

# Action report



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## Senate President Rosenberg at Legislative Luncheon

Friday, April 29, 2016 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | Bridgewater State University

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### Legislative Luncheon



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend our Annual Legislative Luncheon, to take place on **Friday, April 29, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm** in the **Rondileau Campus Center Ballroom at Bridgewater State University**. This year's featured speaker will be **Senate President Stan Rosenberg**.

The Metro South Legislative Luncheon offers Chamber members and the community an opportunity to hear from state and federal elected officials. This is a great place for networking, as well as to meet and mingle with selected and elected officials from throughout the region.

Our featured speaker, **Senate President Stan Rosenberg** was unanimously elected by his colleagues to be the 93rd President of the Massachusetts Senate on January 7, 2015.

Since his first election, Senator Rosenberg has remained deeply committed to improving the lives of the people of Massachusetts. He is the first Jewish and first openly gay legislator to lead the Massachusetts Senate in its over-three-hundred year history.

A 1977 graduate of UMass Amherst, where he earned a B.A. in Community Development & Arts Management, Rosenberg began his work in public service as an aide to former State Senator and longtime Congressman John Olver. He was

first elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1987. Rosenberg was then elected to the Senate in

1991, where he has been entrusted by his colleagues time and again with leadership positions such as Majority Leader, President Pro Tempore, and Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. He is known as an accessible, responsive leader and champion of affordable and world-class education, fair taxation, government transparency, and environmental protection. He

played a key role in the passage of many groundbreaking bills guaranteeing equality before the law in the Commonwealth.

To register or for more information, contact Athena Lavoie, 508.586.0500 x 231, [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com), or register online at [www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](http://www.metroouthchamber.com/calendar-registration). The cost to attend is \$44 for members and \$54 for future-members and includes lunch. Tables of 8 are available at \$350/table for members, \$430 for future-members. ***This event will sell out!*** Parking is available in the garage located at 301 Great Hill Drive in Bridgewater. Please plan enough time for shuttle transportation.



## Former Stop & Shop Exec., State Treasurer at Biz Awards

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 | 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm | The Shaw's Center, Brockton

### Call for Award Nominations & Exhibitors



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The 2016 Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards will be presented at a special Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016, 12:00 pm** at the **Shaw's Center, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton**.

The Small Business and Entrepreneur Awards are presented to businesses that have displayed employment/staying power, growth, innovation, and social responsibility. We are now accepting nominations (more on page 9).

In addition, there will be a table-top Business Expo running from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm. Expand your business and pro-

mote your company to hundreds of prospective clients at the 2016 Business Expo; exhibitor tabletops are available for purchase at the rate of \$99 for members, \$149 for future-members.

This year, the keynote speaker will be **State Treasurer Deb Goldberg**. As a businesswoman, local official and community leader, Deb Goldberg brings to the State Treasurer's office innovative leadership, disciplined fiscal management and an unwavering commitment to ensure economic stability, security and opportunity for every Massachusetts resident.



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## Chamber Testifies at Brockton Casino Hearing



Chamber President & CEO, Christopher Cooney, and many business owners, testified in favor of moving forward on the development of a Brockton Destination Resort Casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds in front of the five-member Massachusetts Gaming Commission during the final public hearing.

Cooney discussed his recent trip to Des Plaines, Illinois, a similar suburban Rush Street Gaming Casino, providing a first-hand account of the positive impact that a Rush Street Gaming facility can have on the community, including diversification of entertainment options, exquisite dining options, and overwhelming support of community based organizations. He also discussed the potential impact of the \$675 million investment in Brockton, as well as the creation of 1,500 jobs that would help replace the 600 jobs lost when the region was negatively impacted by the referendum vote that closed the Raynham Dog Track after 59 years of operation.

Cooney was joined at the hearing by over 200 business people and residents, expressing their final opinions before the commission makes their decision on the casino's fate in late April. For more information, visit [www.brockton-resortandcasino.com](http://www.brockton-resortandcasino.com).

### Don't Forget! Nominate for Small Biz, ATHENA Awards



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### Leading Businesses Leading Communities

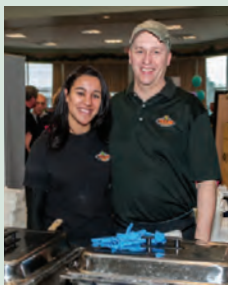


### CHAMBER MISSION

To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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## Travel to Tuscany! Free Info Session April 7th

Thursday, April 7, 5:30 - 6:30 pm



Looking for a getaway this year? Leave everyday life behind and escape to Tuscany! The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is partnering with Central Holidays to offer a 9 day, 7 night trip to Tuscany, Italy this fall - November 1-9, 2016.

You can learn all about this exciting opportunity at a **Free Info Session** on **Thursday, April 7, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm** at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce located at **60 School Street in Brockton**. You'll hear all about the trip itinerary and what it includes, with a Q&A session to ask your questions. This is a good opportunity to find out more information, because if you **reserve your space by April 29, 2016**, you will receive the early-bird rate of \$2,999, including hotels, meals, day trips, coach transportation from Brockton, and airfare from Boston.

Known for its beautiful landscapes, its rich artistic legacy, and vast influence on high culture, Tuscany is widely regarded as the true birthplace of the Italian Renaissance. Join in this opportunity of a lifetime to explore the endless opportunities that Tuscany has to offer. To learn more, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/events/travel](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events/travel). Register for the free info session at [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar).

## Small Biz Awards to Feature Treasurer (cont.)

Wednesday, May 18, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm



Elected in 2014, Deb's focus is to protect taxpayer dollars, bring new levels of transparency to state government and advance policies that break down barriers and create economic empowerment through wage equality, financial literacy, and college savings plans, to name a few. Deb remains deeply aware that even as our economy recovers ahead of many other states, too many families struggle to maintain ongoing financial security, lacking the tools, resources and skills they need to get ahead.

Prior to her career in public service, Deb worked in retail operations, buying and consumer affairs at The Stop & Shop Companies, Inc., a business her family grew from a small grocery store in the North End into a \$1.2 billion New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) company with 50,000 employees. At Stop & Shop, workers earn fair pay and good benefits to provide for their families.

Tickets to the event are \$35 for members and \$45 for future-members and includes lunch. Register online at [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar).

The Small Business Awards Luncheon & Expo is sponsored by Bank of America

## Business EXPO - Reserve Your Table Top Now!

Promote your company to lots of prospective clients at the 2016 Business Expo presented in conjunction with the Small Business & Entrepreneur Awards event.



Businesses' products and services will be featured in this table top Expo. Tables are limited and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis. The cost for an Expo table is \$99 for members and \$149 for future-members. **Prices do not include a ticket to the program.** Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information, call Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x 231 or email [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com).



## Business After Hours at Crescent Credit Union!

Wednesday, April 20, 5:00 - 7:30 pm



Please join us on **Wednesday, April 20** to celebrate Crescent Credit Union's recent branch updates with complimentary networking, refreshments, and more at **115 Commercial Street in Brockton**. Business After Hours networking will take place from **5:00 pm - 7:30 pm**, with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 pm. Catering will be provided by Petti's Market & Deli.

