



Insider Newsletter

April 2019

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce
KennebecValleyChamber.com

April

- 04/02 **SBRT**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ Purdue University Global
- 04/03 **Cynergy: Behind the Scenes**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ MaineGeneral Health
- 04/09 KVCC Board of Directors
5:00 pm
- 04/10 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 04/17 **Cynergy: Art of Glass**
5:00 - 7:00 pm
@ Stained Glass Express
- 04/24 **Business After Hours**
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
@ Northern Mattress
- 04/30 **Legislative Strictly Social**
5:00 - 7:30 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa

May

- 05/01 **Pardon the Innovation**
5:30 - 7:30 pm
@ Thomas College
- 05/07 KVCC Board of Directors
5:00 pm
- 05/08 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 05/08 **Cynergy Behind the Scenes**
5:30 - 7:00 pm
@ Augusta Civic Center
- 05/09 **SBRT**
9:00 - 10:30 am
@ Purdue University Global
- 05/10 **SBRT**
9:00 - 11:00 am
@ Purdue University Global
- 05/13 **Cynergy Bowling**
@ Sparetime Recreation
- 05/14 **SBRT**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
@ Purdue University Global
- 05/22 **Business After Hours**
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
@ Connected Credit Union

Membership Appreciation Month

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce loves showing their appreciation to their members, and the Chamber is excited to share new changes coming to Membership Appreciation. Instead of only one week, we will now have an entire month to share our gratitude with our members!

For the entire month of April, the Chamber will be conducting competitions on Facebook with 17 prize drawings! Each drawing will be focused on an industry:

- Arts & Culture
- Nonprofit & Associations
- Automobile & Transportation
- Recreation
- Construction & Real Estate
- Restaurant
- Education
- Retail
- Financial
- Printing
- Hospitality
- Professional Services
- Health & Wellness
- Utilities
- Insurance Legal & Government

Check out our Facebook page for more information!

SBRT

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCE TEAM

Access to Capital / Bringing Bucks to Your Business

When: April 2, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Where: Purdue University Global
Cost: FREE!

Growing your business, funding a startup or developing a new product can be a challenge. This workshop will include ways for small businesses to identify and obtain funding for their new or growing business. This workshop will also help you decide if getting the funding will help your business grow, and if borrowing the money makes sense for your business.

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Women's Network

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Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley

Building Regional Partnerships to Improve Our Community and Showcase Our Strengths

April 10, 2019

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Senator Inn & Spa

RSVP to Info@KennebecValleyChamber.com

Thank you to our sponsors!



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

30+ YEARS

- Kennebec Valley YMCA
- Verrill & Dana, LLP

20+ YEARS

- Downtown Diner
- Smart EyeCare Center
- The Home Depot
- Transco Business Technologies
- U.S. Cellular

10+ YEARS

- Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc.
- Darling's Chrysler, Dodge, Hyundai
- Friends of Kennebec River Rail Trail
- Kozak & Gayer, P.A.
- Line-X of Augusta
- Marshall Communications, Inc.
- O'Connor Volkswagen
- Saltbox Primitives
- Viles Arboretum

5+ YEARS

- Blane Casey Building Contractor, Inc.
- Capital Printing
- Damon's Pizza & Italians
- Funeral Alternatives
- Hampton Inn
- The Cat Hospital/The Cat's Inn

ALSO RENEWING

- AARP Maine
- Aquatic Technology Inc.
- Augusta Kiwanis Club
- Capital Area Housing Association
- Certified Pest Management
- Cushnoc Brewing Co.
- J.M. Arbour Wealth Management
- JPMA - Staff Development Solutions LLC
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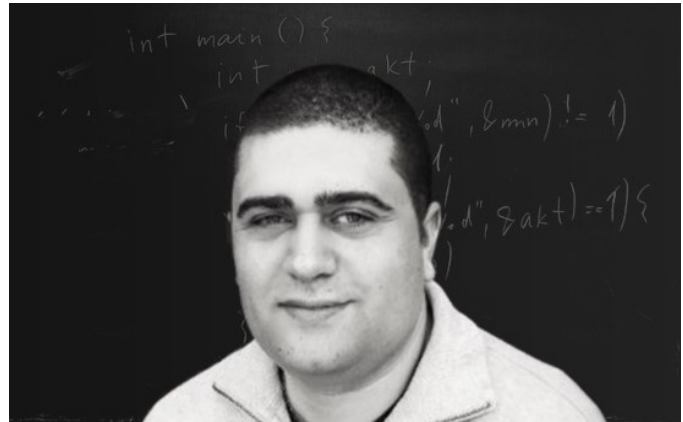
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2nd Annual Pardon the Innovation: An Entrepreneur Spotlight



Join us for a night of networking, idea sharing and an unforgettable story told by Derek Myska.

