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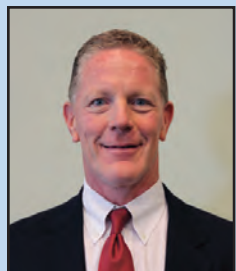
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Thomas Edison Power Plant Renovated, Reopened



In 2013, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce embarked on a Centennial Innovation Campaign to raise funds to renovate the Chamber's historic headquarters, originally built by Thomas Edison in 1883 as a power plant, and purchased by the Chamber in 1988.

New renovations were showcased at an After Hours and Open House held in June, where sponsors and members gathered to celebrate the results of the Centennial Fund, unveil the donor wall, and more.

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CapeFLYER Train Service Comes to Brockton



At a special press conference held on July 1, 2015, it was announced by Mayor Bill Carpenter and the Cape Cod RTA, along with Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, that the CapeFLYER's weekend train service will now include a stop in Brockton! From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the service will operate on Friday evenings and throughout the weekend, from South Station to Hyannis.

CapeFLYER is a pet-friendly train with onboard concessions, free Wi-Fi, wheelchair accessibility, and kids 12 and under ride free with a paying adult! See more information at capeflyer.com.

Brockton Native, Spanx CEO at Chamber's Annual Meeting



Jan Singer is the Chief Executive Officer of Spanx, Inc. Founded in 2000, Spanx revolutionized the shapewear industry with the invention of footless pantyhose. Today, the company headquartered in Atlanta, GA, houses a complete product offering of

Hosiery, Intimate Apparel, Active Life, Swim and Men's wear and is sold in 50 countries. Jan joined Spanx from Nike, Inc., where she held various senior leadership roles over ten years. Jan grew up in Brockton and is a graduate of Ithaca College.

Save the date and join the Metro South Chamber of Commerce for our 102nd Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, November 18** at the **Conference Center at Massasoit**, where Jan Singer will be featured as the keynote speaker. The 102nd Annual Meeting will also feature a Business-to-Business Expo, awards, giveaways, raffles, and more.

2015 ATHENA Award



2015 ATHENA Award Recipient Mary Waldron,
Director of Policy Analysis & Regional Engagement,
Bridgewater State University

*For a bio and more from
the event, see page 11*

Chamber Mourns Loss of Senator Kennedy



Senator Thomas Kennedy at the Metro South
Chamber's Annual Legislative Reception

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce mourns the loss of Senator Thomas Kennedy.

Kennedy was first elected to the House in 1982 and took his seat in the Senate in 2009. He won his most recent election in 2014 with 66 percent of the vote. Kennedy was chairman of the Joint Committee on Election Laws and vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Veterans and Federal Affairs, among other committee assignments. Senator Kennedy served many towns of the Metro South region including Brockton, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Whitman, and parts of East Bridgewater and Easton.

"The Senator was a scholar and a gentleman," says Chamber President Christopher Cooney. "I left every meeting with him knowing more and feeling better, no matter what subject. I enjoyed the many opportunities to work together for the benefit of Brockton and beyond. I will miss him and his tireless advocacy on behalf of the region."

METRO SOUTH CHAMBER PRIORITIES MOVING FORWARD

Mission: To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.

Lead on Issues of Regional Economic Infrastructure Importance

- *Endorse* - Regional Wastewater Treatment Capacity/Coordination
- *Gauge* - Impact of Commuter Rail Expansion Implementation
- *Promote* - Desalinated Water Supply as Regional Resource
- *Facilitate* - Economic Target Area Expansion and Coordination
- *Create* - Regional Brand, Awareness and Promotion

Attract, Train and Retain a Competitive Workforce

- *Connect* - Competitive Workforce/Economic Development
- *Pursue* - English For All Workers Initiative to Reduce Backlog
- *Expand* - Higher Education Initiative Involvement and Support
- *Support* - Quality Housing, Education and Health Care Entities
- *Sponsor* - Career Ladder Training /Human Resources Seminars

Collaborate for a Climate Conducive to Competitive Commercial Development

- *Endorse* - Gateway Cities Incentives for Sustainable Development
- *Advocate* - Attractive Commercial/Industrial Tax Rate Implementation
- *Operate* - Business Assistance Center and Edison Small Business Incubator
- *Present* - Small Business Seminar Series to Strengthen Business Start-ups
- *Attract* - New Business and Grow Existing Business

The sign of good business



The new 2016 Member Decal. Renewing members will receive the decal upon renewal starting in August.

Elvera’s Cafe Opens in Downtown Brockton

Monday, July 13, 1:30 pm

The Metro South Chamber and new Chamber member Elvera’s Cafe will celebrate the opening of their new restaurant at 1:30 pm on Monday, July 13, 132 Main Street in Brockton!



All Chamber and community members are invited to attend a special Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Elvera’s Cafe is a new restaurant located in the

heart of downtown Brockton on Main Street, within walking distance of City Hall and the court house. The trendy cafe offers free wi-fi and specializes in gourmet coffee, espresso, homemade bagels, breakfast & lunch sandwiches, pastries & more! Stop by for breakfast or lunch Monday - Friday from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm. Find “Elvera’s Cafe” on Facebook to learn more.

