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Chamber Night at the Swamp Bats!

RIBBY'S SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN WITH

Trick or Treating in July!

Thursday, July 11, 2019 • Alumni Field, Park Ave, Keene

Set-up at 5:30 pm; Game begins at 6:30 pm



Promote your business at this fun event!

- Stop by the Chamber to pick up your free tickets!
- Bring your own tables, chairs, and supplies.
- A \$20 donation to the Swamp Bats reserves your spot.

All organizations that participate will be entered to win two Red Sox tickets!!

To sign up, call Christine Hadlow at (603) 352-1303, ext. 16 or email: chadlow@keenechamber.com.

Member Spotlight

Genesis |

Celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2019, Langdon Place of Keene offers residents not only the lifestyle choice of peace and tranquility in a country setting, but also the proximity to downtown Keene for shopping, dining out and shows.

Nestled on a beautiful, quiet campus at 136A Arch Street you will find Langdon Place of Keene, a 97-apartment Assisted Living community for seniors. The community is affiliated with Genesis HealthCare, one of the nation's largest post-acute care providers with more than 400 skilled nursing facilities and assisted/senior living communities in 29 states nationwide. Langdon Place is fortunate to be able to offer a variety of sizes and styles of apartments to fit the unique personal and financial needs of their prospective residents. Not all residents require care, but should they have health concerns, Langdon Place is able to provide assistance with some activities of daily living. This supportive care promotes as much independence as possible. Langdon Place strives to meet the social needs of their residents through diverse and exciting recreational programs that include field trips and transportation to local businesses and events.

Amenities include but are not limited to:

- · Indoor pool and hot tub
- WIFI
- Multiple lounges/visiting spaces
- Emergency pendants
- · Medication assistance/activity of daily living assistance
- · Beauty salon
- Wood-burning fireplace in the dining room, library, and Cheshire room
- Restaurant-style dining
- Comprehensive program calendar daily
- Specialized memory support community

Langdon Place of Keene is also home to a 25-bed deficiency free (2019!) rehabilitation unit. They provide comprehensive Physical, Occupational and Speech therapy seven days a week. This unit allows Assisted Living Residents additional peace of mind in knowing that they can recover from an illness or injury with the convenience of staying under one roof!



Whether you are a local business, a family member or looking for yourself - now is the time to visit! The flowers are blooming, the summer breeze is blowing and the smell of summer BBQ's are in the air at Langdon Place of Keene.

– Special Respite Rates for Summer 2019! Call to inquire. –

Genesis Healthcare 136A Arch Street, Keene, NH 03431 (603) 357-3902

Jennifer Rousseau, x 3019
Sales and Marketing Director Assisted Living

Jennifer Wironen, x 3025

Director of Admissions and Marketing/Skilled Rehabilitation Unit www.genesishcc.com/langdonplaceofkeene





Want your business in the Spotlight?
Contact Christine Hadlow at chadlow@keenechamber.com and reserve your spot!

GKCC Business After Hours

July Business AFTER Hours

Antioch University New England

40 Avon Street, Keene Wednesday, July 17, 2019 5:30 – 7:00 PM

(Suggested Donation to GKCC \$5.00 at the Door)



You're invited to join us at the July Business After Hours hosted by Antioch University New England held in their Community Room.

Meet Antioch's new Provost and Associate Provost. Come learn about the exciting things happening at the University including new offerings in their Certificate, Master's and Doctoral programs. Engage in conversations with campus employees and enjoy light refreshments by CC&D's Kitchen.

Parking is available in the main parking lot off of Avon St. Be sure to bring your business card to be entered into the raffle. We look forward to seeing you there!

August Business AFTER Hours

Green Energy Options

37 Roxbury Street, Keene Wednesday, August 21, 2019 5:30 – 7:00 PM

(Suggested Donation to GKCC \$5.00 at the Door)



Celebrate Eat Local Month at the August Business After Hours at Green Energy Options (GEO), a certified B-Corp and mission driven company! GEO supports the increased use of cleaner, more efficient and renewable sources of energy, and is poised to support Keene's commitment to 100% renewable energy. They are passionate about moving our region toward greater resiliency, energy independence, sustainability, and regenerative ways of living.

Come for a tour of GEO's newly solarized building. Enjoy Walpole Valley Farm meats cooked on a wood pellet grill, vegetables and fruits from local farms and gardens, and local beer and wine.

Please park in the city parking lot behind the GEO building.

