal as our Sunday Breakfast Buffet, at 8:00 a.m. on Friday October 26th. There will be a brief presentation after breakfast. ***We do need R.S.V.P.s sent to John at jdevos@eastersealsnh.org.***

Legislation changes

The New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association wants to hear from lodging and restaurant owners regarding some potentially important issues coming up for the legislators. There will be a roundtable discussion taking place on Tuesday, October 30 from 10 to 12 a.m. at the White Mountain Hotel in North Conway.

Topics to be discussed include, Expanded Gambling in NH (video lottery and casinos), Proposed "Tavern" liquor license, -Reduction of the 3% Rooms and Meals Tax administrative reimbursement, -Allowing restaurants with full service liquor licenses to hold a "wine importer" license, -Prohibiting the start of school until after Labor Day, -Constitutional Amendment to allow targeted state school funding, -Rooms and Meals Tax Rate, -Liquor Study Committee recommendations. Please contact NHLRA, as we'd like to get an accurate head count by calling Drew Drummond at 603 228-9585 or email at ddrummond@nhlra.com.

Business awards

The Small Business Association and Business NH Magazine are both looking for nominations for NH Small Business Awards and Business and Business Leader of the Year awards.

For the SBA, any person or organization can submit a nomination, providing they follow the guidelines established by the SBA. The SBA will honor a successful "Small Business Person of the Year" from every state. These state winners travel to Washington to participate in the national celebration and compete for the title of national Small Business Person of the Year. The SBA also recognizes the accomplishments of small business champions - individuals or organizations dedicated to supporting small businesses. Champion awards include: Women in Business, Minority, Veteran, Financial Services, Home-based Business, and Small Business Journalist.

In addition, the SBA honors successful small business owners under age 30 with its SBA Young Entrepreneur award. The Jeffrey H. Butland Family-Owned Small Business Award honors a family owned and operated business, which has been passed from one generation to another with at least a 15-year track record. A Woman Business Owner award is presented as well as a Small Business Exporter award, which recognizes a small company that is successfully exporting.

New awards this year; the **Entrepreneurial Success** award, which recognizes a business that started as a small business, but developed into a large business and has received SBA assistance and the **Small Business Development Center Service Excellence** award which recognizes an innovative SBDC center.

The deadline for nominations is November 23rd, 2007. For more information, please contact Amy Bassett in SBA's Concord, NH office at (603) 225-1606 or via email at amy.bassett@sba.gov.

The Business and Business Leader of the Year Awards (through the Business NH Magazine) are the result of a partnership between Business NH Magazine and the NH Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. The awards are an opportunity for NH businesses to celebrate excellence in their companies and honor those who lead them. Companies are honored in eight industry categories: Business Services, Education/Nonprofit, Financial Services/Insurance, Health Care, Manufacturing/Technology, Real Estate/Construction/Engineering, Retail/Wholesale, and Tourism/Hospitality. One NH Business Leader of the Year is also selected. Applications are due on January 14, 2008. The winners are announced in the May issue of Business NH Magazine and will be honored at the awards luncheon in May, the proceeds of which benefit the NHACCE Scholarship Fund.

Christine Carignan can be reached at 603.626.6354 x208 or by email at ccarignan@millyardcommunications.com if you need any more information. Thank you for taking the time to consider helping them with this.

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