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See complete list of award winners on page 2.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

Is 2024 the year that your business gets noticed?

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Other ways to get your business noticed? Add your events to the chamber's website calendar. Adding events to the calendar will automatically be added to this *INTOUCH* newsletter. Add your new hires and other news to this *INTOUCH* newsletter. Additionally, you can put your business cards and brochures in the Chamber's Welcome Center in our lobby. Come to our events: get on the mic at our Business After Hours, chat with people at the Business Breakfast (where you can also do a free spotlighter booth), as well as rent a booth at our Business 2 Business Showcase.

Lastly, your business is welcome and encouraged to get its employees involved. Invite them to our events too and encourage them to join our committees. These committees shape the Mid-Maine Chamber's direction.

Be a part of it! We need you.

Make the Future,

Kim

Kimberly N. Lindlof, president & CEO



ANNUAL AWARDS WINNERS

61st Annual Award Winners



Distinguished Community Service:
Lianne 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



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Karen Kelley-Grenier
Waterville Elks Banquet Center



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FEBRUARY MID-MAINE CHAMBER CALENDAR

Feb. 2 | Public Policy Mtg. | 8-9:30 a.m.

Feb. 6 | KC Connect Steering Committee Mtg. | 8-9:30 a.m.

Feb. 7 | Executive Committee Mtg. | 12-1:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 | Business Breakfast Series | 7:15-9 a.m.

Feb. 16 | Marketing & Membership Mtg. | 7:30-9 a.m.

Feb. 20 | Board of Directors Mtg. | 7:45-9:15 a.m.

Feb. 28 | Business After Hours-TD Bank | 5:30-7 p.m.

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Feb. 2: Live and Silent Auction 6 p.m. at **Morgan Hill Event Center** | 82 Morgan Hill Ln., Hermon
FMI: morganhilleventcenter.com

Feb. 3: 51st Dysart's Snowmobile Ride-In for Pine Tree Camp.
FMI: pinetreesociety.org

Feb. 3: Pine Tree Camp Celebrity Egg Ride and Poker Run | 9:30 a.m. | Dysart's Restaurant & Truck Stop | 530 Coldbrook Rd., Hermon | FMI: pinetreesociety.org

Feb. 4: Penobscot Snowmobile Club Radar Run | 12 p.m. | Penobscot Snowmobile Club, 795 Bog Rd. Hermon
FMI: pinetreesociety.org

Feb. 6: Finance Authority of Maine offers adult education programming related to various financial topics including a "Book Club with FAME Series" exploring Erin Lowry's, *Broke Millennial Takes On Investing*". FMI: www.famemaine.com

Feb. 7-Apr. 17: Road To Wellness - Redington-Fairview General Hospital Bi-weekly | 3-4 p.m.
FMI: bdunphy@rfgh.net

Feb. 9- 11 | Pond Hockey Classic
FMI: mainepondhockey.org

Feb. 12-Apr. 1 | TOTAL WELLNESS | 10-11 a.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Redington-Fairview General Hospital
FMI: bdunphy@rfgh.net

Feb. 17-25 | Somerset SnowFest | Skowhegan -ice fishing, skijoring & sled dog racing | FMI: visitkennebecvalley.com

Feb. 23 | Redington-Fairview General Hospital SAFE SITTER | 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (students in grades 6-8)
FMI: bdunphy@rfgh.net

Feb. 29 | Dirigo Labs announces its third cohort, highlighting cleantech and innovators in software, AI, and manufacturing Cohort kickoff scheduled @ Bricks Coworking & Innovation Space
FMI: dirigolabs.org/bricks-coworking

February exhibits are free and open to all at Colby College Museum of Art, 5600 Mayflower Hill Drive.
FMI: museum.colby.edu

Mar. 16 | AYCC is hosting the POLAR PLUNGE | Dive or Donate
FMI: Maddie @ mrock@clubaycc.org

NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS

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P.O. Box 5494 | Augusta, ME 04332 | 207.692.6978
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Donna Mitchell | E: dj@mitchellfundraising.com

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William Mitchell | E: bill@pjmprop.com

New Beginnings 2

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Tom Shupe-LPL Financial Advisor, **Gateway Financial Partners**, welcomes:
Tamsin Kemos and Rebecca Mello
FMI: mygfpartner.com

