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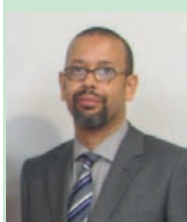
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To serve the interests of member businesses while providing community leadership to ensure the economic advancement of the Metro South region.



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Honoring Women; Awards, Expo, Public Policy Expert

Thursday, June 16, 2011

Expo: 8:00 am - 9:00 am

Breakfast Awards Program: 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Expo: 10:00 am - 11:00 am



On Thursday, June 16, at the Shaw's Center, Brockton, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and HarborOne Credit Union will present the 13th Annual ATHENA Award during a special breakfast to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in his/her business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Awards Program was created in 1982 and has expanded to over 500 cities in the United States, Russia, Canada, China, The United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, communities and government.

The featured speaker is Dr. Carol Hardy-Fanta, Director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies. Dr. Hardy-Fanta is a nationally recognized scholar on



Dr. Carol Hardy-Fanta
Director of the Center of Women in
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Latina/o politics and has published widely on the intersection of gender, race and ethnicity in politics and public policy. Her public policy focuses on benchmarking women's economic and political progress.

The breakfast awards program will run from 9am-10am with the ATHENA Expo running from 8am-11am. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$35 for future members, and expo tables are \$99 and include 1 Breakfast ticket. To register, please contact Kim Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 231, or visit www.metroouthchamber.com.

Past Recipients include: Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center; Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services; Dr. Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal, Loretta Degrazzia, East Coast Petroleum, Marianne Wroble Cox, WXBR 1460am Radio; Shailah Stewart, Brockton Public Schools; Dr. Linda Faria Braun, the Adult Learning Center; Christine Karavites, Proteas Consulting; Barbara Duffy, BAMSI; Noelle Foye, Fuller Craft Museum; Janice Cunningham, East Bridgewater Police.

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Chamber Advocates, Presents Awards, and Provides Opportunity

Legislative Luncheon



Former US Congressman William Delahunt



Cedric Cromwell, Chair of the
Wampanoag Council Board

See page 7 for more photos
See page 2 for Planning
Session Information

Small Business Luncheon & Expo



Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp, Recipient, 2011 Small Business of the Year



Richard Rosen, MicGuigan's Pub, Entrepreneur of the Year Award Recipient
with Sheila Gonzalez and Paul Arghinetti, Sponsors, Bank of America

See page 8 & 9 for more on the expo,
lunch and nominees.

Future Travel



China: November 1-9, 2011, \$2,230 all-inclusive



Thailand & Hong Kong, November 1-9, 2011, \$2,849

See page 6 for more information,
including a free July 13 info session
in Brockton.

Chamber Meets With Kerry on EPA Limits



Senator John Kerry

Chamber President and CEO, Christopher Cooney spoke with U.S. Senator John Kerry about requesting EPA acceptance of Massachusetts DEP limits for the recently renovated regional Advanced Water Reclamation Facility in Brockton. The Senator visited the area last week when the two spoke about the issue that could lead to greater regional wastewater collaboration. The Chamber is advocating for the Massachusetts DEP limit over the lower EPA limits. The higher state DEP limit would allow processing of an additional two million gallons of wastewater each day, potentially benefiting additional towns within the area. The regional facility currently serves Abington, Whitman and Brockton.

"Many surrounding towns are in need of wastewater treatment services. Since this facility is nearby and has recently undergone more than ninety-million dollars in renovations, we could make better use of it before any more money is invested in creating new redundant facilities throughout the region. By adopting the higher Massachusetts DEP limits, the region could potentially benefit in terms of operating efficiencies, economic development and job retention," said Chamber President and CEO, Christopher Cooney.

More than 100 Businesses Join the Chamber

The Chamber has welcomed more than 100 New Members this year. A special new member orientation and reception is planned for August 25th at the ICC in Canton. See page 3 for more information.

Social Media Workshop Series for Business



Tweets & Blogs: How This Can Help With SEO
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
9:00 am - 11:00 am

Join us for this FREE workshop where you will learn a basic overview of Twitter and blogging, how they work with search engine optimization (SEO), investigating their uses along with three recognized blogging platforms (Wordpress, Typepad and Blogger), Widget and conversion mechanisms, structuring of blogs, ideas for writing and case studies of different types of blogs.

This workshop is free and will take place at Crescent Credit Union, 115 Commercial Street, Brockton. For registration/information, contact Tammi or Alison at the MSBDC at 508-673-9783 or register online at www.msbdc.org/semass and click on Event Calendar. Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with SBA.

U.S. Small Business Programs Offered

Attend a FREE SBA workshop designed to highlight the various SBA programs and services that are available to prospective or current entrepreneurs who need assistance in starting or expanding their business. General information will be provided on the following:



Small Business Counseling (SCORE)

Small Business / Development Centers • Business Information Center
SBA 7(a) • Loan Guaranty Program • 8(a) Business Development
HUB/Zones • Small Disadvantaged Business Assistance • Government
Contracting Opportunities

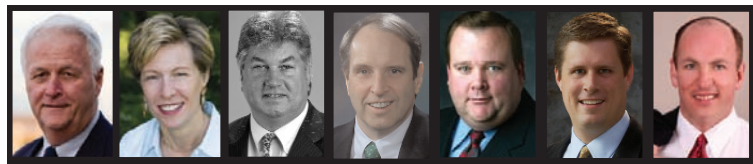
The workshop will be held at CareerWorks, 34 School Street, Brockton from 2 - 4 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The next workshops will be held on June 15, 2011 and July 20, 2011. Contact CareerWorks at 508.513.3400 for further workshop information.