Founded in 1919, Crescent Credit Union was originally chartered to serve

the financial needs of employees at the Tarlow Brothers Leather Company in Brockton, Massachusetts. Today, they serve over 50,000 members who look to them as their financial partner. When you bank with Crescent, feel confident in knowing your deposits are invested locally. Crescent puts your money to work right here, in your community, in the form of prudent home loans, car loans, and business loans to your friends and neighbors. Learn more at [crescentcredit.org](http://crescentcredit.org).

To register, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration) or contact Athena Lavoie, [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com), 508.586.0500 x231. This event is complimentary to attend, but please RSVP in advance.

Networking, refreshments, and raffles are included - don't forget your business cards!

## More Spring & Summer Networking Coming Up

Mark your calendar for upcoming networking events, taking place this spring & summer! Enjoy networking, refreshments, and raffles. Register to attend at [metrosouthchamber.com/calendar](http://metrosouthchamber.com/calendar). \*All take place from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



### Eastern Bank

Wednesday, May 4th | 276 Quincy Street, Brockton



For nearly two centuries, Eastern Bank has helped generations of individuals, families, and businesses reach their goals. Their honest values and service that always puts their customers first is how they've grown to be the largest independent mutually owned bank. Learn more at [easternbank.com](http://easternbank.com).

### Abington Bank

Wednesday, May 11th | 6 Harrison Avenue, Abington



Abington Bank is a local bank with local employees, and a strong presence in the community. They've been quietly meeting the financial needs of individuals, families and businesses throughout Eastern Massachusetts since 1888. Visit [theabingtonbank.com](http://theabingtonbank.com) to learn more.

### D'Agostino Insurance Agency

Thursday, June 16th | 7 Christys Drive, Suite 2, Brockton



Founded in 1986 by Ron D'Agostino, R.F. D'Agostino Insurance Agency is a full service insurance agency, whose goal is to be their clients' go to resource for personal and business insurance and financial planning needs. Join us to celebrate their 30th year serving the greater Brockton area in addition to their new location, with a Ribbon Cutting ceremony followed by networking. Visit [rfdinsurance.com](http://rfdinsurance.com).

### Thorney Lea Golf Club

Thursday, July 14th | 159 Torrey Street, Brockton

The Rotary Club of Brockton will be sponsoring a special Business After Hours networking reception, with guests from the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. Stay tuned for more information. Learn more about these organizations at [brocktonrotary.org](http://brocktonrotary.org) and [yali.state.gov/washington-fellowship/](http://yali.state.gov/washington-fellowship/).

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*Networking at Events*  
 is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!

**APRIL** *Calendar*

- 6** **Ambassadors Meeting** 8:00 am
- 7** **Tuscany Travel Info Session** 5:30 pm
- 18** **Patriot's Day - Chamber Closed**
- 20** **MSBDC Advising Sessions** call to schedule
- 20** **Business After Hours** 5:00 pm  
*Crescent Credit Union, 115 Commercial Street, Brockton*
- 29** **Legislative Luncheon** 12:00 pm  
*Bridgewater State University, Campus Center Ballroom*

*Coming Up*  
**May**

- 4** **Ambassador Meeting** 8:00 am
- 4** **Business After Hours** 5:30 pm  
*Eastern Bank, 276 Quincy Street, Brockton*
- 10** **Executive Committee** 3:00 pm
- 11** **Business After Hours** 5:30 pm  
*Abington Bank, 6 Harrison Avenue, Abington*
- 13** **Government Affairs** 12:00 pm
- 18** **Small Business Awards Luncheon** 12:00 pm  
*The Shaw's Center, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton*
- 25** **Board of Directors** 12:00 pm
- 30** **Memorial Day - Chamber Closed**

*Save the Date*  
**June**

- 8** **Ambassador Meeting** 8:00 am
- 10** **ATHENA Award Luncheon** 12:00 pm  
*TBD*
- 16** **Business After Hours** 5:30 pm  
*R.F. D'Agostino Insurance, 7 Christy's Drive, #1, Brockton*

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), 60 School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.



# GOODNews

Members - Send Good News to  
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## Good Samaritan to Hold Free Cancer Screening

Good Samaritan Medical Center, in partnership with the ENT Specialists, Inc. Brockton MA, will offer Free Oral, Head, and Neck Cancer Screenings on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. This free event will be held at the ENT Specialists, Inc. at 35 Pearl St. Suite 200, Brockton. Space is limited for this free screening - Pre-registration is required. Please call Steward DoctorFinder at 1-800-488-5959 to register for this FREE event. To learn more, please visit [www.goodsamaritanmedical.org](http://www.goodsamaritanmedical.org).

## Massasoit Theatre Company Presents Seussical

The Massasoit Theatre Company will present "Seussical," a production based on the stories of Dr. Seuss, for two weekends in April at the Buckley Performing Arts Center at Massasoit Community College in Brockton. Performances will take place on April 16 & 23 at 8:00 pm and April 17 & 24 at 3:00 pm. For more information, please visit [massasoit.edu/buckley](http://massasoit.edu/buckley) or call 508-5888-9100 x1982.

## Free Family Afternoon at Fuller Craft's [Sense]ation Day

Come to Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak Street in Brockton for an afternoon filled with hands-on activities, craft demos, new exhibitions, and fun on Thursday, April 21. FREE admission for up to 2 adults per family when accompanied by children 12 and under from 10 am - 3 pm. Featuring a shadow puppet performance of "Tall Tales" presented by Puppet Showplace Theater at 11:00 am and Woodturning demos with Bihn Pho and Friends, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Visit [fuller-craft.org](http://fuller-craft.org) to learn more.

## Bridgewater Savings Charitable Foundation Donates

Bridgewater Savings Bank announced that its Charitable Foundation has made a donation of \$5,000 to Project Contemporary Competitiveness. Project Contemporary Competitiveness (PCC) provides a six-week residential summer program to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students. The students engage in intellectually stimulating and socially stimulating activities in a friendly and supportive environment. "We strive to help our communities and we are thrilled to provide assistance to programs such as this that create excitement of learning," said James C. Lively, Bridgewater Savings Bank Chief Executive Officer. Visit [bridgewatersavings.com](http://bridgewatersavings.com) to learn more.

## Brockton Public Library to Host Wildlife Photographer

The Brockton Public Library will host Robert Michelson, marine and wildlife photographer/videographer and science diver on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm. He will present a wildlife video that includes the Atlantic Ocean and D.W. Field Park. He will bring along "Bruce" an over 7

foot long hammerhead shark to touch. This free fun event will teach about predator/prey relationships and let everyone learn about having a career in natural science. This event located inside the Lingos Auditorium (multi-purpose room) at 304 Main Street, Brockton has parking on White Avenue. For more information please visit us at [www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.brocktonpubliclibrary.org).