Maine State Credit Union announced Elizabeth Jean as new senior vp of mortgage lending. Jean oversees the strategic direction of the mortgage team.
FMI: mainestatecu.org

Central Maine Growth Council has been awarded a 1-yr. contract valued at nearly \$112,000 from the Governor's Energy Office through the Clean Energy Partnership program to expand its **Dirigo Labs** accelerator program. **FMI:** centralmaine.org

Surette Real Estate welcomes its newest broker, David Poirier.
FMI: surette-realestate.com

Town of Norridgewock fire department has new leadership; Todd Pineo, who has been with the dept. for 28 yrs., is now the new fire chief. Daryl Wyman, who has also been with the dept. for more than 2 decades as a member of the call force, is taking on a newly

created administrator position, while also serving as deputy chief.

Redington-Fairview General Hospital is pleased to announce its newest DAISY Foundation award recipient, Tony Brunette.

Redington General Surgery is pleased to announce the following new providers: Rachael Amador, DO, Shelby Mast, DO & Lisa Vezikov, DO

Northern Light Inland welcomes rheumatologist Sheena Henry, MD

Sheridan Construction of Fairfield is pleased to announce the recent promotion of Lynn Morkeski to controller. Lynn received her BS in Finance & graduated from Thomas College with a Masters Degree in B.A.

Junior Achievement welcomes 2 new hires: Stacy Fuegen is leading JA's marketing & communications efforts across programming, development & events. Jessica Steele is the new program manager.

The Independent Community Bankers of America announced that Craig Garofalo, exec. vp & COO of **Kennebec Savings Bank**, was elected to its Federal Delegate Board, which is the nation's voice for community banks.

New Dimensions Federal Credit Union names Tanya Verzoni, vp of human resources and talent development.

Mix Maine Media announces Shawn Packard as new director of digital media.
FMI: shawn@mixmaine.com | **See insert inside.**

Waterville Police Department awards the *Willard "Bill" Shirley Award* to Sgt. Fabian.
FMI: <https://www.waterville-me.gov/police/>

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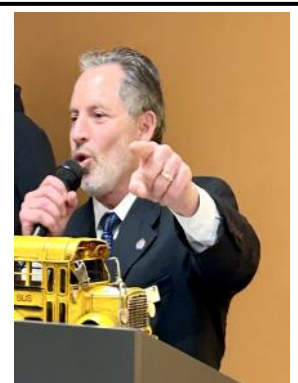
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Central Maine Power announced a \$10k donation to **United Way of Maine's 211 Maine program**. **FMI:** cmpco.com

Habitat for Humanity's annual report is now available. **FMI:** habitat.org/AR23

Junior Achievement is seeking 6 volunteers for Grade 5: Junior Achievement Our Nation at Albert Hall School | Waterville **FMI:** jjamison@jamaine.org

City of Waterville has a new notification center. **FMI:** www.waterville-me.gov OR <https://waterville-me.myfreealerts.com>

Colorgraphics offers in-house produced labels, custom-cut adhesive backed labels and hand applications. **FMI:** 207.232.7235 | peter@colorgraphics.me

Waterville Area Soup Kitchen | Lighthouse extends hours to extend warming hours 1-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. **FMI:** watervilleareasoupkitchen.com

Sat. May 4 | 2nd Annual Moms to Be Tea Party with the Ladies of Sew for a Cause announces their 2nd Annual Mothers' to be Tea | Location: St Bridget Center | 864 Main St. Vassalboro **FMI:** <https://townline.org/ladies-group-celebrates-young-families>

MMCC WELCOMES . . .

The Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the hiring of our new Customer Service Rep./Bookkeeper, **Jamie Feyler**.

Jamie is a proactive bookkeeper who is dedicated to maintaining accurate and timely financial records. Jamie serves as the first point of contact for the Chamber in-person and over the phone. She develops and maintains positive member relations. Jamie also continually "sells" the Chamber and seeks to motivate and influence others on the positive attributes of Chamber involvement.



She is responsible for the day-to-day customer service and bookkeeping activities of the Mid-Maine Chamber organization. Drop by to say hello. **Welcome Jamie!**

CHAMBER CHATTER



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 Chatters are uploaded every month on social media.