What Speakers Would You Like to See This Year?

Program Planning Session, Friday, June 10, 2011, 12:00 pm

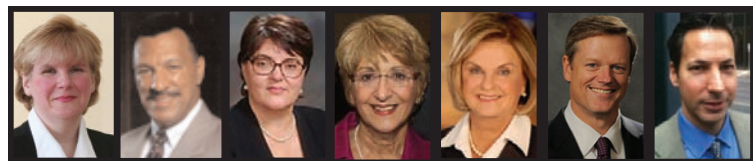
The Chamber will be holding a key planning session in order to establish priorities and brainstorm speakers for 2011-2012 events. Chamber members are encouraged to attend and help in providing the best possible programming. The Planning Session will take place on June 10 at 12:00 pm at the Metro South Chamber, 60 School Street, Brockton. RSVP by calling Lisa Keene at 508.586.0500 x 225, lkeene@metrosouthchamber.com, or Kim Prosper, 508.586.0500 x 231, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com.

2010-2011 Government Affairs Featured Speakers:



William Delahunt, Former Congressman; Suzanne Bump, State Auditor; Michael Brady, State Representative; Thomas Kennedy, Senator; John Regan, Executive Vice President, Associated Industries of Massachusetts; Geoff Diehl, State Representative; Brian Joyce, Senator

2010-2011 Good Morning Metro South/Annual Events Featured Speakers:



Linda Balzotti, Mayor of Brockton; Dana Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State University; Katherine Hesse, Partner, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lebane, LLP; Barbara Anthony, Undersecretary, Office of Consumer Affairs & Business Regulations; Mary Richardson, Former Co-Author of Chronicle and Community Liaison for Caritas Christi Health Care; Charlie Baker, Former Candidate for Governor; Stephen Michon, FutureWorks

After Hours at the Community Bank

Wednesday, June 22

Please join us on Wednesday, June 22 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm for a Chamber Business After Hours networking event at the Community Bank headquarters located at 1265 Belmont Street, Brockton.

The Community Bank, headquartered in Brockton since 1877, serves the communities of southeastern Massachusetts from its locations in Brockton, Bridgewater, Lakeville, and Sandwich. In addition to a complete selection of banking services for businesses and individuals including Free Checking and Online Banking, The Bank also specializes in a wide range of competitive commercial and residential mortgages and loans. The Bank's logo, the big



green kite, represents the Bank's unique approach to business and its commitment to simplifying banking for its customers.

Join us for an evening of networking, raffles, drinks, and catered fine food at the Community Bank. This event is free to attend. Register by contacting Kimberly Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com or call 508.586.0500 x 231. As always, don't forget your business cards!

Criolo Cultural Clothing Opens Downtown



Mayor Linda Balzotti holds a custom made photo. The photo was later printed onto a t-shirt



Luis Barbosa, Hostelino Ribeiro, Mayor Linda Balzotti, Owner Will Barbosa and Guilhermina Barbosa cut the ribbon



Criolo Cultural Clothing located at 162 Main St., Brockton

Criolo Cultural Clothing recently celebrated their Grand Opening with a Ribbon Cutting at their store located at 162 Main Street in downtown Brockton.

Criolo Cultural Clothing (C3) specializes in creating custom designs according to the customer's specifications based on culture, personality, and lifestyle. From custom photos and graphic design to apparel and novelty items, C3 brings customers' ideas to life thru media and communications. For more information, contact Will Barbosa at 508-942-9265.

Golf Town Opens in Avon



Golf Town recently opened in Avon, MA, celebrating with a ribbon cutting ceremony. From L to R: Vice President of New England, Lucas Badinski, CEO & President Stephen Babis, Metro South Chamber of Commerce Director of Member Services, John Nesti, Avon Golf Town General Manager Mike Hicks and Ron Hornbaker Vice President of Sales and Operations. The Golf Town is located at 75 Stockwell Drive, Avon

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Networking at Events

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

JUNE Calendar**8**

Tweets & Blogs Workshop
 Crescent Credit Union, 115 Commercial Street, Brockton

9:00 am

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**Government Affairs & Good Morning
 Metro South Planning Session (see page 2)**

12:00 pm

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ATHENA Awards
 Shaw's Center, 1 Lexington Avenue, Brockton
 Business Expo
 Awards & Breakfast
 Business Expo

8:00 am

9:00 am

10:00 am

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Business After Hours at Community Bank
 1265 Belmont Street, Brockton

5:30 pm

**Coming Up
 July****4**

Independence Day - Chamber Closed

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China & Hong Kong/Thailand Trip Info Session
 Country Inn & Suites, 50 Christy's Drive, Brockton

6:30 pm

**Save the Date
 August****9**

Executive Committee

3:00 pm

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Mutual Bank Open House/Networking
 Mutual Bank, 656 Crescent Street, Brockton

5:30 pm

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New Member Orientation & Reception
 Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton

4:00 pm

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Business After Hours at Irish Cultural Centre
 Irish Cultural Centre, 200 New Boston Drive, Canton

5:30 pm

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Board of Directors Meeting

12:00 pm

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

Promote Your Business Across the City

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 to provide physically challenged participants equal access to
 all programs. If you or your employees have special needs in
 this area, please let us know by calling the Chamber at 508-
 586-0500 at least 48 hours in advance.