## Mini Maker Week at Children's Museum in Easton

Join the Children's Museum in Easton for a family-friendly celebration of invention, creativity and resourcefulness during the week of April 16-24th. Meet Makers who will be sharing their knowledge and talents through demonstrations and hands-on activities. We'll meet different Makers each day and explore a variety of projects from robots to textiles, circuits and more. We'll learn how science, technology and art work together to make some amazing creations. All activities are free with admission. Picnic tables are available in the Wild Place. Learn more at [childrensmuseumineaston.org](http://childrensmuseumineaston.org).

## Brockton Earth Day Fest Concert

Celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22nd from 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm at the War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street in Brockton with an Earth Day Fest Concert. This event is sponsored by City of Brockton and is free for all ages. Featuring: Defret; The Midnight Society; Moss; Playing with Fire. Learn more at [brockton.ma.us](http://brockton.ma.us).

## Massasoit Community College Presents "I Am More"

On Wednesday, April 20, the Massasoit Community College Office of Diversity & Inclusion will present "I Am More," Surviving Survival: A Discussion of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The event will take place from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at the Buckley Performing Arts Center Fine Arts Building, 1 Massasoit Blvd in Brockton, and will feature Dr. Tonisha M. Punckney, author of "I Am More." A light lunch will follow the event. To learn more, visit [massasoit.mass.edu](http://massasoit.mass.edu).

## HarborOne U Holds Small Business Pitch Contest

You are invited to participate in HarborOne Bank's first Small Business Pitch Contest. As part of National Small Business Week, HarborOne would like to recognize the important contributions of small business owners and entrepreneurs in our community. If you are a small business owner or entrepreneur looking to launch a new product/service, or looking to expand your business and wish for an opportunity to present at our First Pitch Contest on May 3, 2016, please complete the online application form at [harborone.com/harboroneu](http://harborone.com/harboroneu). The deadline to apply is April 8, 2016. HarborOne U will offer an opportunity to work on your application at a class on April 6, 6:00 pm -

8:00 pm in Brockton. Please register in advance at [harborone.com/harboroneu](http://harborone.com/harboroneu).

## Charlie Horse Hosts Lonestar to Celebrate 25 Years

What could be a better way for The Charlie Horse of West Bridgewater to celebrate 25 years of success than a live performance by Lonestar with proceeds going to Music Drives Us? Of course, nothing! The Charlie Horse is proud to announce that on April 27th, 2016, Lonestar (twenty top forty hits and nine number one hits) will be performing at The Charlie Horse starting at 7:30 pm. To reach the maximum potential to help raise money for Music Drives Us (to learn more about this amazing foundation, visit [Musicdrivesus.org](http://Musicdrivesus.org)), Lonestar has agreed to a special limited guest "VIP Meet, Greet and Eat" in the function room from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. A limited amount of VIP tickets for this once in a life time event will be sold for \$150 a piece, so whether you want to purchase tickets for yourself, friends, colleagues or a table for ten, don't miss out! To purchase VIP Tickets only, please contact Mr. Ed Stewart at 508-583-7252.

## 16th Annual Brockton Credit for Life Fair

The Brockton Housing Partnership will be hosting their 16th Annual Credit for Life Fair at Brockton High School on Tuesday, April 26th. The Credit for Life Fair teaches students about important topics such as credit counseling, housing, savings & retirement, and more! If you are interested in volunteering for this valuable program, please contact Carole Martyn (508-895-1360) or Maureen Wilkinson (508-895-1347) for more information. There will be a Volunteer Orientation on April 6th at HarborOne's Mansfield office. All volunteers need to be CORI'd in order to participate. Visit [buybrockton.org](http://buybrockton.org) to learn more.

## Gary Oman Merges with Sharkansky LLP

Two Brockton based CPA firms have come together with the merger of Gary R. Oman PC and Sharkansky LLP. Gary Oman, CPA, PFS, MST and his two staff members, Lisa Kominsky and Amy Oman have joined Sharkansky. Oman has 44 years of public accounting experience and has worked in Brockton for his entire career. A graduate of Stonehill college, he worked with local firms until 1997 when he founded Gary R. Oman PC. The Sharkansky team of over forty professionals consists of 19 tenured CPAs, well-trained accountants plus efficient support staff. Gary Oman joins the firm as partner, raising the firm's total ownership team to seven. This merger is part of a growth strategy to increase Sharkansky's strength as a service provider and employer of choice in the Brockton area. Visit [sharkcpa.com](http://sharkcpa.com) to learn more.

## Old Colony YMCA Healthy Kids Day

Summer is the time for kids to get up, get out and grow. But for some kids, exposure to activities that stimulate the body and mind

ends with the school year. In fact, research shows that kids are prone to gain weight and fall behind in studies. On April 30th, the Y will celebrate Healthy Kids Day®, our national initiative to improve the health and well-being of kids at our 7 branch locations. Join us for FREE FUN for ALL! Be sure to bring along your entire family and your friends to enjoy this great YMCA event - there will be something for everyone! See schedules and more at [oldcolonyymca.org](http://oldcolonyymca.org).

## Dine & Shop for the Charity Guild

Dine & shop for the Charity Guild on Thursday, April 28th! Print out a coupon from [thecharityguild.org](http://thecharityguild.org) and bring it to Bertucci's, 1285 Belmont St. in Brockton, and 15% of your purchases - of all food and drinks on April 28 - will go to The Guild. A Charity Guild group will meet and eat at 7:00 pm, but the offer is good all day, from 11:00 am - 10:00 pm. Takeout and delivery orders are also eligible. A few doors away, the jewelry store Be Dazzled will have a shopping party the same day, open to the public from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm - just in time for Mother's Day! 20% of all sales will go to the Guild. If you have questions, call Michael Molyneux at (508) 510-9166.

## Brockton Symphony Collaborates for May Concert

On May 1st, the Brockton Symphony's 68th season culminates with their long-anticipated collaboration with the Jubilate Chorale & Bridgewater State University Chorale in "Vocal Masterworks." They will present three choral classics: Brahms' glorious, comforting, and hopeful Requiem, Verdi's glowing Va Pensiero, and Beethoven's elegant Hallelujah from Mount of Olives. Takes place at Oliver Ames High School in North Easton. Adults \$20, seniors and Students with ID \$15 and 18 and under, free. Visit [brocktonsymphony.org](http://brocktonsymphony.org) or 508-588-3841 for information.

## Brockton Area Arc, Heartbeats Fundraiser

Preparations are underway for an exciting fundraiser to benefit the Brockton Area Arc and Heartbeats for Down Syndrome where someone will take home \$10,000.00 on May 20, 2016! The proceeds from the "\$10,000.00 Drawing Event" will continue to fund our initiatives for children with special needs and their families. Ticket sales are limited to 400. Each \$100.00 ticket includes admission for two to the "\$10,000.00 Drawing Event" on May 20, 2016 at The Shaw's Center in Brockton. The money raised by this event will help children and families whose lives are affected by intellectual and development disabilities served by both the Brockton Area Arc and Heartbeats for Down Syndrome. Won't you please help make this event a success? Call Gail Delgado at 508-583-8030 x216 to reserve your ticket(s) or visit: [www.brocktonareaarc.org](http://www.brocktonareaarc.org).



