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Chamber Golf Classic

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Mid-Maine Chamber Golf Classic
Monday, June 21, 2021
Natanis Golf Course
11 a.m. Shotgun Start
Register early to join the fun!
cindy@midmainechamber.com



Business Breakfast

Thursday, March 11, 2021 – 7:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Best Western Plus – 375 Main St., Waterville

Leveraging Community Marketing Opportunities

Mary Haley, founder & CEO of MXH Marketing 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.



Take this opportunity to network with other business leaders and to join Mary and your Chamber for a discussion on how MXH Marketing, a small Maine-based marketing and content creation company can help grow your business. Mary specializes in big ideas, small businesses, and the Maine outdoor, tourism, and economic development industry.

All CDC guidelines will be followed for this in-person presentation, limited to a maximum of 50 persons. Masks will be provided and must be worn unless eating. Tables are well-spaced and hand sanitizer will be provided.

Pre-register today, call 207-873-3315 or email cindy@midmainechamber.com.

2021 Business Breakfast Series

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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, Ryan Poulin (New Dimensions FCU), Bill Rafuse (GHM Agency), Charles Tetelman (KVCOC) 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.

Sept. 9: Business Panel: The Pivots to Success During COVID-19 and Beyond: Business owners Chris Gaunce (Central Maine Motors Auto Group), Mike Fortin (Fortin's Home Furnishings), Robin Samalus-Getchell (The Robin's Nest) speak to their challenges/successes and offer helpful tips to continue to flourish during and after the pandemic.

Oct. 7: Legislative topic to be determined.

Nov. 4: Help for Small Businesses: A speaker from CEI will share multiple resources available to small businesses including outlets for payroll challenge, business maintenance or expansion and helpful contacts and program information.

Dec. 2: In the Arena: A Discussion About Leadership: Sen. Matt Pouliot and Amanda Olson (of Maine Mushroom Co.) will explore the varying challenges that leaders face in their respective roles.

Cost per person: \$20 members; \$27 at the door and non-members.
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, 50 Elm Street, Waterville, ME
TO REGISTER: E-mail: Cindy@midmainechamber.com
PHONE: 873-3315 • FAX: 877-0087

Thank you to our Annual Major Sponsors

Virtual Business After Hours

Virtual Business After Hours
Wednesday, March 17
4 to 5 p.m.

This event will offer a great opportunity to "mix & mingle" with your friends and other business professionals. Take the opportunity to let us know what your business has been doing. Join us for trivia and a chance to win "real" prizes in a virtual format. Visit MidMaineChamber.com to register for the event.



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Takeout Challenge



Ready, Set...Go - get your takeout menus ready!
Join us for the next several weeks as we continue to 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 chamber member businesses.

You could be our next winner – submit your receipts today!

Business After Hours



Business After Hours: A great place to network and market your business. After Hours is hosted, or co-hosted by chamber members in our region and is one of many benefits we offer our Mid-Maine Chamber members. Hours of o'ouevres, beer, wine, and other beverages are available, or you could win the 50/50 raffle and fabulous door prizes donated by area businesses. Make sure to bring your business cards!

Please join us for in-person events from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

- April 14: Virtual on Zoom**
Register at www.midmainechamber.com
- May 19: Waterville Country Club**
39 Country Club Rd., Waterville
- June 16: Pine Tree Camp**
114 Pine Tree Camp Rd., Rome
- July 21: Vacationland Skydiving**
Waterville Robert Lafleur Airport,
2 Lafleur Road, Waterville
- Sept. 15: Ware-Butler**
14 North St., Waterville
- Oct. 20: Educare Central Maine**
56 Drummond Ave., Waterville
- Nov. 17: Bar Harbor Bank & Trust**
368 Rt. 3, So. China
- Dec. 15: Maine State Credit Union**
81 Grove St., Waterville



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Board Member Profile

Name: Larissa Larrabee
Place of Birth: Waterville
Education:
Secondary –
1986 Lawrence High School, Fairfield, ME
College –
2001 MBA Thomas College, Waterville ME
Other – Seminars, etc. –
Lean Six Sigma Black Belt (2015)
Leadership Development Program, Center for Creative Leadership (2014)
Mergers and Acquisitions - University of Chicago Graduate School of Business (2002)
Emerging Leader Development Program, Columbia University Graduate School of Business (2000)



Place of Employment: Huhtamaki
Position: Mill Controller
Length of Employment: 5 years
Current Service and Civic Organization: Mid Maine Chamber, Public Policy Committee
Past Service and Civic Organizations:
Past Board President of the United Way of the Tri-Valley Area
Supporter of military families through Christmas across Maine

Personal Data:
Family: Married for 33 years to Tony Larrabee; one son, AJ Larrabee.
Hobbies: Crafting, Farming, Movies
Chamber Involvement and Statement of Purpose: I'm excited and honored to be serving as a member of the Mid-Maine Chamber board. The desire to support business growth to drive an increase in quality of life for the people in our impact area will guide my thought process and decision making during my board term.

Ribbon Cuttings



Drip City Arcade Bar
Wed., February 24
99 West River Road
Waterville



UPCOMING RIBBON CUTTING:
Northeast Laboratory Services
227 China Road, Winslow
Tuesday, March 30 – 3 p.m.

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