February's videos include:

- **Donna Strickler, Sexual Assault Crisis & Support Center**

- **David Beaudoin, Lockwood Hotel**

Visit YouTube to view past video chats. www.youtube.com/midmainechamber6334/ videos

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Business Breakfast



TOPIC: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel: Part 2
What Can Be Done in Our Communities and Workplaces to Embrace DEI?

Date: Feb. 8, 2024 **Time:** 7:15-9 a.m.
Location: Best Western Plus | 375 Main St., Waterville
Registration: \$23 members | \$29 non-members
 E: cindy@midmainechamber.com

Ella Bowman



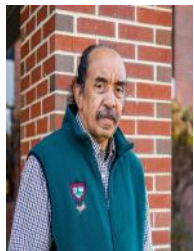
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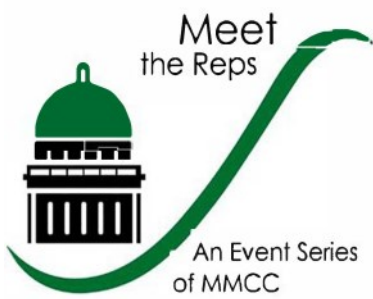


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March 7, 2024 | 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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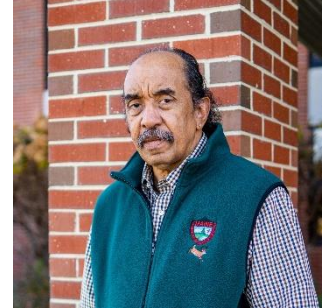
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Where:

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

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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- January 11:** **GrowSmart Maine. Housing Policy and Practices: Here's What You Can Do Now.** CEO of GrowSmart Maine, Nancy Smith, will present on creation of more housing choices, and policy options keeping municipal budgets stable, protecting productive farmland and open space and fostering economic and community development. Hear about statewide policy and community technical assistance where you live and work.
- February 8:** **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Panel Part 2: What Can Be Done in Our Communities and In Our Workplaces to Embrace DEI?** Panelists will include: Winslow Town Manager, Ella Bowman; Career Success Navigator, Maine Department of Education, Karen Morin, and Thomas College Professor of Education Dr. Richard Biffle.
- 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.
- Sept. 12:** **Walking the Tightrope: Finding the balance of Personal Happiness and Passion for Your Job.** Join Community Health and Counseling Service Regional Manager, Leslie Lennig, for this informative discussion focused on the continued acclimation to a post-pandemic world, where many find it more difficult to find true work-life balance and address chronic stress. Learn how to find that balance that helps you remain passionate about your work.
- Oct. 3:** **Legislative Topic: TBD.**
- Nov. 14:** **Paid Family Medical Leave Act Updates and HR Laws.** Back by popular demand, CEO/Owner of Career Management Associates, David Ciullo, and Employment Attorney Peter Lowe, partner at Brann & Isaacson, will educate on the new paid FMLA law that will go into effect in 2025, and additional HR law topics.
- Dec. 12:** **Choosing the Right Marketing Platforms to Attract Customers and Reduce Ad Spend.** Marketing & Program Mgr. Dan Reed, of SCORE Maine will explore how to know your audience, given that knowledge is power, helping you choose the correct platforms where your clients make buying decisions.

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Please join us from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

January 17:	Alfond Youth & Community Center and MaineGeneral Health 126 North Street, Waterville
February 28:	TD Bank 182 Main Street, Waterville
March 20:	Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services—To Be Held At: Chace Community Forum, 150 Main Street, Waterville
April 10:	Humane Society—Waterville Area 100 Webb Road, Waterville
May 15:	Mbingo Mountain Coffee 7 Silvermount Street, Waterville
June 12:	Friends of Quarry Road 300 Quarry Road, Waterville
July 17:	Silverton BBQ Bar 51 Webb Road, Canaan
September 18:	Northern Light Inland Hospital and Purdue Global 222 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville (Simulation Ctr.)
October 16:	Coldwell Banker Plourde Real Estate 143 Silver Street, Waterville
November:	No Event
December 18:	SKILLS, Inc. / Ervin Community Supports 15 Wandrup Road, Hinckley



