



Newfound Region CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Greetings from the NRCC Executive Director

Welcome 2010! I don't know about you, but there is something about the holidays coming to an end, the ball dropping in Time Square and cracking open a new calendar that gets me excited about the possibilities for the coming year!

Between the Social Media event last week and the Plymouth Business Showcase that we are co-sponsoring on January 27th, we think we have gotten off to a solid start in 2010 in terms of implementing our revitalization plan! This is building on the momentum that was created since our Annual Meeting in October.

We are very appreciative for all of you who have renewed your dues and for your commitment to the NRCC. This is a partnership . . . We are here to provide services and benefits to help grow your businesses and hope that you will continue telling others about our goals and mission and that this is a new Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce! How can we foster our partnership in 2010 to ensure we both experience tremendous success? We need to hear from you about your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions!

Warmly,
Leslie Sturgeon, Executive Director

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Chamber of Commerce



@NewfoundChamber

The mission of the NRCC is to provide programs and services that promote a favorable business climate and to recognize and celebrate the quality and variety of resources and opportunities in the eight towns of the Newfound Lake Region!

Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce
Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and
Waterville Valley Chamber of Commerce Invite You To:

PLYMOUTH BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Hosted by Northway Bank
Wednesday, January 27, 2010 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Plymouth Commerce Park, 12 Yeaton Road, Plymouth

Featured Businesses:

North Rock Construction - The Alpine Clinic
Berry Delicious Bakery - Antoinette's Flower & Gift Boutique
Catering by The Inn on Newfound Lake

This is a great way to meet other local business owners while learning more about these unique businesses!



Social Media Event

If you were unable to attend the Social Media event hosted by the NH Central Chambers Coalition on January 13th, Sean Bossie of igroops Social Websites, made his presentation available for everyone. Visit:

www.membershipsitebuilding.com

On the right-hand side of the home page you will see "Plymouth State University Social Media Presentation" which will allow you to download the information as a PDF



Emailing the newsletter would be a cost-effective method for the Chamber; however, we will continue mailing you the publication unless you tell us email is acceptable.

Drop us a note at newfoundchamber@metrocast.net and give us permission!

Board of Directors Meetings

The following is the Board of Directors meeting schedule for the next several months. If you wish to attend a meeting or have something added to the agenda, please contact us at 744-2150 or newfoundchamber@metrocast.net

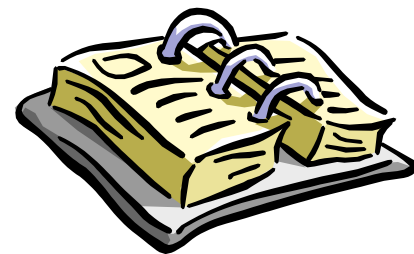
Monday, February 1, 2010
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
TD BankNorth, Bristol

Monday, March 1, 2010
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
TD BankNorth, Bristol

Monday, April 5, 2010
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
TD BankNorth, Bristol

Monday, May 3, 2010
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
TD BankNorth, Bristol

Monday, June 7, 2010
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
TD BankNorth, Bristol



NEWFOUND GROCERY IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS!

They are a year-round information center for the Newfound Region Chamber of Commerce - be sure to bring over brochures for the two brochure racks!

Crafts, culinary delights, artwork, pottery, jewelry, antiques or other items can be displayed at the store for a small commission.

Call Holly at (603) 744-8616 or email them at nfgcandm@metrocast.net

Newfound . . . the jewel of the Lakes Region!

Introducing . . . Our Newest Member

The Best "Little" Unfinished
Furniture Store in New England



Country Cottage

REAL WOOD FURNITURE

Thank you to Country Cottage for providing the Chamber with an Adirondack chair to be used in our display at the Newfound Grocery. It is beautiful and truly enhances our space.

Country Cottage, located on Route 104 in New Hampton, is your answer for quality finished and unfinished furniture, mattresses and accessories. They sell only real wood furniture with no particle board. They carry a full line of Serta mattresses and futon mattresses in all sizes. Their accessories include everything from coffee mugs, dishware and coasters to coat racks, wildlife pictures and lamps. Additionally, they carry a full line of Yankee Candles and candle accessories. Whether you choose an unfinished piece and finish it yourself, or have them finish it for you, real wood can save you money! Unlike buying particle board, real wood furniture is eco-friendly and will stand the test of time. Country Cottage carries General Finishes stains, paints, glazes and top coats to finish your furniture. Not to worry - if you have never finished a piece before, they have instructions and knowledgeable sales consultants that can guide you thru the process step by step.

Visit their website, too, at www.nhwood.com. Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 to 6:00 and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00.

Thank you to Sgt. Bob Dupuis of the Bristol Police Department . . .

Before the Business After Hours on December 16th at the Inn on Newfound, Sgt. Dupuis gave a very interesting and informative presentation on shoplifting, identity theft, counterfeit money and scams. He provided many handouts, and one contained the following contact information should you become a victim of ID fraud:

Alexandria Police Department	603-744-6650
Bridgewater Police Department	603-744-6745
Bristol Police Department	603-744-6320
Groton Police Department	603-744-3703
Hebron Police Department	603-744-5509
Federal Trade Commission	877-FTC-HELP
Attorney General's Office	603-271-3641
Better Business Bureau	603-224-1991
Federal Bureau of Investigation	603-472-2224
U.S. Postal Inspectors	617-556-4400
U.S. Secret Service	603-626-5631



If you have questions,
contact Bob Dupuis
Bristol Police Department
rdupuis@townofbristolnh.org

Thanks

To the Owners and Staff of the Inn on Newfound for a wonderful Business After Hours in December.

Good food, good friends and lots of holiday merriment.

If you would like to host a Business After Hours at your location, please contact NRCC at (603) 744-2150 or newfoundchamber@metrocast.net

Don't forget to keep us informed of all your business happenings! We are here to help you in any way that we can.

News From Around New Hampshire!



FIFTH ANNUAL SMALL BUSINESS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE January 27, 2010 - Holiday Inn, Concord

Small Business Day is an opportunity for small business owners and managers to meet New Hampshire's top policy-makers, learn more about legislative issues that could affect your bottom line, and receive valuable information about tools to help your company grow and prosper. This event is presented in cooperation with the New Hampshire Small Business Development Center and sponsored by Public Service of New Hampshire, The NH Division of Economic Development, and media sponsor NH Business Review.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

- 7:30 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
- 8:10 a.m. **State Leadership Panel** - Senate President Sylvia Larsen, Senate Republican Leader Peter Bragdon, House Speaker Terie Norelli and House Republican Leader Sherm Packard.
Topic: What are the top small business issues facing the 2010 New Hampshire Legislature and how will our state elected leaders resolve them?
- 9:15 a.m. Break
- 9:30 a.m. **Taxing Distributions from LLCs: Closing a loophole or creating a cash cow for the state?**
This session will focus on New Hampshire's most controversial new tax, extension of the 5% interest and dividends tax to distributions from LLC's and partnerships. How did this new tax come into being? Who will pay it? How much revenue will be raised? Does this new tax "level the playing field" by closing a loophole or does it further chip away at the New Hampshire Advantage?
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. **Recovery to Growth: Where are the Opportunities?**
This panel is designed to help small businesses explore recovery strategies and growth opportunities. Topics will include: Improving Your Bottom Line, Government Contracting, and Email Marketing.
- 11:30 a.m. Adjourn

REGISTRATION

Cost is \$15 per person and registration is required.
To register, call 224-5388 x116 or visit www.nhbia.org
and click on January 27 on the events calendar.

