



Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

The Bay Today

June and July 2009

WELCOME SUMMER

Upcoming Events:

- 6/25 - 6:30-8:30pm
Jonesport Historical Society Meeting - Peabody Memorial Library—Jonesport
- 6/27– 10am-3pm-
Appraisal Day - Machiasport Hist. Soc.-Gates House
- 6/27-4:30-6:30pm -
Chowder Supper—Roque Bluffs Chapel
- 7/4 - 6:00PM -
Machias Fourth of July Parade
- 7/11 - 7pm - UMM
PAC - American Girl Pageant
- 7/18 - 9AM - MBACC
Golf Tournament - Barren View Golf Course
- 7/17, 7/18, & 7/19-
Jonesboro Bicentennial Celebration
- 7/23-5-7pm-BAH -
SCEC - Stackpole Drive, Machias

Rotary meets every Tuesday at 5:30pm at the Blue Bird Ranch Restaurant. Everyone Welcome!

We're on Facebook...become a fan!

We recently started a Facebook page as part of our communication plan and will soon be sending members an "invitation" to become a "fan" of our page. If you would like to check our page out sooner you can do a search for us. Our page is listed as: Friends of Machias Bay Area Chamber of Commerce (MBACC) . This page is not exclusive to members but will highlight MBACC happenings, share recognition of member accomplishments, spotlight new members and provide information on upcoming events. Fans will have the capability to post chamber related pictures, post comments, and participate in our discussion boards. Please join us and invite all of your friends too!

MBACC Would Like to Welcome Our Newest Corporate Sponsor

We are pleased to introduce you to our newest corporate member: **Meadowsmith Communications** (formerly Helder Editorial Services).

Raised in Washington County, owner Diane Smith Helder understands the unique challenges and opportunities of our region. With an extensive background in communications, Helder advocates a strength-based approach to problem solving. Specializing in the areas of editing, writing, public relations, education, and facilitation services for businesses, book publishers and non-profits, **Meadowsmith Communications** provides a valuable service for businesses, non-profits, and writers in the Machias Bay Area and beyond.

Diane Smith Helder may be reached at (207) 255-6783 or helderedit@maineline.net, for more information on how **Meadowsmith Communications** can be of service to you.

Have an upcoming event that would interest our membership? Please call, fax or email us ASAP.

Business After Hours

**July 23, 2009
5:00-7:00pm
Sunrise County
Economic Council
Stackpole Drive
Machias**

Business After Hours—July 23, 2009

Join us at the Office of the Sunrise County Economic Council on Thursday, July 23rd from 5:00pm to 7:00pm for Business After Hours. This event will introduce the community to the Sunrise County Business Support Center and other organizations affiliated with the Sunrise County Economic Council. Refreshments will be served.

Lunch and Learn

MBACC will not be holding a Lunch and Learn in June, July, and August. Watch for the resumption of Lunch and Learn in September.

The latest edition of the **Social Security Update** is posted online.

You can read the newsletter in its entirety by going to www.socialsecurity.gov/newsletter.

Fundy Chapter, Audubon Society
July, 2009
7:00pm CCLC

**July 21st Kevin Raye LD 345 Rockweed
Harvesting**

Board Meetings: Third Wednesday, every other month, at 9:00am in the CCLC Main Building. April 22, June 17, August 19, October 21, December 16

Roque Bluffs Community Chapel
Vesper Worship Service Schedule for
June and July, 2009
Services begin at 6:30pm

June 28	Rev. Barbara Drisko
July 5	A Tribute in Music and Word
July 12	Rev. Dr. Francois Akoa-Mongo
July 19	Rev. David Norling
July 26	Rev. Arthur Nelson

Chapel Events

June 27	4:30pm	Chowder Supper
July 18	4:00pm	Annual BBQ-State Park

2009 Summerside Series

July 16th through August 6th, 2009

June 24, 2009 – Washington Academy will host it's 3rd Summerside Series beginning Thursday, July 16th, 2009 and each Thursday evening from 5 to 7 pm until August 6th, 2009. The Summerside Series workshops will take place at various venues on the Washington Academy Campus. Highlighting Washington Academy's commitment to continue to enhance the current Arts and Music curriculum, the Summerside Series will host authors, artists, musicians. This year, as in the two previous years, WA will open it's doors to the community and encourage local residents as well as our summer visitors to attend these seminars and spend time at Washington Academy.

