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CHAMBER MISSION

To serve the interests of member businesses while providing community leadership to ensure the economic advancement of the Metro South region



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High Energy at Sept. Breakfast

Wednesday, September 19, 7:30 am

The 2012/2013 Season of Good Morning Metro South will kick off on Wednesday, September 19, 7:30am - 9:00 am at the Shaw's Center, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton. The breakfast will feature a panel discussion on energy efficiency for business led by Dr. David W. Cash, Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. On the panel will be Richard Hynes, President of Barbour Corporation, Wendy Simmons of Prism Energy Services, and a representative from National Grid.



Commissioner David Cash

Medical Center

PRISM

Dr. David W. Cash was appointed as Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities by Governor Deval Patrick in June, 2011. He was one of the architects of clean energy legislation and implementation in the first term of the Patrick-Murray Administration,

including the Green Communities Act, the Global Warming Solutions Act, the Green Jobs Act and the Clean Energy Biofuels Act. Recently, he led the Secretariat's effort in developing the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan for 2020, which pro-

Sponsored by: vides a roadmap of policies and programs that will lower energy

programs that will lower energy costs, create clean energy jobs, and reduce greenhouse gases.

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This event is co-sponsored by the Good Samaritan Medical Center and Prism Energy Services. Good Samaritan

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Heavyweight Rocky Arrives

Unveiling Sunday, September 23, 1 pm



Brockton is on the verge of making history, and you are invited to take part in it.

On Sunday, September 23, six decades to the day Rocky knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott to

win the heavyweight title, the Rocky Marciano statue will be unveiled in Brockton.

The statue, built by renowned sculptor Mario Rendon, is a record sized 22 ft, 2 ton statue. It will serve as the centerpiece for Champion Park, a 27-ft long landscaped walkway with wrought iron arch and plaques, at the entrance to Marciano Stadium.

There will be a full weekend of events planned to celebrate Rocky as well as the long-awaited statue unveiling on **Sunday**, **September 23**, **1:00 pm**. In attendance will be former boxing champions, including **Evander Holyfield** and **Larry Holmes**, as well as other celebrities and dignitaries. For more information, visit <u>www.rockystatue.org</u>.

Rocky Marciano entered the ring as an untested amateur, only to rise and become one of the world's greatest athletes as the only boxing heavyweight champion to retire undefeated with a record of 49-0. Soon, he will rise again, in a ceremony sure to inspire the world. When he does, we hope you'll be there to help us not just witness history, but to make it - Just like Rocky did.

To learn about additional weekend events and how you can contribute to the Foundation, see page 9

Chamb<mark>er La</mark>unches New Website

MetroSouthChamber.com



The Metro South Chamber has launched a new website at www.metrosouthchamber.com in order to increase the level of usability and ease of navigation, while staying current with trends and providing relevant information.

Additions to the new site include the integration of new technology under the News & Media tab, featuring social media feeds, a new blog, and event photos and videos. In addition, users will now more easily be able to locate and read about various Chamber events and programs, view committee lists, and receive enhanced information about the region through the perspectives of tourism and relocation. Finally, users will find expanded resources to help their business grow.

Please submit your feedback to site creator and designer, Alison van Dam, Director of Marketing & Communications at the Chamber, at 508.586.0500 x 222, avandam@metrosouthchamber.com

Meet Your Legislators

Wednesday, October 3, Stonehill College



Columbia Gasof Massachusetts



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce cordially invites members of the business community, candidates for public office, and state, federal and local elected officials to gather on Wednesday, October 3 for the 22nd Annual Legislative and Candidates Reception. The reception will be held at Donahue Hall, on the campus of Stonehill College in Easton from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The reception is sponsored by Stonehill College, Columbia Gas of Massachusetts and Crescent Credit Union.

The reception is a casual event at which business leaders, elected officials, and candidates for public office can renew face-to-face contacts and discuss issues of importance to them and the

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99th Annual meeting

Wednesday, November 14

10:30 am - 3:00 pm The Conference Center at Massasoit, Brockton

FEATURING:



For information on tickets, schedule, and securing an EXPO table, see page 9.

Grow Your Business Credibility



Metro South Chamber Member Window Decal. Call Kathy at 508.586.0500 x 229 to join the Chamber.

Networking at Bridgewater Savings Bank

Wednesday, September 12, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Please join us on Wednesday, September 12 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for a Chamber Business After Hours networking event at Bridgewater Savings Bank, 14 Main Street in Bridgewater Center.

The Right Bank, Right Around The Corner. Bridgewater Savings is an independent community bank that offers a full line of personal and business banking products and services, with eight convenient locations around the Metro South area. Since 1872, Bridgewater Savings has grown steadily by supporting the local com-



munity and providing the financial expertise and friendly, knowledgeable service our customers expect. For more info, visit bridgewatersavings.com.

Bring your business cards and join us for an evening of networking, refreshments and prizes. Register online at www.metrosouthchamber.com, or contact Kim Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 231. This event is complimentary, but pre-registration is required.

Networking at Bath Fitter in W. Bridgewater

Thursday, October 11, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Please join us on Thursday, October 11 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for a Chamber Business After Hours networking event at Bath Fitter located at 25 Turnpike Street in West Bridgewater.

Bath Fitter helps you plan a bath renovation on a budget. With over 18 years of experience, Bath Fitter tailors each acrylic bathtub liner, tub-to-shower conversion and shower enclosure to fit your unique bathroom.



Schedule your free-in-home estimate today, or visit www.bathfitter.com.

Bring your business cards and join us for an evening of networking, refreshments, and

more in the Bath Fitter bathroom design showroom. Register online at metrosouthchamber.com, or contact Kimberly Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 231. This event is complimentary, but preregistration is required.

Unlocking the Full Value for Your Business

Thursday, October 11, 2012 8:15 am - 10:00 am Metro South Chamber, 60 School Street, Brockton

> The Executive

Suite

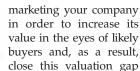
You've done a great job managing and growing your business. But what's next? How do you exit?

As you think about sell-

ing your business in preparation for transition to the next phase of your life-retirement or your entrepreneurial venture, questions abound:

- What's full value and how do you unlock it?
- •What do you need to do to prepare-strategically and emotionally?
- When is the right time?
- What will a buyer pay and will it be enough?
- How can I be sure that I get full price and fair value?