Please RSVP to the GKCC:

- Online at keenechamber.com
- Call (603) 352-1303
- Email info@keenechamber.com



• networking • door prizes • great refreshments • meet new people • build business connections • catch up with old friends • hosted by a member business

Member News

Savings Bank of Walpole announced the promotion of Kathleen Dustin to Loan Operations Officer. Dustin began her career at SBW in 2002 as a loan support specialist and has advanced in her career over the years, holding several progressive loan operation roles which helped lead to her subsequent promotion.

In her new role, Dustin will oversee the Loan Operations team for mortgage processing and loan servicing. She is actively involved with local community and charitable organizations including Kurn Hattin Homes, where she volunteers her time to work with the Parent Cottage kids each month.

The bank also announced that **Crystal Lewis** has joined the Bank as Business Development Officer. In this role, Lewis will establish new customer



relationships and expand relationships with current bank customers. She will work to improve the overall customer experience and identify new products and services that meet the needs of our community's businesses.

Lewis most recently worked for Monadnock Broadcasting Group (MBG) in Keene as a Sales Manager and served as their Marketing Consultant. She was responsible for marketing the MBG to the greater Cheshire County region and executed meetings and evaluations to develop new business initiatives that increased new business revenue. Lewis has a BS in Psychology from Atlantic Union College, South Lancaster, MA, and is a member of the Keene Lions Club and the Start School Later – Grassroots Initiative.

www.walpolebank.com

The Monadnock Travel Council, the organization that promotes the region and invites travelers to visit, announced

that it has contracted with Joe Walker Marketing Services (JWMS) to increase its membership and help market the region.

Walker worked with the Monadnock Travel Council for many years as a member and volunteer, capping his time as President of the organization in November, 2018. He has been very active in recruiting new members and offering ideas to expand the marketing plan. Under his leadership, the Monadnock Travel Council significantly upgraded the website and worked with Keene State College to re-develop the organization's logo. To join the Monadnock Travel Council or to learn more about working with it, contact Joe Walker at marketing@monadnocktravel.com.

Jennah Wolak has been promoted from Laconia branch manager to Assistant Vice

President-Member Services at Service Credit Union. Wolak's banking career started with Bank of America in 2007, and her Service Credit Union career started



in 2008 when she helped open the credit union's Lebanon branch. Since that time, she has managed Service Credit Union's former Tilton in-store branch as well as the Franklin branch and recently opened Laconia branch. Wolak's new role is based out of Service Credit Union's Franklin branch. She has a bachelor's degree from Keene State College and resides in Laconia with her family. She is a member of the Lakes Region Chamber Board of Directors. www.servicecu.org

Powers Guaranteed Generators

has introduced a new division, Powers Electrical Services, that is devoted to servicing commercial and residential electrical needs. Commercial services include electrical repairs; lighting, lighting controls, and re-lamping; switchgear,

panel and service upgrades; machinery moves or new machinery installation; change of areas or office moves; planned maintenance, and more. Residential services include mini-split installation and maintenance; battery back-up technology; and, new services/upgrades.

www.powersgenerator.com

The Keene Toastmasters participated for the first time in the "Made in New Hampshire Expo" March 22-24, 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel. With more than 150 exhibitors and crowds of up to 20,000 over three days, this exposition is the best attended and one of the most publicized events in the state. As consumers and businesses increasingly buy locally made products and support local companies, a New Hampshire collaboration of Toastmasters clubs was able to reach a receptive and supportive audience. Visitors are always welcome at Keene Toastmasters which meets twice a month (first and third Thursdays) at 6:00 pm at the Hannah Grimes Center in Keene.

Governor Chris Sununu visited the Toastmasters booth and seemed particularly interested in attending more business meetings that begin and end on time, something that is the norm if not the rule at Toastmasters.

www.keene.toastmastersclub.org



Governor Sununu (yellow tie) is seen here with Raleigh Ormerod, incoming VP Public Relations at Keene Toastmasters (far right) and members of a sister club in Manchester, Millyard Toastmasters.

Member News

Cheshire Medical Center is pleased to welcome Christopher "Casey" Gibbons, PA-C to the Orthopaedic Department. He has over five years of experience working as an Athletic Trainer in the

Orthopaedic setting. Gibbons holds a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from Franklin Pierce University, New Hampshire, a Master of Education in Athletic Training from the



University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training from Plymouth State University, New Hampshire.

