



May 2017

Insider Newsletter

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce
KennebecValleyChamber.com

Upcoming Events

May

- 5/3 **Modern Mornings & KLI Graduation**
7:30 am - 9:00 am
@ The Senator Inn & Spa
- 5/9 KVCC Board of Directors
5:30 pm
@ The KV Chamber
- 5/10 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ The Senator Inn & Spa
- 5/11 **Cynergy The Art of Public Speaking**
5:00 - 7:00 PM
@ Darling's Auto
- 5/15 **Cynergy Trivia Night**
5:00 - 7:00 PM
@ Quarry Tap Room
- 5/24 **Business After Hours**
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
@ Mix Maine Media Co-hosted by Burgess Technology Services

June

- 6/3 **Color Dash 5K**
(Pg. 5 directions to register)
7:30 am
@ Augusta City Center
- 6/13 KVCC Board of Directors
5:30 pm
@The KV Chamber
- 6/14 **Whatever Family Festival Begins**
- 6/14 **Women's Network Luncheon**
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
@ The Senator Inn & Spa
- 6/21 **Modern Mornings**
7:30 am - 9:00 am
@ The Senator Inn & Spa
- 6/24 **Kennebec River Day**
11:00 am - 3:00 pm
@ Mill Park, Augusta
- 6/28 **Business After Hours**
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
@ Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center

* **Bold open to public**



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New this year, introducing: Kennebec River Day

June 24, 2017 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Kennebec River Day will still host the kid's events but will now also have activities targeted to ALL AGES! The diverse activities range from face painting for children to a Margaritas Tent and everything in between. Other events are a bounce house, pétanque tournament, fly fishing lessons, and the Kennebec Valley Humane Society's "Adopt a pet". We will have three stages! This year one stage will combine the dance and kids stage, and the other two are for bands and Bee a Country Star. There will be activities throughout downtown Augusta as well. The Kennebec River Day is going to be a day to look forward to each year, one where memories are made and fun is guaranteed. This exciting day, is going to be one for the books!

If you are wondering how to be involved, contact the Chamber at 623-4559

BEE a Country Star

11:00 - 3:00 Country singing competition featuring up to 20 contestants

Mix Stage

11:00 - 12:00 Loki & Friends
12:15 - 1:30 The Kahouts
1:45 - 3:00 Rocket Band

Modern Mornings
May 3, 2017
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
@ The Senator Inn & Spa



KLI Class XXXI Graduation



The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce and The University of Maine at Augusta are pleased to invite you, your friends, relatives and business associates to join us in honoring the 2017 graduates of the Kennebec Leadership Institute. Come enjoy breakfast with our XXXI KLI Class and listen to them share their experiences. Thank you to our breakfast sponsors: Delta Ambulance, O'Connor AutoPark, PERFORMANCE Foodservice—NorthCenter, TRC Solutions, and University of Maine at Augusta.



RSVP to Info@KennebecValleyChamber.com

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Women's Network
May 10, 2017
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
@ The Senator Inn & Spa



Marilyn Meyerhans Lakeside Orchard

Marilyn Meyerhans was born in Sanford, Maine, lived there for the first 7 years of her life and moved to Massachusetts when her father took a new job there. She returned to Maine as quickly as possible as a student at Colby and graduated in 1972 with a degree in History. She met her now husband, Steven, who had worked at a small orchard in Skowhegan. With two Colby friends, Marilyn and Steve bought what is now the Apple Farm in Fairfield in 1973. Not long after, they bought out their friends, increased the apple tree plantings, added a cider press, then bought Lakeside Orchard in Manchester. Marilyn will share the history of their farms and how she and her husband entered the business. She'll discuss the history of the apple industry in Maine and the issues that they face today including growing, harvesting, and marketing their apples, produce and other farm products.