## Annual "Keep Brockton Beautiful" Day



*Saturday, April 16, 2016*

"Keep Brockton Beautiful Day," which was started in part by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce more than a decade ago, will be held this year on **Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**, rain or shine.

Volunteers are needed to participate and work together to clean parks, neighborhoods, and other public areas for the betterment of Brockton. The group of volunteers will meet at Heights Crossing, 35 Christy's Place in Brockton. A cook-out will follow the clean-up at Heights Crossing beginning at 12:00 pm.

For more information, visit [www.brockton.ma.us](http://www.brockton.ma.us), or call the Mayor's office at 508-580-7123. This event is sponsored by the Office of Mayor Bill Carpenter, The Department of Public Works, and the Beautification Committee.

## Employees May Earn EITC; Free Tax Prep

Low to moderate income families in the Greater Brockton area are again eligible for free tax preparation, sponsored by NeighborWorks Southern Mass, the City of Brockton, Mayor Carpenter, & Massasoit Community College.

There will be Free Tax Preparation for qualified individuals **until April 11, 2016** at the Brockton Public Library Main Branch, 304 Main St., Brockton on **Mondays from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm** and at the Massasoit

Community College Library in the Student Center, 1 Massasoit Blvd, Brockton, on **Saturdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**.

The Household Income Limitation for this free service is \$53,000. Assistance will be provided first come, first serve.

For details on required documents, limitations, and eligibility, please visit [buybrockton.org](http://buybrockton.org) and click on "News."

**FREE  
TAX PREP**

## Pothole? Trash? Abandoned Car? Broken Light? Report It With "See, Click, Fix"

Did you know? Now you can help report non-emergency problems to the City of Brockton from your smartphone, tablet, or computer, thanks to their partnership with SeeClickFix. Use the SeeClickFix app to report issues such as: Dead/Loose Animal, Graffiti, Junk Cars/Yard Debris, Landlord Issues, Parks & Rec Field Maintenance, Potholes, Snow Removal, Street Light Repair, Street Sign, Traffic Signal Issue, Trash/Dumping, Vacant or Abandoned Buildings, and more.

Brockton staff respond to SeeClickFix requests during regular business hours. If this report comes in on a holiday, weekend or after-hours, it will be read on the next business day. You have the option to upload a photo with each service request, as a visual reference to help communicate the need to staff. Customer service requests are routed to city staff to help answer questions and provide solutions. PLEASE NOTE: SeeClickFix is not to be used for emergencies. To learn more, please visit [brockton.ma.us/information/seeclix](http://brockton.ma.us/information/seeclix).

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## Fuller Craft Holds Young Professional Event!

*Saturday, April 30th, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm*

The Fuller Craft Museum will hold a Great Gatsby themed networking event for Young Professionals (age 21+) on **Saturday, April 30th, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm** at the Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak Street in Brockton.

In addition to networking in a fun setting, there will be food, cocktails, and music by DJ Joe Lupica to commemorate this timeless era. Prizes to the best 1920's inspired attire! Tickets to the event are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door. To reserve your tickets, please visit [fullercraftmuseum.org](http://fullercraftmuseum.org).

## Career Day & Spring Job Fairs This Month

### Connecting Activities Career Day

*Tuesday, April 5th, 8:00 am - 11:45 am*



We are pleased to announce the 19th Annual Connecting Activities Career Day presented by the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board and supported by the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. This initiative is designed as an opportunity to build stronger connections between schools, businesses, and the community.

The event, which will be held on **Tuesday, April 5th from 8:00 am to 11:45 am** at **The Shaw's Center** in Brockton, will provide high school students with the opportunity to explore careers in the following areas: Education and Human Services, Finance, Business Management, Sales and Marketing, Manufacturing and Construction Trades, Information Technology, Arts, Media & Communication, Cosmetology, Armed Services, Health and Science, Government, Court System and Law Enforcement, Travel /Hospitality, Retail, Animal Care, and Architecture.

Through this event, Connecting Activities provides students with information about careers in a variety of areas. For more information, please contact Nicoline Batista at [nbatista@bawib.org](mailto:nbatista@bawib.org) or (508) 584-9800 x23.

### Massasoit Community College Career Services Job Fair

*Wednesday, April 6th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm*



Massasoit Community College's Career Services department will be holding a Spring Job Fair on **Wednesday, April 6 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm** in the Student Center of the Brockton Campus, located at **One Massasoit Blvd. in Brockton.**

Students, alumni, and members of the community may attend. While the Job Fair is geared to students who are graduating this year, any student, regardless of year or major is welcome. The fair is an excellent opportunity for career explorers. Business attire & a resume will be required to attend the Job Fair.

Companies will be recruiting for full-time positions. However, there are a number of companies that are also offering part-time jobs and internships. For more information, visit [massasoit.edu](http://massasoit.edu) or call Career Services at 508-588-9100, ext. 1406.

### Bridgewater State University Job & Internship Fair

*Thursday, April 14th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm*



Bridgewater State University will be holding their largest career fair ever on **Thursday, April 14th, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm** in the Tinsley Athletic Center on the campus of Bridgewater State University.

The Job & Internship Fair is a great way for employers to meet a large number of potential candidates looking for full-time, professional-level positions as well as internships. There will be approximately 125 employers in attendance. This event is open to all Bridgewater State University students, alumni, and the community. Attendees should dress professionally and bring resumes with them. Learn more about the event by visiting [microsites.bridgew.edu/careerservices/upcoming-events](http://microsites.bridgew.edu/careerservices/upcoming-events).

## New Executive Editor of Enterprise, Ledger



**WICKED LOCAL Media Solutions**

Left: Lisa Strattan, Wicked Local Media; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO. Lisa Strattan was recently appointed

Executive Editor of The Patriot Ledger and The Enterprise. She will continue to serve the parent company of the two newspapers, GateHouse Media New England, as Senior Vice President and Executive Editor and Publisher of Wicked Local, the company's network of 160 hyper-local websites. She will speak at the Chamber Board of Directors in May.



# "Taste of Metro South" Featured 50+ Restaurants & Vendors, Phantom Gourmet, Live Music!

The 24th Annual "A Taste of Metro South" entertained a crowd of over 500 people with food, music, and fun. The evening promoted many of the positive aspects of living in the Metro South Region. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Metro South Chamber of Commerce Foundation for Education. Photos by [www.RichMorganPhotography.com](http://www.RichMorganPhotography.com). Visit [www.flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber](http://www.flickr.com/photos/metrosouthchamber) to see all photos from the event.



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A crowd of over 500 members of the Metro South community gathered at the Shaw's Center in Brockton for the 24th Annual "A Taste of Metro South." See participating restaurants, vendors, organizations, and more at [metrosouthtaste.com](http://metrosouthtaste.com).





### Thank you...

to all those who participated in the 24th Annual Taste of Metro South on March 23, 2016 at the Shaw's Center in Brockton. Please visit [www.metroouthtaste.com](http://www.metroouthtaste.com) to learn more and see participant contact information.