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
Thomas College Summit Room
5:30 - 7:30 PM, Free & Open to the Public

Sponsored by:



Join us for a night of networking with Central Maine's Young Professional Organizations; KV Connect and Cynergy. Get to know some of the great people that make up our community, then stick around for a story unlike one you've ever heard!

Derek Myska, co-founder and former CTO of "PingTank" will tell an unforgettable story of how he took an idea from his dorm room to California in a whirlwind of venture capital funding, chaos, and using a mansion as an office. Be sure to attend to hear the rest, it is an unforgettable series of events!

RSVP to our Facebook event by searching for "Pardon the Innovation"
or enter the URL: bit.ly/PardonTheInnovation2019
or email Josh Devou at haibicoor@thomas.edu

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With only 11 weeks until the start of the Whatever Family Festival, summer will be here before we know it! The Whatever Family Festival is an opportunity for people from near and far to experience the Kennebec Valley through a variety of free events. Join us in providing events for the whole family to enjoy! Festivities span over three weeks, ending on the 4th of July, with events available throughout the Kennebec Valley, including KV Chamber's signature events, Kennebec River Day and Kennebec River Brewfest.

Visit our website to register your event to be included in the Whatever Family Festival calendar!



The Kennebec River Day is held at Mill Park along the mighty Kennebec River from 11 am to 4 pm with activities targeted to ALL AGES! Children will be occupied with games and activities while adults can spend time at the homemade craft vendors, listening to music, or playing adult games. The Chamber is excited to bring everyone together for a day in Augusta with activities for all. The possibilities are endless for this day in Mill Park!

Visit our website to register a free activity or register as a vendor!



The Kennebec River Brewfest features a variety of local Maine breweries in a beer garden located in Mill Park. Food vendors, live music, lawn games, and more will all be within an arms reach of the Kennebec River Brewfest as it takes place in the middle of the Kennebec River Day at Mill Park.

Stay tuned for announcement of participating breweries!

The Whatever Family Festival would not be possible without the support and dedication of over 100 area businesses! Become a sponsor and support the 2019 Whatever Family Festival! Contact the Chamber at (207) 623-4559 or info@kennebecvalleychamber.com for more information

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CAPITAL PRINTING CO.



Norman R. Veilleux founded Capital Printing Company 57 years ago after buying a small 3x5 press and progressing to a motor driven commercial unit. He started substituting as a teacher at Capital Area Technical Center and eventually became the Graphic Arts Instructor for 19 years. He was an avid supporter of "Work study" program sending students to work in local Print shops which inspired the next generation of printers including Rick Tardiff, owner of J.S. McCarthy and David Banister owner of Hallowell Printing. Also to his credit are four Managers and Supervisors in area shops. Norm retired in 1994 but has maintained his small business servicing a few select customers. Although Capital Printing is only a past time, Norman still continues his membership in Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Norman is a life long resident of Augusta and a graduate of Cony High School, Oblate College and Seminary, and University of Southern Maine. Norman and his wife, Therese, are the proud parents of their daughter, 'retired U.S. Army SGM Diane Hunt. Norman served in the National Guard and U.S. Army for 9 years.

Norman is a dedicated member of his parish and the community. Norman is a Pastoral Care Associate as well as a life member of Le Club Calumet, serving 28 years as Secretary and President in 1978. Norman is also an Officer in the Gardiner Eagles Club and 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. An ardent supporter of French language, he served as a liaison and host for the Governor's office for French speaking visitors and dignitaries from France, Canada, Haiti, and other countries.

Please join us in wishing Norm a Happy 86th Birthday as he celebrates his birthday on April 1st!



BEHIND THE
SCENES WITH

CYNERGY

At the MaineGeneral
Learning Kitchen

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Join Cynergy on April 3rd as we go Behind The Scenes with the Maine General Health Learning Kitchen to explore smarter shopping, meal prepping, healthier AND delicious cooking with new flavor combinations! The event will start at 5:00 pm with a brief guided tour of the hospital with how the design, layout, and even color schemes were selected to create a healthy environment. The tour will be followed by a meal tutorial and meal sampling. RSVP at cynergymaine.com



THE ART OF GLASS

FREE STAINED GLASS WORKSHOP

Live Demos | Workshop Tours | Create Your Own Pour on Glass



Cynergy is joining forces with Cony High School to introduce you to the art of stained glass. Join us on April 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm for a fun-filled night at Stained Glass Express, 966 Western Ave., Manchester, with live demonstrations, workshop tours, and make your own paint pour on glass. RSVP for the event at cynergymaine.com

CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS

Camden National Bank

provided donations to six Maine high schools, located in the communities where it has banking centers, that competed in the 2019 Boys and Girls Basketball State Championships.