The Ribbon Cutting ceremony is open to the public and will include complimentary samples and networking opportunities. For more information, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.



Save the Date for Summer & Fall Networking!



Mark your calendars! Business After Hours networking events are planned for this summer into next fall, all running from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Save the date to join us for networking, refreshments, raffles, and more at these Chamber member businesses:

Thursday, August 6



Crescent Credit Union will host a summer fun networking event, location to be announced, with live music, food, and more! Please stay tuned for details.

Founded in 1919, Crescent Credit Union was originally chartered to serve the financial needs of employees at the Tarlow Brothers Leather Company in Brockton. As the credit union grew, it moved into a small building on Crescent Street and adopted the street's name. Today, Crescent serves over 50,000 members who look to them as their financial partner. Visit crescentcredit.org.

Thursday, September 17



SERVPRO of Milton/Braintree, 260 Centre Street, Holbrook - SERVPRO of Milton/Braintree provides 24-hour emergency service and is dedicated to being faster

to any size disaster. Their highly trained technicians can respond immediately to your residential or commercial emergency including: water and fire damage and restoration, mold remediation, cleaning services, and more. Visit servpromilton-braintree.com.

Wednesday, October 21



Visit Wood Palace Kitchens, Inc., located at 7 Mill Street in Middleboro! Wood Palace Kitchens, Inc. creates custom

designed kitchens for your home, complete with cabinetry, hardware, countertops, and more. They employ the brightest and most talented Sales People and Certified Kitchen Designer that can be found anywhere, teams of seasoned and accomplished installers that are the rave of every customer, and a staff of support personnel that make it easy for everyone to work with Wood Palace Kitchens. See more at woodpalacekitchens.com.



View photos from past Business After Hours and other Metro South Chamber events online at flickr.com/metrosouthchamber. Photos are courtesy of Rich Morgan Photography.

Help Local Business - BAC Funders’ Luncheon

Wednesday, July 22, 12:00 pm

The Metro South Business Assistance Center serves the interests of existing and start-up businesses by providing low cost and efficient business information and work in conjunction with other local and regional economic development organizations to carry out their mission of creating new jobs and investment in the Metro South region.



Various workshops are held through the Metro South Business Assistance Center and its partners. Such workshops have included DCAMM Workshop, LEAN Manufacturing, QuickBooks, Vertical Construction, Workforce Training Fund, Non-Profit Financial Optimization, STEP Trade Export Grant Info Session, People Skills Workshop, SCORE Foodservice workshop, and many more.

The Business Assistance Center houses the staff of SCORE, a counseling service for businesses, start-ups, and entrepreneurs.

As part of the Business Assistance Center, the Chamber also houses the Edison Business Incubator. The incubator provides below-market rental space for start-up and expanding micro-enterprises needing assistance.

The Business Assistance Center is in need of updating its technology in order to remain relevant and provide up-to-date resources for the Metro South business community. If your business is interested in helping to sponsor this resource, please join us for a complimentary BAC Funders’ Luncheon on Wednesday, July 22, 12:00 pm at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, 60 School Street in Brockton. Learn more about the Business Assistance Center and how you can help over a light lunch. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Athena Lavoie, 508.586.0500 x231.

Interested in Hosting a Member-Led Workshop?



Brian Reiser of Timeless Communications teaches a member-led workshop on “The Power of Video Marketing.” Visit timelesscommunications.com to learn about how you can incorporate video marketing in your business.

Do you have knowledge you’d like to share with the business community? Host a member-led workshop at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and help others learn about an important topic. Hosting a workshop is free of charge for members and includes conference space at the Chamber office building in Brockton.

Past topics have included: investing, marketing, social media, and more. If you are interested in hosting a member-led workshop, contact Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x231, alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com.


SCORE Offers Free Small Business Counseling



Appointments are available this summer for free one-on-one business counseling with SCORE at the Metro South Chamber’s Business Assistance Center, located at 60 School Street, Brockton.

The Southeastern MA chapter of SCORE is a volunteer organization sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, staffed by business professionals with broad industry expertise, ready to assist you in building your business. Need information on financing, marketing, money management, getting the most out of internet marketing, operations and more? Their counselors are successful business leaders who volunteer their skills to help entrepreneurs like you become more successful. To make an appointment, please call the Chamber at 508-586-0500 x221.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	DIRECTORS
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Networking at Events

is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!

JULY Calendar

3	Independence Day (observed) - Chamber Closed	
4	Independence Day	
13	Ribbon Cutting Ceremony <i>Elvera's Cafe, 132 Main Street, Brockton</i>	1:30 pm
22	BAC Funders Meeting	12:00 pm


Coming Up August

4	Executive Board Meeting/Nominating Committee	3:00 pm
6	Business After Hours <i>Location TBD - Sponsored by Crescent Credit Union</i>	5:30 pm
26	Board of Directors	12:00 pm

Save the Date September

2	Ambassadors Meeting	8:00 am
7	Labor Day - Chamber Closed	
9	Good Morning Metro South <i>TBD</i>	7:30 am
11	Government Affairs Luncheon	12:00 pm
17	Business After Hours <i>SERVPRO of Milton/Braintree, 260 Centre Street, Holbrook</i>	5:30 pm

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), 60 School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.



