

INTOUCH NEWS

MARCH 2024

SAVE THE DATE: April 25, 2024 | 5-8 p.m.



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Distinguished Community Service: Linanne and Chris Gaunce Central Maine Motors Auto Group

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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

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

THANK YOU! MESSAGE

Having either worked for or serving on the Mid-Maine Chamber board of directors for over 30 years, I can say with certainty that my favorite yearly event is our awards celebration. Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce will be bestowing its 2023 annual awards on April 25, 2024, to nine exemplary winners. Like past years, this years selections are exemplary.

These award winners have been nominated by our members, and chosen from our membership by our selection committee comprised of past board chairs and current board members for their vital contributions, economic impact, and cultural influence in our region. These individuals and their businesses are passionate about what they do and make a positive impact on our area and the inclusive and welcoming business culture that we're trying to create.

Our tables are filling up, so we encourage you to reach out to our office as soon as you can: 873-3315. Tickets are sold on a first come, first served basis, and tables are reserved in seats of 10. Our board and my colleagues look forward to celebrating with you at the 61st Annual Awards Ceremony to recognize our outstanding community leaders.

Thank you to our major sponsors: Central Maine Power, Central Maine Motors Auto Group, Brookfield Renewable U. S., Choice Wealth Advisors, North River Hathaway, Golden Pond Wealth

Management, Valley Beverage, MaineGeneral Health, and Bowman Constructors. Thank you to our individual award sponsors – see cover.

Make the Future, Kim Kimberly N. Lindlof, president & CEO A special "Thank You" to the Kennebec Valley Chordsmen who delighted the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce team at 50 Elm Street, Waterville on Valentine's Day with special songs.

And, thank you to the anonymous sponsor!

-MMCC Team



MARCH 2024 MID-MAINE CHAMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar. 1 | Public Policy Mtg. | 8-9:30 a.m.

- Mar. 5 | KV Connect Steering Committee Mtg. | 8-9:30 a.m.
- Mar. 6| Executive Committee Mtg. | 12-1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7 | Meet the Reps | 5:30-7 p.m.
- Mar. 14| Business Breakfast Series | 7:15-9 a.m.

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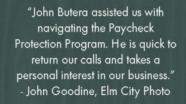
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Mar. 15 | Marketing & Membership Mtg. | 7:30-9 a.m. Mar. 19 | Board of Directors Mtg. | 7:45-9:15 a.m.

Mar. 20 | Business After Hours-Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services | 5:30-7 p.m.



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CALENDAR NEWS

Mar. 7 | 5:30-6:30 p.m. |Dirigo Speaker Series: Manufacturing and the Standardized Work Process | Bricks Coworking and Innovation Space 10 Water Street, Suite 110, Waterville

FMI: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marchspeaker-series-manufacturing-and-thestandardized-work-process-tickets-847125895357?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

Mar. 13 |1 p.m. |MaineGeneral |Surgery & surgeon Leandra Jelinek, DO, will host a free hernia screening & presentation at the Thayer Center for Health. If you suffer from chronic abdominal pain, have a bulge in the abdominal wall, cannot lift items or do daily activities, please join us. FMI: mainegeneral.org/classes-events/detail/? eventId=6934ec26-ffb5-ee11-a860-000d3a611ea2

Mar. 15 (deadline): Waterville Public Library offers free trees for youths: Plant a Tree for Arbor Day! FMI: neighborhoodforest.org

Mar. 16 | 11 a.m. |Alfond Youth & Community Center hosts the 31st Annual Polar Plunge Oakland Boat Launch | FMI: Maddie: mrock@clubaycc.org

Mar. 16: Waterville Seed Library to launch at the Waterville Public Library. FMI: watervillelibrary.org Mar. 30 | 7:30 p.m. | Waterville Opera House | David Byrne's Reasons to be Cheerful FMI: rem1.org/event/david-byrnes-reasons-to-becheerful

Apr. 6: Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center is holding a 24th Annual Celebrity Dinner| Augusta Civic Center. FMI: events.handbid.com/ auctions/24th-annual-celebrity-dinner-costumeparty

Apr. 28 | 9 a.m. | Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center is holding a 13th Annual One in Five 5K FMI: rem1.org/event/13th-annual-one-in-five-5k

May 4: 2nd Annual Moms to Be Tea Party with the Ladies of Sew for a Cause |Location: **St Bridget Center** | 864 Main St., Vassalboro | **FMI:** townline.org/ladies-group-celebrates-young-families

Maine DOT-Waterville-Winslow

Ticonic Bridge Project update on detour maps & closures.