Simply put, if you are not planning your transition- who will? At the start of a business exit or sale process, there is often a significant gap between the owner's price expectations and the likely market value of the business. Fortunately, there are steps you can take prior to



and achieve a successful exit.

The key to transitional success is preparation. Join us and prepare. Topics include:

- Roadmap for sales growth
- Identifying intangible assets
- Minimizing risks, maximizing opportunities

Presenting will be Warren Rutherford, President of The Executive Suite, Joe Rahal, President of Rahal Consulting, and Andrew Crain, Partner, Mirus Capital Advisors.

There will be coffee and networking at 8:15 am with the program running from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. The cost to attend is \$25. Money collected will be donated to Father Bills & Mainspring. To register, contact the Executive Suite at 508-778-7700 or email wjr@theexecutivesuite.com.

Business After Hours Networking This Fall

Thursday, September 27, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Please join us Thursday, September 27 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm for a Chamber Business After Hours networking event at the Boys & Girls Club of Brockton, 233 Warren Avenue, Brockton, sponsored by Crescent Credit Union.

Founded in Brockton in 1919, Crescent Credit Union

(CCU) is a not-for-profit financial institution providing better banking solutions via 8 full-service branches in Brockton, Taunton, and Norwell, and online at www.crescentcredit.org. CCU is rated 5 stars by BauerFinancial



BOYS & GIRLS

and winner of the 2010 Dora Maxwell Award for Social Responsibility. For more info, visit www.crescentcredit.org. Bring your business cards

Bring your business cards and join us for an evening of networking, refreshments and prizes, including 4 tickets to a Revs game, a Teddy Bruschi autographed football and a grey Kent 26"

Multi-Speed bike. You must attend to enter to win. Register online at www.metrosouthchamber.com, or contact Kim Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 231. This event is complimentary.

Business After Hours at Mutual Bank

Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Join us for networking and refreshments at a Business After Hours on Wednesday, October 17, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Mutual Bank, 777 Belmont Street, Brockton.

Over the years, Mutual Bank has been committed to serving the communities' needs first. The communities that Mutual Bank serves have responded with a resounding vote of confidence by doing business with the Bank. For more information, visit www.mymutualbank.com.

This event is complimentary to attend, however, pre-registration is required. Reserve your space online at metrosouthchamber.com, or contact Kimberly Prosper, kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com, $508.586.0500 \times 231$. Don't forget your business cards.

October Breakfast to Feature Transportation; Gaming

Thursday, October 25, 2012 7:30 am - 9:00 am Location TBD



Richard A. Davey MassDot Secretary & Chief Executive Officer

Secretary Davey, appointed by Governor Deval Patrick in September 2011, Davey works to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation network for residents of the Commonwealth.



Janet Kavinoky

Executive Director, Transportation & Infrastructure, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Kavinoky leads the U.S. Chamber's efforts related to maintaining, modernizing, and expanding transportation & Infrastructure.



Stephen P. Crosby Chair of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by Legislature in November, 2011.



The cost to attend the Good Morning Metro South Breakfast is \$25 for members and \$35 for future-members and includes breakfast and networking opportunities. As always, don't forget

your business cards! Register online at www.metrosouthchamber.com or by calling Kim Prosper at $508.586.0500 \times 231$, or email kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com for more information. Sponsored by Brockton Area Multi Services.

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Networking at Events

is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!

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		Bridgewater Savings Bank Business After Hours 14 Main St., Bridgewater (Bridgewater Center)	5:30 pm		
	14	Government Affairs	12:00 pm		
		Good Morning Metro South The Shaw's Center, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton	7:30 am		
	20-23	Greek Festival Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 457 Oak St., Brockton			
	23	Rocky Statue Dedication Champion Park, Brockton High School	1:00 pm		
		CheerPack Ribbon Cutting & BBQ One United Drive, W. Bridgewater	12:00 pm		
	27	Crescent Credit Union Business After Hours Boys & Girls Club, 233 Warren Ave, Brockton	5:30 pm		
	28	The Mattress Maker Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 200 Montello Street, Brockton	11:00 am		
	Coming Up October				
	3	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 am		
	3	Legislative Reception Stonehill College, Donahue Hall, North Easton	5:30 pm		
8 Columbus Day - Chamber Closed					
	- 11	Unlocking the Full Value for Your Business	8:30 am		
	11	Bath Fitter Business After Hours 25 Turnpike Street, West Bridgewater	5:30 pm		
	16	Executive Board Meeting	3:00 pm		
	17	Mutual Bank Business After Hours 777 Belmont Street, Brockton	5:30 pm		
	24	EquipNet Ribbon Cutting 5 Dan Road, Canton	3:00 pm		
	25	Good Morning Metro South Location TBD	7:30 am		
	31	Board Meeting	12:00 pm		
	Save the Date November				
	7	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 am		
	14	99th Annual Meeting & EXPO Massasoit Conference Center, Route 27, Brockton Expo Begins	10:30 am		
		Annual Meeting Luncheon	12:00 pm		

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office or Metro South business Assistance Center (BAC) unless otherwise indicated.

3:00 pm

Expo Ends

GOODNews

HSA New Service Line

HSA has over 50 years of health and chamber insurance sales experience dedicated to educate, quote, and enroll. Health Insurance plans are confusing and change all the time. Business owners are overwhelmed. At HSA we recognized the problem and made immediate changes that will help. Please call us should you need more information. The new # is 1-888-703-3335, or email info@chambersinsuranceservices com

Children's Museum in Easton Golf Tourny

The Children's Museum in Easton will be hosting its 7th annual 'Play Fore Kids! Golf Tournament' this Columbus Day, Monday October 8 at the Easton Country Club. This year golfers young and old, will participate in this family friendly 9-hole tournament to raise funds for the Museum's programs. After the golfers finish, there will be a family style dinner great raffle prizes and an awards ceremony. Ending the day with bang is a fabulous fireworks display. Tickets can be purchased for dinner, reception, and fireworks for those not planning to tee off for just \$25. Visit: http://www.childrensmuseumineaston.org/g olftournament0.aspx

Noube Rateau, Documentary Winner

Noube Rateau, president of Noube Productions is the winner of the Silver Ace Award, Las Vegas 2012 and Best Documentary, Philadelphia 2012. He was also part of the Brockton Arts Inc. presentation of Shoe City Screens, along with Brockton Arts Inc. founder Arnie Danielson and Aaron Thibeault award winning cinematographer and student of the Rockport School of Film and Cinematography in Rockport, ME.