This is your opportunity to reach thousands of people daily! The Brockton Information Boards contain information on local attractions and a bus map of the city. They are placed at 7 prominent locations around the city, including City Hall/the Chamber, the BAT terminal, the Downtown MBTA Train Station, the Downtown Parking Garage, the Brockton Historical Society, and the Fuller Craft Museum. The purpose of the boards is to help people navigate around the city and increase tourism, fostering growth within the city. For more information on the boards, contact Alison van Dam at 508.586.0500 x 222 or email avandam@metrosouthchamber.com

Celebrate the great things going on!

Members: Send your Good News to avandam@metrosouthchamber.com**Mechanic Cooperative Names...**

Mechanics Cooperative has named Paula M. Botelho Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer. Botelho, "an excellent business lender with strong sales experience" as well as a dedicated member of the community, has served on the loan committees of the New Bedford Economic Development Council and South Eastern Economic Development Corporation, in addition to her past involvement with Junior Achievement and the United Way.

Crescent Employees Support Strong Kids Campaign

At the Brockton Fairgrounds, 80 Crescent Credit Union employees, family, and friends raised \$15,000 for the Old Colony YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. The money will send kids to camp, help kids get off the streets and into YMCA programs, give kids role models, and help teens stay healthy and active. For the past 3 months, Crescent employees collected contributions from credit union members, business partners, family and friends - all leading up to the Strong Kids Walk.

Panera Bread Donates to South Shore Hospital

Panera Bread has donated \$7,162 to South Shore Hospital, the Operation Dough-Nation partner for select South Shore bakery-cafes. Contributions generated through Operation Dough-Nation support cancer care at South Shore Hospital. Funds raised advance care for thousands of patients in the region and provide clinical resources for caregivers. The Operation Dough-Nation partnership between Panera Bread and South Shore Hospital began in 2010. Through the partnership, customers can make donations to the Hospital through the Community Breadbox™ located at the registers at Panera Bread bakery. Panera also supports hospital fundraisers such as the Walk for Hospice, and other initiatives. For more information on Panera Bread please visit www.panerabread.com.

The Community Bank Welcomes Dwyer

The Community Bank announces Martie M. Dwyer has been elected Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer for The Community Bank. A veteran banker with extensive commercial lending and retail experience, she is responsible for the bank's Commercial and Residential loan portfolios. She is actively involved in the community and is significantly increasing employee participation in a wide range of charitable events.

Good Samaritan Physicians Awarded

Nearly two dozen physicians who are on staff at Good Samaritan Medical Center or affiliated with the hospital have been named as Patients' Choice Award winners for 2010. MDx Medical, Inc., which tabulates the award, has released its full list of award winners. Every month, more than 100,000 patients across the United States provide online feedback about their experiences with their doctors. They rate various components such as bedside manner, doctor-patient face time, degree of follow-up, courtesy of office staff and overall opinions. MDx Medical, Inc., uses this information to tabulate the awards. The notation of these physicians' distinction will be prominently displayed on a broad collection of web sites, including Vitals.com, Right Health, Google and a variety of managed care sites. For more information, www.patientschoice.org.

Mansfield Bank Sponsors Summer Reading

Mondays, July 11th - August 15th: "One World, Many Stories," is the 2011 Children's Summer Reading Program at the Ames Free Library in Easton. The program, underwritten by Mansfield Bank, encourages kids of all ages to develop lifelong reading habits, weaving magic, music and more. Contact Madeline Miele Holt of Ames Free Library for more information.

SEED Corp Launches New Website

The South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation announced the launch of their newly redesigned Web site www.seed-corp.com. Visitors to the site will find the new look to be more user-friendly and full of helpful information on starting up, expanding and obtaining financing for small businesses. The new site provides users with a comprehensive overview of various loan programs and links to local resources, and technical assistance providers. Other features include an events calendar with information about SEED's free Entrepreneurial Workshop Sessions, a downloadable Business Plan Booklet, and access to relevant forms and other important information. For more information on SEED and its programs, please call 508-822-1020 or visit SEED's new Web site at www.seedcorp.com.

HUD Funding Supports 10 Homeless Families

The United Way of Greater Plymouth County announces that the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), recently awarded \$286,330 to the Brockton-Plymouth area for two new housing projects through its Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program. Ten homeless households will benefit from this new HUD funding. Father Bill's & MainSpring (FBMS), a non-profit agency dedicated to ending homelessness in Southeastern, MA, was chosen to assist seven chronically homeless individuals and three families to resettle in apartments in the community with rental assistance and supportive services. Heads of these households will be persons with disabilities who require support to achieve and sustain self-sufficiency. HUD funding to the Brockton-Plymouth area from the 2010 process, totaled more than \$672,000. The United Way of Greater Plymouth County assists community providers to apply for these funds annually.