## RESTAURANTS & FOOD VENDORS

Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church (Brockton Greek Festival) • Baypointe Rehab. & Skilled Care Center • Bertucci's Restaurant - Brockton • Boys & Girls Club of Brockton • Braemoor Health Center • Brockton High School Fine Arts Café Brockton Rox Baseball • Brockton Day Nursery • Christo's To Go • Daddy's Dairy • Elvera's Cafe • Freda's Fine Food & Spirits • Good Samaritan Medical Center Cafe • Heights Crossing Dining Services • Hill's Home Market • Italian Kitchen • JJ's Caffe • Just Desserts Bakery & Cafe • Lawadessa Restaurant • Lucky Lou Lou's Montilio's Baking Company • Niko Bar & Grill • Orange Leaf - Brockton Peppercorns Cafe & Catering • Petti's Market & Deli • Signature Healthcare Cafe • Simpson Spring Company • Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School • Southeastern Technical Institute • South Shore Vo-Tech High School • St. Joseph Manor Dining Services • Stoneforge Grill • Texas Roadhouse - Brockton • Teen Challenge Catering • The Shaw's Center • Vicente's Supermarket • Warren's Place • Wood Palace Kitchens

## ORGANIZATIONS

Boston MassPass • Brockton Farmers Market • Brockton Symphony Orchestra • FUN Enterprises, Inc. • H&R Block • Metro South Chamber of Commerce/Travel Mutual Bank • New England Broadcasting • OCES • Rich Morgan Photography Rob Peters Entertainment • Tufts Health Plan • Webster Bank

## ENTERTAINMENT

Appearance by Dave Andelman, CEO of Phantom Gourmet • Brockton High School Jazz Band • Bridgewater State University's West African Drumming Ensemble "Khakatay" • Cardinal Spellman's Acapella Symphonium • FUN Enterprises, Inc. • George Cataldo "The Silver Fox" • Rob Peters Entertainment • Ron van Dam - New England Broadcasting • Rich Morgan Photography • Wood Palace Kitchens Live Cooking Demonstrations

## SPONSORS

Thank you to the many generous organizations who sponsored "A Taste of Metro South," making it a successful night of food, culture, and fun!

Thank you to our media partners, Brockton Community Access Channel, Rich Morgan Photography, Rob Peters Entertainment, WVBF 1530 AM Radio, Boston MassPass, and The Enterprise



Always a crowd pleaser, the Brockton High School Jazz Band performs under the direction of Vincent Macrina



Wood Palace Kitchens hosts live cooking demonstrations at their table for attendees to observe



Dave Andelman, CEO of Phantom Gourmet, makes a guest appearance to taste samples from local restaurants participating at the Taste of Metro South



Bridgewater State University's West African Drumming Ensemble, "Khakatay," gets the crowd's attention



DJ Rob Peters, Rob Peters Entertainment, provides sound and music to keep the atmosphere fun at the Taste



Cardinal Spellman High School's Acapella group, Symphonium, performs to start off the program at A Taste of Metro South

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# Hungry For Something New? Try Brockton's Diverse Dining Options



Brockton is a hub of diversity and culture. Expand your horizons by trying out some of the diverse dining options that the city has to offer. This is a partial listing of Brockton restaurants. For more information or to be listed, contact the Metro South Chamber of Commerce at 508.586.0500.

## BRAZILIAN

Brazil Grill  
696 Crescent Street  
(508) 588-6665

## CARIBBEAN

Flava Jamaica  
21 Torrey Street  
(508) 510-4114

Paradise Caribbean  
192 Warren Avenue  
(508) 587-8770

Tamboo Bistro  
252 Main Street  
(508) 584-8585

## CAPE VERDEAN

Cristal Restaurant  
250 Main Street  
(508) 427-6900

JJ's Caffe  
610 N. Main Street  
(508) 510-4227

Restaurant Luanda  
453 Centre Street  
(508) 427-1649

Santana Restaurant & Function Hall  
684 Crescent Street  
(774) 223-5327

Vicente's Supermarket (& Cafe)  
160 Pleasant Street  
(508) 857-4143

## CHINESE

8&8 Chinese  
654 Main Street  
(508) 588-9081

Bamboo Cafe  
1285 Belmont Street  
(508) 588-918

Chang Chun  
776 Centre Street  
(508) 588-9091

Charlie Chan's  
1270 Main Street  
(508) 559-1776

China Chef  
92 Torrey Street, #4  
(508) 583-8898

Chinatown Restaurant  
51 Oak Street Ext.  
(508) 580-2885

Express Panda  
43 Legion Parkway  
(508) 588-1888

Golden Corner  
558 N. Main Street  
(508) 580-8611

Jade Leaf  
1050 Pearl Street  
(508) 584-6366

Jade Lee Kitchen  
258 N. Main Street  
(508) 584-4666

John Goodtime  
379 Belmont Street  
(508) 588-8833

Main Dragon  
1040 Main Street  
(508) 427-5555

Maui Restaurant  
1875 Main Street  
(508) 583-1010

Mee King Garden  
187 Crescent Street  
(508) 588-1311

New China King  
180 Oak Street  
(508) 584-6826

## DOMINICAN

Buena Vista Restaurant  
526 Main Street  
(508) 580-7745

## HAITIAN

Jeano's Restaurant  
769 Main Street  
(508) 559-2610

## HISPANIC

El Bochinche  
680 Main Street  
(508) 586-3666

## IRISH

Mickey Malone's Tavern  
347 N. Pearl Street  
(508) 427-6144

Owen O'Leary's  
1280 Belmont Street  
(508) 584-2221

Tommy Doyle's  
327 N. Pearl Street  
(508) 588-3450

Tommy Doyle's at Sidelines  
235 E. Ashland Street  
(508) 587-5511

## ITALIAN

Italian Kitchen  
1071 Main Street  
(508) 586-2100

Little Sammis  
1145 W. Chestnut Street  
(508) 436-4766

George's Cafe  
228 Belmont Street  
(508) 588-4231

Joe Angelo's Cafe  
11 Crescent Street  
(508) 588-8331

Tutto Bene  
1050 Pearl Street  
(508) 583-1515

## MEXICAN

Casa Rosario  
688 Crescent Street  
(508) 427-0018

## PERUVIAN

The Peruvian Place  
55 City Hall Plaza  
(508) 580-1047

## JAPANESE

Cao's Kitchen  
180 Oak Street  
(508) 584-6826

Yamato Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi  
510 Westgate Drive  
(508) 588-8881

Nagoya  
793 Crescent Street  
(508) 588-8388

## SOUL FOOD

Lady C&J Soul Food & Catering  
(Re-opening soon, Still offering catering)  
(508) 423-9273

P&P Soul Food  
880 Main Street  
(508) 427-9339

Soul Blue Soul Food  
1753 Main Street  
(508) 588-2583

## Advertising Opportunities Available; Metro South Regional Street Map

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce receives numerous daily requests from new arrivals, tourists, and businesses for maps of the area. You'd be amazed at how many people still like to use maps to find your business!