CMC is also pleased to welcome Carlye Atkinson, MSN, CNM to its Women's Health Department. Prior to joining CMC, she worked at Planned



Parenthood in Keene and

has worked as a registered nurse for over six years. Atkinson is a Certified Nurse Midwife and holds a Master of Science in Nursing from Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Kentucky. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts.

www.cheshiremed.org

On June 1, 2019, the Historical Society of Cheshire County celebrated the opening of its newest facility, the Bruder House, a brick building built in 1839 that is located next door to the Wyman Tavern Museum. The Bruder House will function as a welcome center and a venue for programs and events.

www.hsccnh.org

NBT Bank of Keene is open for business at its new location at the Colony Mill Marketplace. The Bank moved from 391 West Street to newly renovated offices at 210 West Street in May.

The opening of this location is the latest

achievement of years of growth in New Hampshire and New England. The new location supports NBT's continued growth in Keene, providing the banking team with a spacious location featuring modern banking conveniences for personal and business customers. Ample parking is available as well as an ATM that accepts deposits with no slips or envelopes.

The historic building that houses NBT Bank of Keene was originally constructed in 1810. To many area residents it is well known for its "sweet" past as the former home of Ye Goodie Shoppe, now located at 49 Main Street.

www.nbtbank.com

In August 2019, New Hampshire Food Alliance and Monadnock Food Coop will join over 70 partners throughout the state to highlight New Hampshire Eat Local Month -- a month-long celebration of local food and New Hampshire farmers and food producers. Increased interest in local food benefits all by positively affecting the health of the economy, communities, and environment.

The celebration also includes a virtual scavenger hunt, buy local campaign, story sharing from farmers and businesses, and events hosted by NH Eat Local Month partners. NH Eat Local Month also coincides with National Farmers' Market Week, honoring farmers' markets across America: farmersmarketcoalition.org/national-farmers-market-week.

The Monadnock Food Co-op held a two-day-long Round It Up Donation Drive to benefit the Monadnock Sustainability Network (MSN) on April 20 and April 27, 2019, in honor of Earth Week. Together, co-op shoppers donated \$417.50 to the Monadnock Sustainability Network. The money raised through the co-op's Round It Up Program will help MSN continue to work on its Solarize campaigns, renewable energy education, and developing electric vehicle fast chargers in our region. Learn more about Monadnock Sustainability

Network at https://greenmonadnock.org. Keene.

The Monadnock Food Co-op and Green **Energy Options** of Keene recently became founding sponsors of The Local Crowd (TLC) Monadnock's Pay-It-Forward Fund. The Pay-It-Forward fund will empower TLC Monadnock to provide extra support and resources to crowdfunding campaigns aligned with the program's 2019 community priorities. These priorities include recruiting campaigns connected to affordable housing, farms & food, living wage jobs & equity and amplifying campaigns led by low-income individuals. For more information, visit tlcmonadnock.com or contact Jen Risley at 603-283-5401. www.monadnockfood.coop www.greenenergyoptions.com



RiverMead's Villas are now open for residency. There are two Villa buildings, with the Residences comprised of 24 corner units. The Villas join the two neighborhoods of The Mead and The Village on RiverMead's expansive 90 plus acre campus nestled in the woodlands of Peterborough, NH.

Each architect-designed Villa features a spacious open concept design, luxury finishes, large screened porch, beautiful views, and a corner orientation for maximum flow and light. Special informational sessions are scheduled, visit rivermead.org for dates and times. For more information, contact Jan Eaton or Jennifer Coles at 603-924-0062 or info@rivermead.org.

www.rivermead.org

Member **News**

What says summer to kids better than day or sleep-away camp?! Keene Family YMCA, Takodah YMCA, and Keene Housing Kids Collaborative are working together to send 20 kids from Keene Housing households to camp with their Fill the Duffel campaign. This initiative seeks to provide kids from local households struggling to make ends meet with the items they need - tuition, duffel or trunk, and items from Takodah's packing list— for a special summer camp experience.

Ten kids will attend Camp Takodah for two weeks of overnight camp. Another 10 will spend eight weeks at Keene Family YMCA day camp. Roughly 500 children live in Keene Housing households. Without Fill the Duffel, most of them would not have the opportunity to attend summer camp.