YouthWorks Launches Website

The Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development's Commonwealth Corporation announced the new YouthWorks website aimed at connecting employers with young people looking for work. The brand new portal, <http://massyouthemployment.org> allows employers to explore how to hire young people, by registering as a worksite, posting jobs, and learning more about the benefits of hiring teens in today's competitive economy. It will serve as a resource for teens looking for a summer job, as well as providing tips and information about getting ready for work and exploring careers. The Patrick-Murray Administration is also anticipating additional summer jobs funding from the current budget deliberations, with the potential to bring the total up to 4,000 jobs for youth this summer.

HarborOne Names Administrative Officer

James W. Blake, President and CEO of HarborOne Credit Union, has announced the

promotion of Elza Rebolo to Administrative Officer. Ms. Rebolo joined HarborOne in 1995 as a Mortgage Processor and then Mortgage Processing Supervisor. She has worked directly for James Blake as Executive Assistant for the past 15 years. Her responsibilities include corporate duties assigned by the CEO, Board Chair or Committee Chair. Ms. Rebolo has taken various Banking courses and certificate programs.

Mutual Bank Participates in Relay for Life

Staff members of Mutual Bank, a full-service bank with nine branches throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and on Cape Cod will again participate in the Bridgewater, Lakeville & Middleboro Relay for Life in the hopes of raising \$10,000 for research and programs facilitated by the American Cancer Society. An estimated 40 Mutual Bank employees will take part in the fundraising event, slated June 17-18 at the Bridgewater-Raynham Regional High School.

Conway Commercial Connection Learns About Appraisals

Shaun Fitzgerald, vice-chairman of the Town of Easton's Board of Assessors, was the enthusiastic guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Conway Commercial Connection in Abington. Fitzgerald spoke to a group of Jack Conway Realtors about the commercial appraisal process and how to calculate a capitalization rate on income-producing property. Fitzgerald says "Simply put, capitalization rates are an indirect measure of how fast an investment will pay for itself". Fitzgerald's presentation was the latest in a series of informational meetings held at the Conway Commercial Connection on Rte. 123 in Abington, a recently established branch of the 42-office Jack Conway & Company.

Brockton Area Networking Group Meetings

BANG meets every other Wednesday from 7:30 am - 9:00 am at Hardy Catering, 740 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379. (Next meeting June 8, 2011) BANG B2B Sphere Group meets for breakfast every other Wednesday from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at the Pearl St Diner, 1050 Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301. (Next Meeting June 1, 2011). BANG Financial/Real Estate Sphere Group meets every other Friday from 9:00 am - 10:00 am at Wainwright Law Office, 255 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301. BYOB (Next meeting June 3, 2011). For more information, call 508-942-4504 or visit www.bangworks.org.

Belle Epoque Events to Celebrate 1 Year Anniversary

Belle Epoque will host a DJ on Fri. June 10th from 6-9pm to play some tunes. Enjoy entertainment, a wonderful meal, and samples of food. Belle Epoque will have a live band on Saturday, June 11, 7-9 pm to perform Caribbean rhythm & other music. Belle Epoque is located at 793 Crescent Street, Brockton. Call 508-580-0020 or visit www.belleepoquefoods.com.

Office Space Available

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church has office space available for lease in their Fruth Center at 891 Montello St. Non-profits preferred but all will be considered. There are 3 interconnected offices (24 x 20 each) and possibly a fourth if more space is needed. Rates are very good. Handicap Accessible. For more information, call Jim Benson at 508-586-9021.

Rocky Marciano Website

The Enterprise has created a special Rocky Marciano Website on their website. Visit it at www.enterpriseneews.com/rocky.

5th Annual NIE Children's Book Sale Fundraiser

Help continue to provide newspapers and other education resources to local schools by donating your gently used children's books. Proceeds will go towards the Enterprise and Patriot Ledger NIE Programs which provided over 40,000 newspapers in the classroom each work and other resources, materials and contests. Drop off locations are GateHouse Media, 15 Pacella Park Drive, Randolph, the Enterprise, 1324 Belmont Street, Brockton or the Patriot Ledger, 400 Crown Colony Drive, 4th floor, Quincy, 9am-5pm. For more information, call 508-427-4010 or email cshowstack@enterpriseneews.com. The book sale will take place on June 18.

St Joseph Manor Golf Tournament

Monday, June 13, 2011, St. Joseph Manor Health Care in Brockton, Massachusetts, will hold its 20th Annual Golf Tournament at the Easton Country Club in South Easton, Massachusetts. All proceeds directly benefit our 118 residents and 60 adult day health clients. Tournament costs \$135.00 and includes cart, giveaways, player prizes, continental breakfast and luncheon. Don't golf? Participate by becoming a sponsor or advertising in our program booklet. To register as a golfer, sponsor or for additional information please contact Marni Dunton, Marketing Coordinator at 508-583-5834 ext. 3058 or via email at mdunton@SJMBrockton.org.

Greater Brockton Health Fair

Saturday, June 25: Greater Brockton Health Fair sponsored by AARP/Walgreens Wellness Tour. At the Trinity Baptist Church, 1180 Main Street, Brockton, 10am-4pm. The purpose of this event is to provide information on resources available to people so they can lead healthier lives.

