



January 2017

# Insider Newsletter

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

## the Kenney awards

### The Kenney's Are Going Live!

New this year! The audience will have the opportunity to vote for their choice of finalist in three of the prize-winning categories: President's Choice, Community Service and Cynergy Young Professional. There are three finalists for each of the categories. There will be a brief video presentation, highlighting each finalist. The audience will then have the opportunity to text in their vote via their own personal cell phone (only 1 vote per cell phone allowed per category). Live voting only works for cell phones within the Augusta Civic Center, so no outside sources can cast a vote. After the votes, have been calculated, the winners of each category will be announced right then and there!



Bring your cell phones and your fans, because these Kenney's are going live!!!



### Save the date!

Friday, January 27, 2017  
 at the Augusta Civic Center.  
 Tickets are available! Call the Chamber at  
 207-623-4559

### Upcoming Events

#### January

- 1/10 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 1/11 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ The Senator Inn
- 1/12 **Cynergy New Manager Skills**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Kaplan University
- 1/18 **Business Insider Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
@ The Senator Inn
- 1/25 **Business After Hours**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
@ Maine State Museum
- 1/27 **The Kenney Awards**  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
@ The Augusta Civic Center

#### February

- 2/8 **Women's Network Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
@ The Senator Inn
- 2/8 **Cynergy Trivia Night**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
@ The Quarry Tap Room
- 2/15 **Business Insider Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
@ The Senator Inn
- 2/15 KVCC Board of Directors  
5:30 p.m.
- 2/22 **Business After Hours**  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
@ The Senator Inn & Spa

\* Bold items are open to the public

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**Women's Network**  
 January 11th  
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 @ The Senator Inn



Martha Currier



Martha Currier is the Complaint Examiner for the Consumer Information and Mediation Service in the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General and the administrator of Maine's Lemon Law Arbitration Program. In this capacity she supervises the full-time staff and oversees the work of approximately 25 volunteer mediators. She is the host and producer of the Attorney General's television show Consumer Matters on Time Warner's public access station. Her current position builds upon a career of

helping Mainers resolve their problems. She was the Legislative Liaison for the Office of the Attorney General under AG William Schneider; has been a Legislative Aide in the Maine State Senate; has administered the campaign finance laws for lobbyists, PACs and state parties in Maine; been self-employed as a non-attorney representative for social security disability claimants; and worked as a communications assistant at non-profit in Washington, DC.

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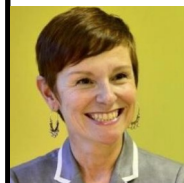
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**Business Insider**  
 January 18th  
 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
 @ The Senator Inn



Myths vs. Realities Surrounding  
 the Legal Marijuana Industry



Patricia Rosi is CEO of the Wellness Connection of Maine, the state's largest operator of medical marijuana dispensaries. Since 2011, Wellness Connection operates four state-licensed dispensaries, one cultivation facility, one kitchen and one ISO8 certified extraction laboratory.

On a trip to Bamako, Africa to visit family in 2011, she determined she needed to find a higher meaning in her life. Motivated by a newfound commitment to make a positive difference in the lives of others, she joined the Board of Directors of the Wellness Connection and is now CEO since 2013.

In four short years under her leadership, Wellness Connection's staff has grown from 20 to 80 employees and the patient base has increased tenfold. As the largest medical marijuana dispensary group in Maine and the East Coast, Wellness Connection is currently serving over 13,000 qualified patients a year.

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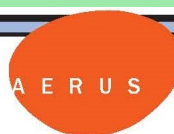


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# the kenney awards

**January 27, 2017**

5:00 p.m. Social Hour & Cash Bar

6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards Ceremonies

8:00 p.m. Live Band & Dancing

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*Margaritas*

Cynergy Young Professional Finalist



*Chelsea Moeller*



*Matthew Tardiff*



*Chris Voynik*



## Gary Crocker

### Our 2017 Kenney's Emcee

Gary Crocker will be the 2017 Kenney Awards emcee. Gary has been bringing his Downeast humor to Maine since the mid 1970's when he decided he wanted to be a Maine storyteller.