Old Colony Hospice Awards

Saturday, September 1st to Friday, September 28th – Spirit of Hospice Award –nominations for the Old Colony Hospice, Spirit of Hospice Award will be accepted during September This award is presented annually to an Old Colony Hospice employee, volunteer or friend of Old Colony Hospice who, through outstanding involvement and dedication, has contributed significantly to Old Colony Hospice's vision and mission. Anyone can make a nomination, for details visit www.old-colonyhospice.org or call Patricia Sweeney at 781-341-4145. The award will be presented at our annual meeting to be held Wednesday, November 7, 2012.

Good Sam Thoracic Surgery Program

Dr. Walter Lech, a Harvard-educated thoracic surgeon, is joining Good Samaritan Medical Center in an expansion of the health care institution's thoracic surgery program for treating diseases of the esophagus, lungs and airway. Dr. Lech comes to Good Samaritan from Brigham & Women's Hospital. As a thoracic surgeon, Dr. Lech will perform operations on the trachea, lungs, esophagus and mediastinum. He will also be a member of Good Samaritan's robotic surgery team. Dr. Lech's area of special interest is Video-Assisted Thoracic Surgery (VATS), a minimally invaapproach to general thoracic proceduresDr. Lech's office will be located in Suite 2100 at 1 Pearl St., in Brockton. His office may be reached at 508-897-6015.

Downtown Brockton Mural

With funding from the Commonwealth Corporation, the Brockton Area Workforce

Members - Send Good News to avandam@metrosouthchamber.com

Investment Board's YouthWorks OneStop Summer Jobs Program, and My Turn, Inc created summer jobs for 16 Brockton teens and youth mentors under the supervision of Artists For Humanity (AFH), an award winning youth arts enterprise based in Boston. The creative Brockton teens were hired to research, conceive and create a 18' X 75' wall mural to enhance the Brockton Enterprise Building owned by Timity Financial

Appraisal Day at Fuller Craft

Saturday, September 8, 2012, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. This is a rare opportunity for you to bring the furniture, artwork, keepsakes, and other "treasures" hiding in your house to Fuller Craft Museum for a verbal appraisal. Also, come learn from the experts in the care, maintenance, preservation, and repair of your special objects. Discounted Admission: Members Free, \$5 Nonmembers Plus \$5 fee per item appraised. The experts below will be on hand to talk about the care and preservation of certain items. Chris Storch will disassemble and reassemble a grand piano, so that you can see the inner working on the instrument.

Census Mobile App

The U.S. Census Bureau today released its firstever mobile application, "America's Economy," which will provide constantly updated statistics on the U.S. economy, including monthly economic indicators, trends, along with a schedule of upcoming announcements. The app combines statistics from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Users will be able to set alerts to receive notifications when economic indicators are updated. They can also add statistical release schedules to their personal calendars. America's Economy is available now for Android users and is expected be available for Apple smartphone and tablet users

Fashion Show to benefit Penelope's Place!

Please join us for brunch and a morning of fun and fashion as people of all ages walk the runway to raise funds for Penelope's Place Domestic Violence Shelter. The brunch is being hosted by the Friends of Penelope's Place and takes place at the Martin Institute at Stonehill College on Sunday, September 30, 2012 from 11:00 to 2:00PM. Tickets are \$40/person and all proceeds go to Penelope's Place. Visit healthimperatives.org for tickets or contact Bev Wright at bwright@healthimperatives.org or 508-583-3005. ext. 219.

Signature Healthcare Vascular Laboratory Accredited

Signature Healthcare Vascular Laboratory Services was recently awarded a three-year term of accreditation in Vascular Testing in four areas; Peripheral Venous Testing, Extracranial Cerebrovascular Testing, Peripheral Arterial Testing, and Visceral Vascular Testing by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC). Signature Healthcare is the only Vascular Lab on the South Shore with these four accreditations.

Hamilton Joins United Way Board

United Way of Greater Plymouth County is pleased to announce Patrick Hamilton has recently joined its Board of Directors. Patrick earned his Bachelor of Science in Gerontology from Metropolitan State College of Denver, a Masters in Public Administration and a Master

of Science in Gerontology from the University of Southern California in 1994. He is responsible for the administration and oversight of over \$1.2 million dollars in Older Americans Act funding for elder services in the greater Plymouth County region.

GROW Associates Annual Harvest Ball

Saturday, September 8: Please join GROW Associates, Inc. in celebrating their 2nd Annual Harvest Ball on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at the Brockton V.F.W. from 7:00pm-11:00pm. Come join us for this special event and enjoy a fabulous night of dinner and dancing in addition to great raffle prizes and silent auction items! Admission is \$35 per person. If you'd like to donate an item for our raffle or auction OR to purchase tickets are available at GROW Associates, 101 Wales Ave., Avon, or by calling by calling 508-408-4210.

Teen Challenge Fashion Show

Saturday, September 8: The Teen Challenge Women's Guild presents New Look New Life Fashion Show & Brunch at Stonehill College Martin Institute, 320 Washington Street, Easton. 9am-Boutique/craft shopping. 10am- Fashion show/brunch. Proceeds to benefit Teen Challenge. Tickets are \$30 each, open seating. Reserved table for eight for \$220 if ordered at the same time. Visit www.teenchallengefashionshow.org or call 508-586-1494.

Catholic Charities Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 13: The Eleventh Annual Friends of Catholic Charities Golf Tournament at Easton Country Club. This annual event provides much needed support to the Thanksgiving Turkey Distribution and our Winter Fuel Assistance program. Join us for this great day of golf on a great course! Tournament includes: Greens Fees and Cart, Continental Breakfast & Buffet Lunch, Player Gift, Snack Pack, Driving Range & Photo of each foursome. Foursome: \$520 Individual: \$130 Lunch Only: \$40. Sponsorship opportunities are also available: Double Eagle: \$5,000, Eagle: \$3,000, Birdie: \$1,000 and Hole: \$250. For more information please contact either Barry Veronesi at 617-451-7973 or Nicki Meade Draves at 508-587-0815 x264.

HarborOne's MultiCultural Banking Center Recognized

"NerdWallet", a personal finance search site that offers unbiased recommendations of financial services recently announced that it had named HarborOne Credit Union's MultiCultural Banking Center as "The Best Teaching Facility" for offering unique Financial Literacy programs. In the five years of its existence, thousands of residents have attended classes, workshops and one-on-one sessions at the Center including programs on Financial Education, Credit Coaching, Home Ownership, Foreclosure Mitigation, English for Speakers of Other Languages, Computer Basics, Citizenship Test Preparation, free Income Tax Preparation and more.