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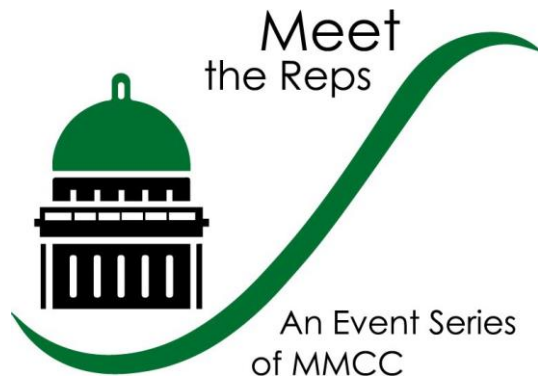
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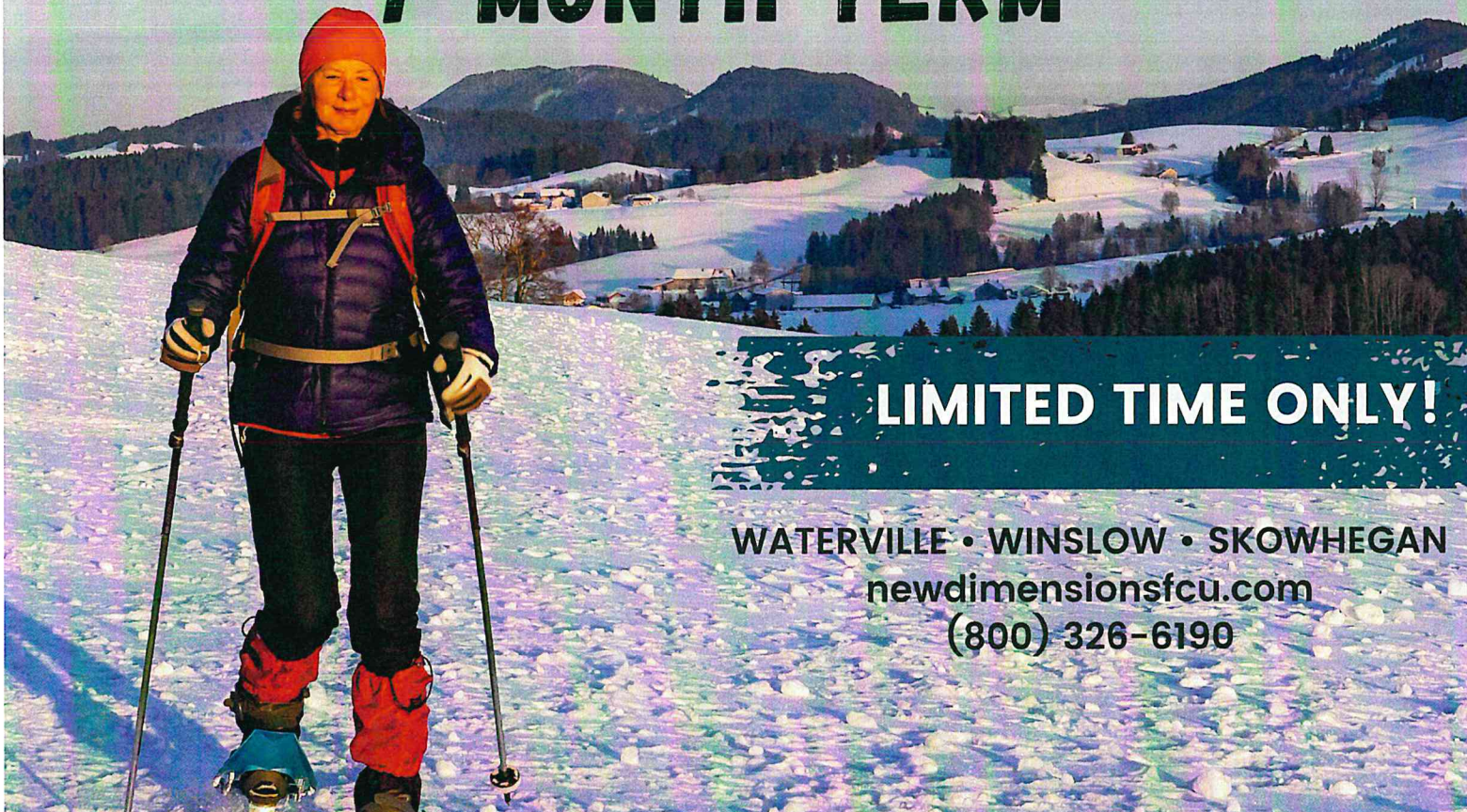


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