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Annual Award Winners

61st Annual Award Winners

	Distinguished Community Service: Linanne and Chris Gaunce Central Maine Motors Auto Group	
	Small Business of the Year: Sunrise Bagels	
	Large Business of the Year: Shyft Group/Duramag	
	Municipal Employee of the Year: Paul Castonguay-City of Waterville	
	Exceptional Volunteer of the Year: Carla Caron Waterville Soup Kitchen	
	Outstanding Professional: Michael Phillips O'Donnell, Lee P.A.	
	Rising Star: Emalee Hall Dirigo Labs	
	Customer Service Stardom: Karen Kelley-Grenier Waterville Elks Banquet Center	
	Elias A. Joseph Award: Martha Wentworth Allen Insurance & Financial	

TO RESERVE TICKETS, CALL 207.873.3315 or CINDY@MIDMAINECHAMBER.COM! TICKETS ARE \$65/PP. LOCATION: WATERVILLE ELKS BANQUET CENTER

Save the Date

Annual Awards Ceremony
Thursday, April 25, 2024
5-8 p.m.
Waterville Elks Banquet Center

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Meet the Reps

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We invite you to join us for:
MEET THE REPS
March 7, 2024 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn | 425 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville

Don't miss out! This is your opportunity to meet and ask questions of your state and local representatives and hear about important legislative updates.

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Wednesday February 28
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Business After Hours: A great place to network and market your business. Business After Hours host/co-hosted by chamber members in our region and is one of many benefits we offer our chamber members. Hors d'oeuvres, 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 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

- March 20: Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services**
19 Colby Street, Waterville
- April 10: Humane Society – Waterville Area**
100 Webb Road, Waterville
- May 15: Mbingo Mountain Coffee**
7 Silvermount Street, Waterville

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Business Breakfast

Business Breakfast
Thursday February 8
7:15-9 a.m.
Best Western Plus
375 Main Street
Waterville

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Ella Bowman
 Karen Morin
 Dr. Richard Biffle

Join the Mid-Maine Chamber for an engaging presentation with our three panelists: Winslow Town Manager Ella Bowman; Career Success Navigator, Maine Dept. of Education, Karen Morin; and Thomas College Professor of Education, Dr. Richard Biffle.

The panelists will provide real-life experiences and insight into this relevant topic for today's workplace and stimulate discussion of ways to integrate DEI.

Please come prepared with your questions and take this opportunity to connect with other business leaders.

March 14: The AI Phenomenon—Its Advantages and Cautions:
Director of the Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Amanda Stent will speak on the courses offered in this present day development. She will share the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, given the growing AI proliferation.

April 11: Quality Child Care: A Vital Component of a Community's Economic Structure. A panel of Early Childhood leaders, including Chief Operating Officer KVCAP/Educare Central Maine, Tracye Fortin; Educare School Director Rhonda Kaiser, and a Parent Ambassador to be determined, will share data and strategies to increase quality early childhood programming across Maine.

May 9: What Happened? How Did Electricity Get So Expensive?
Public Advocate William Harwood will address the underlying reasons why electricity prices are unusually high and what can be done to lower them. Specifically, he will focus on the unpredictability of Standard Offer prices, the option of selecting a Competitive Electricity Provider, the benefits provided to renewable energy developers, the rising cost of restoration of service after major storms and, finally, the need to provide financial assistance to low income ratepayers.

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Tuesday
May 21, 2024
12 - 6 p.m.

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Mid-Maine Chamber Golf Classic

Monday
June 17, 2024
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