World Wide Day of Play

Saturday, September 22: The Boys and Girls Club of Brockton is proud to announce the "World Wide Day of Play" to be held Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 12 noon till 4:00 p.m. a fun free event for the whole family. The day will include music, games, performers, educational activities and much more. Located at 233 Warren Ave and extended to the Keith Field, West Elm Street, Brockton, parking will be available at the at the club and the Arnone

School. For more information email Sondra at sbray@bgcbrockton.org.

Military Appreciation Day

Saturday, September 22: Military Appreciation Day hosted by Porter & Chester Institute, 10am-3pm. Honoring all soldiers, veterans and their families. Free hot dogs and hamburgers, bounce house for kids, military recognition ceremony, national guard vehicles on display, VA services representative onhand and local safety and emergency vehicles on display. Free and open to the public, rain or shine. 5 Campanelli Circle, Canton. Call 781-830-0350 orwww.facebook.com/porterchester.

Bath Fitter 2nd Annual Open House

Saturday, September 22: Bath Fitter 2nd Annual Open House and Family Fun Day. 10am-5pm. Become eligible to win a free bathtub/shower renovation (valued up to \$3000. Drawing will be done at the end of the day). There will be many other amazing prizes, including pats and red sox tickets, food, a down, facepainter, dj and more. 25 Turnpike Street, W. Bridgewater. Call 1-800-479-8827.

Voices of Champions

Thursday, September 27:Harvest Gala/The Voices of Champions - Ten vocalists will compete for honors at the annual fall gala of the Charity Guild. Doors open at 7 p.m. at the Shaw's Center. The singer Ayla Brown will perform, and there will be hors d'oeuvres, dinner and silent and live auctions. All proceeds benefit the Guild's food pantry in Brockton. Tickets are \$75 and can be reserved by calling the Guild at (508) 583-5280 by Sept. 1 or visiting www.thecharityguild.org. For more information call Michael Molyneux at (781) 784-1928.

Salt-n-Pepa Concert at Campanelli Stadium

Saturday, September 8: Salt-n-Pepa live in concert at Campanelli Stadium, 1 Feinberg Way, Brockton. Also featuring Stevie B, Austin Brown and Blu Cantrell. All ages show. Advanced tickets on sale now at the Campanelli Stadium Box Office. For more info, call 508-559-7070 or 917-797-3237. Visit www.brocktonrox.com.

Golf Tournament to Benefit the Caring for Kids Program

The 23rd Annual Caring for Kids Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, September 10th at Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton. Proceeds support the Brockton Visiting Nurse Association's Caring for Kids Program, specialized home health care for infants, toddlers and school age children. This year's golf tournament will also feature a Helicopter Golf Ball Drop. Tickets for the Helicopter Golf Ball Drop are only \$10 - with cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500 for 3 lucky winners. Register to play golf and/or purchase your lucky raffle ticket by calling Linda Richards at the Brockton Visiting Nurse Association at 508-894-5286 or by visiting brocktonvna.org.

Greek Food Festival

September 20-23: Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church Food Festival, 457 Oak Street, Brockton. September 20: 11am-10pm. September 21 & 22: 11am-11pm. September 23: 12pm-6pm. Free admission and food to go. Authentic Greek food, music and dance performances. www.annunciationbrockton.org,

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Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chamber Board of Directors, composed of a broad cross-section of Chamber members, is responsible for policy direction for the organization. For continuity, board terms are staggered over three years. The Chamber's Nominating Committee has prepared the following slate of candidates to fill terms expiring this year on the Board of Directors.

Nominated to serve a threeyear term in the Class of 2015 are Peter Neville, Concord Foods; Jane Callahan, On Deck Sports; Peter Dello Russo, Bridgewater Savings Bank; Fran Dillon, Stonehill

College; Andrew Schwartz, Attorney; Robert Kenworthy, Bank of America.

Nominated to serve a two-year term in the Class of 2014 are Loretta DeGrazia, East Coast Petroleum; Reinald Ledoux, Brockton Area Transit Authority; Andy Raczka, Abington Bank, Rich Hynes, Barbour Corporation.

Nominated to serve a one-year term in the Class of 2013 are Larry Siskind,

Siskind & Siskind LLC; Jonathan "Jay" Pike, Shakansky LLP CPAs; Gregory Hart, Ercolini & Company LLC, CPA's; Joe Cardinal, National Grid.

In accordance with the Chamber bylaws, additional names of Chamber members can be nominated by petition bearing the signatures

of at least 30 member firms in good standing. Such petitions must be filed by September 15, 2012. If a legal petition is presented with additional candidates, the names of all candidates will be mailed to all

active members. If no petition is filed, the nominations shall be closed and the nominated slate will be elected by the Board at their October meeting. New Board members will take office at the **Chamber's Annual Meeting** on **November 14, 2012.** All Board of Directors' meetings are open to any Chamber member who wishes to attend.

Chamber Mourns Board Member Jack Conway

John E. "Jack" Conway of Scituate passed on July 23rd, 2012 age 88 at South Shore Hospital, Weymouth. He was an extraordinarily generous philanthropist who consistently managed to stay in the background.

He was born in Boston and attended the University of Notre Dame. After two years of selling

real estate in Natick, Conway moved to the South Shore and opened his oneman office in Hingham in 1956. Jack Conway & Company now operates 40 real estate offices from its headquarters in Hanover, and has more than 600 employees. He and his company were a dominant force for decades in the real estate market south of Boston, in which he branded Conway Country. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Jack served during World War II, and was a candidate for U.S. Congress in 1982. Jack was a member of the American Legion Post #144, the development council of Stonehill College, the board of South Shore Hospital and a founding member of the Ambassadors of Holy Cross. He was a Knight of Malta.

The founder and Chairman of Jack Conway & Company, Jack was the former President of the Mass. Association of Realtors and Vice-President of the National Association of Realtors, and was named the state's Realtor of the Year in 1971. He served as President of the Plymouth County Development Council, the South Shore Chamber of



Jack Conway

Commerce, the Scituate Chamber of Commerce and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. He also served as president of the Relo International, and was a founding member of Leading Real Estate Companies of the Word.