BROCKTON FAIR COMES TO TOWN
July 2 - July 12, 2015
Featuring Rides, Petting Farm, Demolition Derby, Concerts, Fireworks, Boxing & more! Visit www.brocktonfair.com or call 508-586-8000.

GOODNews

Members - Send Good News to
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Good Samaritan Earns Straight A's for Safety

Good Samaritan Medical Center has been recognized for its dedication to patient safety with an A grade in the Spring 2015 Hospital Safety Score, which rates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable medical errors, injuries and infections within the hospital. The hospital is also being recognized as a "Straight As" hospital, having never received a grade lower than an A since the Hospital Safety Score first launched in June 2012. Good Samaritan is a six-time recipient. More than 2,500 U.S. general hospitals were assigned scores in April 2015 – only about 31% receiving an A. "Patient safety is the top priority for everyone at Good Samaritan Medical Center – from our doctors and nurses to our environmental services team," said John Jurczyk, FACHE, hospital president. To learn more, visit goodsamaritanmedical.org or hospitalsafetyscore.org.

Summer Park Program Offered for Brockton Youth

The Mayor's Office, BAWIB, and Brockton Public Schools, with support from the Brockton Police Department and Brockton's Promise, is sponsoring the Mayor's Summer Park Program. The goal is to involve hundreds of children, ages 7-12, in fun and active day programs from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. The program will begin on July 6, 2015 and run until August 20, 2015. Free breakfast and lunch will be served at all locations, with swimming at Brockton High School. For more information or to register, please visit brockton.ma.us.

22nd Annual OE & Charity Golf Tournament

This Golf Tournament is to benefit the Brockton Area Arc and will be held at the Fall River Country Club on Monday, July 20. The shotgun tee time start is at 12:30 pm. Please come and have a fun time helping a great cause. Brockton Area Arc's mission is to work in partnership with, and for, the community to provide advocacy, information, and direct services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. For more information, visit brocktonarearc.com.

B.C. Tent & Awning Names Gene LaPierre V.P.

B.C. Tent & Awning, the region's leading provider of tents, awnings and event party items, announces the promotion of Gene LaPierre of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts to Vice President of Operations. In this role, LaPierre, who formerly held the title of Director of Special Projects, will determine and implement new and more efficient ways to serve the company's existing clients and to grow business. Training new and existing employees will become a major focus of his time to improve work flow procedures. LaPierre joined B. C. Tent & Awning in 2011; he has been involved in the equipment rental/special event industry since 1974. To learn more, visit bctent.com.

Brockton Farmers Market This Summer

Buy Fresh, Buy Local! The Brockton Farmers Market will take place again this summer at the City Hall Plaza, Fridays from 10 am - 2 pm, and running from July 10, 2015 - October 2, 2015. If you are interested in becoming a vendor to sell goods at the market, please view the guidelines online at brockton.ma.us and click on "Farmers Market Guidelines."

Bridgewater Savings Bank Renames Division

Bridgewater Savings Bank is pleased to announce that its trust and investment services division has been officially renamed Bridgewater Financial Advisors. Under the new title and brand, Bridgewater Savings Bank will continue to offer services that include, but are not limited to, investment management accounts, portfolio development, and business succession, retirement, education and estate planning. Bridgewater Financial Advisors will be located at 1400 Pleasant Street in Bridgewater, a former Bridgewater Savings Bank branch, and can be reached at 800-356-8622. The new facility opened on June 22, 2015. Please visit www.bridgewatersavings.com or call 508-884-3300 for additional information.

Hope Health Expands Board of Directors

HopeHealth announced the addition of two new directors to its Board: Deborah J. Cornwall, co-founder and Managing Director of The Corlund Group, LLC and Jennifer Roberts, Attorney, LaTanzi, Spaulding & Landreth. The non-profit organization delivers a wide range of medical care, care management and support services throughout eastern Massachusetts. Cornwall has over 40 years of experience in organizational leadership assessment, governance, and change. Roberts has more than 30 years of experience in civil litigation at the trial and appellate level. She has experience in construction, real estate, condominium, small business and probate litigation.. Learn more online by visiting HopeHealthCo.org.

School on Wheels MA Seeks Backpacks

School on Wheels of MA is reaching out to businesses, civic organizations and faith based communities to enlist help in providing new Back to School backpacks and school supplies for approximately 1,600 students they serve impacted by homelessness, throughout the South Shore and Bristol County. The mission of School on Wheels of Massachusetts is to educate children impacted by homelessness by providing academic support and one-on-one mentoring so children can reach their full potential. Please consider supporting SOWMA by coordinating a school supply drive or by making a monetary donation to purchase new backpacks and school

supplies. For more information on supplies and how you can help, please call the SOWMA office at 508-587-9091 or email Dianne@sowma.org.