Home Health & Child Care Community Fun Day

Sunday, June 26: Home Health & Child Care Services 1st Annual Community Fun Day. The event will begin with a lunch of burgers, hot-dogs, baked beans, salads, desserts and drinks. Throughout the afternoon there will be raffles, a silent auction, games and activities for children (plus a few surprises) and music provided by "Boston Sound". 12-4pm at the Brockton VFW, 238 N. Quincy Street. Advance tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 children. At the door: \$12 adult, \$5.00 children. Call 508-436-6060, or email fundraiser@hhcc.org.

Andrew Milian Named Man of the Year

Chamber Member Andrew Milian of Liberty Mutual has been named Man of the Year for the Massachusetts Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Andrew raised more than \$40,000 for the cause. Andrew will now be entered in the national competition. For more information, contact Andrew at 781-740-1920 x 54564.

Chamber Meets with Cape Verde Officials



Veronica Carvalho Martins, Commercial Attache for the Consulate General, Rui Cardoso Santos, President, and Eileen Almeida Barbosa, Board Member of the Cape-Verdean Investment Promotion Agency met with the Chamber's Board of Directors recently to discuss opportunities of mutual benefit in Cape Verde. Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO; Chamber Chair-elect Bill Morse of Mutual Bank; Mayor Linda Balzotti; Rui Cardoso Santos, Veronica Martins and Eileen Almeida Barbosa.

Panera Opens on Belmont Street, Brockton



Steve Morgan, Manager at the new Panera Bread, celebrates the grand opening at the new rt. 123 location in Brockton on the Easton line. Also in attendance were Chamber board members, ambassadors and members of the City Council.

Applications Being Accepted for Summer Jobs



Brockton students aged 16-24 are encouraged to sign up for Mayor Balzotti's 2011 Summer Jobs Program.

During the summer, qualifying youth will be placed with a business or community partner to learn new skills and work habits that will enable them to build a strong foundation for a successful

career. The goal of the program is to place 350 young people in jobs this summer.

Students may apply by clicking on the link of the City of Brockton homepage. If you are eligible for the program, you will be invited in for an interview in June. Sponsored by Mayor Linda Balzotti and the City of Brockton, the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Construction Career Day Provides Hands-On Exploration

The construction industry is facing a crisis within its workforce. The average age of a construction worker in the United States is now 45 years old. As baby boomers move toward retirement, finding younger workers who can pass time-tested skills has become a challenge.

In order to prevent this crisis from happening, a

Construction Career Day event designed to expose high school students to a broad range of opportunities in the construction field was held on May 4th and May 5th at the New England Laborers Training Academy in Hopkinton. This two-day event, which hosted over twelve hundred students from Massachusetts, was organized by a Construction Career Day Steering Committee made up of representatives from various construction fields and representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE).

Brockton High School, Stoughton High School and Southeastern Regional



Brockton High School students Andrew Ballinger (left) and Luis Huaman (right) are instructed by Ashland, MA firefighters

Vocational Technical High School participated in this event, accessible to them through the Metro South Connecting Activities Partnership, a collaboration of BAWIB, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and the DESE, which provides high school youth with meaningful worksite learning experiences in order to build academic, technical, and workplace skills.

The Goal of Construction Career Day was to remove the perceived stigma from the word "construction" and to broaden the understanding of the industry. During the day, students were able to participate in a number of hands on activities such as operating backhoes, excavators, pavers and rollers, concrete finishing, welding and electrical work. Students were also given the materials to build a tool box that they could take home and even weld a personalized gift for Mother's day. For more information on Connecting Activities, call Kathy Lynch at 508.586.0500 x 227.

Connecting Activities SPOTLIGHT

The Metro South Connecting Activities Partnership spotlights youth involved in structured internships with local employers. To learn more about this and other competitive workforce programs, contact Kathleen Lynch at the Chamber by calling (508) 586-0500 ext. 227 or via e-mail klynch@metrosouthchamber.com.



Supervisor Domingas Silva, Adventure Dental with intern Shanice Lobo, a student at Stoughton High School

Shanice Lobo is a senior at Stoughton High School. She started her internship at Adventure Dental in November of 2010 for a work-study program. While here, she worked along side and was mentored by lead Dental Assistant Domingas Silva. Shanice learned the importance of work ethic, responsibility, and being compassionate towards patient needs. Though her studies she's leaning towards becoming a Nurse Anesthetist, she found that the dental field is quite interesting, and is enjoying working with us. Shanice Lobo has been an outstanding addition to our staff. She is reliable and hard working. She has an outstanding personality and will go far in any career path she chooses.

- Domingas Silva, Lead Dental Assistant, Adventure Dental



Intern Terry Smith of Stoughton High School with supervisor Caroline Jones of School on Wheels, Massachusetts

Since March, Terry has been working in the Brockton-based School on Wheels of Massachusetts office, reporting to Education Coordinator Caroline Jones. "Terry first approached us after attending one of our volunteer tutor training sessions," said Jones. "He expressed an interest in grant writing and mentoring. Terry is intelligent and mature. His calm demeanor is perfect for the type of program services we offer." Founder and Executive Director Cheryl Opper explained the important role the Stoughton High School senior has with School on Wheels. "My hope is that he comes back after his freshman year of college to work

with us again. He clearly understands the importance of tutoring children and families experiencing homelessness," Opper added. "We need more youth like Terry to become involved in service oriented programs in their communities." During the 10 week internship, Terry assisted Jones with the educational component of School on Wheels' program services. He helped do research as well as collect important student data. Most importantly, Terry tutored and mentored young male students in the Brockton community. In August Terry will attend Tuskegee University in Alabama.