Due to the high demand, the Chamber will be producing a new Metro South Regional Street Map! This is your opportunity to advertise and promote your business to over 15,000 people. The Regional Street Map is a double-sided, 4-color process publication printed on high quality paper. It contains a street guide including libraries, post offices, police departments, schools, hospitals, and more.

- In addition to your color ad, you will receive:
- A business listing on the back side of the map with contact information and business description
  - Listing on Chamber website as sponsor, with a hotlink to your website (20,000 views annually).
  - Receive a bundle of printed maps to distribute to your customers

Don't have the time to create an advertisement? Our in-house designer will create one for you, free of charge. Don't miss this opportunity! For more information, contact Melanie McGrath, 508.586.0500 x222, mmcgrath@metroouthchamber.com.

Advertise to over 15,000 Residents, Tourists, and Businesses! The regional map includes 18 towns and communities that make up the Metro South region (see above for town listings).

- Advertising Rates:
- Full Panel Ad: \$1,350
  - 1/2 Panel Ad: \$795

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# New Book for Business Arriving This Month!

Look out for the Chamber of Commerce 2016 Metro South Book for Business in April!

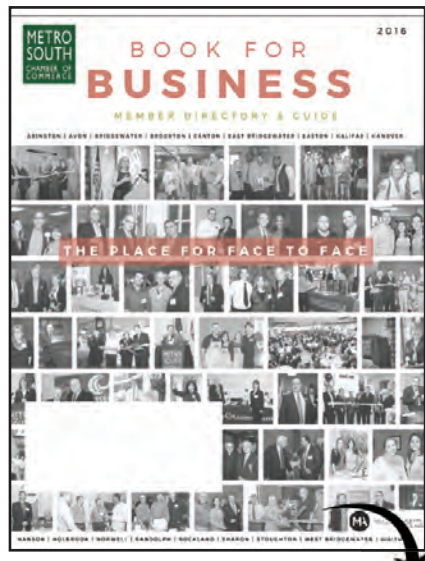
The book features area dining, lodging, public golf courses, recreation,

legislative leaders, regional and economic data, and a complete membership listing. The book also includes a full color map of Metro South and highlights hotels, golf courses, industrial parks, and other points of interest.

Five thousand copies of the Book are being distributed throughout the region to all Chamber members, banks, real estate offices, town halls, area colleges, libraries, legislators, and sent to all relocating businesses and families interested in the Metro South area.

This year's Book design features some of the many faces of the Metro South Chamber members, with the slogan "The Place for Face to Face," highlighting the value of networking.

For more information on the Book for Business, contact Melanie McGrath at 508.586.0500 x 222, or [mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com).



## A Letter from President & CEO, Christopher Cooney, CCE:

Whether you are looking for a bustling urban atmosphere, peaceful lakes and parks, diverse multicultural dining, fun sporting events, or rich cultural activities, Metro South has it right within reach! In Metro South, you can visit the one-of-a-kind Fuller Craft Museum, listen to the acclaimed Brockton Symphony Orchestra, cheer on the Brockton Rox, or try your hand at Formula 1 kart racing. Metro South is also within reach of world-class cities such as Boston and Providence, postcard perfect landscapes, and some of the most beautiful beaches in the country, conveniently accessed by road or rail.

This directory is your guide for living, working, and visiting the Metro South region. It contains listings of local business members, representing the finest in their respective fields, as well as an abundance of interesting and useful information including visitor attractions, economic development data, and regional statistics to help you better understand this dynamic region.

## Stay Up-To-Date with Chamber's e-Update



Make sure to sign up for the Chamber's weekly e-Update to stay informed about the latest news, updates, and upcoming events at the Metro South Chamber and in the region.

The newly re-designed e-Update is mobile-friendly, so you can read on the go. From the e-Update, you can easily register for events on the Chamber's website, view community events, and more.

To sign up to receive email updates, visit [metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/e-update](http://metrosouthchamber.com/news-media/e-update). Interested in placing an advertisement in the weekly e-Update? Rates start at just \$25 per week and includes a link to your site. Contact Melanie McGrath for more information at 508.586.0500 x222, [mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:mmcgrath@metrosouthchamber.com).

The Metro South Chamber weekly e-Update is sponsored by Bridgewater Savings Bank. Visit [bridgewatersavings.com](http://bridgewatersavings.com) to learn more.



# Call For Small Biz Award Nominations

The Metro South Chamber and Bank of America recognize the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region. We welcome you to nominate businesses for the 2016 Small Business of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year awards. **Nominating someone is easy...**

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. **Call the Chamber at 508.586.0500 x 231 for nomination forms.** You may include any additional documentation that will help illustrate why the business is deserving of the award. Nominees do not need to be members of the Chamber.



**Small Business of the Year Criteria:** 50 or less full-time equivalent employees; in business more than 3 consecutive years under the current ownership; for-profit business.

**The Entrepreneur of the Year Criteria:** 10 or less full-time employees or equivalent; in business less than 3 years; a for-profit-business.

Companies will be rated on their creativity and imagination in the development of their business, their demonstration of growth, and a reflection on internal and external social responsibility.

**Nominations are due to the Chamber by April 15th, 2016.** Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Luncheon on May 18, 2016.

### Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

- 2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill
- 2014 J.M. Pet Resort
- 2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.
- 2012 Vicente's Tropical Grocery
- 2011 McGuigan's Pub
- 2010 Prisco's Market
- 2009 MCG Partners
- 2008 Heights Crossing
- 2007 Westgate Lanes
- 2006 Cindy's Kitchen
- 2005 Northeast Wholesale Nail & Fastener Supply Co.
- 2004 Duplitrn, Inc.
- 2003 Modern Auto Body
- 2002 United Furniture, Inc.
- 2001 Robert Sharkansky & Company, CPA

### Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

- 2015 The Sound Lab
- 2014 JJ's Caffe
- 2013 James Tran, Sky8 Shrimp Farm, LLC
- 2012 Billy Michaud, Sparky's Import Repair
- 2011 Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp
- 2010 Patricia Winberg, Topnotch Design Studio
- 2009 Michelle Cully, XPressman Trucking & Courier
- 2008 Robert Monahan of UPPAbaby
- 2007 Howard Wright of Wright Technology
- 2006 Rob Peters of Rob Peters Entertainment
- 2005 Jeffrey Chrzanowski of Spark Street Autobody
- 2004 Charles Bernard of The DJ Experience
- 2003 James Messinger of The Crazy Chefs Caterers
- 2002 Jerome Offutt of Top Quality Staffing
- 2001 Randy Yanoff of Eye of the Tiger Karate

# ATHENA Award Recognizes Leadership

## Call for Nominations

This summer, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 17th Annual ATHENA Award to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in his/her business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.



ership of our businesses, communities and government.

To nominate an individual for an ATHENA award, or for more information, please contact Athena Lavoie at 508.586.0500 x 231, or email [alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:alavoie@metrosouthchamber.com). Learn more at [metrosouthchamber.com/events/athena](http://metrosouthchamber.com/events/athena).