Conway is recognized - today as an innovator. His

list of industry honors and awards exceeds the term lengthy. His was among the first brokerages in the country to operate its own mortgage company. He insisted on extensive training for anyone selling homes for him, and when that training was not available, he started his own in-house real estate academy.

Conway's charities and his quiet support for good causes were many, near and far. He was the founder of a group that supports the work of a Catholic religious order among the poor in Peru, and he loved his faith in many, many ways. Closer to home, the Conway Children's Advocacy Center in Brockton is named in honor of Conway and his wife. So, too, is the "The Conway House," a family shelter in Middleboro operated by Brockton's Mainspring Coalition for the Homeless.

"Jack Conway was a great friend to the Chamber. His active participation, meaninful contributions and significant impact on so many aspects of this community will be greatly missed. He was a friend and trusted advisor. I will miss him", said Christopher Cooney, Metro South Chamber President & CEO.

Small Business Assistance Providers at Chamber

The following business organizations provide assistance and resources for businesses. They all hold offices within the Metro South Chamber of Commerce building located at 60 School Street, Brockton. Call the numbers below to schedule appointment times.

Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO)

John Fitzpatrick, Contact: 508-287-9606, John.B.Fitzpatrick@state.ma.us Chamber Office Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm M,T,W and F (most weeks).



SDO is an agency which helps promote the development of Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) business enterprises and non-

profit organizations by becoming SDO certified. Certification cand be used as a marketing tool to enhance a firm's ability to do business in public markets and with the state government. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts spends more than \$4 billion a year doing business with firms. More then \$240 million is targeted to SDO certified minority and women businesses. Visit www.somwba.state.ma.us.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Donna O'Connor, Contact: 617-565-5607, donna.oconnor@sba.gov. Chamber Office Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, Wednesdays.



SBA builds and maintains collaborative partnerships with small business stakeholders such as economic development practitioners in Government Organizations, chambers and associations, educational

institutions and civic/community organizations. The SBA Advantage Workshop, held the 3rd Thursday of the month at CareerWorks in Brockton, provides information on the various SBA programs and services available to prospective or current entrepreneurs who need assistance in starting or expanding their business. Visit www.sba.gov.

MassDevelopment

Larry Cameron/Jim Walsh, Contact: 508-678-0533, lcameron@massdevelopment.com Chamber Office Hours: By appointment or as needed.

MassDevelopment is a unique organization providing low cost financing for businesses and not-for-profit organizations in Massachusetts for every phase of a development project. We specialize in

Massachusetts growth. For more information contact Larry Cameron at 508-678-0533. Visit www.massdevelopment.com.

The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center

Manassah Bradley, Contact: manassah@msbdc.umass.edu

Chamber Office Hours: Wednesdays, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, by appointment. Call Allison or Tammi at 508-673-9783 to schedule an appointment.



The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center offers existing and future entrepreneurs free one-on-one expert business advice and training, MSBDC advising generally consists of assistance with

business plans, obtaining loan and equity financing, franchising, manufacturing, international trade, high-tech endeavors, contracting, marketing and other growth strategies. Visit www.msbdc.org/semass.

SCORE

Frank Sebastian, Contact: 508-587-2673 Chamber Office Hours: By appointment.



Southeastern Mass. Score provides free and confidential business counseling tailored to meet the needs of your small business and your personal objectives. Contact SCORE to set-up an appoint-

ment to meet with a business counselor to develop your business plan, discuss a new idea or tackle a business problem. SCORE also offer workshops for both start-up entrepreneurs and existing small business owners. A resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE has helped more than 8.5 million entrepreneurs since 1964. Visit www.scoresma.org.

Attorney General HomeCorps Office

Opening soon, 5 days a week. To learn more, visit www.mass.gov/homecorps.



The Attorney General HomeCorps satellite office will host the HomeCorps Loan Modification Initiative, coordinated by an Assistant Attorney General who is a specialist responsible for providing direct assistance to homeowners seeking loan modifi-

cations to avoid foreclosure. Search www.mass.gov.

CheerPack Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & BBQ

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony • September 25, 2012, 12:00 pm One United Drive, W. Bridgewater

Join Cheer Pack and the Metro South Chamber of Commerce as we welcome Cheer Pack's manufacturing and headquarters facility to One United Drive in West Bridgewater with a special ribbon cutting ceremony

on Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 12:00 pm.

Following the 12:00 pm ribbon cutting and photo opportunity, there will be a BBQ lunch provided by Chili Head BBQ of W. Bridgewater. Join us for this informal day of celebration and networking.

Cheer Pack manufactures innova-

tive flexible packaging for the food and beverage industry, providing convenience and practicality. The move from Plymouth to the 315,000 sq ft West Bridgewater location represents an investment of approxi-

> mately \$23 million and will create 77 new jobs.

> For more information on Cheer Pack, visit www.cheerpack.com. For more information on the ribbon cutting, or to

RSVP, contact Stacia at 508.927.7877, sdraper@cheerpack.com.

Sparky's Auto Celebrates Grand Opening



Sparky's Auto, a used car dealership, recently celebrated their grand opening at 845 Temple Street (rt. 27 south) in Whitman with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The day consisted of free hotdogs, soda and chips, tours, and networking opportunities. Pictured: David Jones of Bridgewater; Billy Michaud, owner and 2012 recipient of the Metro South Chamber Entrepreneur of the Year Award; Yashin Cerritos, Mutual Bank; John Dawson of Rockland; Theresa Michaud of Brockton; and Sean Rice of Avon.

To schedule your ribbon cutting ceremony, contact Kathleen Lynch, 508.586.0500 x 229.

Join us for Relaxation & Adventure in Costa Rica

March 9-17, 2013



Learn about Costa Rica's unique vegetation on a guided nature walk through the cloud forest, spot indigenous wildlife on a Cano Negro river boat cruise, and enjoy the tropical landscapes and breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano. You will also visit a coffee plantation, visit a local school, explore the hanging bridges, go on a zipline tour and relax on the beach at an all inclusive resort. This trip offers something for everyone. \$2,279 based on double occupancy. Book now and save \$100. For more information, visit collettevacations.com/link/499244.



FREE INFO SESSION: Wednesday, September 5, 6:00 pm Metro South Chamber, 60 School Street, Brockton.

RSVP to Alison van Dam,

avandam@metrosouthchamber.com, 508.586.0500 x 222.