Your help is needed to Fill the Duffel to ensure these kids have a special summer, one filled with new, wonderful experiences—a summer that for them, is likely unique. Send donations to Keene Family YMCA (200 Summit Road, Keene, NH 03431) OR Camp Takodah (32 Lake Street, North Swanzey, NH 03431). Please write Fill the Duffel on the memo line. Donations are tax-deductible.

As a fairly recent high school graduate



www.keeneymca.org

who was intent on working to support himself with a fulltime job, **Tristan Williams** joined the WorkReadyNH program at **River Valley**

Community College to learn the skills do that. Williams worked from 2:00 am – 6:00 am at a shipping company but made it to the WorkReadyNH class every day on time and successfully completed the class. With the skills he learned, he was able to get a part-time job in the warehouse at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center

in August 2018 and then quickly became a valuable full-time employee.

The collaboration between WorkReadyNH with outside agencies and businesses continues to build skills in NH residents as it strengthens NH's workforce. A tuition-free WorkReadyNH class will be held at River Valley Community College in Keene July 8th – 26th Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 3:00. Over 5,000 graduates in NH ranging in age from 18 – 80+, with all levels of experience and education, have polished their workplace skills and earned two certificates for their resume. For more information go to www.ccsnh.edu/ workreadynh.

The regional accounting firm of Nathan Wechsler & Company, PA is pleased



to announce that
Kayla Tanguay
has been approved
for her license as
a Certified Public
Accountant (CPA) in
New Hampshire. A
member of the Nathan

Wechsler & Company team since 2014, Tanguay currently serves as a senior. In this role, she specializes in individual taxation, trusts, and pass-through entity taxation. Tanguay is a graduate of Southern New Hampshire University. She holds a master's in accounting with a Concentration in Taxation and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

www.nathanwechsler.com

On May 2, 2019, members of a regional workforce development group hosted an information fair to aid middle and high school students as they explore future careers in healthcare. The workforce group included nine agencies from local medical centers, adult and pediatric skilled care facilities (including **Cedarcrest Center for Children with Disabilities**), and post-secondary education institutions, who provided 35 volunteers to answer questions and provide hands-on learning to the

student and family participants. Student participants came from local schools, including Conant, Dublin, Hinsdale, Keene, Monadnock as well as from home school environments. Hands-on activities including CPR and respiratory therapy and all interested participants had a tour of a working ambulance as well as the Cheshire Medical Center Emergency Room.

www.cedarcrest4kids.org

Jenny Wironen has been named the new Director of Admissions and

Marketing for the Skilled Nursing Care and Rehabilitation Unit at Genesis Healthcare – Langdon Place of Keene. She is excited to return to a



company that is near and dear to her as it was one of her earliest jobs in senior living. Wironen has been a senior living industry professional for over 17 years, 12 years specifically in sales and marketing for skilled nursing care and assisted living. She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three children.

www.genesishcc.com/LangdonPlaceKeene

Gov. Chris T. Sununu nominated Mary Ann Kristiansen to a five-year term on the Community Development Finance Authority board on May 1, 2019 and the Executive Council confirmed the appointment May 15, 2019. Governor Hassan first appointed Kristiansen to a partial term in 2013 and a second term in 2014. Kristiansen represents small business and the financial community on the board. She is the founder and executive director of the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship. www.hannahgrimes.com

Chamber News



Keene Housing (KH) is pleased to announce that seasoned housing expert Marie Poole recently joined KH's leadership team as the agency's Director

of Housing. Poole will be leading the team responsible for the day-to-day management of KH's real estate portfolio. She brings almost 35 years of affordable housing experience, including the last nine at the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority where she most recently served as the Authority's Section 8 Portfolio Manager.

www.keenehousing.org

Stonewall Farm announced today the appointment of four new members to their Board of Directors: Amelia Tracy, Jordan Scott, Megan Burke-Kidder, and Lucy Ryder.

Amelia Tracy, Jaffery, has a Bachelor's in International Relations. Her career background includes energy conservation, renewable energy development, architecture and construction. She is founder of Conducive, the company creating the innovative regenerative Village at Stone Barn in Peterborough, NH.

Jordan Scott, Keene, studied at California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. He is the chef and restaurateur of the new Machina Kitchen and ArtBar. The restaurant is a launch pad for his pursuits as an advocate for local food producers, artists, farmers, and other local chefs.

Megan Burke-Kidder, Keene, is a former Keene business owner, and has honed her volunteer skills on many committees and nonprofit boards in the community. Her involvement with Stonewall Farm has remained strong since her family established the nonprofit in the 1990s.

