



# Insider Newsletter

February 2018

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce  
[KennebecValleyChamber.com](http://KennebecValleyChamber.com)



## Upcoming Events

### February

- 02/06 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 02/13 Cynergy Trivia  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Quarry Tap Room
- 02/14 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 02/21 **Chamber Connection Series**  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 02/28 **Business After Hours**  
Maine State Chamber's  
Legislative Strictly Social  
Networking Reception  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa

### March

- 03/13 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 03/14 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 03/21 **Chamber Connection Series**  
7:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
@ Senator Inn & Spa
- 03/28 **Business After Hours**  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Le Club Calumet

\*Bolded items are open to the public

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# the kenney awards

Once a year, the Kennebec Valley community comes together for a night of glamour and celebration. The Kenney Awards continue to be a tremendous evening of celebration of the exceptional business and individuals in our community. With over 800 attendees, the 2018 Kenney Awards were SOLD OUT. The red carpet was rolled out and cameras were flashing for all of the glammed up attendees.

With the live voting portion of our awards, 9 nominees and an audience of their peers sat on the edge of their seats as they waited for the winners to be announced for President's Choice, Community Service, and Cynergy Young Professional Awards.

The transformation of the Augusta Civic Center into a glamorous, Hollywood-esque award show required the efforts of numerous staff and volunteers over nine hours of set up and rehearsals.

The Kennebec Valley Chamber cannot be more appreciative of our sold out crowd and sponsors who made this all possible. Congratulations to the winners and finalists! We look forward to seeing you again on the red carpet next year! If you have any recommendations on how we can make the Kenney Awards even more special, please reach out to the Chamber at [info@KennebecValleyChamber.com](mailto:info@KennebecValleyChamber.com)

## Women's Network

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**Chelsea Moeller**  
 MaineGeneral Health

**Fundraising:  
 The Heart of the Matter**

February 13, 2018  
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
 The Senator Inn & Spa

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## CHAMBER CONNECTION

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**Nate Wildes**  
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**Attract & Retain  
 Maine's Workforce**

February 21, 2018  
 4:00 - 5:30 pm  
 The Senator Inn & Spa

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

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## **MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

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Knowlton Hewins Robert  
Funeral Home and  
Cremation

KV Federal Credit Union  
Le Club Calumet  
Maine Instrument Flight  
Senator Inn and Spa  
Sprague and Curtis

### **30+ YEARS**

Allen's Transfer and Storage  
Cribstone Capital  
Delta Ambulance  
G & E Roofing  
J.S. McCarthy Printing

Lapointe Lumber  
Maine General Health  
Maine Municipal Bond Bank  
Thayer Engineering Company

### **20+ YEARS**

J&S Oil  
Kennebec Valley Council of  
Governments  
MacPage  
Maine Association of Realtors

Newcomer Relocation  
Services  
Rejean Blais Apartment  
Rentals  
Windsor Fair

### **10+ YEARS**

At Home Veterinarian Care  
Augusta Country Club  
CurtisWorks  
Dairy Queen

Dave's Appliance  
Maine Innkeepers Association  
Pine Tree Council  
SCORE

### **5+ YEARS**

Bar Harbor Bank and Trust  
JR Metal Frames  
Karen Johnson, CPA

Leah Harden Photography  
New England Music Camp  
Wayne Ladner Insurance

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# the kenney awards

**Congratulations  
2018 Kenney  
Awards Winners!**



**Peter G. Thompson  
Lifetime Achievement  
Norman Elvin**



**Large Business of the Year  
Lajoie Brothers, Inc.**



**Small Business of the Year  
Capital Area  
Staffing Solutions**



**President's Choice  
Thomas College**



**Community Service  
Cecil Munson**



**Cynergy Young Professional  
Erika Bush**



**2017 Volunteer  
of the Year  
Mark & Deanna Walker**

**Thank you Mark & Deanna Walker Photography !**

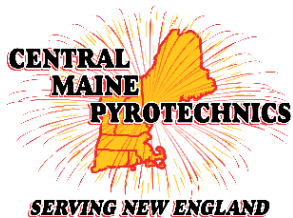
**Your volunteered contributions are appreciated by the whole community.**

**The photos are excellent as always and capture the joy of the Kenney Awards!**



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**Bar Harbor Bank & Trust** in partnership with its employees and directors donated \$12,340 through the Bank's *Community Commitment* program during 2017. Each week, employees voluntarily contribute to a fund in exchange for being able to dress casually on Fridays. Each month, the employees at a different bank location get to choose the recipient of these contributions.

**Bar Harbor Bank & Trust** hires Marion Colombo as Executive Vice President of Retail Delivery, effective February 12, 2018. Ms. Colombo joins Bar Harbor Bank & Trust with over 30 years of experience in retail banking. She is responsible for retail strategy and delivery and will work closely with our teams to ensure that customers experience consistently outstanding service across all 49 locations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

**Camden National Bank** recently launched TreasuryLink – an enhanced, comprehensive and secure online banking platform for business customers to manage and integrate the treasury process. With TreasuryLink, businesses can control user permissions, run customizable reports, and automate alerts from any device. The platform enhances the product suite and personalized service offered by Camden National Bank's Treasury Management and Commercial Banking teams.