### Prior ATHENA Recipients

- 2015 Mary Waldron, BSU
- 2014 Janet Trask, Brockton VA Hospital
- 2013 Kathleen Smith, Brockton Public Schools
- 2012 Ruth Bramson, Girl Scouts of Eastern MA
- 2011 Elaine Reiser, Brockton Area Multi-Services
- 2010 Anne DeMinico, St. Joseph Manor
- 2009 Sue Joss, Brockton Neighborhood Health Center
- 2008 Vanessa Tierny, Brockton Area Multi-Services
- 2007 Susan Szachowicz, Brockton High Principal
- 2006 Loretta Degrazia, East Coast Petroleum
- 2005 Marianne Wroble Cox, WXBR 1460am Radio
- 2004 Shailah Stewart, Brockton Public Schools
- 2003 Linda Faria Braun, The Adult Learning Center
- 2002 Christine Karavites, Proteas Consulting
- 2001 Barbara Duffy, My Turn, Inc.
- 2000 Noelle Foye, Brockton Elementary School Nurse
- 1999 Janice Cunningham, East Bridgewater Police

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The ATHENA Awards Program was created in 1982 and has expanded to over 500 cities in the United States, Russia, Canada, China, The United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and expertise of women into the lead-



## Chamber Affiliate News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at 508.586.0500 x 223 or email [chris@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:chris@metrosouthchamber.com).



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** will hold its 5th Annual Meet & Greet on Wednesday, April 6 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Sullivan Tire, 300 Bedford Street in Bridgewater. Don't miss BBA's largest networking event of the year! This is a free event with complimentary food and cocktails. Visit [bridgewaterbiz.biz](http://bridgewaterbiz.biz) to learn more.

The **Stoughton Chamber of Commerce** recently held their monthly meeting at Arbors Assisted Living in Stoughton, where they heard a presentation by members of the Stoughton High School Building Committee about the proposed new high school. Visit [stoughtonma.com](http://stoughtonma.com) for more information.



The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce** is now accepting nominations for their 2016 Business of the Year and Citizen of the Year awards, to be presented at their Award Night Ceremony on May 19, 2016. The deadline to submit nominations is April 7, 2016. Visit [norwellchamberofcommerce.com](http://norwellchamberofcommerce.com) to learn more.

The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit [www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com](http://www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com) for more information.



The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park. Visit [avonindustrialpark.org](http://avonindustrialpark.org) for more information.

The mission of **The Randolph Chamber of Commerce** is to promote, enhance and strengthen the business interests of its members and to maintain and unify a sound and healthy business district and climate while contributing to the well being of the Randolph community. Visit [randolphchamberofcommerce.org](http://randolphchamberofcommerce.org).



**ProLink Networking Group**, now in its third year, is a unique, category-exclusive business networking group in the Metro South region where members enjoy long-term friendships, referrals, informative presentation, and more. Meetings are held on alternating Tuesdays, 7:30 am at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. For meeting schedule or more information, visit [www.prolinknetworking.com](http://www.prolinknetworking.com).

The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)** will hold a Networking After Hours Trivia Night on Thursday, April 21 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Cape Cod Lumber, 225 Groveland Street in Abington. Test your knowledge and win prizes at this free networking event! Visit [www.sswbn.com](http://www.sswbn.com) to learn more and register.



### Newly Elected State Rep. Gerry Cassidy Speaks to Chamber



Gerry, Cassidy, newly elected as State Representative for the 9th Plymouth District, spoke at the Chamber's monthly Government Affairs Committee meeting in March, sponsored by UMass Boston. Pictured left: Jack Lally, Brockton City Council; Ray Ledoux, Vice-Chair Government Affairs, Brockton Area Transit Authority; State Representative Gerry Cassidy; State Senator Michael Brady; Christopher Cooney, Chamber President & CEO

## Chamber Welcomes Klete Squires



Klete Squires

The Metro South Chamber is pleased to announce the addition of Klete Squires to its staff as the new Membership Director.

In his new role, Klete will be responsible for member recruitment and development. His roles will include site visits with current and prospective members as well as promotion of existing benefits and programs. He will also work to identify and develop new and effective means to engage and reward Chamber Ambassadors.

Klete comes to us from United Cerebral Palsy of Rhode Island where he served as the Director of Development. Some of you will remember him from his time with Special Olympics MA, where he was an active member of our Chamber. Klete is a graduate of Ferris State University with a BS in Business. Feel free to contact Klete to welcome him to the Metro South Chamber, or for information on the Chamber's membership benefits at 508.586.0500 ext. 229 or via e-mail at [ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com).

## WELCOME *New Members*

### Making an Investment in Our Community

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Morse Insurance Agency, Inc.  
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Niccoli Oil & Energy  
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Old Town Real Estate LLC  
Packard Paper Corporation  
Paramount Rug Company, Inc.  
Pilling Engineering Group Inc.  
Premium Printer Supplies  
R.E. Lyons & Son Fire Equipment Corp  
Southeastern Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons  
TF Kinnealey & Co.  
Torrey & Associates  
Trojan Recycling, Inc. and Transfer Station  
Verizon Communications  
VHS Transportation Company, Inc.  
Victory Human Services  
Westfield Child Center  
Wood Palace Kitchens Inc.



## Chamber Membership is Key To Your Business Success

"The Metro South Chamber is a strong organization with a long history and powerful leadership. The Chamber provides resources and support to area businesses, markets the strength of the region, helps to shape the workforce, and drives the Economic development in the city of Brockton."

*Bill Carpenter, Mayor, City of Brockton*

"The Metro South Chamber of Commerce has always been an important element in the fabric of the community. The Chamber does a great job bringing businesses and our elected officials together to find solutions to challenging issues. Comcast values its membership in the Chamber. We know that we can achieve more by working together with other businesses than working alone. Only by working together will we truly succeed in creating a quality community-one in which the business climate is strong, prospects for the future are promising, the schools are great, the arts are cherished and the streets are safe!"

*Sue Joss, Chamber Chair, Director of Brockton Neighborhood Health Center*

"My membership in the Chamber continues to be invaluable in raising the visibility of my business through quality networking, the directory listing, and advertising opportunities. The Chamber offers key information for the growth of my business and is one of my best business partners!"

*Rob Peters, Owner, Rob Peters Entertainment*

"The Metro South Chamber is such an exciting enterprise! The quality programs, the innovative ideas and profound influence for good in the community make for a winning mix of attitudes and expressions."

*Carol Bulman, Jack Conway & Co.*

"Acting as an advocate for its membership, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce acts on behalf of businesses of all sizes – something that is crucial to maintaining a successful business climate. If there is a critical issue that affects local businesses, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce is working to convene key decision makers to ensure that their voice is heard and that their concerns are addressed."

*Bill Morse, Immediate Past Chamber Chair, Mutual Bank*

"Since becoming a member of the Chamber, I have met so many nice people and have gotten so many business contacts. When I was trying to look for a project for the community, they introduced me to Bill Conlon from the Brockton Boys & Girls Club. We were able to do a complete makeover of the facility. The Chamber staff has gone well beyond my expectations in making me feel a part of the community and of the organization. I highly recommend joining the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. Money well spent."