Lucy Ryder, Keene, spent over 20 years consulting in the commercial insurance industry in risk management, utilizing her bachelor's degrees in safety studies, business and marketing. Involved with

the Farm for many years, she is a past board member, attended the Savory Hub Leadership Training in Africa, and with this new board of directors appointment will take on the role of Chair.

New members join the current board of directors: Parker Hansel, Jessica Fuller, Jenna Spear-O'Mara, Steve Silverstein, Michael Davern, and Maria Oberlander. www.Stonewallfarm.org.



Elana S. Baron has been named partner at Bragdon, Baron and Kossayda, P.C., a law firm that has been in Keene since 1975. Bragdon & Kossayda, P.C. will now be known as Bragdon, Baron & Kossayda, P.C. Elana S. Baron, Esq., is licensed to practice law in Vermont (2003) Massachusetts (2004) and New Hampshire (2009). Born and raised in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, she is a graduate of McGill University, having received her B.A. in 2000, and Vermont Law School, having received her J.D. in 2003. As Partner, Baron will continue her 16-year practice in the areas of Real Estate, Civil Litigation, Landlord-Tenant law, Collections and Foreclosures, Probate, Estate Planning, Elder Law and Corporate Law.

www.bragdonlaw.com

Why go to another rental agency when you can rent locally, directly from Toyota of Keene? Toyota Rent A Car (TRAC) makes the car renting process quick, easy and affordable. They rent directly to the public for all your renting needs. Anything from vacation trips, business trips, needing a car while yours is in the shop and more! TRAC offers latest models, clean, low mileage and 100% smoke free vehicles. Their rates are very competitive and have

no hidden fees! Rates start as low as \$30/day. Call and make a reservation today at 603-354-5053!

www.fentondealerships.com

Norton & Abert, P.C. is pleased to welcome Attorney Michael T. Jordan to

the firm. Attorney Jordan has been practicing law since 2007, focusing on estate planning, business formation, and estate and trust administration,



and is now accepting new clients. He is licensed in California and Maryland as well. He joins Attorney Susan R.

Abert in the practice of law in the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, elder law, special needs planning, guardianships, and long-term care planning. Abert and Jordan are both members of the New Hampshire Bar Association's Estate Planning and Probate Law Section. Attorney Abert is also the Monadnock Region's only Certified Elder Law Attorney, a national certification recognized by the American Bar Association.

www.nortonabertlaw.com

The Kiwanis Club of Keene is accepting applications for major grants, with consideration given to organizations that provide programs to improve the lives of local children. Grants will be awarded primarily to 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, to help fund activities that focus on and strengthen services to children in our community, and to help initiate projects that improve the quality of life within Keene and surrounding communities. The grant funding is intended to help address an unmet need of local children through a project that provides long-term benefits.

Applications must be received by July 31, 2019. For application requirements, visit www.keenekiwanis.org.

New Members



Powers Guaranteed Generators is a leader in residential and commercial generator sales, installation, and service, providing state-of-the-art technology and outstanding customer service. Founded in 1994 by Al Powers, Powers Guaranteed Generators has grown from a one-person operation to employing over 50 staff members and technicians who share values of integrity, service, and communication. Their A+ standing with the Better Business Bureau is evidence of top-quality customer service. Their electricians are licensed in all New England states and they proudly employ EGSA Certified service technicians. This certification is earned only by a few generator technicians in the Northeast. Their factory-trained staff is continually expanding their generator knowledge to ensure they are up to date on the latest and greatest within the generator industry.

Powers Guaranteed Generators also has a full-service electrical division, Powers Electrical Services. They offer full service commercial and light residential work, as well as mini-split sales and installation and battery back-up technology. Powers Guaranteed Generators is optimistic and excited about the future and looks forward to getting more involved in our wonderful community!

Powers Guaranteed Generators 265 Old Homestead Hwy, Swanzey NH (603) 283-5541 www.powersgenerator.com



Great Brook Farm Sugar House is operated by **David Westover** and his son **Andrew Westover**. It is located on David's wife's (**Cindy Westover**, current Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce board member) family farm in Walpole NH. The farm was established in 1761 and has been in the Graves family for 10 generations. The sugar house where the sweet maple syrup is produced was used by Cindy's father, **Robert Graves**, over 75 years ago.

Great Brook Farm Sugar House offers maple syrup in numerous size containers from 3.5 oz. to 1-gallon jugs.