Brockton Summerfest Seeks Sponsors

Summerfest will return to Brockton Saturday, August 15. The family-themed event is free to attend and will be held from 10 am to 4 pm on the grounds of Brockton High School, 470 Forest Ave. Thousands of people have attended this annual summer celebration, now in its fifth year. At its heart, Summerfest strives to bring friends and neighbors of all ages together to celebrate fun, sun, youth, education, and community spirit. Sponsors are still needed and volunteers are welcome! For more information, call 508.584.2506 or visit www.brocktonyouthfoundation.org.

Golf Balls from Above to Benefit Old Colony Hospice

Old Colony Hospice will be hosting the Golf Classic XIII on Monday, July 27th at the Wollaston Golf Club in Milton from 11:30 am to 8:00 pm. Even if you aren't a golfer, you can help support Old Colony Hospice patients by participating in our Golf Balls from Above drop raffle. At the conclusion of play, there will be an exciting aerial experience with our "Golf Ball Drop" - 1500 numbered golf balls will be released onto the fairway and three lucky winners will win cash prizes between \$500 and \$1500. For more information, visit www.oldcolonyhospice.com.

Father Bill's & MainSpring FoodFest

Join Father Bill's & MainSpring at The Launch at Hingham Shipyard & Hingham Beer Works on Tuesday, July 28 for their Annual FoodFest. Enjoy the warm summer night, the best cuisine of the South Shore, and silent and live auctions with a VIP reception beginning at 5:00 pm and Tastings beginning at 6:00 pm. FoodFest is Father Bill's & MainSpring's biggest annual fundraiser that helps close the 54% gap in funding we need to keep our promise to never turn anyone away. Visit helpfbms.org/foodfest2015 for more information.

Mutual Bank Expands Real Estate Group

Mutual Bank, a full-service bank with offices throughout southeastern Massachusetts, recently announced that it has added experienced lender John Butler to its growing residential real estate lending team. Butler, as Assistant Vice President, Residential Lender, will provide real estate lending solutions to homebuyers and homeowners in southeastern Massachusetts. He is based in Whitman. Prior to joining Mutual Bank, Butler served in a similar role at Harbor One Bank, and has 14 years of lending experience in the local area. Now celebrating its 125th anniversary, Mutual Bank is headquartered at 570 Washington Street, Whitman, Massachusetts. Visit mymutualbank.com.

OCES Merges with Mayflower RSVP

Old Colony Elder Services (OCES), the Brockton based regional agency serving older adults and individuals with disabilities throughout greater Brockton and Plymouth County, has acquired the Mayflower Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). As of April 1, 2015, the Mayflower RSVP is integrated with Old Colony Elder Services' Community Programs. Mayflower RSVP was founded 41 years ago with the mission of helping adults age 55 and older remain active and healthy by providing them with volunteer opportunities in their communities. Recently OCES was awarded a three-year grant from Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to operate the RSVP of Plymouth County concentrating on focus areas including Economic Opportunity, Education, Veteran and Military Families, and Healthy Futures. Learn more at oces-ma.org or mayflowerrsvp.org.

Rogers & Gray Grants Over \$38,000

The Rogers & Gray Charitable Foundation, a fund of the Cape Cod Foundation, announced that over \$38,000 in grants were recently awarded to local non-profits as a result of the Foundation's successful fundraiser "Comedy for the Community". Over 200 guests attended the event, which was held at Wequassett Resort on May 14th and enjoyed 2 world-class comedians, live auction, lavish ocean front party and live music. The Rogers & Gray Charitable Foundation was able to grant \$19,000 to Gosnold on Cape Cod to support their preventative programs and over \$12,000 to High Point Treatment Centers. Visit rogersgray.com/foundation to learn more.

Cape Verdean Day Festival

This annual festive celebration of the culture of Cape Verde will take place on Sunday, July 26 from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Arnone School on Belmont Street Brockton. Bring your family along and enjoy this celebration of the Cape Verdean food and culture. Free parking available. For more information please contact the Cape Verdean Association in Brockton at 508-559-0056.

Downtown Brockton Arts & Music Festival

This summer on August 29, Brockton Arts again brings you the Downtown Brockton Arts & Music Festival at the Twin Salisbury Brook Parks on Montello St. (Rte. 28) in Brockton. DBAMFEST is a full day of live music, poetry, art, crafts, delicious food, kids activities and more. For three years the festival has kept growing bringing you rock, soul, jazz, blues, hip-hop, African drumming, folk, poetry, jewelry, vintage fashions, photography, sculptures, paintings, airbrush tattoos, and new friends. We look forward to seeing you again in 2015! Visit brocktonarts.org to learn more.

GenCon Opens in West Bridgewater



New Chamber member GenCon recently celebrated the Grand Opening of their new location at 323 Manley Street in West Bridgewater. GenCon is a lead provider of construction services in New England, specializing in healthcare renovations and new construction. Visit massremodel.com to learn more. Pictured: Reiko McNeil, Chamber Ambassador, Bridgewater Savings Bank; Joanne Schneider, Chamber Ambassador, Eastern Bank; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Bob Gendron, GenCon Principal Owner; State Representative Michelle DuBois; Eldon Moreira, Town of West Bridgewater; Alison van Dam, Chamber V.P. of Business Development



Vicente's Tropical Grocery recently celebrated the Grand Opening of their second location on Pleasant Street in Brockton. Left: Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Jason Barbosa, Vicente's, Chamber Board of Directors. Right: photo of the new grocery store by Marc Vasconcellos, The Enterprise.