*Vic Babel, Babel's Paint & Decorating*

"Each year I make contact with many prominent people in the region through our committee participation and attendance at Chamber functions. Over the years we have found that the more we participate in Chamber activities, the greater the return is on my investment."

*Sandii Rollock, WATD 95.9FM*

The Metro South Chamber is a real positive force in the region. The quality programs and innovative ideas bring people together, creating both strength and momentum for beneficial change in the community."

*Jim Murphy, Tracey Environmental*

One of my responsibilities as an employee of Eastern Bank is to promote the bank in the community; the Chamber has allowed me to do this by attending many networking events and drives. As a Chamber Ambassador, I have had the opportunity to introduce myself to new members and contact existing members to see if they are using all of the valuable services offered to them as a member. This has allowed me to meet several new business contacts and establish many new friends.

*Joanne Schneider, Chamber Ambassador Chair, Eastern Bank*

## Join the Chamber, \$1,000+ in Incentives



Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, a variety of marketing opportunities, and more, for you and your business. Chamber membership is affordable no matter how small your business, and it provides your business with tremendous opportunity.

### Join During This Spring Promotion to Receive:

- FREE** Member Listing in the Action Report newsletter (distributed to over 30,000)
  - FREE** Member Profile in Action Report newsletter, distributed through *the Enterprise*
  - 2 FREE** Listings in the 2017 Book for Business
  - FREE** 2016 Book for Business
  - FREE** Chamber Business List in Excel or mailing labels, \$150 value
  - FREE** Enhanced member listing on the Chamber website with hotlink to website
  - FREE** admission to your first 2 Business After Hours networking events
  - FREE** admission to ATHENA Awards Program, \$35 value
  - FREE** access to members-only page of website to post discounts, events, and more
  - FREE** opportunity to promote company at event share tables and at the Chamber
  - FREE** opportunity to promote company in the Action Report and the e-Update
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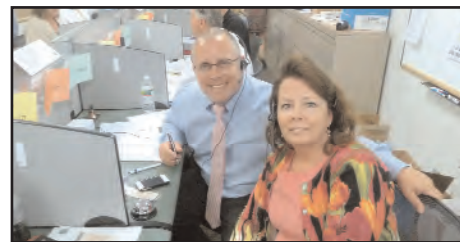
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## Call for Membership Drive Volunteers & Prizes



Brian Droukas, Brophy & Phillips Co.;  
Heather Nelson, Santander Bank

This is an important time for the Metro South Chamber of Commerce as we focus on growing our membership. The membership campaign will culminate in a Membership Telephone Drive on this sum-

mer at Stonehill College in Easton. If you are a Chamber member who would like to participate in the drive in order to form a stronger business community and express to others what Chamber membership has meant to you, please contact Klete Squires at 508.586.0500 x229, [ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com)

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### Call for Prize Donations; Gain New Potential Customers

The Metro South Chamber asks for your support in this valuable campaign by donating a prize to the 2016 Membership Drive. This is a simple way to promote your business, gain extra visibility and introduce your business to new, potential customers. Suggested donations include: gift certificates, savings bonds, bottles of wine/liquor, free passes to cultural or education events, tickets to concerts/sporting events, free ads, clothing, vacation get-aways, promotional products (pencils, mugs, mouse pads), sports memorabilia and other traditional or creative prizes.

For your donation, you will receive recognition in upcoming Action Report Newsletters, recognition on the Chamber website (hundreds of views daily), the Chamber e-Update (sent to 3,500 subscribers weekly), direct promotion to 100 campaign volunteers, and listed as a sponsor/donor in press releases sent to our media outlets.

For more information or to donate a prize, contact Klete Squires at (508) 586-0500 ext. 229, or email [ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com](mailto:ksquires@metrosouthchamber.com).



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## Vicente's Tropical Grocery



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Join the Chamber and network your business to success! The Chamber hosts informative meetings, networking events, and puts you in touch with your legislators. We also offer marketing and advertising opportunities, referrals, publicity and exposure. In addition, we offer Health Insurance packages and access to Comcast Savings, Discounts, and more. Call to learn more today!

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Hundreds of Dining Options • Great Conference Space  
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The Metro South region offers the best of all worlds: cultural and corporate advantages, natural beauty, and the serenity of historic New England.

The region features top notch education, including three institutes of higher education, exceptional health care facilities, including four major hospitals. Rich in culture, the region is also home to symphonies, a craft museum, children's museum, and various historic museums. It also contains many recreational activities, including baseball outings, golfing and many parks and lakes for walking, hiking, and fishing. With over 500 hotel rooms, the Metro South region is a great place to stay and compete for housing costs for affordable and varied living opportunities.

Whether for Business or Pleasure, The Metro South region provides exceptional value in the heart of Eastern Massachusetts, centrally located between Boston, Providence, Plymouth and Cape Cod. Ride the rail to Boston in only 75 minutes! Call 508-586-0500 for your free map.

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## Metro South Site Finder



metrosouthsitefinder.com

Search for available commercial sites for purchase or lease in the Metro South region, or list a property!



# BUSINESS EVENTS Planner

## April 7

### Tuscany Travel Info Session

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street, Brockton

Learn about the opportunity of a lifetime, a trip to Tuscany, Italy being offered this fall! Early bird discount-ed booking available until April 29. (see p. 2)

Cost to Attend: Complimentary  
RSVP online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar

## April 20

### Free Business Advising

by appointment, call to schedule

Metro South Chamber of Commerce

60 School Street, Brockton

Looking for business advice? Schedule a free advising session with an MSBDC counselor to discuss anything from new start-ups to existing business strategies. (see p. 2)

Complimentary to Attend,  
To schedule, call 508-673-9783 x10

## April 20

### Business After Hours

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Crescent Credit Union

115 Commercial Street, Brockton

Enjoy networking and refreshments at a Chamber member business courtesy of Crescent Credit Union! Join us starting at 5:00 pm, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 5:30 pm (see p. 2)

Cost to Attend: Complimentary  
RSVP online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar

### IT'S EASY TO REGISTER!

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## April 29

### Legislative Luncheon

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Bridgewater State University

19 Park Avenue, Bridgewater

Join Chamber members for an opportunity to interact with legislators over lunch; hear from the Senate President Stan Rosenberg. Please arrive early for shuttle service! (see p. 1)

Tickets: \$44 members, \$54 future-members  
Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar

## May 4

### Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Eastern Bank

276 Quincy Street, Brockton

Chamber member Eastern Bank will host an evening full of networking, refreshments, raffles, and more. (see p. 2)

Tickets: Complimentary  
RSVP online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar

## May 18

### Small Business Awards & Expo

11:00 am - 2:30 pm

The Shaw's Center

1 Feinberg Way, Brockton

This Expo will showcase products and services from local businesses. Featured speaker Treasurer Deb Goldberg. 12 pm lunch. (see p. 1)

Tickets: \$35 members, \$45 future-members  
Expo Tables: \$99 members, \$149 future-members  
Please RSVP call 508-586-0500 ext. 231