

Chamber News

October 2011

CHAMBER NAME CHANGE PROPOSED: NEW NAME TO BE VOTED ON AT KSB BAH ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The Chamber Board of Directors has approved a recommendation for a **name change to the Winthrop Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce**. This requires a bylaw change that the membership has to approve at a general meeting.

The general meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27, in conjunction with the Business After Hours event at Kennebec Savings Bank. Please attend to make your preferences known.

If approved, the name change will go into effect on **January 1, 2012**.

October Breakfast Meeting to FEATURE LIONS & ROTARIANS

Save the date for the Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2011, when representatives from the local Lions and Rotary service clubs will be the presenters. They will speak about the background and history of the Lions Clubs International and the Rotary International and provide information about their mission and involvement in the local community.

Al Godfrey, secretary of the local Lions club, will speak on behalf of the Lions Clubs International, which is a worldwide volunteer organization that was begun almost 100 years ago by a Chicago businessman who encouraged other professionals to reach beyond business issues and

address the betterment of their communities and the world. Godfrey looks forward to “enlightening everyone on all that we as Lions are doing locally as well as globally.” Today, there are 1.36 million members in 46,332 Lions Clubs in 206 countries.

Similarly, Rotary is a worldwide organization with more



than 1.2 million members in 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries. Known as Rotarians, Rotary club members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Kathy Thoreson and Craig Hickman, president and vice president, respectively, of the local Rotary club, will speak on behalf of the Rotary International.

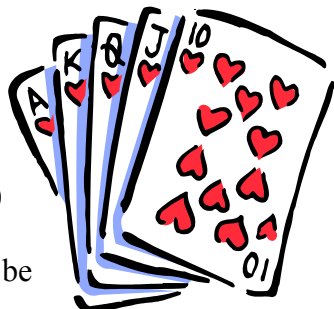
The Chamber breakfast meeting on Thursday, October 6 will be held at the Winthrop Area Federal Credit Union (located at the intersection of Route 202 and Highland Avenue in Winthrop). The cost is \$5 per person, to be paid at the door. A light breakfast will be provided beginning at 7:15 am and the meeting will start at 7:30 am and end promptly at 8:30 am. The meeting, which is generously sponsored by **Brian S. Berry & Associates, CPAs**, is open to the public. No reservations are required.

For more information, visit www.winthropchamber.org, call 207-377-8020, or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

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Chamber Hosts Texas Hold'em NEXT POKER TOURNAMENT

Will you be “walking back to Houston” or holding on to “Route 66?” Find out when the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce hosts another Texas Hold'em Tournament at the American Legion Post #40 in Winthrop. The Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 9, with the game beginning at 2 pm. Texas Hold'em is one of the most popular games of poker and one of the easiest to learn. Playing in the tournament is open to the public, including members and nonmembers of both the Winthrop Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion. So join in the fun! Even if you don't have a great hand, you'll still have a great time!



The cost to play in the tournament is \$55 (\$5 for state licensing and \$50 for the “pot”). **Pre-registration is required. Players must register by calling the Chamber at 207-377-8020 and leaving their name, address, and phone number.**

The American Legion Post #40 is located at 117 Bowdoin Street in Winthrop. The doors will open at noon; participants should plan to arrive by 1:30 pm; and the tournament will start at 2 pm. There will be a cash bar. Smoking is prohibited during the event.

For more detailed information about the Texas Hold'em Tournament, please call 207-377-8020, go to www.winthropchamber.org, or send an email to info@winthropchamber.org.

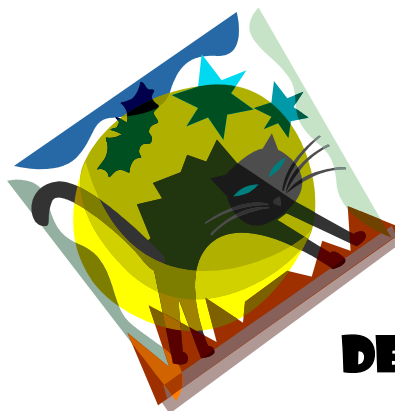
Congratulations

to New Chamber President Victoria Christopher!

Many Thanks

to Jeff Seguin for His Years of Service as President and His Continued Service as the New Vice President!

ANNOUNCING THE HALLOWEEN BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT AT KENNEBEC SAVINGS BANK ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.



**THE EVENT IS
SURE TO BE
SPOOK-
TACULAR!
LOOK FOR
DETAILS COMING
SOON!**



**For information and
registration forms for the
Governor's Workshops on
Job Creation, see pages 4-6.**

Member News & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BONNEY Staffing Center recognized Deb Nelson as 2011 Employee of the Year. BONNEY Staffing Center's Area Manager, Donna Dumond, CSP, and Senior Staffing Specialist Julie Banta, CSP, praised Deb Nelson for her outstanding achievements while working as a Customer Service Team Lead for BONNEY's Augusta office. For more than 3 years, her service has far exceeded the job requirements in the way she faces work challenges, following through on her tasks and inspiring her co-workers along the way.