Business leaders in the area tour Trinity Financial's newly developed Enterprise Block in downtown Brockton. The renovations include 113 newly constructed apartments, 52,000 square feet of commercial/office space, 273 parking spaces, and 5,500 square feet of artist and retail exhibition space, reinvigorating the old Brockton Enterprise block, now called Enterprise Center, and intensifying a revitalization of this proud old city. Learn more at trinityfinancial.com. Photo by Mary Waldron.



The Chamber recently hosted a group of graduate students and professionals visiting from Cape Verde through a partnership with Bridgewater State University and the Pedro Pires Leadership Initiative in Cabo Verde. For a better understanding of the United States and the community, this group heard from Alison van Dam, Vice President of Business Development at the Chamber about social and economic issues in the Metro South region.

MA Earned Sick Time Law Now In Effect

The new regulations for the Massachusetts Earned Sick Time law took effect on July 1, 2015, giving all employees the right to earn and take sick leave from work.

The final regulations were submitted by the Attorney General's office at the end of June, and can be viewed online by visiting mass.gov. Anyone with questions about the law and final regulations can email earnedsicktime@state.ma.us.



Jane Callahan, HR Alternatives, Board of Directors; John Hurst, President of Retailers Association of MA; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO at June's Government Affairs Meeting

Simpson Spring - Talk, Tour, & Taste in Easton

Photos by www.richmorganphotography.com



Christine Bertarelli, co-owner of Simpson Spring leads guests in a tour of the historic Simpson Spring facility



Barry Grunin, Barry Grunin Attorney at Law, looks over an old recipe book during tours of Simpson Spring



Mark Doucette; Jessica Wainright, Wainright Law; Craig Pina, Commonwealth Financial Group; Laurie Blair, Laurie B Design; Joanne Schneider, Eastern Bank - enjoy networking & Simpson Spring beverages



Bob Wisgirda, Metro South Resources, WVB 1530 wins a raffle drawing of Simpson Spring beverages; pictured with Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO



Matthew Bertarelli, Simpson Spring, welcomes guests to the family-owned and operated facility, one of the oldest independent bottling plants in the U.S.



Simpson Spring, located at 719 Washington St. in Easton, offers fresh spring water, hand-mixed soda, and a "Marketplace" on Saturdays from 11 am - 2 pm with tours, local meats, coffees, and more. Visit simpsonspring.com

Gain Exposure - Sponsorships Available Now

Sponsorship of a Chamber event offers your company exposure to the local business community and an opportunity to network with business leaders in the area. Not only does it create an awareness for your products and services, it allows you to target your marketing efforts to business professionals and potential customers in the Metro South region. Sponsorships may include interview segments or business descriptions/logos in e-marketing, newsletter, press releases and at events. Please call Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 ext 231 for more information.

Sponsorships still available for the 2015/2016 season are:

Annual Meeting (Attendance: 400-500)

Business After Hours (Attendance: 75-100)

Good Morning Metro South (Attendance: 150-200)

Legislative Reception (Attendance: 100-125)

A Taste of Metro South (Attendance: 700-750)

Business Awards Program (Attendance: 150-175)

ATHENA Breakfast & Expo (Attendance: 150-175)

Book for Business (Over 5000 copies printed)

Brockton Information Boards (6 locations in Brockton)

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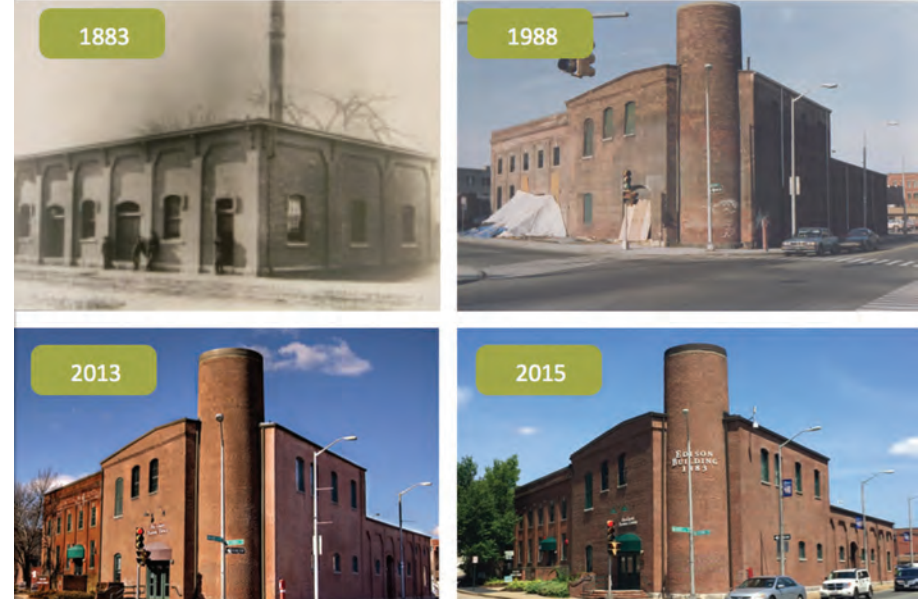