The Mattress Maker Moves to Brockton

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony • September 28, 2012, 11:00 am 200 Montello Street, Brockton







Join the Metro South Chamber of Commerce as we welcome a new Brockton business, The Mattress Maker of New England to the community with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, September 28th at 11:00 am. The Mattress Maker of New England is located at 200 Montello Street, Brockton, in the former Hanson Printing building. The ribbon cutting will feature refreshments and networking. For more information or to register, contact Joseph Goncalves at (508) 583-2363.

A grand opening will take place on Saturday, September 29 starting at 10am. Customers will receive 20% off mattress sets. Be sure to stop by for savings.

For over 30 years, The Mattress Maker has manufactured high quality mattresses and foundations while building a reputation of excellent customer service. They manufacture custom made mattresses at special size and quality with prices that you can afford. The Mattress Maker of New England Specializes in retail, wholesale, hotel/motel industry, hospital/medical, RV/boat, collegiate, and non-profit government agencies. For more information please visit www.themattressmaker.com.

EquipNet Relocates Within Canton



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony • October 24, 3:00 pm 5 Dan Road, Canton

EquipNet and the Metro South Chamber as we

celebrate EquipNet's relocation of their world headquarters to a new 100,000 sq foot facility located at 5 Dan Road in Canton, MA on Wednesday, October 24, 2012 from 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm.

Following the ribbon cutting and photo opportunity, there will be refreshments, tours and networking.

Since the company was founded in May, 1999, EquipNet has become a global leader in helping companies buy, sell and manage their surplus equipment. The EquipNet workforce has grown from 2 original employees to a staff of 115 people with offices in

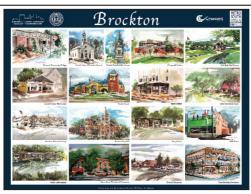
Canada, Latin America, the UK, Europe, India and Asia. The **EquipNet**

MarketPlace has become the world's largest online venue for buying and selling pre-owned laboratory instrumentation and manufacturing equipment in the pharmaceutical, biotech, chemical, food, beverage and personal care sectors. EquipNet's mission is to revolutionize the way Massachusetts companies and global corporations manage their surpluss assets, helping them to be both ecologically green and economically wise.

To RSVP for the ribbon cutting, contact Julie Baker at jbaker 1@equipnet.com, 781-821-3482.

Brockton Maps Feature Rocky & Brockton Artist





The Chamber, in coordination with the City of Brockton and 21st Century Corporation, has produced new street maps of Brockton! The map cover features the new Rocky Marciano statue. The street map contains street listings, libraries, schools, hospitals, and the breakdown of the Brockton wards. On the back side of the map is a poster of landmarks of Brockton, painted by Brockton artist Bill Beyer. Advertisers include Old Colony Elder Services, the Brockton Council on Aging, Sign Design, The Fuller Craft Museum, Good Samaritan Medical Center, Brockton 21st Century Corporation, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and Standard Modern.

To receive your free street map, visit Alison at the Chamber, located at 60 School Street, Brockton, across from City Hall. For more information on the map or advertising opportunities in the next round of maps, contact Alison at 508.586.0500 x 222, or email avandam@metrosouthchamber.com.

Holiday Inn Express, Brockton Celebrates Grand Opening; Networking, Member Orientation



Brian McKenna and Laura Sebastyn, Compass Medical; Gina Holick, Wood Palace Kitchens



Cheryle Brady, Ameriprise Financial; Reiko Beach, Norwell Chamber of Commerce



Nicholas Defresne and Stevie Carvalho, Thompson Farland, Inc.



The Holiday Inn Express, located at 405 Westgate Drive in Brockton celebrated the grand opening of their renovations with a ribbon cutting ceremony. In attendance were Chamber members, elected officials, and Holiday Inn representatives.



Tracey Swartz, Weatherby's Wicker World; Jeff Miller, Signature Healthcare



Jim Prescott, Castle Electric, Scott Charlton, AT&T Business Integrated Solutions



Ted Philips, William Gallagher Associates; Terry Fife, Harbor Insurance Group



Attorney at Law



Regina Murbach, Senechal Insurance Agency



Orchard Financial & Insurance





Holiday Inn Express Hotel Brockton, located at 405 Westgate Drive, offers travelers comfort, convenience and affordability. The hotel is within minutes of the area's historic sites, universities and business destinations, and is within walking distance to Westgate Mall. Great for business or pleasure, the Holiday Inn Express also contains free wi-fi and business center resources, as well

as complimentary hot breakfast and free parking. For more information, call 508-588-6300.

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MassHysteria performs for Chamber Members in the Holiday Inn newly renovated meeting space.



Amy Chandler, Optimum Real Estate



Lisa Zolga, Silpada Designs



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The Chamber receives thousands of requests for maps annually. Street maps are valuable resources for people relocating to the region as well as for businesses targeting a specific area and residents looking to navigate their neighborhood. The Chamber will be producing new street maps of the Metro South region this summer. We would like to extend an opportunity for you to adver-

Legislative Reception is an excellent and

cost-effective way for you, your key staff,

and colleagues to initiate or renew face-

to-face contacts at the state, federal and

local level. We encourage your firm to

participate and support the unified voice

of the Metro South Chamber of

Commerce. Together, we can ensure that

government understands and supports

the needs and concerns of the business

community in our region. Register by

tise on this valuable resource. Along with the print version, your ad will be displayed on the Chamber website creating a circulation of over 60,000 viewers. All Chamber members receive 10% off! For more information, contact Alison van Dam at $508.586.0500 \times 222$ or email avandam@metrosouthchamber.com.

MEET YOUR LEGISLATORS, Continued from page 1 -

business community while enjoying complimentary refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

Legislative actions at municipal offices, on Beacon Hill and in Washington are having far greater impact on Metro South area businesses than ever before. As a result, there is a greater need for our business community to speak out and be heard on regulations affecting commerce and industry.

As a member of the Metro South Chamber, your organization has a vested interest in helping foster stronger relationships with local officials. The

GMMS TO FEATURE ENERGY PANEL, Continued from page 1—

rates.

Medical Center is the first hospital in the Metro South region to bring robotic-assisted surgery to patients through the acquisition of the da Vinci Si surgical system. This technological advancement brings the latest in physician-assisted minimally invasive surgery. The da Vinci system at Good Samaritan will help treat patients for procedures in gynecology, urology and thoracic surgery, providing a faster return to normal activities for many patients and shorter hospital stay, among other benefits.