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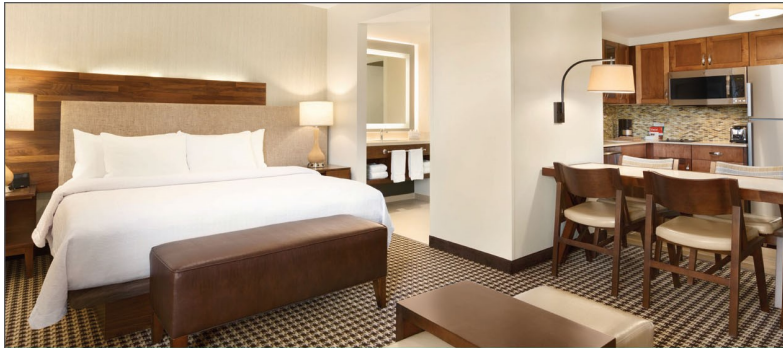
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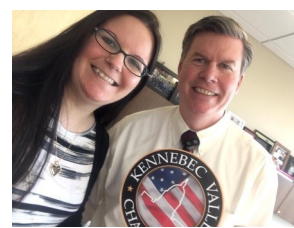
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Membership Appreciation Week



WE  OUR MEMBERS



Membership Appreciation Week was a success! Thank you to all who volunteered their time and goodies! This year's event has been record breaking! More photos, more surveys and more relationships made!! To thank our volunteers, we had three contests:

Most Photos Submitted:

Winner: Patricia Buck, Patricia Buck Bridal

Downtown Prize - \$150 worth of gift cards donated by Emery's Meat & Produce, Joyce's in Hallowell, The Black and Tan, Downtown Diner, Quarry Tap Room and Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center.

Most Surveys Returned:

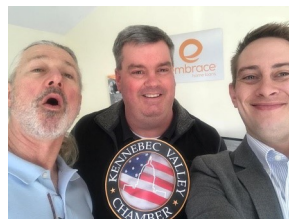
Winner: Skye Austin & Ryan Moody, Summit Natural Gas of Maine

Healthy Living Prize: Gifts donated by Central Maine Pyrotechnics, Free ME from Lung Cancer, Kennebec Valley YMCA, Downtown Yoga and MaineGeneral Health Prevention & Healthy Living.

Most New Member Leads:

Winner: Laura Bower (Lapoint Lumber), Ashely Shawley (Key Bank) & Mike Stinchfield (Summit Natural Gas of Maine)

Arts and Theater Prize: 16 entertainment tickets donated by Snow Pond Center for the Arts, Children's Discovery Museum, Blistered Fingers Bluegrass Festival, Theater at Monmouth, The Waterville Opera House and Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center.



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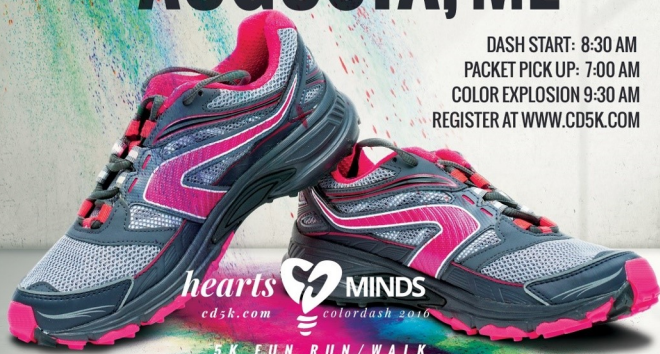
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the kenney awards

2018 Award Nominations

Please submit your nominations to the Chamber
by May 31, 2017

Awards:

- Peter G. Thompson Lifetime Achievement
- Large Business of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- President's Choice
- Community Service
- Cynergy Young Professional



To find criteria and submit a nomination, please visit
www.kennebecvalleychamber.com

KLI Golf Tournament

*Make sure you
sign up before
we sell out!*

*July 17, 2017
10 AM shotgun
Augusta Country Club*

*New This
Year, Air
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THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

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WHEN: Thursday, May 11th 5-7 p.m.

WHERE: Darling's in Augusta

HOW MUCH: FREE

WHAT: A workshop to master the basics of public speaking

Food and drinks provided (yes, there will be adult beverages)

ABOUT KENNEBEC VALLEY TOASTMASTERS:

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How many time does the word "Augusta" appear in the May Insider Newsletter?

Submit your answer to info@kennebecvalleychamber.com

And be entered to win a FREE website advertisement!!!

Winners will be drawn May 15, 2017



How many Leprechauns
in the March Newsletter?