In 1988, the Chamber purchased and renovated the building to provide office space and a center to house research, consultation, education, and advocacy, complete with the spirit of innovation inspired by Thomas Edison. With this year's revitalization of the building, made possible through our Centennial Innovation Campaign partners, we have been able to provide necessary structural and cosmetic updates. Upgrades include a new roof, new skylights, new carpeting, fresh paint, new awnings, signage, furniture and technology.

With the assistance of our generous sponsors, the Metro South Chamber is happy to provide a first class center where businesses can develop their ideas and grow their assets via the Edison Business Incubator - a location where businesses can gain the knowledge to thrive through professional business counseling provided by SCORE, the Brockton 21st Century Corporation, the Brockton Redevelopment Authority, or the Supplier Diversity Office. It is a place where individuals can realize their entrepreneurial dreams through resources made available in the Business Assistance Center. And finally, it is a place where community members and visitors alike can receive regional information on local attractions, events, and businesses.

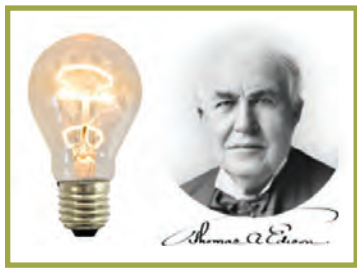
In the words of Edison, **"There are no rules here, we're just trying to accomplish something"**. Together, under the leadership of our Board of Directors and the Chamber Staff, we are accomplishing something. We hope many aspiring business people will use these resources to accomplish something as well!

50 - 70 School Street, Brockton



In 1883, the Metro South Chamber headquarters, the Brockton Edison Electric Illuminating Power Station, was owned by Thomas Edison and the Brockton Edison Electric Illuminating Company – better known today as National Grid.

It was here, in the Chamber building, that Thomas Edison first perfected the "Standardized Underground Village Utility," through a three-wire underground power distribution system. In its first couple of years, the steam-powered Edison Power Station served 109 residential, commercial and industrial customers, including the very first American theatre and American Fire station to receive central generated power. This invention was then quickly replicated in over 5,000 cities across America.



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Sue Joss, Chamber Chair; Jonah Wein, V.P. of Marketing, Crescent Credit Union; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO stand in front of the new Centennial Fund donor wall



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Over one hundred of Chamber & community members visited the headquarters to view completed renovations and enjoy networking



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce celebrates completed renovations to the historic headquarters with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. From left to right: Ray Ledoux, Vice Chair of Government Affairs, Brockton Area Transit Authority; Pat Ciaramella, Vice Chair of Economic Development, Old Colony Planning Council; Friend Weiler, Vice Chair of Membership Development, Town Moderator; Sue Joss, Chamber Chair, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; John Jurczyk, Board of Directors, President of Good Samaritan Medical Center (lead Centennial Fund sponsor); Mayor Bill Carpenter, City of Brockton; Richard Hynes, Board of Directors, Barbour Corporation; Alison van Dam, Vice-President of Business Development; Peter Vlado, Board of Directors, Brophy & Phillips Co., Inc.; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO



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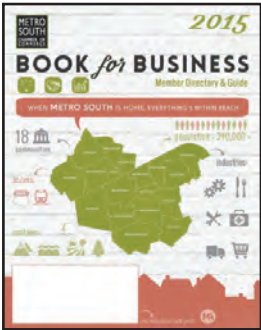
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If you have any questions, contact Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x 231 or email
alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com. Visit www.metroouthchamber.com for more information.

Advertise; Update Your Listing Online!

In an effort to streamline communications and “go green,” at the Chamber, the annual verification form can be completed online in the Members Only Section of the Chamber Website. The updated information will be used in the Annual Book for Business Member Directory. The information on the form will also be used for telephone referrals made by the Chamber.

The Metro South Book for Business is a colorful, 99+ page member directory and guide. It contains town information, business and residential demographics, legislative information and 2 free listings for each member. View last year’s Book for



Business at www.metroouthchamber.com/news-media/book-for-business.

The 2015 Book for Business was distributed to 5,000 people, including all members, business leaders, town halls, libraries, all Brockton Businesses as well as businesses in the region, Business Associations, and more.

The Members Only Login Page can be at metrosouthchamber.com/membership/member-login. Please contact Melanie McGrath at 508.586.0500 x 222, mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com if you have not received your login information.

A reminder with instructions and login info will be sent through email and mail later this summer.

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“Careers in Health” Initiative Celebrates Success!

It was on year ago when the Metro South Chamber of Commerce was awarded with a \$40,000 grant from the Lumina Foundation to support higher education programs. The award program was part of a partnership between the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) and Lumina Foundation to engage the business community in efforts to increase post-secondary education.