Prism Energy Services provides owners and management of commercial facilities with energy efficiency measures and renewable energy options. Prism Energy Services specializes in the

calling Lisa at 508. 586.0500 ext. 225, Ikeene@metrosouthchamber.com or visit metrosouthchamber.com. This event is \$5 for members and \$15 for future-members.

PANEL, Continued from page 1—evaluation, design and installation of energy efficiency measures, renewable

Sharkansky LLP, CPA's, Brockton is the September's edition of Good Morning Metro South Coffee station sponsor. Sharkansky LLP, CPA's is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in business.

energy options, and discounted electric

The cost to attend is \$25 for members and \$35 for future-members and includes breakfast and networking opportunities. As always, don't forget your business cards! Register online at www.metrosouthchamber.com or by calling Kim Prosper at 508.586.0500 x 231, or email kprosper@metrosouthchamber.com for more information.

Weiler Throws First Pitch at Brockton Rox



In celebration of the Chamber welcoming 120 New Members during the May, 2012 Membership Drive, the Chamber held an Appreciation Night at a Broddon Rox game at Campanelli Stadium. At the game, Chamber Ambassador & Membership Drive Chair Friend Weiler of HarborOne Credit Union (pictured left) threw out the first pitch.

In addition, Bridgewater Savings Bank was recognized as the top selling team during the drive.

Prosper Receives IOM Graduate Recognition



Kimberly Prosper, IOM

Kimberly Prosper, IOM, Program Director at the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, recently graduated from Institute for Organization Management, a four- year professional development program run by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce at the University of Villanova in Pennyslvania.

"Institute graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their industries and organizations," said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, the U.S. Chamber's vice president of Institute for Organization Management. "These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication necessary to achieve professional and organizational success

in the dynamic association and chamber industries."

Since 1921, chambers of commerce and associations have used the U.S. Chamber's Institute program as a training platform for the professional development of their top talent. Institute's curriculum consists of four, weeklong sessions at five different university locations throughout the country. Each week, participants receive training in leadership, advocacy, finance, membership, emerging technologies, and many other organization management competencies.

Chamber President & CEO Christopher Cooney and Chamber Director of Marketing & Communications Alison van Dam are also graduates of IOM.

Kimberly Prosper also recently completed the Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies administered by the University College at UMass Boston. The two-semester graduate certificate program is designed to prepare women to take on leadership roles in government and non-profit organizations, hold public office and pursue advanced degrees, most frequently in law and public policy.

Chamber Affiliation News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at 508.586.0500 x 223 or email chris@metrosouthchamber.com.



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** will present the 24th Annual **Autumn-Fest** on **Saturday**, **September 29**, 10-4 on the Campus of Bridgewater State University in front of Boyden Hall on the quad. It is attended annually by over 5,000 people. The great family day includes

sampling the wonderful products and services of the BBA, delicious food and treats, music, crafts and face painting, live demonstrations and activities, train rides, moon bounce, live animal petting zoo, the Bridgewater Fire Department & Police Department, Poppee the Clown, Dance Theatre of New England, magic and much more. Admission is free. Call Cheryl at 508-946-8350 if you are interested in sponsoring or have other questions. Visit www.autumnfest.net.

The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce will present "Planning for the Future" on Thursday, September 13, 6-7:30 pm at the Courtyard by Marriott, Stoughton, catered by Smokey Bones Restaurant. Speakers will be on board to explain what Master Planning is all about. For more information, visit stoughtonma.com or call 781-297-7450.

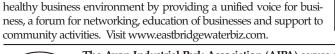




more information.

The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce** will host their **Taste of Norwell** on **October 18** at the Cushing Center, 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Save the Date! Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for

The East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA) promotes a







The Avon Industrial Park Association (AIPA) serves as an advocate for the Avon Industrial Park. Issues of concern include the possibility of sewerage in the town and park beautification. For more information, call Bob Costa at 508-586-0900.

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99th Annual Meeting and Business-to-Business Expo

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Massasoit Conference Center, Brockton

The Annual Meeting and Business-to-Business Expo is soon approaching. Mark your calenders for this special event!

Annual Meeting Luncheon

12:00 pm - 1:45 pm

Join other business people and community leaders and attend the Annual Meeting to celebrate businesses working together for the future of the Metro South Region. The Annual Meeting will feature Robert L. Caret, University of Massachusetts President, networking, awards and raffles. The cost to attend is \$45 for members and \$55 non-members. Call **Kim Prosper** at 508.586.0500 x 231 or email **kprosper**@merosouthchamber.com for tickets and info. You may also purchase tickets at www.metrosouthchamber.com

Business-to-Business Expo



10:30 am - 3:00 pm

At the Expo explore the products and services of value to your business and profitable business contacts with over five hundred attendees. Be sure to schedule time either before of after the annual meeting to participate in the Business-to-Business Expo.

Reserve Your Booth Space Now!

The Business-to-Business Expo is a great opportunity to reach five hundred business people throughout the Metro South region. Designed to be a personal table-top expo, presenters will be provided with meaningful opportunities to promote their company to prospect after prospect. It is the right place, the right time, and the right audience.

The cost of a table is \$349 for members. Register and pay before **October 1** and receive the discounted price of \$299. (Future-Member rate: \$449). In previous years, the Chamber's response to this opportunity has been very strong. Since space is limited, registrations are on a first come, first served basis. To reserve your table, call **Kim Prosper**, at **508.586.0500 ext. 231**.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

All sponsorship categories can be tailored to fit your company's needs. Call **Kim Prosper** at 508.586.0500 x 231 for prices and information.

Let the Chamber Grow Your Social Network

Did you know that you have the ability to link the social media sites that your company participates in on the Chamber's online member directory? Simply login to the member's only section of the Chamber's website located at metrosouthchamber.com/membership/member-login and add the links. Also, be sure to join the conversation by following the Chamber on the various social media platforms.



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Support the Rocky Statue Committee

Help make history by contributing to the Rocky Marciano Statue project and Champions Park. The Rocky Marciano Statue Committee is looking to raise \$250,000 to cover the costs of the engineering services, architectural design, landscaping and other related costs. Several options are available, including purchasing an inscribed donor brick, sponsoring the park or the entrance sign, or sponsoring a large or medium sized brass plaque at the base circulating the statue. There are also ads available in the Commemorative Statue Dedication Day Program to be distributed at the unveiling on September 23. For more information, visit www.rockystatue.org. You may also send checks made payable to the Brockton Education Foundation/Rocky, c/o Aldo Petronio, Brockton Public Schools, David E.Crosby Administration Building, 43 Crescent Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

Champions Weekend, September 21 -23

The following events will be presented in conjunction with the Rocky Marciano Statue unveiling event (September 23, 1pm, Marciano Stadium) in Brockton.