Each year, BONNEY Staffing Center announces one individual from each Branch to be honored as Employee of the Year. Individuals are chosen from hundreds of eligible employees and evaluated on the basis of attendance, performance and their ability to meet and exceed the expectations of the client.

BONNEY Staffing Center is Maine's largest privately owned Staffing Company.

The Kennebec Land Trust is offering a number of public programs this month, including a mushroom walk and an open farm day at an organic dairy farm. Learn more by visiting www.tkltr.org.

Chamber and community members are invited to join **Shepherd Chiropractic Wellness Center** for their 30th anniversary wellness celebration on Saturday, October 22 from 9 am to noon. The event will have a harvest time theme and feature a pumpkin decorating contest, face painting, children's games, music, food and beverages!



In addition, there will be plenty of health and wellness tips and demos on preparing healthy snacks!

This fun morning for the whole family will take place at Shepherd Chiropractic Wellness Center,

located at 1223 US Route 202 in Winthrop. Please call 207-377-9344 for more information and/or to reserve your space today!

Help the Chamber Share the NEWS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS

Do you have news about your business that you'd like to share with your Chamber colleagues? Send an email message to info@winthropchamber.org and we'll put it in the *Chamber News*.



Get Some Business Momentum AT MOMENTUM CONVENTION

Produced for Maine's business community, the Mainebiz Momentum Convention is where CEOs, marketing execs, human resources managers, business owners, sales managers, technology directors, and professionals can spend a day with their peers to help build momentum for their businesses. This day of learning, exhibits, networking, and inspiration will take place on Thursday, October 20 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta and will culminate with the Momentum Reception from 4 to 5 pm. For more information, go to www.mainebiz.biz/momentumconvention.



OFFICE OF GOVERNOR PAUL R. LePAGE

Invitation to the Governor's Workshop on Job Creation

You are cordially invited to apply for participation in Governor LePage's Workshop on Job Creation; true working sessions designed to share your experiences and ideas regarding job creation in Maine with Governor Paul LePage, state officials and fellow business leaders as we work together to improve Maine's economy.

Governor LePage wants to hear directly from you. He is interested in additional steps state government can take to make Maine an even better place to create jobs. These are intended to be true working sessions where you can speak freely about improving Maine's economy. Senior Leadership teams and members of the Governor's cabinet from the following State Agencies will be present to hear your ideas, and work with you, to improve the climate for job creation in Maine:

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT • DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
MAINE REVENUE SERVICES • DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
WORKERS' COMPENSATION • DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL & FINANCIAL REGULATION
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION • DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, VETERANS AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CHOOSE FROM ONE OF THREE LOCATIONS:

PORTLAND	BANGOR	AUBURN
October 19, 2011	October 26, 2011	November 17, 2011
12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	12:30 pm – 5:00 pm	7:30 am – 12:30 pm
Southern Maine Community College	Husson University	Central Maine Community College

AGENDA: Governor's opening remarks, breakout sessions within topic areas, a networking session and then closing remarks with a brief review of the information accumulated.

NO FEE • CONFIRMED RSVP REQUIRED • SPACE IS LIMITED

Please RSVP with the form included with this invitation and look for your confirmation, or call Lauren LePage in the Governor's office for more information at 207-287-3538



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Governor's Workshop on Job Creation

REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

*** Please note seating is limited ***

Name of Your Business:

Mailing Address:

Website Address:

Your Business May Request Registration of up to 3 Individuals Below:

Name	Title (CEO, VP, etc.)

Please indicate a contact person, contact number and contact email below:

Please indicate which event you would like to attend:

- October 19, 2011:** **Southern Maine Community College, So. Portland**
Registration Deadline: October 7, 2011
- October 26, 2011:** **Husson University, Bangor**
Registration Deadline: October 14, 2011
- November 17, 2011:** **Central Maine Community College, Auburn**
Registration Deadline: November 5, 2011

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Tell Us about Your Business

- 1) How many years have you been in business?

- 2) What sector are you in? (Mark all that apply)
Service Tourism Technology
Retail Manufacturing Other:

- 3) Tell us about what your business does, or the services it provides (in 50 words or less):

- 4) How many employees does your business currently have (FTE's)?

- 5) Have you created any new jobs since January 1, 2011? If so, how many?

- 6) Do you anticipate creating any new jobs in 2012?

- 7) What is the single largest inhibitor to job creation you currently face?

- 8) May we have permission to publicize your business?

Please Return Registration Forms to the attention of Lauren LePage by email, fax or mail at:

Email: Lauren.LePage@Maine.Gov **Fax:** (207) 287-1034

Address: Office of the Governor
ATTN: Lauren LePage
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04330

***** Please note: to attend you will need a registration confirmation which will come by email. Please look for a confirmation by email. Space is limited. Not all requests may be fulfilled.**