The Chamber used this grant to continue the Careers in Health Initiative, a program launched three years ago enabling us to train the region’s health care workers to meet the current and future workforce needs of the healthcare facilities in the Metro South region. The program targeted entry and advanced level health care employees who seek career and workplace advancement but require higher education, certification, or licensure.

“This grant was a welcome recognition and a boost to our efforts in attracting, training and retaining employees within the Metro South region. Our members and their employees are the primary beneficiary of these resources and our regional economy is stronger as a result,” said Christopher Cooney, CCE, Chamber President and CEO.

The Careers in Health Program concluded along with the grant, ending with a presentation for an American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) webinar entitled: “Creating Pathways for our Current and Future Workforce.”

Metro South, Massachusetts
LARGEST INDUSTRY:
Healthcare: 277 establishments in Brockton alone

In next 5 years, job vacancy rates in Southeastern, MA to increase:

- 42.9% for home health
- 31.8% for residential care
- 9.4% for nursing care
- 14.2% for hospitals

Program Successes
WIN/WIN/WIN/WIN!!

The Chamber wins from a goal/mission-achievement standpoint. Workforce development, increasing educational levels, and serving the local healthcare industry aid in economic development strategy to foster job creation and retention.

The colleges increase enrollment and receive funds from tuition fees.

The Employers benefit from more proficient employees and lower turnover rates (2020 report: \$25,000-30,000 average cost for employee turnover rate for professional jobs)

The Healthcare employees receive training and degrees/credentials such as a Bachelors in Science Nursing or a Nursing Assistant Certification (CNA), helping them move up the career ladder and earn higher wages.

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Gain Exposure with Brockton Info Boards!



Gain business exposure while supporting the revitalization of Brockton by sponsoring a space on the Brockton Information Boards! The Brockton Information Boards (BIBs) feature local attractions as well as a map of Brockton containing major routes, transportation services, schools, and train stations.

Sponsors will be highlighted with a photo, logo, contact information, and description of their business. Your sponsor space will be displayed on each of the 7 boards across 6 locations. With increased visitors in Downtown Brockton due to recent and continuing developments such as Station Lofts, the Enterprise Block, and City Hall Plaza, the Boards are sure to receive increased attention.

Prices to sponsor begin at \$1,500 for a one-year agreement. For more information, contact Melanie McGrath, 508.586.0500 x222, mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com. **Spaces are limited - only three remain!**

Chamber Thanks Dr. Mohler-Faria for Service



The Metro South Chamber wishes to thank Dr. Dana Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State University, for his service on the Board of Directors.

Dr. Mohler Faria has served more than 10 years on the Metro South Chamber Board of Directors, providing support for many Chamber initiatives and programs. Dr. Dana Mohler Faria also provided leadership for two Chamber delegations to Cape Verde and played a pivotal role in the development of the Downtown Brockton Higher Education Collaborative.

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SEED Corp. Offers Brockton Small Business Loans

As a regional nonprofit economic development corporation, South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation focuses on job creation by financing all types of small businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

SEED Corp. offers different types of loan programs specifically for Brockton businesses to help finance your small business in the City of Champions.

- **Micro Loan Program:** loans up to \$50,000; unsecured loans up to \$10,000;
- **Small Loan Program:** loans from \$1,000 to \$200,000 for start-up and existing businesses;
- **Eligible Businesses:** for-profit businesses including restaurants, retail shops, arts/culture, home-based businesses, and many more;
- **Use of Funds:** Working capital, Leasehold improvements, Machinery & equipment, Furniture & fixtures, Inventory, Refinancing of business credit card debt

SEED Corp. loans have low fixed interest rates from 5 - 6% depending on bank participation with terms up to 120 months, 90-100% financing, no pre-payment penalty, and business assistance. For more information on the Brockton Business Loan Program, please visit seedcorp.com or call (508) 822-1020.



Chamber Affiliate News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at 508.586.0500 x 223 or email chris@metrosouthchamber.com.



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** is reviewing applications for food vendors and demonstrations for their 2015 AutumnFest, to take place September 26. If you are interested in applying to be a food vendor, be considered for a demonstration, or become a sponsor, visit bridgewaterbiz.biz for more information.

The **Stoughton Chamber of Commerce** will join Smokey Bones Bar & Fire Grill for a game of "Questionnaire," a survey based game, on Thursday, August 13 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. The cost to attend and enjoy food is \$10, and \$25 per team of 3 to compete. For more information or to register, visit stoughtonma.com.



The mission of the **Norwell Chamber of Commerce** is to promote the civic, economic, and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. For more information, visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com.

The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com for more information.



The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park. Visit avonindustrialpark.org for more information.

The mission of **The Randolph Chamber of Commerce** is to promote, enhance and strengthen the business interests of its members and to maintain and unify a sound and healthy business district and climate while contributing to the well being of the Randolph community. Please visit randolphchamberofcommerce.org to learn more.



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The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)** will hold their July "Show & Tell" Breakfast on Thursday, July 30 from 7:30 am - 9:30 am at the Holiday Inn, 929 Hingham Street in Rockland. Here's a chance for you to shine! Bring an item to this breakfast for show and tell - it can be about your business or hobby, or just something interesting to share. Be creative - have some fun. Visit www.sswbn.com to learn more.