- Caroline Jones, Education Coordinator, School on Wheels, Massachusetts

Auditor Suzanne Bump Speaks to Chamber



Suzanne Bump, State Auditor and former Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development recently spoke at the Chamber's Government Affairs meeting. Also speaking was James DeChene, Manager of the Eastern Region of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Boston Irish Festival June 17 Through June 19

The Irish Cultural Centre of New England in Canton will present the 2011 Boston Irish Festival Friday, June 17- Sunday, June 19. Featuring Irish Music, step dancing, Ceili Dancing, Irish arts tent, Irish films tent, genealogy, music workshops, Gaelic Sports featuring the Northeast GAA, Tea House, amusements and games, children's activities, food and refreshments, shopping, bands and more. \$15/day or \$35 weekend pass. For more information, call 1-888-GO-IRISH or visit www.bostonirishfestival.info.

Brockton Rox Host After Hours



Matthew Del Papa and Chef Doug from Legal Seafoods in Braintree hand out samples of their famous Clam Chowder



Brian Droukas, Brockton Rox
Jay Pike, Sharkansky LLP, CPA's



Richard Hooke, Crescent Credit Union
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Sabina Herlihy, Sabina T. Herlihy and Associates



Josh Davis and Barry Walters;
Boston Limo Shuttle Service, LLC



Kimberly Prosper, Metro South Chamber; Tim Holick, Wood
Palace Kitchens, Inc; Michael Canina, Brockton Rox

Former Boxing Champion Holmes Visits the Region



Chamber President and CEO Christopher Cooney recently spoke with former Boxing Champion Larry Holmes at an event sponsored by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Center for Marketing Research. Cooney and Shaynah Barnes of Congressman Lynch's office attended the scholarship event.

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On Wednesday, July 13, come learn about the upcoming trips to Hong Kong & Thailand or to China! This information session will go over details and answer questions regarding the trip. The info session is for anyone interested in traveling to Hong Kong & Thailand or to Beijing, Suzhou, Shanghai and Hangzhou, China.

The Chamber is sponsoring this nine-day trip in partnership with Citilinc, a company with 29 years of experience in the tour business. In the past 2 years the Metro South Chamber has sent 175 people to China. The trip to Hong Kong and Thailand is priced at \$2,849 and the trip to China is priced at \$2,230. Both trips include round trip airfare, transportation to JFK Airport, 3 meals each day, 4 and 5 star accommodations, entrance to attractions, deluxe bus tours, English-speaking tour guides and more. For more information and a complete itinerary, call Alison van Dam at 508.586.0500 x 222 or visit www.metroouthchamber.com/travel.html.

Networking at BAWIB



Robert Diehl, BAWIB; Mary Bohan, Brockton Area Private
Industry Council; Jim Long, Controller Service & Sales, Inc.



Michele Aberasturia, BAWIB;
Tina Glidden, CareerWorks



Alex Perez, Burrito Wraps;
Angel Nieves, AFLAC



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The Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board (BAWIB), located at 34 School Street, Brockton, recently held a Business After Hours. BAWIB is business-led, policy-setting board that oversees workforce development initiatives and works with employers to bring training resources to the region. For more information, visit www.bawib.org.

Chamber Hosts Former U.S. Congressman William Delahunt at Legislative Luncheon

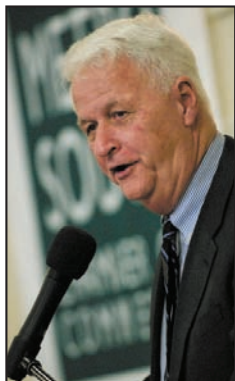
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John Buckley, Registrar of Deeds; State Representative
Geoff Diehl; Senator John Keenan



Daniel Salvucci, Town of Whitman Selectman;
Charles Kilmer, Old Colony Planning Council



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Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Small Businesses

The Small Biz EXPO featured over 40 local companies. Photos Courtesy of Rich Morgan, www.richmorganphotography.com.



Brian Droukas,
The Brockton Rox



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2011 Nominees: John Duval, Apotheca South Shore; Mary Waldron, 21st Century Corp; Kathy and Richard Rosen, McGuigan's Pub; Kristin and John Martin, Mia Regazza; Elie Ata and Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp; Francisco Mendez and Sheyla Mendez, Hungry Coyote, DJ Calixte, Belle Epoque; Bill and Janine Sims, Cake in a Box. Not pictured: Beaver Woodworking Supplies and The Mockingbird Restaurant.

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Francisco Mendez, Hungry Coyote; Senator Thomas Kennedy



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2011 Award Finalists

John Duval, Apothecare South Shore, Inc.