Maple syrup is always practical a gift for:

- Birthdays
- Weddings
- Anniversaries
- Holidays
- Thank yous
- · Sales incentives, etc

The maple syrup can be delivered locally and can be shipped outside the area.

Please contact David Westover at westovr@myfairpoint.net or (603) 756-4358 (603) 313-8916 to discuss your specific needs.

Great Brook Farm Sugar House 238 Kingsbury Road, Walpole NH (603) 313-8914



Located in Hillsboro, NH, Joe Walker Marketing Services (JWMS) opened in December of 2017. JWMS is a marketing and business consulting company that helps businesses with writing and revising their business plans, strategic planning, goal setting, developing and executing promotional/marketing plans, and branding. JWMS also works with non-profits to build their membership and fundraising donations and can provide leadership training to your business on a variety of topics.

Founder Joe Walker has over 20 years of experience in marketing and business planning in both "real-world" and educational settings. During his professional career he has found success with another sole proprietorship, a franchise and also a partnership. Walker taught high school business and marketing for over 15 years and still is an adjunct professor at both New England College in Henniker and NHTI in Concord.

Joe Walker Marketing Services (603) 731-0693 jwalkeriii@nec.edu joewalkermarketing.com

Chamber News

More New Members!

Huntley Survey & Design, PLLC Temple, NH (603) 381-3227

Luxury Box Photo Booth

Swanzey, NH (603) 209-1111 www.luxuryboxphotobooth.com

Yahso Jamaican Grille 149 Main Street, Keene NH (610) 704-0276 www.yahsojamaican.com

Kenny Ballard Consulting, LLC Keene, NH (970) 799-5010

Monadnock Software Spofford, NH (603) 762-5470 www.monadnock-software.com

Put Your Business on the 2019/2020 Map!

See "Member Info" at keenechamber.com for advertising information and rates!



Reserve your space today by calling Christine Hadlow at 603-352-1303 or email chadlow@keenechamber.com

July Business BEFORE Hours Chartwells

Zorn Dining Commons, Keene State College (2nd Floor Balcony level) Tuesday, July 9, 2019 7:30 – 9:00 AM



Don't miss Business Before Hours at Chartwells, Keene State Dining!

Enjoy a wonderful selection of breakfast items including "Carved and Crafted" Breakfast Bowls, Sweet Potato Hash, Ham and Swiss Quiche, Breakfast Cookies and Summer Vegetable Frittata. Attendees will be given a boxed lunch to go as well as a discount coupon off their first catering order and a complimentary pass for lunch at the dining commons!

The event will be held in the Zorn Dining Commons at KSC on the 2nd floor balcony level.



Cedarcrest Center for Children with Disabilities was the recipient of a \$1000 donation from the proceeds of the Chamber's May Moolah Palooza. Tom Call of Tom Call Excavation, major sponsor of the event, designated Cedarcrest to receive this donation. Presenting the check (left to right): Event co-chair, Sue Silver, Mascoma Bank; Tom Call; Patty Farmer of Cedarcrest; Event co-chair and sponsor, Laurie Mack of Phil-Mack Media.

July B2B **Brown Bag Lunch**



Work/Life Balance Workshop with Jeff Saari, **Master Business Leadership** and Team Coach

Friday, July 12th, 2019

Noon to 1 pm • GKCC Conference Room Cost: \$5 for members, \$15 for not-yet-members

In this workshop, business owners, executives, managers and/or teams of small to medium sized organizations will learn to:

- · Assess the balance in your life currently
- Make a plan for bringing more balance into your life
- Assess and mitigate barriers to your balance
- Have a concrete action step to do when you leave

Saari's workshops are very engaging and dynamic. He uses a blend of teaching and coaching to make the content real for the participants, so they can put the ideas and strategies into everyday organizational life immediately. He uses a blend of solo, small and large group formats to learn from other participants and support different learning styles.

Jeff Saari created Jeff Saari Coaching, LLC in 2008 and

coaches many local small to medium sized organizations in the Keene, NH area on strategy, communication, teamwork, and leadership excellence. He is the author of Zero Stress Leadership and the coach of the 2011 and 2012 Entrepreneurs of the Year recognized by The Hannah Grimes Business Center in Keene.



Saari is a faculty-adjunct at Keene State College and has certifications in mindfulness meditation, mediation, Gentle Teaching, and Structural Thinking. He is an avid weightlifter, golfer, and drummer. Saari lives in Keene with his wife and daughter. For more information, visit www.ZeroStressLeadership.com.

