GREATER ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Over 80 years serving business

Update

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2010

MISSION: Advance and promote the prosperity of its members and enhance the quality of life in the greater Rochester area.

A MESSAGE FROM CARL POTVIN — 2010 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

What an honor it is to serve as the Chamber's Chairman of the Board in 2010. I have been delighted with my involvement in the Chamber, having served on several committees and assisting with various activities.

Rochester has been my home and where I chose to locate my practice 21 years ago. My business is known as The Law Office of Carl W. Potvin, P.C. The Chamber has proven to be a very rewarding experience for me and my business.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Chamber membership is an affordable and smart way to promote business. The Chamber offers many benefits that can serve our respective business interests.

As Chairman of the Board, it is my intention to work with the board of directors and staff in making sure that we continue to provide opportunities beneficial to the community. We will also work together to obtain and communicate information to our members on issues that could impact business.

Please contact me or Chamber President, Laura Ring anytime to discuss how we might better serve your business needs. We want to work with all of you to make sure 2010 is a successful year for your business and our Chamber.

Carl W. Potvin, 2010 Chairman of the Board

UPCOMING BREAKFAST FORUM

"An Economic Forecast"
Breakfast Forum
Friday, January 22, 2010, 7:30 to 9:00am
at the Rochester Country Club in Rochester.

Sponsored by:
Colonial Hill of Rochester - A Care & Rehab Center

Local economist Brian Gottlob of PolEcon Research in Dover will provide an update on the local and state economic trends. See the enclosed flyer to register to attend or visit www.rochesternh.org.

2010 CHAMBER SHOWCASE & ANNUAL MEETING BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010
5:00-7:30PM
ROCHESTER ELKS LODGE
24 Columbus Avenue, Rochester, NH

SPONSORED BY:

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INFORMATION TABLES AT EVENT SHOWCASING:

CHAMBER BENEFITS AND SERVICES
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INTRODUCTION OF 2010 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD:
CARL POTVIN, LAW OFFICES OF CARL W. POTVIN

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BRING PLENTY OF BUSINESS CARDS

For more information, call 332-5080 or visit the Chamber community calendar at www.rochesternh.org.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

FEBRUARY 9, 2009
5:30-7:30AM

Hosted by: verizon wireless

Verizon Wireless
115 Farmington Road, Rochester, NH

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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MEMBER BENEFITS!

AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

What does it mean to sponsor a Chamber event?
Courtesy of Janet Hand, Executive Vice President, Profile Bank

We have all received "THE" phone calls from Chamber committee members asking our business to be one of the sponsors for an event. What does that mean? How does it benefit our business?

Our sponsorships not only fund the successful events organized by the Chamber, it also gives our business the recognition through the promotion of the event. As we all know, it is important to constantly keep our business name and brand in the marketplace and the Chamber does this for us when we sponsor and/or underwrite an event. The Chamber's purpose is to "advance and promote the prosperity of its members and enhance the quality of life in the Greater Rochester area." This purpose is realized when we sponsor Christmas parades, Business Expos, Chamber Showcases, Golf Tournaments and Annual Raffles.

The Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce relies on OUR willingness to sponsor events so **OUR** Chamber can continue to promote **OUR** business!

"UPDATE" NEWSLETTER INSERTS

Insert Requirements: 650 copies using 8 1/2x11, 20-25# paper.
Provided to Chamber office no later than the 19th of the month.
NEW LOW COST PER ISSUE: $100.00.
Call (603) 332-5080/email info@rochesternh.org to reserve space.

NO DUES INCREASE IN 2010

Based on the challenging economic times businesses have been facing, the board of directors voted not to implement a dues increase again this year. Further, should members need to arrange convenient payment plans when renewing their Chamber membership, please contact Elaine at 332-5080.

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VISIT WWW.ROCHESTERNH.ORG.

SEE THE ENCLOSED LIST OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

"CHRISTMAS MEMORIES" HOLIDAY PARADE

The Chamber's annual Holiday Parade on Sunday, December 6, 2009 was a great success with approximately 80 entries! Hundreds of participants, mainly children, and the thousands of spectators enjoyed the "Christmas Memories" parade that was dedicated to the memory of Howard Seckendorf, the Chamber's 2009 Business Leader of the Year from Granite Steak & Grill and Windjammer's Seafood Restaurants. The Holiday Parade is an exciting event for the community and the chamber is appreciative of all of the support from the businesses, city departments, and local civic and community organizations. Our thanks to the entries for their cooperation. We hope to see them again next year.

Best of Parade: Eastern Propane & Oil

Youth Division

First Place: Girl Scouts of Pinewood
Second Place: Cub Scout Pack 184
Third Place: Cub Scout Pack 237

Organization Division

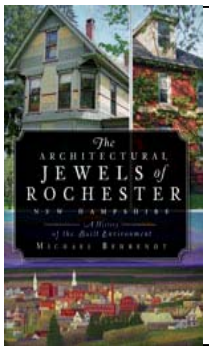
First Place: Community Baptist Church
Second Place: Rochester Fair
Third Place: Tri-City Christian Academy

Commercial Division

First Place: Studio 109
Second Place: MetroCast
Third Place: Interventional Spine Medicine

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

If you are looking for things to do in Rochester or want to post your upcoming community event, visit the Chamber website at www.rochesternh.org and go to the Community Calendar. This is a community service your Chamber provides to promote information about upcoming events in the area. Be sure to post your events for 2010 now!