720 Centre Street, Brockton • www.apothecareinc.com

Apothecare

Apothecare South Shore, Inc. provides prescriptions and supplies to group homes, home deliveries, specialty medication for children, and drug rehabilitation programs. During the 1980's, local pharmacies were having trouble staying afloat against competition from places like CVS and Walgreens. John Duval began researching prescription alternatives. In 1995, John started providing services to 6 group homes. In 1997, services increased to 40 group homes, and in 2000, delivery services increased to 300 home deliveries, 400 group homes, 300 drug rehab patients and 4 hospices. John started Apothecare, Inc. in 2002 and purchased the Centre Street, Brockton location in 2009, providing services from Boston to Cape Cod and the RI border. They employ 30 full time and 30 part time employees with 24/7 coverage. John has 10 drivers and provides home delivery services to 2500 patients monthly. In the community, Apothecare has been involved in the "Take back Drug Program" with the Whitman Police department. John received the Mass Pharmacy of the Year Award in 1988 as well as the Independent Pharmacy of the Year Award in 1988.

Lawrence Forta, Beaver Woodworking Supplies

1 Brockton Ave., Brockton • www.beaverwoodsupplies.com



It is owner Larry Forta's dream to carry everything having to do with woodworking. Beaver Woodworking Supplies focuses on happy customers and believes that they are the best and

most truthful form of advertising. Larry thrives on thinking of the most efficient and innovative ways to get a job done. When he is not on the floor, he can be found behind his desk looking through piles of catalogs and books full of the latest and best in woodworking information and tools. Beaver Woodworking Supplies boasts an inventory of over 20,000 products. Half of these sales are from Industrial Accounts, Cabinet Shops, Hospitals, Local Schools and Universities. Now offering adhesives, power hand tools, saw fences, hinges, cutters, decorative hardware, finishes, cabinet hardware, hand tools, clamps, molding, solid resurfacing, router bits and more. Beaver Woodworking Supplies has been in business for 48 years and employs 10-19 people.

DJ Calixte, Belle Epoque

793 Crescent Street, Brockton, www.bellepoquefoods.com



Belle Epoque is a Haitian/Caribbean Café and Bakery owned and operated by the Calixte and Devaris Family. Belle Epoque opened their doors in May of 2010 and currently staff 3 cooks. Their formula for success, according to co-owner DJ Calixte, is to stay focused and always think of new ways to grow the business. Future goals for the café include bringing a new flavor to Brockton by consistently offering delicious Caribbean dishes to the community and by introducing live entertainment. Belle Epoque is now serving Sangria, beer and wine and offers catering for all occasions.

Janine and Bill Sims, Cake in a Box

15 Broad Street, Bridgewater • www.thecakeinabox.com



Janine Sims had been decorating cakes for over a decade and always wanted to own her own cake shop. In July 2010, Janine and Bill Sims opened Cake in a Box, offering unique, delicious and custom made cakes in 42 flavors. Since their opening, Cake in the Box has extended their hours to meet the needs of area residents and hired 4 additional employees. They have also become the preferred wedding cake vendor for the Villa at Ridder Country club, supply desserts for 2 local restaurants and have had an increase in demand for their cakes. Cake in the Box has contributed to the community by donating cakes and raffle items to the Bridgewater Public Library, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and numerous benefit functions for medical research and school functions, as well as offering discounts for local businesses. They have also participated in the work intern program with Whitman-Hanson High. Cake in the Box, the first bakery in Bridgewater Center in years, operates out of a 672 square foot building.

Francisco Mendez, Hungry Coyote

1753 S. Main Street, Brockton



Hungry Coyote is a restaurant offering authentic Mexican food, made fresh every day. Owner Francisco Mendez was raised in Mexico where he entered the restaurant business, but dreamed of moving to America and starting a restaurant here. He saw a growing city and an opportunity in Brockton and opened his restaurant during a struggling economy. Hungry Coyote has now stabilized and has even acquired a beer and wine license. They have been in business for 2 years and employ 3 part time and 1 full time employee. In the community, Hungry Coyote has donated food to the Brockton Boxer Wrestling Team, Black and Blue Law Enforcement, and community blood drives. In the future, Hungry Coyote would like to grow in the community and expand their business by building more restaurants including a location in Downtown Brockton.

2011 Small Business Award Recipients

Entrepreneur of the Year

McGuiggan's Pub

546 Washington St Whitman • www.mcguigganspub.com



Richard & Kathy Rosen

McGuiggan's Pub opened in downtown Whitman in December of 2009 with 10 employees. They have since grown to employ 35 people. McGuiggan's Pub is a fashionable, upscale Irish sports pub with an elegant 54-ft mahogany bar, 60 person dining area, and 8 flat screen tv's, situated in a completely remodeled 3,000 square foot, 19th century building. McGuiggan's has made an impact on the community. They have hosted a road race that generated \$5,000 donated to the Whitman Food Pantry and Whitman Athletic Department, as well as having hosted a Brockton Family & Community Resources Fundraiser, ALS Fundraiser and MDA Fundraiser. They also coordinated an unfurling of the world's largest Irish flag on St. Patrick's Day. McGuiggan's was named Best Bartenders on the South Shore and Best Hangout on the South Shore in 2010 by South Shore Living Magazine. They have invested at least 1 million dollars in the community, including the purchase of the church across the street for additional parking.

