

# Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce

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## Takeout Challenge



Ready, Set...Go - get your takeout menus ready!  
Join us for the next several weeks as we offer Takeout Challenge once again, to help our area Chamber member eateries and restaurants.  
Start saving your takeout or dine-in receipts. It's easy to enter. Simply scan, email, mail or drop off your receipts to be entered into the drawing for a \$25 Damon's gift card. Check midmainechamber.com for a list of hours and websites of participating businesses.  
**Our Week 1 winner was Skip Pratt, who enjoyed some delicious food from Buen Apetito!**  
You could be our next winner – submit your receipts today!

## Business Breakfast



**Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 7:15 to 9 a.m.**  
**Best Western Plus – 375 Main St., Waterville**  
**Human Resources Law and Best Practices in Challenging Times**  
Peter Lowe of Brann & Isaacson Attorneys will cover new workplace laws, best practices for workplace safety and compliance, legal issues surrounding remote telework and key policies and practices for employers.  
This is a can't miss opportunity for human resources personnel at any level of your organization.



All CDC guidelines will be followed for this in-person presentation, limited to a maximum of 50 persons. Hand sanitizer and masks will be provided, and masks are required unless eating.  
Pre-register today – call 873-3315 or email [cindy@midmainechamber.com](mailto:cindy@midmainechamber.com).

Cost per person: \$20 members; \$27 at the door and non-members. Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 50 Elm Street, Waterville, ME 04901-6015  
TO REGISTER: E-mail: [Cindy@midmainechamber.com](mailto:Cindy@midmainechamber.com) • PHONE: 873-3315 • FAX: 877-0087 (PLEASE NOTE: Cancellations must be two (2) business days prior to the event to avoid being charged.)



- March 11:** **Leveraging Community Marketing Opportunities:** Founder & CEO of MXH Marketing, Mary Haley will discuss what community marketing opportunities really are and how to leverage them to engage current customers, attract new ones, and get the best return on your investment.
- April 8:** **Engaging the Generational Divide:** Career Management Associates CEO David Ciullo will address the effectiveness of organizations in valuing and creating a culture where all generations thrive and engagement soars, capitalizing on the strengths of different workstyles to communicate better, lessen conflict, and achieve results.
- May 13:** **Cannabis Panel:** Local business leaders Dawson Julia (East Coast CBD), Ryan Poulin (New Dimensions FCU), Bill Rafuse (GHM Agency) and Erik Gundersen (State Office of Marijuana Policy) will address changes and updates in the cannabis market with regard to retail/growing, insurance, finance and regulations.

## Virtual Business After Hours

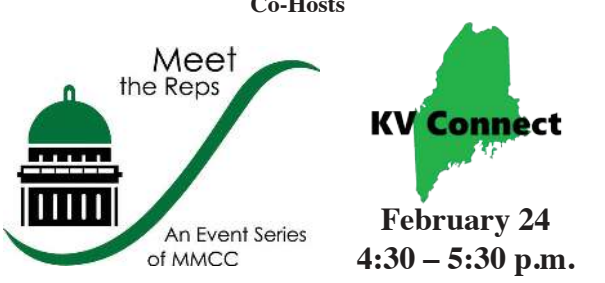
**Virtual Business After Hours**  
**Wednesday, February 17**  
**4 to 5 p.m.**  
This event will offer another great opportunity to network with other area professionals to grow your circle. Take this opportunity to let us know what your business is, or has been doing. Join us for Valentine's Day trivia and a chance to win "real" prizes in a virtual format. Visit [www.midmainechamber.com](http://www.midmainechamber.com) to register for the event.



## Welcome New Members

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- New England Clean Energy Connect**  
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- The Shyft Group Duramag, LLC**  
Lisa Madore  
977 W. River Road #3, Waterville, Maine 04901  
207-660-4700

## Meet the Reps



This is your opportunity to interact with area business owners and meet some of our new State and local representatives. Reps will offer legislative updates and information on new bills being considered. Additional Zoom registration info is available at [www.midmainechamber.com](http://www.midmainechamber.com) on the "Meet the Reps" tab.



## 2021 Board of Directors

- Brandi Meisner, Chair**
- Heather Thorne, 1st Vice Chair**
- Michelle Joler-Labbe, 2nd Vice Chair**
- Bruce Harrington, Treasurer**
- Gary Levesque, Director-at-Large**
- Joy McKenna, Past Chair**
- Kimberly N. Lindlof, President & CEO**
- Martha Wentworth**
- Brian Bowman**
- Mike Guarino**
- Dr. Melik Peter Khoury**
- Mark Bradford**
- Ken Walsh**
- Garvan D. Donegan, ex-officio**

## Board Member Profile

**Name:** Linanne E Gaunce  
**Place of Birth:** Waterville, ME  
**Education:**  
Secondary - Messalonskee High School  
College – Thomas College, Associates Degree  
Other – Seminars, etc. -  
**Place of Employment:** Central Maine Motors Auto Group  
**Position:** Special Events/Donations  
**Length of Employment:** 10 Years  
**Current Service and Civic Organization:**  
Waterville High School Boosters for the following – President for Golf and Baseball as well as Tennis and Cross Country Teams  
Waterville Senior High School Project Graduation 2020 - Co-President  
**Personal Data:**  
Family: Husband, Chris – Sons, Charles J (CJ), Daniel and Family Dog: Alpine  
Hobbies: Traveling, Skiing, Yoga, Boating, and Golf  
**Chamber Involvement and Statement of Purpose:**  
Having grown up in the Waterville Area and moving away after college my husband and I knew community was an important factor in raising our family and consideration in returning to Waterville and raising our family here.  
The Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce is a great asset to the community for providing and promoting Economic growth to our region – there are many factors that make a great community. Without this key component our community would not grow and families like ours would not have an incentive to return back to where they grew up. I'm excited to join the Mid Maine Chamber Board and help promote the vision the Chamber embodies.  
Looking forward to moving things ahead for our community.



## Upcoming Ribbon Cutting

**Drip City Arcade Bar**  
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