FMI: maine.gov/mdot/projects/ waterville/ticonicbridge



Mar. 1, 3-3:30 p.m. | Swish Indoor Golf 10 Water Street, Suite 109, Waterville

Mar. 21, 3:30-4 p.m. | NEW BEGINNINGS 2 1 College Avenue, Waterville

Apr. 4, 3-3:30 p.m. | Peak Aesthetics 325C Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville

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PEOPLE NEWS

Camden National Bank is proud to announce the hire of Oscar Moreno as senior vp, director of Commercial Banking. Welcome! FMI: camdennational.bank

United Way of Kennebec Valley

recently elected Nate Curtis of Gagnon Dental as its board chair, and Kerry Smart of Thomas College was elected board vice-chair through 2024. Cheryl Flewelling of Raymond James Financial Services was reelected to the board of treasurer. Four new board members elected to 3-yr. terms: Amanda Cooley, Kennebec Savings Bank; Rene Davis, Kents Hill School; Rebecca Tibbetts. Coldwell Banker Plourde Real Estate; and Martha Wentworth, Allen Insurance & Financial. FMI: uwkv.org

SKILLS, Inc. recently welcomed State directors. FMI: skillsinc.net

Surette Real Estate welcomes Rene Smiley to its team. FMI: suretterealestate.com

Northern Light Inland Hospital

welcomes Sheena Henry, MD, to its rheumatology practice. FMI: northernlighthealth.org/inland-hospital

Congratulations to **Oakland's newest** Police Chief, Rick Stubbert, sworn in on Feb. 8, 2024 | FMI: oaklandmaine.us/ oakland-police-department

Maine State Credit Union is pleased to announce that Elizabeth Jean has joined as senior vp, Mortgage Lending. FMI: mainestatecu.org

Kennebec Savings Bank president & CEO Andrew Silsby recently announced the addition of Aline Taylor as the Chief Rep. Dean Cray of Palmyra to its board of Retail Banking Officer and a new member of the Bank's Leadership Team. In her

role, she oversees its efforts in providing high-quality products and services across its branch network. **FMI:** kennebecsavings.bank

TD Bank has named Don Baker as its next commercial market president of northern NE. FMI: stories.td.com/us/en/ article/td-bank-appoints-new-vermontcommercial-market-president-don-baker

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PLEASE SEE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION. Deadline for application is April 19, 2024.

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Thank you to all who attended the February 8, 2024 Business Breakfast DEI Series, Part 2. It was an enlightening and very informative event. Our guest speakers, Ella Bowman, Karen Morin, and Dr. Richard Biffle were spectacular!

Many thanks again.

MEMBER NEWS

Junior Achievement is seeking volunteers for local schools: Albert Hall School (Grade 5), China Elementary, Winslow Elementary & Waterville's George Mitchell School. FMI: Email Jill at jjamison@jamaine.org

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Warren's Office Products is offering 2 discounts until Mar. 15 Code 5802, spend \$125 & receive a free bag of Hersey's chocolate; with code 4476 spend \$200 & receive free Cheez-Its. | FMI: 800.339.7103

Maine State Credit Union announced the 9k sq. ft. expansion of its back-office operations to a new facility in Farmingdale, next to its HQ's in Augusta. It will open in the spring. FMI: mainestatecu.org

Colby College is receiving a \$50M donation to benefit its financial aid program from the Lunder Foundation, one of the largest in the school's history. **FMI**: lunderinstitute.colby.edu

Ten years of regionalizing health care, opening the **Alfond Center for Health** and revitalizing **Thayer Center for Health**, **MaineGeneral Hospice** has provided end-of-life comfort measures and bereavement support for over 6,915 individuals, their loved ones, and friends. **FMI:** mainegeneral.org

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PO Box 59 Waterville, ME 04903 **Dirigo Labs** has been selected to receive an Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) fellow to research an investment arm for the Waterville-based accelerator. The program, created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). **FMI:** dirigolabs.org