Washington Academy's efforts are a direct response to the communities overwhelming and outspoken desire to continue to expand and improve Arts and Music. As we look toward further enhancement and expansion of our curriculum, the sentiments of our area residents are leading us toward the construction of an Arts and Music Center as an addition to the Gardner Gymnasium.

Please join us on Thursday evenings July 16th through August 6th, 2009 for our Summerside Series. For more information please contact the Development Office at 255-8301 extension 209, go to www.washingtonacademy.org and look for our information at supporting area businesses and organizations.

Office Space Available

**85 Main St, Suite 3
1160 sq. feet
3 offices, 2 full baths
Electric, Water, Heat & Plowing Included
255-3555**

Meet Your New Board of Directors

For those of you who may not have been able to make it to the Annual Meeting in April, we wanted to be sure that you were “in the know” about your new board of directors.

Lanette Pottle - President
Hannaford

Tim Merritt - Vice President
Points East Real Estate

Jennifer Scribner - Secretary
Sunrise Canoe and Kayak

Tim Jordan - Treasurer
R. H. Foster

Blaine Jones, Bangor Savings Bank
(Past President)

Jason Smith, Points East Real Estate
Lori Peakall-Cote, Down East Credit Union
Rich Fabri, UMM

Kari Reynolds, Machias Savings Bank
Jennifer Peters, Sunrise County Economic
Council

Jane Blackwood, Axiom Technologies
Forrest Teer, Coffins DBA, Pineo Hardware

SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to be offering a dynamic workshop on **September 29th**. Elizabeth Sprague will be presenting **Business to Business Collaboration**. Attendees of the workshop will also be the first to hear about an exciting contest giving participants the opportunity to win free advertising!

Stay tuned to learn more.

Workshop Update

MBACC is committed to your success and providing quality education opportunities. When we recently learned that Deb Ayala would not be able to provide the Low Cost-High Impact Merchandising Ideas Workshop scheduled for June 24th we considered providing a workshop of another topic to fill the void.

During this process we referred back to what you had told us when polled about having a workshop in June: Although a busy month, you would value a workshop directly related to boosting your summer sales. With that in mind, since we were unable to find a replacement speaker on the scheduled topic, we have made the decision not to hold a workshop in June. We know that you are busy getting geared up for the season and having a workshop simply for the sake of having one is not supporting you and your business needs.

We are choosing to focus on the future by placing our energy in a workshop that has the potential to have a strong and positive impact on your business...**Business to Business Collaboration** presented by Elizabeth Sprague. I will personally be inviting members of all Washington County Chambers of Commerce to join us in creating powerful synergies through collaboration. At the workshop we will be announcing a contest for MBACC members that will provide opportunities to win free advertising. Those in attendance will be the first to learn all the details so be sure to mark your calendar and save the date -- **September 29th**

For those of you who may be already paid for the June workshop, we will gladly apply your payment to the Business to Business Collaboration workshop. If you would prefer to receive a refund, please contact Dale or Kathleen at the Chamber office (255-4402) and they will get one out to you right away.

Lanette Pottle
President, Board of Directors

Membership Has It's Privileges... 2009

Please join with us in building the best chamber in Washington County.
Supporting local businesses by buying local, keeps the green in Washington County.
MBACC is committed to our business community.

Vision:

We are a highly involved and respected Chamber of Commerce dedicated to building strong relationships throughout our community.

Mission:

To provide quality services, representation, and educational information to our members and to promote community involvement through the Chamber's activities and events.

MBACC would like to thank the following businesses for renewing their membership:

Thank You For Your Support

Coast of Maine Property Management and Vacation Rentals, Downeast Janitorial, LLC, Frank Cassidy, Attorney at Law, Friends of Little River Lighthouse, B & C Used Furniture, Maine Blackfly Breeders Association, Parlin Flowers and Gifts, Bold Coast Charter Company, Pinegrove Cottage, Points East Real Estate, Meddybemps Cottage Rental, Johnson's Town Line Auto, Inc., Walls TV and Appliance, Crimson Maple Inn, Church Bazaar Marketplace, Machias Historical Society, Maine Sea Salt, Phish Net Café, Centre Street Congregational Church, Washington County Children's Program, Coastal Agency, Town of Machias.