Gary's first official booking as a paid humorist was around 1980, at a Rotary club in Augusta. "That's where most public speakers start up and get their practice." Since then he has performed in Maine and throughout the United States. His audiences have ranged from a captivated four people to 30,000 Boy Scouts attending a jamboree at the Brunswick Naval Air Station.



*Are You Ready to Dance the Night Away?*

## Pat Colwell & The Soul Sensations



## Will it be you to win a Diamond?

Day's Jewelers will be selling champagne (extra sparkly) with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Jewelers for Children at the Kenney Awards. You will be able to purchase your own champagne glass for \$10! Someone WILL go home with a champagne glass that has the special code to win a Forevermark Diamond valued at \$2,000!!! All you have to do is take your champagne glass into the Augusta Day's Jewelers to see if your glass holds the winning code.

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## Meet The Board Chair: Stacey Morrison



Stacey Morrison is the CEO and Owner of Ganneston Construction Corp. Located in Augusta, Ganneston Construction is the only certified woman-owned full service *General Contractor* in the State of Maine by the Maine Department of Transportation. Ganneston was incorporated in 1963 to build the residential homes in Gannett Park. Today, the company's primary focus is on the historic preservation, renovation and new construction of buildings throughout the State of Maine including schools, offices, hospitals, industrial, multi-family, state and federal buildings.

Stacey attended Yarmouth High School and graduated from Wheaton College, Norton, MA in 1986 with a BA in Economics. Much of her career path has led her to administrative and financial positions where she was essentially managing other people's businesses. With encouragement and support from her father she purchased Ganneston in 2001 and has successfully grown the company.

She is dedicated to her industry and community and serves on multiple Board of Directors including the Associated Builders and Contractors of Maine, Downeast Construction Educational Foundation, Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce, Augusta Board of Trade, Maine Affordable Housing Coalition and Maine Government Facilities Authority. She is also very passionate about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and holds two annual fundraisers to raise money for research and a cure!

She and her son Zachary, age 11, live in Gardiner, Maine.



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Well, Cynergy has a cure! They're joining forces with The Quarry Tap Room to bring you their first ever Trivia Night and ALL OF YOU are invited!

For \$5, you can play for the grand prize of \$200 awarded to the winning team.  
Minimum of 4 players per team.

We'll also be giving away bonus prizes throughout the evening for:

Best Team Name

Best Team Spirit

Trivia MVP

# Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce 2017 Networking Opportunities



## Business Insider Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

@ The Senator Inn

Sponsored by *Kennebec Savings Bank*

January 18

June 21

February 15

September 20

March 22

October 4

April 19

November 15

May 3

December 20



## Women's Network Luncheon

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

@ The Senator Inn

Sponsored by *Skowhegan Savings Bank*

January 11

June 14

February 8

September 13

March 8

October 18

April 12

November 8

May 10

December 13



## Business After Hours

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by *Capitol Dental Care*

January 25 @ The Maine State Museum

June 28 @ Johnson Hall Performing Arts

February 22 @ The Senator Inn

August 23 @ **This could be yours!**

March 29 @ Downtown Yoga

September 27 @ Gannett House

April 26 @ Kents Hill School

October 25 @ Moody's Collision

May 24 @ Mix Maine Media & Burgess  
Technology

November 29 @ Colonial Theatre

December 13 @ Kennebec Savings Bank



## Chamber Events

The Kenney Awards January 27

5K Color Dash June 3

Whatever Family Festival June 14 - July 4

KVCC Golf Tournament for KLI July 17

The Business Expo October 11





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### Our Mission:

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



## Mingle and Meet Maine Here!

The Maine State Museum will host the **January Business After Hours** on **Wednesday, January 25th** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Did you ever want to spend a night at the museum?** Come experience the museum after dark at this month's

After Hours! The Maine State Museum and the Maine State Library are planning an evening of unlimited possibilities and discovery at the Maine State Cultural building located at 230 State Street in Augusta for our next business after hours. Plan for an evening of great food and take a sneak peek at new discovery programs and interactive advancements. From new tech tools to 3D printers and objects that, yes, you can touch! The Maine State Library and the Maine State Museum will share insider information about big things happening.

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

*The Senator Inn, on February 22, 2017!*



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