SKILLS Driver's Education program is available for people on MaineCare sections 18, 20, 21, and 29. **FMI:** Darrin Charrier: dcharrier@skillsinc.net

Unity Environmental University in New Gloucester offers undergraduate & graduate education focused on environmental topics. 230 Main St., Unity. FMI: degrees.unity.edu/why-unity

LifeFlight makes significant investment in EMS & hospital partnerships by launching a new initiative to bolster its relationships with hospitals, first responders, EMS, & 911 centers. **FMI:** lifeflightmaine.org

KVCAP Family Enrichment Council Child Abuse Prevention Month fundraiser: shirts are on sale for \$20 and will be available for pick up the week of 3/25. **FMI:** kvcap.org/april-is-child-abuse-prevention-month

In '23, **Marden's** customers and the Marden's family raised more than \$61K through its Red Stocking Program that supports the winter essentials program at **Maine Children's Home**.

FMI: mardens.com/community-involvement



Looking to Chat About Your Business? Contact: 207.873.3315 or E: jennifer@midmainechamber.com

CHAMBER CHATTERS

Chamber Chatter is a bi-monthly video series where you are taken inside a Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce member business to showcase what's new, fresh and entertaining. If you are a Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce member and interested in participating in this free benefit, please contact us to have your business featured in an upcoming Chatter. Two Chamber Chatter videos are uploaded every month on social media.

March's videos include:

- Nicholas Pelotte, Swish Indoor Golf
- Tom Shupe & Lindsey Cameron, Gateway Financial Partners



Shawn Packard, Mix Maine Media

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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

Business Breakfast



TOPIC: The AI Phenomenon—Its Advantages and Cautions

Date:	March 14, 2024 Time: 7:15-9 a.m.				
Location:	Best Western Plus 375 Main Street, Waterville				
Registration:	\$23 members \$29 non-members				
To Reserve:	cindv@midmainechamber.com				

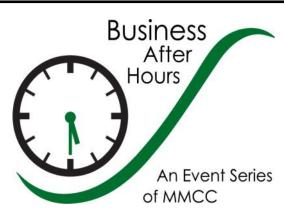


Dr. Amanda Stent

Join the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce for another engaging presentation. Director of the Davis Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Amanda Stent, will speak on the courses offered in present day development. She will share the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, given the growing AI proliferation.







THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:



Join us for our next Business After Hours: Wednesday, March 20 | 5:30 -7 p.m. Hosted by: Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services To be held at Chace Forum: 150 Main Street, Waterville

A great place to network and market your business. Hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages are served. 50/50 raffle and fabulous door prizes donated by area businesses. Good times!













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

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- · What is MERIT? Maine Retirement Investment Trust
- · Who does it affect? Employers without an employer sponsored plan with 5 or more employees that have been in business for 2 years or more.
- What does it mean for employees? You will be auto enrolled in a ROTH IRA via payroll deduction starting at 5% of pay, increasing every year by 1% until the maximum of 10% is reached.
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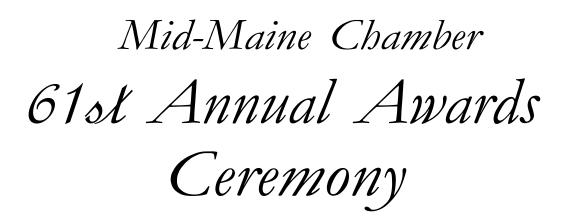
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Where:

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She will speak on the courses offered relative to this present-day development and share some of the benefits of using Artificial Intelligence (AI) in businesses, as well as some of the cautions. Given the growing proliferation of AI, this information will provide much-needed background for your business.

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

Pre-register today: cost per person: \$23 for members.

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Registration includes breakfast.

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Joseph B. Ezhaya Scholarship Application Form

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INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT

INCLUSIVE LIVING

MISSION

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Guiding you in pursuing your financial goals while addressing risks.

A YEAR OF GROWTH

The past year was one of expansion and excitement for our team. We welcomed new members, Tamsin and Rebecca, bringing fresh perspectives and skills to enhance our services.



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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2024

As we step into 2024, we're energized by the prospects of continued growth. Our commitment is stronger than ever to help you navigate your financial journey. Whether planning for retirement, managing investments, or preserving your financial future, we're here to support you every step of the way.





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