Stephanie Hunter
Quarry Tap Room
8 Leprechauns



How many Easter Eggs in the April
Newsletter?

Cathy DeMerchant
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27 Easter Eggs

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Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc.

The Leadership Team at Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc. would like to invite the Chamber community to join us in congratulating Dawn True on her promotion from Staffing Supervisor to Branch Manager of their Augusta office! Dawn joined CASS in October of 2005, and since that time has placed thousands of individuals in both temporary and permanent jobs in the Central Maine area. Her knowledge of local businesses and their needs, and her expertise in placing **just the right candidate**, has made her not only an invaluable member of our Team, but also a trusted resource for our clients. Dawn is an active member of the Kennebec Valley Human Resources Association, and she can be reached at DawnT@CapitalAreaStaffing.com.



Habitat for Humanity

The Maine Innkeepers Association (MEIA) continues for its 14th year a program called 'Hospitality for Habitat'-- designed to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity, while seeking to encourage Spring tourism in Maine. The offer is very simple. From April 17 until May 25, 2017, participating member properties will offer a designated number of their rooms at half the regular rate in exchange for a \$35 check payable to Habitat for Humanity. Reservations must be made in advance. To find the hyperlinks to each participating visit: <http://www.maineinns.com/hospitality-for-habitat/>



Kennebec Valley Community Action Project (KVCAP)

Ridership on the Kennebec and Somerset Explorer public bus system has reached capacity and we urgently need your help to meet the ever-growing demand! Your financial support will:

- Have the added impact of being matched dollar for dollar by federal funding.
- Grow the economy by helping people get to work, shop locally, and meet their basic needs; studies show that for every \$1 invested in public transportation, \$4 is returned in economic earnings.
- Help sustain current public transit routes and keep fares affordable.
- Support potential route expansions, including intercity service between Skowhegan and Waterville.
- Create success by increasing access to education, employment and personal buying power.
- Re-energize our communities by ensuring everyone can get where they need to go!



Maple Hill Farm Inn

The Maple Hill Farm Inn in Hallowell, ME, was recently chosen as one of *The Best 5 Green Hotels and Inns in New England* In the Yankee New England's Magazine.

Don't feel the slightest guilty twinge when fresh towels appear daily in your room at his rural bed-and-breakfast inn and conference center. With it's wind turbine, solar array, wood pellet boiler, and electric vehicle charging station - not to mention the Tesla that innkeeper Scott Cowger uses for errands - the property has gone all in, seeing each step towards carbon neutrality as essential to preserving Maine's character. 207-622-2708 maplebb.com

The Best Western

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Zardus Art of Massage & Wellness Spa

Zardus Art of Massage & Wellness Spa Spring Open House at 1 Lincoln Ave, Gardiner on May 20 from 10:00 - 4:00 pm.

Enjoy the spring by treating yourself to a mini-session at our Spa Spring Open House. Enjoy a variety of 20 minute wellness sessions/\$20 (Reiki, Massage, Trigger Point, Rolfing, EFT/Access Bars, Tibetan Sound Therapy, Aroma Hand Treatment, Polarity Therapy, Palm Reading and Mini-facials, Henna Tattoos) \$5/ 45 minute Yin Yoga Class, \$5/ 30 minute Daily Detox workshop, \$20/ 60 minute Essential Oil Make & Take Workshop, Free Stability, Balance & Range of Motion testing, and LuLaRoe spring clothing for sale.

Light fare and live music by Ed DesJardins from 12:00-2:00 pm. Door prizes throughout the day & grand prize drawing at 4:00pm.

Call to reserve a session at 207-446-7470.

To submit Member News, just send your press release to:

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



Join us May 24th!

The May Business After Hours will be At Mix
Maine Media co-hosted by
Burgess Technology Services on
Wednesday, May 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

KV Chamber members and guests are invited to join us for networking and great food! Every Business After Hours is an incredible opportunity to win amazing door prizes and take part in the 50/50 raffle. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be available.

Be sure to bring a large stack of business cards to share with your new business contacts.

To RSVP call 623-4559 or Email
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Look forward to the next Business After Hours at
Johnson Hall Performing Arts Center, June 28, 2017!

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