Meet Our Newest Members

MacGooses Downeast Maine Guide Service, LLC, Luke Gosselin, P O Box 395, Machias, 255-3440, www.macgooses.com. Guide service.

Downeast Health Services, Inc., Kathie Norwood, 52 Christian Ridge Road, Ellsworth, 667,5304, www.downeasthealth.org.

Harbor Treasures Seaglass, Barbara Tagliarino, P O Box 208, Addison, 483-6062, www.harbortreasuresseaglass.com Hand crafted seaglass and silver jewelry.

Community Health and Counseling Services, Diane Nelson, P O Box 425, Bangor, 947-0366, www.chcs.org.

Porter Memorial Library Association, Lee McBride, 92 Court Street, Machias, 255-3933, www.porter.lib.me.us.

Meadowsmith Communications, Diane Helder, helderedit@maineline.net, 255-6783.

Stop by and welcome our newest members!

INFORMATION

Coming Events

The following websites are great resources for seminars, trainings, coming events, and things to do.
www.ceimaine.org/workshops/ www.culturepass.net www.mainetourism.com
 Many on-line seminars, free of charge

Tax Credit Guidance to Businesses Hiring Unemployed Veterans and Certain Youth

IR-2009-55, May 28, 2009

Businesses planning to claim the newly-expanded work opportunity tax credit (WOTC) for eligible unemployed veterans and unskilled younger workers hired during the first part of 2009 have until Aug. 17 to request the certification required for these workers, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

[Newly-revised Form 8850](#), now available on IRS.gov, is used by employers to request certification from their state workforce agency. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enacted in February, added unemployed veterans returning to civilian life and “disconnected youth” to the list of groups covered by the credit. Though eligible unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work anytime during 2009 or 2010 may qualify a business for the credit, certification by the state workforce agency is required.

In general, an unemployed veteran is a person discharged or released from the military during the five years preceding the hiring date who received unemployment benefits for at least four weeks during the one-year period ending on the hiring date. A “disconnected youth” is a person age 16 to 24 on the hiring date who has not been regularly employed or attending school and who meets other requirements. The WOTC offers tax savings to businesses that hire workers belonging to any of 12 targeted groups, including unemployed veterans and disconnected youth. The other 10 include people ages 18 to 39 living in designated communities in 43 states and the District of Columbia, Hurricane Katrina employees, recipients of various types of public assistance, and certain veterans, summer youth workers and ex-felons. [The instructions for Form 8850](#) detail the requirements for each of these groups.

The certification requirement applies to all groups of workers except employees who were Hurricane Katrina victims. Normally, a busi-

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FREE Basic Computer Class

Tuesday, July 14

Monday, August 17

1 - 3 PM

at Machias Career Center

This hands-on workshop will teach the basics of computer usage. We will cover from how to turn on a computer to accessing and navigating the Internet. **FREE** workshop but registration is required. Call Bre at (207) 255-1900 or 1-800-292-8929 to reserve your spot in the class.

**Teams Wanted to Compete In the
2nd Annual Bed Race on
September 12th
MBACC IS ISSUING A
CHALLENGE TO ANYONE
BRAVE ENOUGH TO ENTER!**

ness must file Form 8850 with the state workforce agency within 28 days after the eligible worker begins work. But under a special rule, businesses have until Aug. 17, 2009, to file this form for unemployed veterans and disconnected youth who begin work on or after Jan. 1, 2009 and before July 17, 2009. [Notice 2009-28](#), posted today on IRS.gov, and the instructions for Form 8850 provide details on this special rule.

COMING EVENTS

Jonesport Historical Society

The next public meeting of the Jonesport Historical Society will be held Thursday, June 25, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the PEABODY MEMORIAL LIBRARY.

Dianne and Larry Finnegan will speak about Guatemala and the Hospitalito de Atitlan project.

Jacob van de Sande, will present a talk about Washington County Wild Salmon Restoration

The meeting will conclude with a display of pictures of Fourth of July parades from the 1960s and 1970s.

MACHIASPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY APPRAISAL DAY ON JUNE 27th

No, this doesn't mean that someone will be appraising you, personally--just the non-human antiques you own. So bring 'em along! It's fun!

Bring your treasured antiques and collectables to the Machiasport Historical Society's Appraisal Day June 27th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and find out how much they are worth. Appraisals will be done by Ray Foster and Ed Stanley, Proprietors of Machias Bay Antiques and Fine Arts. Ray and Ed have a great deal of knowledge when it comes to antiques; Ed is a certified appraiser.

