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"Ossipee Valley News"

A great after hours

Our last after hours was almost like a mini-economic fair with five businesses featured during the event (find their contact information at www.ossipeevalley.org/members.html). Richard Posner, one of the co-founders of Tamworth Learning Circles, spoke about his school's emphasis both on drama and rigorous academic subjects such as chemistry and history. Their school currently has classes for the very young (pre-school age), and all other ages, focusing on small group gatherings. Marie Walters, who owns Americana Travel, talked about a cruise that she is selling tickets for now that will leave out of Boston and head to Bermuda in October. She said cruising can be great fun and relaxing, too, and Bermuda seems like a great, perpetually warm place to visit. Celine Bergeron, the owner of A Nice Touch Massage Therapy on Route 25 East in Center Ossipee, brought her massage chair in and offered a sampling of her magical hands. In her massage practice, she offers all types of massage, from Swedish to hot rock, along with chair massages, for those on the go. Jeff Good, of Good Livin' Home Improvements, talked about his business doing small and large home improvements, from hanging wall paper to painting to putting additions on homes. Northway Bank hosted the event, providing food, drink, and space for the others who don't have venues of their own. Dorian Norcross, the branch manager, talked about the different offerings the bank has, including reverse mortgages and home equity lines and opportunities for refinancing mortgages, too. It was a great event, and I would encourage those who did not attend to come to the next one, which will be at Tamworth Family Medicine on Route 16 in Tamworth on April 8. It's a great time to get to know your fellow chamber members and network, which is a huge advantage to being a chamber member. You never know when you will make a connection that leads to increasing your business or improving on your existing business!

New members

Please welcome Dale Barton, the new owner of what used to be called Ken's Yamaha in Tamworth. The business is now called Barton's Motorsports! The Community School has also joined our ranks; it is a non-profit private school focused on a student's individual talents and interests. They are accepting students in grades 7-12. Mitch Hanson of Best Read Guides has also joined us from Wakefield. The publication, in which he sells advertising, is distributed nationally and highlights all things fun to do in the area.

Contact information for everyone can be found under the "businesses" link of our website, www.ossipeevalley.org! Would you like to see more at our website, or have suggestions on how it should look? Let me know - 539-6201!

A Midsummer Night's Dream...

...starts tonight and runs until Sunday at the Barnstormers Theatre. A cast put together by the Advice to the Players has worked hard to bring this to the community in a traditional Shakespearean fashion - it's not one of those depressing Shakespeare plays but a fun, romp in the woods kind of play with mismatched lovers and a man with a donkey head running around! It should be a lot of fun, a great way to get rid of the midwinter blues. For more information, call 986-6253 or visit www.advicetotheplayers.org.

Family Feud

Don Harte is helping the Unitarian Universalists put together a fun, family-oriented evening's event - a family feud competition - modelled off the popular, long-running TV game show "Family Feud." He said there is still room for a few teams of 5. There is a \$500 prize that is at stake in this fun competition, testing you on your knowledge of Tamworth; to get in, the team needs to put together \$100. The event is a fund raiser for UUFES, bringing people together from Jackson to Wolfeboro in the heart of Tamworth. For more information and a chance at \$500, call Don at 323-7766. There will be food and drink available as well that evening. If you don't want to do a team, stop by the Brass Heart Inn on April 19 to watch the teams compete, and the entrance fee is free!

All about advertising

John Szewczyk, a board member and employee of Northway Bank, has done a lot of work to put together some cooperative advertising opportunities through RSN, the local public access channel on cable television for members of the chamber. Please contact him at 539-7501 or NAME at RSN for more information about the deal. As small businesses, you would not as easily be able to afford the prices that have been put together for us here...something much more affordable for everyone - another great benefit of being a chamber member!

In the print media, there are some great prices available to you through Best Read Guides, a publication put out for the Lakes Region and the White Mountains Region of the state and distributed nationally! This year, we want to get more information about the area in this great publication, so we have talked with Mitch Hanson about good advertising deals. If you haven't heard from me or Mitch yet, please call me at the office at 539-6201 or Mitch at 651-7477 - deadlines are quickly approaching (the end of March)!

And finally, the chamber guidebook is scheduled to come out at the end of May, so I am trying to get in touch with all our members to let you know about our advertising opportunities. Because the economy has been more than challenging for many of you, we have decided not to increase our ad prices this year. With more than 15,000 copies distributed throughout the state and at the Big E in Boston, the prices we have on our ads is more than reasonable. They are distributed throughout the state at the state information booths and locally as much as we can keep up with them! Please contact me at 986-4132 if you have not heard from me yet as I am selling the ads this year.

Maple syrup

You wouldn't believe it, but the sap is starting to flow, and people are out hooking up their lines, collecting that tasty nectar from the maple trees in the area! The Remick Museum will give you a chance to get up close and personal with the whole process this weekend from 1 to 4 p.m. Sample some maple treats, such as sugar-on-snow, take a tractor-drawn wagon ride, and see how it was done in the good ol' days. For more information, call 323-7591.

Karaoke

Our own Bill Grover, karaoke singer and board member extraordinaire, will be putting on a karaoke event this Friday (3/14) from 7 to 11 p.m. over at Indian Mound Golf Club/River's Edge Tavern and Grille on Route 16B in Center Ossipee - It's a great night out with even some songs you can dance to! Bill runs a great karaoke with all his own equipment!

Many committees

The chamber's board of directors will be meeting the first and third Wednesday for the next few weeks to help set some priorities for the chamber in the huge list of things that need to happen in the next year. To complete our mission of helping our members and promoting new business in the area, we have a lot of work to do as a group. If you are interested in helping us and your fellow businesses members out in any way, please contact me here at the office at 539-6201 or at info@ossipeevalley.org. There are a lot of committees that need to be formed and resurrected if we are going to keep the chamber a success, and that success only helps each and every one of you in the long run. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated and may only require an hour of your time at the least!

Red Molly

The Arts Council of Tamworth is hosting Red Molly, a hot female trio that plays a variety of stringed instruments and sings soul-pleasing 3-part harmony, creating their distinctive rootsy, Americana sound. Their live performances resonate with warmth, fun, high energy, and a love of great American music. The performance starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Barnstormers Theatre in Tamworth Village. More information is available at www.artstamworth.org or by calling 323-8104.

Happy St. Patty's Day!

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