Feedback from recent workshop attendees:

"I found your workshop helpful and thorough. I think I learned more useful, new information during that one hour than I have at most conferences. I have been referring back to your teachings ever since." — Ashley (Monadnock Humane Society, Swanzey, NH)

"Great seminar! Jeff is really engaged and you can immediately tell that he cares about his work and his clients. He really wants to make a difference and help." — Dee Belanger (1911 Offices, Keene, NH)

Thank You Renewing Members!

The following members renewed their GKCC membership in April and May 2019:

Cheshire County Shooting Sports Education Clearwater Pool & Spa Cooper's Crossroad Country Bridals and Formal Wear Debbie Does Divans **Electric Earth Concerts** Hamlin Insurance Agency Heaven Hair Gallery Salon K & J Dean Builders Inc. Keene Door Monadnock Ford Morningside Kitty Hawk Flight Park Nathan Wechsler & Company, PA Philanthropy Resource Group

Smiths Medical

Staples Office Supplies Keene Sue Ellen and Hope, LLC/Sue Ellen Sweeney Syd's Carpet and Snooze Room Town of Swanzey

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- · Drive when you want, as often as you want
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To learn more about our Volunteer Driver Program Call, toll-free: 1-877-428-2882, extension 5 Email: volunteerdriverprogram@cvtc-nh.org Visit: www.cvtc-nh.org







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Leadership Monadnock Class of 2018/2019

Leadership Monadnock, one of the Chamber's signature programs, graduated its 22nd class in June. Since 1997, over 400 people from the public, private and non-profit sectors have participated in the program.

This unique program incorporates seminars, expert lectures, skills training and simulation exercises, and on-site visits during nine monthly sessions in different locations throughout the Monadnock Region. Sessions are organized to focus on specific regional attributes, challenges and opportunities. For more information about the program or to apply to the next LM class, email leadershipmonadnock@keenechamber.com.

Congratulations to the 2018/2019 Class:

Matthew Bachler, Town of Swanzey
Eliza Berry, NBT Bank
Rebecca Burke, Douglas Toys
Michael Burnett, Keene High School
Jennifer Carroll, Historical Society of
Cheshire County



Kendra Carter, Savings Bank of Walpole
Nancy Cogliandro, Pacamor Kubar Bearings
Hayley Compos, Cheshire Medical Center
Christina Downing, Lynn C. Rust, CPR
Alana Fiero, C&S Wholesalers
Mark Fraser, Eversource
Thomas Gordon, C&S Wholesalers
Laura Hanson, River Valley Community
College
Sarah Harpster, Cheshire County

Sarah Harpster, *Cheshire County* Michael Haynes, *Timken* Shannon Hundley, *Hannah Grimes* Kristen Lawrence, Main Street America
Jessica Lubanski, Steward Partners
Kathryn Lynch, Town of Hinsdale
Jason Martin, Keene Fire Department
Stacey McGilvery, SW Community Services
Rose Novotny, Bank of New Hampshire
Tammy Parrott, Keene Public Library
Sara Pelkey, Cheshire Medical Center
Rex Rodanas, C&S Wholesalers
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Matthew Sindelar, C&S Wholesalers
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GKCC 44th Annual Golf Classic



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First Place (Gross): The Richards Group Gabe Roy, Joe Lamson, Mike Yarosevich, Todd Herrington

First Place (Net): Mascoma Bank Sue Silver, Brian Donovan, Jim Hollar, Tom Lentocha

See more golf photos on page 17.