Fees for appraisals are \$10.00 for one item, \$20.00 for three and \$5.00 for each additional item beyond three. Funds raised from Appraisal Day benefit the Society's Acquisition Fund which has been created to acquire items of historical significance to the area.

Appraisal Day will take place at the Gates House, 344 Port Rd. Machiasport. Sandwiches and beverages will be available at a nominal charge.

The Machiasport Historical Society meets the fourth Monday of each month from April through October at 7:00 PM at the Gates House Museum. A short business meeting is usually followed by an informative program. The public is invited to attend. For more information contact Barbara Maloy at 255-8860 or Ray Foster at 255-0686.

DECH Calendar of Events

June and July

Bypass Support Group

July 6 & 20

5pm

MacBride Building, DECH

Provides on-going support to those who have gone through gastric bypass surgery as well as their family and friends. For more information, contact Janet Monaghan at 255-0485.

Diabetes Support Group

NEW! Down East Community Hospital

July 10

NEW! Diabetes Support Group now at Down East Community Hospital as well as at Milbridge Medical Center. For more information, contact Jesse Burns, RN at 546-2391.

Childbirth Classes

July 11, 2009

For information or to register, call Jane Brissette at 255-0438.

My Medications...My Safety

Brown Bag Seminars

June 25 2:00 pm at Sunrise Care Facility, Jonesport

July 9 12:00 pm at Lubec Medical Center, August 20, 12:00 pm: Women's Health Resource Library, Milbridge

September 10 at 12:00pm, Down East Community Hospital, Machias

October 8 at 12:00pm, Down East Community Hospital, Machias

The seminars will be presented by Frederic Lapitinsky, Director of Pharmacy at Down East Community Hospital pharmacist. The talk will teach attendees about common medication errors and drug interactions, as well as ways to prevent medication errors from occurring. According to the FDA, between 30 and 50 percent of people using medicine are not using them exactly as prescribed. One of the biggest reasons is lack of information. Participants are encouraged to bring all of their medications in a "brown bag" to have the pharmacist review their medications. Refreshments will be provided. Advanced registration is required. To register for a seminar, call 255-0244.

June 2009

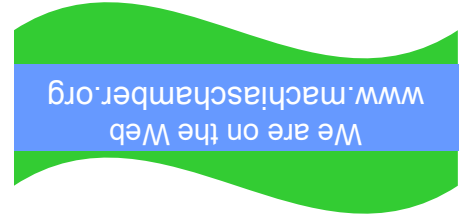
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Rotary 5:30pm Bluebird Rest	3	4	5 Jail Days	6 Sunrise Trail Parade
7	8	9 Rotary 5:30pm Bluebird Rest	10	11	12	13 Margareta Festival—UMM
14	15	16 Rotary 5:30p – Roque Bluffs Comm. Ctr.	17	18	19	20 Roque Bluffs Summer Solstice Festival
21	22	23 Rotary 5:30p Bluebird Rest	24	25 6:30pm Jonesport Histori- cal Soc. Meeting	26	27 East Machias River Day Machiasport Hist. Soc. - Appraisal Day
28	29	30 Rotary 5:30p Blue- bird Rest.				

July 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 6pm Parade
5	6	7 Rotary 5:30p Bluebird Rest	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 5:30p Rotary Bluebird Rest	15	16	17	18 MBACC Golf Tourney Jonesboro Bi- centennial
19	20	21 Rotary 5:30p Kay Parker Bldg.	22	23 BAH 5-7pm SCEC	24	25
26	27	28 5:30p Rotary Bluebird Rest	29	30	31	

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June and July 2009

Please let us know if your company or an employee is in the news: awards, promotions, new hires, community involvement, or any event you want to promote and we will put it in our newsletter. Next **deadline is July 24, 2009. Email, call or mail to the chamber. Send photos as a jpg.



MBACC to Sponsor 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

July 18, 2009
 At
 Barren View Golf Course

9:00am Shotgun Start

\$5,000 Hole In One Challenge

For Information or Registration
 Contact:

MBACC
 At
 255-4402

Many thanks to you our members. Please let us highlight your activities in our newsletter and email alerts. Call us with your information **August, 2009** Newsletter Deadline is **July 24, 2009**.