

Business Breakfast



2021 Business Breakfast Series
brought to you by
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce
"Business Panel": Pivots to Success During COVID-19 and Beyond

When: Thursday, September 9, 7:15 - 9:00 a.m.
Where: Best Western Plus, 375 Main St., Waterville

Business owners Chris Gaunce (Central Maine Motors Auto Group), Mike Fortin (Fortin's Home Furnishings), and Robin Samalus-Getchell (The Robin's Nest) speak to their challenges, pivots, and successes dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and offer helpful tips to continue to help your business flourish in the months ahead.

What set these businesses apart? What changes or adaptations were made to their business model or approach to customer service? Come and spend an enjoyable morning interacting with these local business owners. There will be time allotted for Q&A following brief summaries from the panelists.

Oct. 7: Henry Beck, State Treasurer

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. Entrepreneurial Spotlighter: Crooked Face Creamery.

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.

Pre-register today: cost per person: \$20 members; \$27 at the door and non-members. E-mail: Cindy@midmainechamber.com or 873-3315

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43 Main Street, Oakland

Thursday, September 2 – 2 p.m.
Hight Protection Ctr., 150 Madison Ave., Skowhegan

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Board Member Profile

Name: Gary P. Poulin
Place of Birth: Waterville
Education: Lawrence High School
Various professional development courses.
Place of Employment: Mix Maine Media
Position: Media consultant
Length of Employment: 7 years



Current Service and Civic Organization: Board of Directors, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce; Main Street Skowhegan Skijor Committee

Past Service and Civic Organizations: United Bikers of Maine, Waterville Opera House Board of Directors, Co-Chair of United Way of Mid-Maine campaign – small business; former Chair of Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Taste of Waterville Committee; Board of Directors, Waterville Main Street. Board of Directors, Skowhegan Chamber of Commerce and Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce.

Personal Data: Lives in Clinton with his wife, Jean. They have six children and ten grandchildren.

Hobbies: Golfing and ice fishing.

Chamber Involvement and Statement of Purpose: Gary currently serves on the Chamber board of directors, chairing the Festival of Trees committee, and serving on the Taste of Waterville committee, and the Waterville Works promotion committee. He believes in the purpose of the Chamber with regard to growth and development of the region and looks forward to continuing to serve in a capacity that works to enhance the mid-Maine area as a whole.

Business After Hours



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

5:30-7 p.m., 14 North Street, Waterville

Join MMCC and friends for an in-person Business After Hours at Ware-Butler. This event offers a great opportunity to mix and mingle with other business professionals. We will also be offering the mic to anyone who wants to take the opportunity to speak and let us know what your business has been doing. Visit www.MidMaineChamber.com for details.

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Leadership Luncheon



Heidi Neal
Local Biscuit



Amici's Cucina
September 29 – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is your opportunity to join us for a fantastic lunch at Amici's Cucina with a future-forward leader. Heidi Neal, owner of Loyal Biscuit Co., will discuss her journey to entrepreneurship. Neal purchased Loyal Biscuit in 2010 and has since grown it to seven locations, earning Maine Small Businessperson of the Year in 2015. In 2017, Loyal Biscuit Co. was awarded Maine Retailer of the Year by the Retail Association of Maine. It has also been recognized nationally for its community service and stellar staff. To register, email cindy@midmainechamber.com. Cost per person: \$20 members; \$27 at the door and non-members. Lunch is included in registration.

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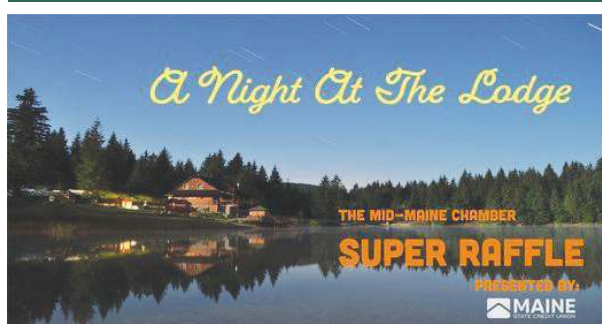
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"A Night at the Lodge" – Mid-Maine Chamber Super Raffle Dinner sponsored by Maine State Credit Union
Thursday, September 30 - The Elm, Waterville
Social Hour: 5:30 p.m. 6:30 Drawings begin.
Tickets: \$125 (includes dinner for two and a prize).



Thursday, November 4, 2021
5-8 p.m.
Enchanted Gables
78 Hussey Hill Rd., Oakland

Live Music - Awards - Elegant Hors d'oeuvres
\$55 per person - email cindy@midmainechamber.com

Annual Awards Winners:
Municipal Employee of the Year:
Jean Poulin, Town of Vassalboro

Outstanding Professional:
Kristina Cannon, Main Street Skowhegan

Customer Service Stardom: Josh Hamel, Mix 107.9

Rising Star: Samantha Burdick

Mega Volunteer of the Year: Scott McAdoo

Small Business of the Year: Selah Tea Café

Large Business of the Year:
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Distinguished Community Service: Mike Roy (Waterville)



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