**Darling's Auto Group** donated a wrapped van to the Augusta Boys and Girls Club. The van will assist with transportation of members who otherwise are unable to make it to the club.

**Gardiner Federal Credit Union** is pleased to announce that they are offering a total of \$3,000 in College Scholarships in 2018. GFCU is offering six scholarship in the amount of \$500 each to deserving students who are pursuing post-secondary education or graduate degrees. To be considered for the scholarships, applicants must live, work, worship, or attend school in Kennebec County, Lincoln County, or in the towns of Palermo or Richmond. The application is available on GFCU's website: [gardinerfcu.org](http://gardinerfcu.org)

**GHM Insurance** announced the designation of Certified Insurance Counselor (CIC) has been conferred upon Laura Rowe, Commercial Lines Manager, following her successful completion of a rigorous insurance education program



sponsored by the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors. Ms. Rowe, was also recently promoted to commercial lines manager, has been an insurance agent at GHM Insurance since 2000 and believes insurance consumers are best served by those who acquire and maintain a high level of education and professional excellence.

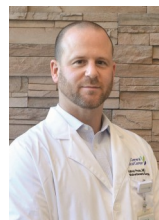
**Intriago Advisors** is pleased to announce the opening of its Kennebec office in Belgrade Lakes Village. The firm offers a unique "virtual CFO service" which is very valuable solution for entrepreneurs who need high quality advice without employing full-time professional staff. The firm offers complete financial management services for small and medium sized businesses, including budgeting, project management, billing, expense payments, payroll and tax returns and, most importantly, growth planning. Joy Intriago has conceived, launched and grown three successful businesses. The businesses started with an idea and grew to successful global businesses. A Certified Public Accountant with prior experience at a Big 4 firm, she brings this experience to Kennebec County businesses and entrepreneurs seeking comprehensive financial management advice at reasonable fees. For more information contact Intriago Advisors and Ms. Intriago at 207-482-0636 or [info@intriagoadvisors.com](mailto:info@intriagoadvisors.com).



**Kennebec Behavioral Health (KBH)** announced that Dr. Janine Taylor has been promoted to Medical Director for the mental health and substance abuse services organization. Additionally, Dr. Arlene Almazan has been promoted to Assistant Medical Director. Both Dr. Taylor and Dr. Almazan have extensive experience with Kennebec Behavioral Health and providing psychiatric care to the people KBH serves.

**The Kennebec Historical Society's** February Public Presentation: "The Life and Mysterious Death of Maine-Born Millionaire Sir Harry Oakes" to be held Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Episcopal Church located at 209 Eastern Avenue in Augusta.

**MaineGeneral Surgery** welcomes new thoracic surgeon, Alfred Proto, MD. Dr. Proto joins thoracic surgeon Seth Blank, MD, and will work with other MaineGeneral Surgery services including general surgery, vascular surgery, plastic surgery and otolaryngology (ear, nose and throat).



**Patient 360** is proud to announce their third consecutive year being Medicare-Certified as a Qualified Clinical Data Registry (QCDR) focusing on pain medicine. Patient 360 has partnered with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a federally Qualified Registry for over a decade and a Qualified Clinical Data Registry for the last two years.

**Spectrum Generations'** 20th Annual Ice Fishing Derby will be held on Sunday, February 18, with weigh-in at Spectrum Generations' Muskie Community Center, 38 Gold Street in Waterville. The Ice Fishing Derby, begun 20 years ago by avid sportsman Gene Letourneau and his wife, Lucille, continues to be held in their memory. The Ice Fishing Derby seeks to promote outdoor recreation, intergenerational fun, and help raise funds for the aging and disability programming offered at Spectrum Generations.

**United Way of Kennebec Valley (UWKV)** recently announced that its 2017 fundraising campaign raised \$1,669,459, the most ever collected in support of its 50 partner programs. Campaign Chairs Chuck and Maria Hays shared this news at UWKV's revamped Campaign Celebration, which attracted more than 180 people to MaineGeneral Medical Center on Wednesday, January 31.

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Dr. James Brewer, originally from Greene, Maine, practices Optometry at the office on Maine Avenue in Farmingdale. He was joined last year by Dr. Nicholas Holden, who hails from Methuen, Massachusetts.

Originally from the great state of Texas, Dr. Jessilin Quint enjoys seeing patients at the office on Western Avenue in Augusta. She is joined by Dr. Richard Smart, a Readfield, Maine native.

Dr. Sarah Gladstone grew up in the greater Bangor area, and provides optometric care in the Bangor office on Stillwater Avenue. She is joined by Dr. Lucie Neron from Chebougamau, Quebec, and also Dr. Ethan Taylor, who is originally from Minnesota.

All of the Doctors are accepting new patients and are looking forward to serving Maine for years to come. For more information, please visit Smart EyeCare Center's website at [www.smarteyecare.com](http://www.smarteyecare.com) or find them on Facebook or Instagram.



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

**BUSINESS**  
after HOURS

## Join us at Maine State Chamber's Legislative Strictly Social Networking Reception!

The Kennebec Valley Chamber invites you to attend Business After Hours at the Maine State Chamber's annual Legislative Social Networking Reception **February 28th** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the **Senator Inn & Spa** in Augusta. 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.

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To RSVP contact **Melody Rousseau** at the Maine State Chamber of Commerce  
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