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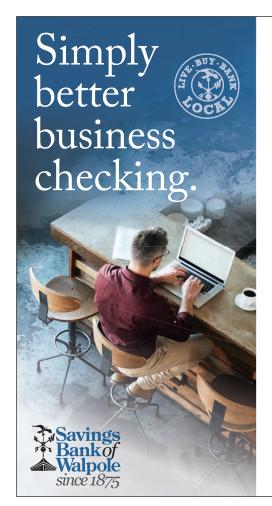
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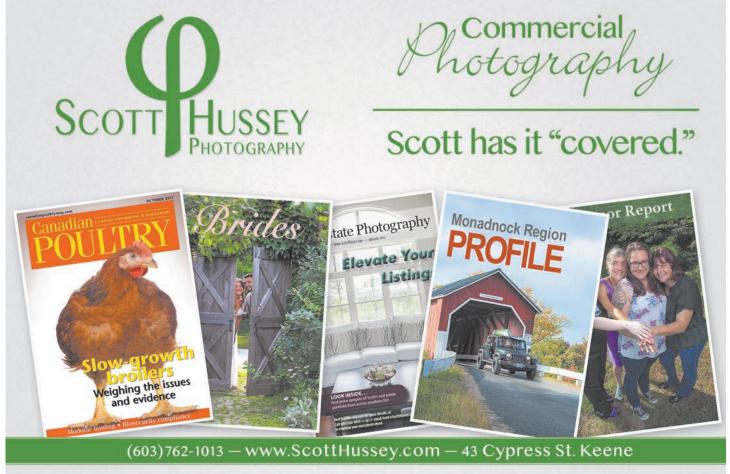
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Member Events

Savings Bank of Walpole

2019 "Concerts on the Green" Summer Concert Series

Savings Bank of Walpole is pleased to announce the dates and bands scheduled to perform at the annual "Concerts on the Green" summer concert series held on the town green in Walpole, New Hampshire. All shows will be held rain or shine on Sundays from 6:30-8:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to pack a picnic basket and bring a blanket and/or lawn chair.

This year's edition marks the 37th year that Savings Bank of Walpole has underwritten the free summer concert series.

The 2019 "Concerts on the Green" schedule is as follows:

June 23 - Amherst Town Band

June 30 – Springfield Community Band

July 7 – Keene American Legion Band

July 14 - Westmoreland Town Band

July 21 – East Bay Jazz Ensemble

July 28 – The Temple Band

August 4 - Brattleboro American Legion Band

August 11 - Nelson Town Band

Kiwanis Club of Keene

4th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, August 2, 2019, Bretwood Golf Course

Check-in begins at 9:00 am and Shotgun start is at 10:00 am. Enjoy a day of golfing the North 18 holes, plus a gift bag, bag lunch, raffle, silent auction, prizes, and a BBQ dinner. A Hole-In-One Car prize will be sponsored by Walier Chevrolet. Also a silent auction provided by KBK Sports with several autographed items from the Patriots, Red Sox, Bruins and Celtics.

Registration fee is \$115/golfer; enter as a foursome or single. Full details of the tournament, registration and sponsorship forms available at keenekiwanis.org. For more information contact Peg Bruce at keenekiwanisgolf@gmail.com.

All proceeds support Kiwanis programs that make a difference in the lives of local children. The Kiwanis Club of Keene annually provides countless hours of service and over \$20,000 to support youth clubs, service projects, and events for kids and families in the region. Keene Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Historical Society of Cheshire County

Wyman Tavern Brew Fest

Saturday, August 3, 2019

Taste the best craft beers and ciders from the Monadnock region and New England. There will be live music, food trucks, a photo booth, and more. VIP tickets are \$55, and general admission tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the gate.

For a full schedule of events, go to the Historical Society's website, www.hsccnh.org

Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship The Keene Sentinel

Radically Rural

September 19-20, 2019

Radically Rural, the annual two-day summit focused on issues and opportunities in small cities and towns, opens Sept. 19 and is expected to attract 800 people from the Monadnock Region, the Northeast and throughout the country. The summit will feature keynote presentations by Wendy Guillies, executive director and president of the Kauffman Foundation, a major funder of entrepreneurship, and Art Markman, executive director of IC² at the University of Texas Austin, the oldest business incubator in the country.

The Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship and The Keene Sentinel partner to present Radically Rural, which provides a uniquely rural point-of-view for community-building, news coverage, entrepreneurship and economic development. Radically Rural includes program tracks on entrepreneurship, arts and culture, community journalism, Main Streets and downtowns, working lands and renewable energy.

Radically Rural includes the popular CONNECT event on Sept. 19, a major gathering that attracts local business leaders and event attendees. This year's theme is "What's Next!," with a focus on the future in each track.

Hannah Grimes, for the second year, is featuring The PitchFork Challenge, a business pitch competition that will award the winning business a \$10,000 cash prize. The PitchFork Challenge is now accepting applications and will conclude with final presentations at the summit and the prize award at CONNECT. Details can be found on Hannah Grimes' website, at hannahgrimes.com/pitchforkchallenge. Applications to participate are due July 23, 2019.

For more information, visit https://radicallyrural.org/.

44th Annual GKCC Golf Classic Photos



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