9/21: BHS vs. Xavarian Football Game, 7pm at Marciano Stadium

9/22: Rocky Road Race, 10am at DW Field Park

9/22: Fighting Event, 12pm at Marciano Stadium

9/22: Rocky Dinner Reception, 6:30 pm, Massasoit Conference Center

9/23: Rocky Statue Unveiling, 1:00 pm, Marciano Stadium, Brockton High School *Additional Community Events:*

9/20-9/23: Greek Festival, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, Oak Street 9/23: Brockton Neighborhood Health Center Triathalon, 9-11am at DW Field Park

After Hours at Baypointe Rehabilitation



Baypointe Rehabilitation & Skilled Care Center offers comprehensive, cost-effective rehabilitation and nursing care in a skilled care setting. Located at 50 Christy Place, Brockton. Call 508--580-6800 or visit www.pointegroup.com.

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The Fall is a Great Time to Host an Intern

School is just around the corner and soon there will be an abundance of high school student interns available to assist employers at their workplaces. In the Connecting Activities Internship Program, students from local high schools are matched to worksites based on their career interests and are involved in a meaningful worksite learning experience that builds academic, technical, and workplace skills. Become a leader in the community by hosting an intern and help shape the future of the Metro South region's skilled workforce!

If you are interested in hosting an intern at your worksite, please contact Yara Cardoso, Connecting Activities Coordinator, by calling (508) 586-0500 x 227, e-mail ycardoso@metrosouthchamber.com, or visit www.metrosouthchamber.com.

Summer of Work and Learning Successful



Victor Pimentel rakes in front of City Hall

The Brockton Public Schools Summer of Work and Learning had yet another successful year, ending their program August 3rd with an Intern Showcase and Network Luncheon at Thorny Lea Golf Club. The students participated in paid internships around the city of Brockton, and centered their activities around the theme of Community Service. The thirteen teams developed skills in portfolio development, online learning, action research plans, and so much more. The Summer of Work and Learning also kicked off their first year of "Giving ONE Day Back" where they set aside one day to put their action plans into work and help out in their communities. The students showcased their work in a professional

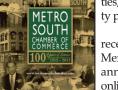
manner with the support of their employers and team leaders, and held no hesitation in expressing how Summer of Work and Learning helped build their futures and gain insight to the workforce.

Update Your Directory Listing Online!

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is celebrating one hundred years of serving the business community in 2013. In recognition of this milestone, the Chamber will be producing a special edition Centennial Book Business and Resource Guide (B4B).

The B4B is distributed to over 5,200 people including member businesses, new businesses, visitors, residents, town halls, libraries, and more. In addition, it is posted online where it receives over 10,000 views annually.

This year, the B4B will contain a photo recap of the past 100 years, history of the Chamber, information on the region, including healthcare facili-



ties, education, and community profiles.

Each Chamber member receives 2 free listings. Members may update their annual verification form online to ensure accurate listings in the Members Only Section of the Chamber website. The information on the

form will also be used for telephone referrals made by the Chamber.

The Members Only Login Page can be found under the Membership tab on the Chamber website at www.metrosouthchamber.com. Please contact Alison van Dam at 508.586.0500 x 222, avandam@metrosouthchamber.com if you have not received your login information or if you have additional questions.

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The monthly Government Affairs meetings are held at the Chamber and provide an opportunity for member businesses to discuss issues important to them with their elected officials.

The next Government Affairs meeting will take place on Friday, September 14, 12:00 pm -1:15 pm at the Metro South Chamber, 60 School Street, Brockton. The featured speaker is John Regan, Executive Vice President for Government

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Affairs for Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM).

AIM is the state's largest nonprofit association of Massachusetts' employers with 6,500 members and their 650,000 employees. AIM promotes the well being of members and the Commonwealth by advocating fair and equitable public poli-



cy and providing relevant infor-

In John's role, he manages all government affairs functions, overseeing administrative and legislative advocacy, regulatory issues, litigation and ballot initiatives. He also focuses on issues dealing with economic development, tort and product liability

reform, unemployment insurance and workers compensation insurance.

If you would like to attend please R.S.V.P. online by visiting www.metrosouthchamber.com, by calling the Chamber at 508.586.0500, or emailing lkeene@metrosouthchamber.com. The cost to attend is \$5 for members and \$15 for future-members.

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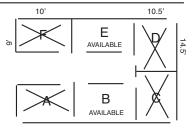


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1ETRO Chamber Offers Space to Start-Ups





The Metro South Chamber of Commerce is offering small business office/suites to home based businesses looking to make the transition into the office market. The Incubator Offices are located at the Chamber office building at 60 School Street in Brockton. Individual offices or multiple suites are available for \$395.00 per month. All offices are furnished and all feature exposed brick walls and high speed internet access. Occupants also have use of the conference room and AV equipment, training courses and seminars in the Business Assistance Center, mailing center, and hospitality area. Contact Chris for more information at 508.586.0500 x 223.

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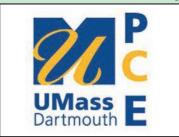
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BUSINESS EVENTS Planner

September 12 Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Bridgewater Savings Bank 14 Main Street, Brockton

Enjoy networking and refreshments in a casual setting. Don't forget your business cards! (See page 2)

Cost; Complimentary Please RSVP at 508.586.0500 ext. 231

September 19Good Morning Metro South

7:30 am - 9:00 am
The Shaw's Center
1 Feinberg Way, Brockton

This breakfast program porvides an opportunity to hear from informative and entertaining speakers. It is also a great networking opportunity. (See page 1)

Cost; \$25 members, \$35 future members Please RSVP at 508.586.0500 ext. 231

September 27 Business After Hours

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm Sponsored by Crescent Credit Union @ the Boys & Girls Club, 233 Warren Ave, Brockton

Enjoy networking and refreshments in a casual setting. Don't forget your business cards! (See page 2)

Cost; Complimentary
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October 3 Legislative Reception

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Donahue Hall

Stonehill College. North Easton

This is your opportunity to initiate or renew face-toface contacts at the state, federal and local level of politics in a casual setting. (See page 1)

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