The support made it possible for nearly 1,000 students to attend this year's games in Portland, Bangor and Augusta and cheer on their friends and classmates.

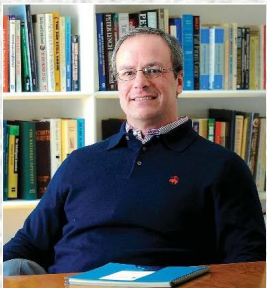
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Darling's Augusta hosts Women & Wheels, a fun and female-friendly expert automobile advice event, on Wednesday, April 3rd from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. Join Darling's for wine, cheese & chocolates and get tips and information to help you feel informed and empowered about getting the most from your car. The first 75 pre-registrants receive a special gift bag just for attending! Pre-register now to reserve your spot & receive valet parking and a complimentary car wash! To get more info or to RSVP today, visit www.darlingwomenwheels.com

Golden Pond Wealth Management's managing director and independent LPL Financial Advisor, Brian Bernatchez,



CFP, has been named to the 2019 LPL's Chairman Council. This premier award is presented to less than 2% of the firm's approximately 16,000 advisors nationwide. "Being named to the Chairman's Council is a reflection of the extraordinary team of financial professionals we have at Golden Pond,

who collectively have over 100 years of experience providing comprehensive wealth management services to Maine families and institutions," said Brian.

Maine State Museum's April lecture is with distinguished writer and naturalist Bernd Heinrich as he makes a rare



speaking appearance in Maine. Heinrich will reflect on his varied and fascinating areas of expertise: bird behavior, insect physiology, patterns in nature, the pleasures of the outdoors,

and running. This public event will be held at the Maine State Museum, 230 State Street in Augusta, within the Cultural Facilities Building adjacent to Maine's State

House. It begins with a reception at 6 pm and the program at 6:45. Admission is free.



Quirk Ford of Augusta is proud to announce the donation of a 2012 Ford Focus to the Capital Area Technical Center, part of Cony High School in Augusta. Quirk Ford of Augusta Service Manager, Walt O'Neal, applied for

and earned a grant with Ford Motor Company on the purchase and donation of the vehicle to provide service, maintenance and repair training for students. Students will utilize the vehicle to learn about engine, drivetrain, electrical circuitry, suspension, drivability and much more. Quirk Ford of Augusta and Walt have been committed to serving Capital Area Technical Center with the goal of helping young men and women find career and employment opportunities here in Maine. Quirk Auto Group continues its efforts in investing in Maine students as one of Maine's largest statewide auto dealerships.

Rotary Club of Augusta has been holding their annual Vidalia Onion sale for over twenty years now. This fund-



raiser brings in an average of over \$4,000 each year. The club uses those funds for their many service projects and to provide scholarships in the greater Au-

gusta area. These are big, sweet, delicious Vidalia onions. They are super versatile, great in soups, salads, casseroles, and as a standalone. Try making your own oven baked blooming onions or this super simple recipe for a baked onion. It is delicious! Sales end April 30. Onions delivered the second week of May. Order a bag for yourself or split one with a friend. Half bags also available. \$27 for a 25-pound bag. \$16 for a half bag. Email Christine Devine, cdevine@KFVCU.org.

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Legislative Strictly Social

April 30, 2019



MAINE STATE CHAMBER of COMMERCE

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and Maine State Chamber of Commerce invite you to the annual Legislative Strictly Social at the Senator Inn & Spa on Tuesday, April 30th from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

The Legislative Strictly Social is an ideal way for Maine business leaders to interact with legislators, business associates, new and prospective Chamber members, and government representatives in a relaxed setting.

Please pre-register for this event as space is limited. If you had registered for the March date, you do not need to register again.

RSVP at www.mainechamber.org or by calling the KV Chamber at (207) 623-4559



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The KV Chamber exists to enhance life quality by strengthening our regional economy.

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April's Business After Hours will be hosted by **Northern Mattress and Furniture**, 16 Western Ave., Augusta on **Wednesday, April 24th** from **5:00 to 7:00 pm**. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking with business professionals from the 23 communities we service!

Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. Complimentary wine will be available courtesy of **Cellar Door Winery**.

Every Business After Hours is an incredible opportunity to win amazing door prizes and take part in the 50/50 raffle.

To RSVP contact the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce by calling (207) 623-4559 or by emailing info@kennebecvalleychamber.com

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