Small Business of the Year

Elie Baking Corp

204 N. Montello St, Brockton • www.neareastbakery.com



Abe Ata, Mary Waldron (21st Century Corp), Al Ata

Elie Baking Corp is a full service commercial baking company offering pita products, gyro, bagels and tortillas to its customers. They pride themselves on capturing authentic old world flavor and quality in all its product lines, using custom designed machinery. Elie Baking began over 20 years ago in the Boston area and have since relocated to Brockton in a 48,000 sq foot building with an investment of \$1,700,000. Elie Baking is a minority owned business hiring 40-45 employees. They started with one customer and have grown to serve hundreds of clients in 8 states including all of New England, Florida, and Virginia. Elie Baking plans on expanding to include clients all over the country, renovations inside the facility and out, an increase to a 24 hour operation and production of new product ideas. In the community, Elie Baking has donated to various Hunger causes. Al serves on the board of CEO's for the Council on Hunger and participates in St. Theresa's Church festival.

John and Kristin Martin, Mia Regazza

268 Washington Street, Abington • www.miaregazza.com



Mia Regazza is an Italian Restaurant that has been in business for over 3 years. They started with fifteen employees but grow to over 30 employees during the busy season. Since opening, Mia Regazza has expanded their gazebo, added a larger bar and more attractive drinks, desserts, and specials. They also offer preferred seating for groups of four or more. In the community, Mia Regazza has donated food to the Spagone Walk, Christie Coombs Walk and golf tournaments. They have participated in the Relay for Life and have donated to the Whitman Hanson Taste for Dollars and Scholars. They also created the Delta Dawn non-profit to raise money for breast cancer as well as having raised over \$200,000 for paramedic's scholarships. Mia Regazza has won recognition for participation in the annual fishing derby, has received 2 awards in a row by the Patriot Ledger as one of the best restaurants on the South Shore, was named the Best of South Boston by South Shore Living Magazine, and has also received a Diner's Choice Award.

Frank Cannizzaro, The Mockingbird Restaurant

838 N. Bedford Street, East Bridgewater • www.mockingbirdrestaurant.com



The Mockingbird Restaurant offers Contemporary Italian cuisine with a combination of flavors and styles that are fresh, creative and satisfying. The Mockingbird offers a modern and friendly atmosphere and boasts the largest martini menu on the South Shore. Chef and Proprietor Frank Cannizzaro has been a professional chef for the past 15 years and has worked in the food service industry since the age of 15. Frank opened his first restaurant at 26 years old in Middleboro, working there for 3 years before starting the venture of opening a full-service dinner restaurant. The Mockingbird opened in June of 2000. Since its beginning, the Mockingbird has seen major renovations, from a run-down building into a clean, contemporary, and modern restaurant. The Mockingbird has been named one of the best restaurants of the South Shore and was featured on TV Diner.

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Chamber members were on hand to call prospective members during the Membership Drive in the new Merkert Tracy Hall Call Center at Stonehill College



Paul Keys,
Father Bills & Mainspring

More than one hundred new members have joined the Chamber since January. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, and more. For listings on all those that joined during the May Membership Drive, see page 10.

Top recruiters during the drive were **Cheryle Brady, RBC Wealth Management, Lynnel Cox, Your Local Office, and Yashin Cerritos, Mutual Bank.**

Other volunteers included Andrew Schwartz, Tracy Dixon, Friend Weiler, Paul Gravelle, Lourdes Nieves, Tom Moretti, Paul Key, Jean Delaney, Rochelle Sugarman, Mark Ofstein, Bob Regan, Yashin Cerritos, Richard Hooke, Lynnel Cox, Sandii Rollock, Sam Kopper, Bob Wisgirda, Andrew Milian, Jay Pike, Mike Spinelli, Jim Murphy, Bob Tufts.

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Norwell Chamber of Commerce

The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce** will be hosting a **Business After Hours** event on **Wednesday, June 8, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** at Doug's Norwell Clipper, A Family Barbershop, located at 334 Washington Street in Norwell. Come network and visit Doug's shop. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free for all. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.

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June 10, 2011

Program Planning Session

12:00 pm - 1:15 pm

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street, Brockton

This meeting provides an opportunity for Chamber members to suggest speakers and topics for the legislative and breakfast program year ahead. (page 2)

Please RSVP at 508.586.0500 ext. 231

June 16, 2011

ATHENA Award Program & Expo

8:00 am - 11:00 am

The Shaw's Center

1 Lexington Avenue, Brockton

This is a great opportunity to network with other members while enjoying a buffet breakfast followed by a keynote speaker, awards and Expo. (page 1)

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

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June 22, 2011

Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Community Bank

1265 Belmont Street, Brockton

Enjoy networking at a Chamber member business. Refreshments will be served. Do not forget your business cards! (page 2)

Cost: \$5 members, \$15 future-members

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July 13, 2011

China/Hong Kong Trip Info Session

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Country Inn & Suites

50 Christy's Drive, Brockton

Learn about the Chamber sponsored all-inclusive trip to China or Hong Kong/Thailand, November 1- November 9, 2011, open to all. (page 6)

Free to Attend

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