Through the fresh perspective of City Planner, Michael Behrendt's eye, be sure to get your copy of **THE ARCHITECTURAL JEWELS OF ROCHESTER**. This book explores the beauty and wide range of architectural styles that we have in our City. Your Chamber is pleased to have these books available for sale at $21.99.
The book is a great showpiece representing Rochester's unique beauty and heritage. Stop by the Chamber and get your copy of this fantastic book.

GREATER ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

JANUARY, 2010

MEMBER NEWS

Berwick Academy will award the Thompson Scholarship worth $5,000 to one rising sixth grade student, and the Berwick Scholarship and Schleyer Scholarship programs will award five rising ninth graders fully paid tuition. Deadline for applications is Friday, December 25, 2009. Call 207-384-2164.

Bernier Insurance and Bergeron Insurance, Inc. have joined forces to operate as one larger, new and improved insurance agency effective January 1, 2010. This union will allow customers from both companies more insurance options which should keep client's premiums competitive. For more information, please call 603-335-2345 or 603-332-4000.

Bill Powers Painting and Pro Edge Realty employees recently spent time re-painting the bandstand on the Rochester Common. The crew is already talking about another project for next year. Anyone with a suggestion is asked to call Bill at 603-817-9490 or Bob at 603-833-6498.

Holy Rosary Credit Union again this year decided to minimize their holiday decorating in favor of donating $1,000 to each of the four area food pantries: Community Food Pantry in Somersworth, Dover Food Pantry, Farmington Food Pantry, and the Homeless Center for Strafford County. For more information, contact Danielle at 603-332-6840.

Holy Rosary Credit Union and **Bernier Insurance, Inc**. teamed up again this year to host a Food & Hygiene Drive to benefit the SHARE Fund. More than 27 boxes of non-perishable items were collected. Bernier Insurance, Inc. received a $1,000 check donated from Wal-Mart of Rochester.

Profile Bank recently donated $5,000 to the Southeast Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), a non-profit organization that works with local businesses that are creating or retaining jobs.
Also, **Profile Bank** President Ken Wilman's term as Chairman of the New Hampshire Banker's Association has recently ended.

Studley Flower Gardens was named to FTD's prestigious Top Member ranking as one of their top 250 florists for the 3rd year in a row, one of the highest achievements within the floral industry.

The Children's Museum of New Hampshire has received a $20,000 grant which provides free family memberships and admissions annually to hundreds of clients from 42 Rockingham and Strafford County social service agencies. For info, call (603)742-2002 or visit www.childrens-musuem.org.

The Strafford Wind Symphony has announced 2 upcoming performances for the 2009-2010 season. *Music in Our Schools* on March 6, and *American Flavors* on May 1. Concerts are performed from 7-9pm at the Rochester Opera House. Visit www.strafforwindsymphony.org.

THANK YOU RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Thank you to the following who served on the board of directors.

Treasurer
Doris Gates, Robert W. Gates Master Carpenter

Past Chairman of the Board
Alan Davis

Vice Chair, Events & Fund Raisers
David Dubois, Rochester Police Department

Board Member
Gary Desrosiers

MEMBER RENEWALS

The Board of Directors and Staff wish to thank the members listed for renewing their Chamber investments.

A New Dawn Pedi Spa
Balanced Care
Bernier Insurance, Inc.
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Board of Directors and staff welcome new members!

CATERERS

Portable Pantry Café
Susan Jackson-Rafter
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Rochester, NH 03867
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2010 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Please consider nominating individuals from our community and in our membership who are deserving of these prestigious awards based on their exemplary service to the community and their profession. Those selected for the awards will be honored at the Chamber's Annual Dinner Dance on April 10th. See the list of previous recipients, nomination criteria and form at www.rochesternh.org.

Deadline for nominations: February 15, 2010.

THE CHAMBER LINKS Networking Group

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month ~ (11:30am-1pm)
Hosted by:
Granite Steak & Grill
Make business connections in a casual and facilitated setting
Bring or order lunch
See the enclosed flyer or visit www.rochesternh.org

2010 Officers, Directors & Staff

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Collins Sports Center

Christine McCluskey
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MLC Catering

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CHAMBER CALENDAR
JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Office Closed Happy New Year	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Chamber Showcase Committee 8:00am	14 Banquet Committee 8:00am	15	16
17	18 Office Closed Martin Luther King Day	19	20	21 Government Affairs 7:30am	22 Economic Forecast brk 7:30-9am	23
24 31	25	26 Chamber Links 11:30am	27	28 Chamber Showcase & BAH 5-7:30pm Roch. Elks	29 Board of Directors 7:30am	30
SEE THE	ENCLOSED	FLYERS	TO	REGISTER	FOR	EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9
Verizon Wireless
Business After Hours

March 16
State of the City
Breakfast forum

April 10
Annual Dinner Dance & Awards Banquet

IRENE ROBINSON IS RETIRING

After 10 years at the Chamber, Irene Robinson is retiring. Although we are sad to see her go, Irene has done a wonderful job as the Chamber's Business Manager. We thank her for her dedicated service to the organization. Irene's last day will be January 4, 2010. Be sure to stop by or call to wish her well.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING IRENE!
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