A Win-Win - Join the Chamber Ambassador Team!

The Metro South Chamber is seeking business representatives to join our Ambassador Team. The Ambassador Team ensures that the Chamber is responsive to the needs of its members through personal contact and networking. They act as liaisons, making courtesy calls to existing members, delivering new member plaques, and assisting members at events. Chamber Ambassadors are often the first to hear about Metro South Chamber news first hand, and receive increased exposure through direct conversations with potential leads, listings in the Action Report,, and by being rewarded through the Ambassador of the Quarter Program. Support your Chamber and its mission to serve members and the community for the economic advancement of the region by joining the Ambassador Team!

To learn more about joining the Ambassador Team, contact Doris Flecchia, doris@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 221. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 2, 8:00 am at the Chamber of Commerce.

ATHENA Program Honors Mary Waldron; Features Babson Professor & "Objective Leader" Author



Featured keynote speaker Elizabeth Thornton, Babson professor of management and author of *The Objective Leader*



State Representative Claire Cronin & State Representative Michael Brady honor ATHENA recipient Mary Waldron with a citation.



Sue Joss, Chamber Chair and past ATHENA Award recipient, emcees the ATHENA Program



Mary Waldron (right) and her daughter Casey Waldron, co-founders of "Just Checking In"

2015 ATHENA Award Recipient - Mary Waldron



Mary Waldron
Bridgewater State University

Director of Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement,
Bridgewater State University

Mary Waldron currently serves as the Director for Policy Analysis and Regional Engagement at Bridgewater State University, where she has accomplished much since being appointed to the position in 2013.

Prior to this position, Mary was the first female Executive Director of the Brockton 21st Century Corporation, where she created programs and resources for minority and women owned businesses. She has also served as Chair Person of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Committee and on the Board of Directors for SEED Corporation and Signature Healthcare.

In the community, Mary has worked with Signature Healthcare to raise funds for the HOPE Fund, is the co-founder with her daughter Casey of the Just Checking In Fund and the John A Waldron Wiffleball Tournament. She is a member of the Frederick Douglas Neighborhood Association, CleanUp crew, Brockton High School Alumni Association, and a CCD teacher at St. Edith Stein Parish. Mary also volunteers at Community Connections of Brockton, Keep Brockton Beautiful Day, the Jingle Bell Run, and Champions Fighting Cancer Walk.

Mary serves as a mentor to young women both in Brockton and on the Bridgewater State University Campus – sponsoring them to participate in various activities, events, and fundraisers. As Executive Director of Brockton 21st Century Corporation, 60% of her small business clients were women, 80% of that group being women of Cape Verdean, Haitian or African American backgrounds.

Mary continues to be committed to her family, church, community and the Bridgewater State University Community. In the words of the person who nominated Mary "She takes her role as a mentor and a woman leader seriously as her time commitment is usually stretched, like so many working women".

Mary Waldron truly embodies the ATHENA Award as she portrays all the virtues that the Greek Goddess Athena is known for: strength, courage, wisdom and enlightenment.



Charles Smith, Eastern Bank, Event Sponsor is interviewed by Barbara Duffy, Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc.



A crowd of over 140 people including members of the business community, legislators, friends, family, and coworkers, gathered to honor ATHENA Award recipient Mary Waldron

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Natalie Chandler,
South Shore Staffing



The 2015 ATHENA Program was held at the Mockingbird Restaurant - Miraval Ballroom, 838 N. Bedford Street in East Bridgewater. Visit mockingbirdrestaurant.com to learn more.

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Attendance is strongly encouraged.

JULY 30 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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Proposals are due on/before **Thur. July 30, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.**
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All proposals submitted after this time shall not be accepted.

You may also download the RFP document from the City's website
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BUSINESS EVENTS *Planner*

July 13

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

1:30 pm

Elvera's Cafe

132 Main Street, Brockton

Celebrate the Grand Opening of new member and restaurant Elvera's Cafe with a Ribbon Cutting!

Complimentary to Attend

For more information, call 508-586-0500 ext. 231

July 22

BAC Funders Meeting

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Metro South Chamber

60 School Street, Brockton

Learn about the Chamber's business resource, the Business Assistance Center (BAC) and how you can help it to improve

Complimentary to Attend

For more information, call 508-586-0500 x227

August 6

Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Crescent Credit Union

Location TBD

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September 9

Good Morning Metro South

7:30 am - 9:00 am

Location TBD

Save the date and join us for breakfast, networking, and great speakers during this monthly television show style format event.

Cost: \$25 members, \$35 future-members

To register, call 508-586-0500 ext. 231

September 11

Government Affairs Luncheon

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street, Brockton

Join us for thoughtful dialogue on contemporary issues with a special guest speaker.

Cost: \$8 members, \$15 future-members

To register, call 508-586-0500 ext. 231

September 17

Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

SERVPRO of Milton/Braintree

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Join us for an evening of networking and refreshments at this Chamber Business After Hours event.

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