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Chamber Line

May
2001

The Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Invites you to join us for

OUR SPRING NETWORKING SOCIAL . . .

P. J. McGlynn's

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2001

Cash Bar 5-6 pm – Dinner 6:00 pm – \$25.00 per person (incl. tax & gratuity)

Menu:

Mixed Green Salad

Choice of:

Pasta Primavera – homemade linguini tossed fresh with fresh vegetables, olive oil and garlic

Sliced London Broil – with mushroom sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetable

Herb-Roasted Pork Loin – with red cabbage, mashed potatoes and applesauce

Dessert, Coffee or Tea

May 23rd Networking Social Reservation Form

Reservations and a check must be received by **Monday, May 21st, 2001**. Please mail or fax (876-8624) to Louise at the Chamber Office, PO Box 42, Rhinebeck, NY 12572. Please make checks payable to Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce.

Business _____

Total number of people attending _____ at \$25.00 each \$ _____ Total

Names of Attendees and Dinner Choices: _____

Welcome our newest members...

Correction from April:

Darrel C. La Dra
616 Mill Road
Rhinebeck, NY
845-876-6850

Cathlyn J. Acker
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845-876-5515
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Victoria Lashley
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Thomas Turck
& Wesley Dier
40 West Restaurant
40 West Market St.
Rhinebeck, NY 12572
845-876-2214
Food - Restaurant

Mark Brocchetti
Café Lucchaela
659 Rte. 199
Red Hook, NY 12571
845-758-0761
Food - Restaurant/Bar

Visitors' Guides Due In...

2001-2002 Chamber Visitors' Guides will be in before the end of the month! Come to the NEW Chamber office at 23F Rhinebeck Savings Bank Plaza, above Raspberry Rose or call 876-5904 to reserve your package. Please plan to pick them up Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, 10-2 when the office is open. This thirty-two page guide is the culmination of four months of effort by the Chamber office, sorting and organizing the information you return with your membership forms. If we forgot something, or you would like to help us make it better next year, please call us at 845-876-5904.

We wish to thank the businesses that advertise in the Guide – your advertising dollars support the printing and design of this publication – a benefit to us all, and to the thousands of visitors from all over who use the Guide for planning their visit to Rhinebeck.

All Chamber members are listed along with current dining, lodging, shopping, current events, maps and directions. We printed 16,000 this year for use by member businesses and visitors. Every year it gets better and this year we added charts for dining, lodging and retail businesses to make it easier for everyone to use. Our thanks to the Committee and to the members who help make this possible. *Call the Chamber Office (876-5904) to get your guides.*

Notice to Chamber Members...

Since we moved our Chamber office to 23F East Market Street (Rhinebeck Savings Plaza), we are in need of some furniture. The following items would help get us set up:

- 2 drawer file cabinets or short file cabinets
- 2 – 8 foot long folding banquet tables
- 16 chairs for these tables
- Benjamin Ficus plant or orange tree

If any member could consider any of these as a donation, we would be most grateful. Please call Louise Kalin for approval 845-876-5904. Thank you in advance from your Board of Directors

From the President

Hi!

My first year as Chamber President has come to an end. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish these past twelve months. However we are not about to rest on our laurels. There are many more things we want to do to keep Rhinebeck moving forward. With the support of the Board of Directors and you, our members, I am confident we can face the challenges that many small towns in America are faced with today.

We have two new Board Members effective May 1, 2001. Welcome to Nevza Dussman, Manager of Rhinebeck Savings Bank and Lila Pague of Winter Sun-Summer Moon. I look forward to the opportunity of working with you both. I am positive you will both be huge assets to the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce.

Sidewalk Sale is on tap for May 18-20. Lila Pague (Winter Sun-Summer Moon) and Rick Wetzler (Habitue) have done a fantastic job of organizing a merchants committee and coordinating the sidewalk sale. I expect with a little cooperation from mother nature it will be a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved.

Our next general membership meeting is May 23rd. Hope to see you there. Also the June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20th. This is the Hudson River Cruise aboard the Rip Van Winkle. Try to attend. It is a great way to spend a summer evening. You will know why we are so lucky to live here in the Hudson Valley!

Your President,

Jim Reardon

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February Meeting Info Reported...

The following issues were identified at a 1999 public meeting sponsored by the Rhinebeck Chamber of Commerce. At the February 21, 2001 Chamber Breakfast meeting, facilitator Judy L. Schneyer, Cornell Cooperative Extension, compiled data about the issue most important to attendees. The numbers following topics indicate number of participants who listed their priorities.

Rhinebeck Issues

Village Grocery Store (27)
 Industrial Development (3)
 Metro North Expansion (6)
 Hospital Viability (9)
 Equitable Taxes (3)
 Parking (16)
 Redevelopment of Chevy Building (9)
 High Speed Communications/Technology (13)
 Deteriorating Infrastructure (3)
 Zoning & Master Plan (8)
 Mix of Businesses/High Rents (8)
 Increase Businesses Servicing Residents (0)
 Need Auditorium (0)
 Create Art Studio Spaces (0)
 Village & Town Shared Services (10)
 Charter Schools (1)

Impact of Kaatsbaan & Bard Performing Arts (2)
 Collaborations With Other Communities (2)
 Lack of Youth Services & Recreation (6)
 Population Increase – Increase in Services (2)
 Traffic Congestion (12)
 Lack of Business Tax Incentives (1)
 Stifling Property Development (0)
 Enhance Village Streetscape – Trees, Street Lights, Benches, Etc. (18)
 Loss of Farms & Open Space (7)
 Big Box Development North & South (6)

Four Top Issues

Village Grocery Store
 Enhance Village Streetscape
 Parking
 High Speed Communications/Technology

Any Issues Missing

Full day Kindergarten program
 Collaborations/cooperation between village/town & chamber
 Realization that taking land off of the tax roll creates higher taxes which creates: higher rent, less open land as property owners cannot afford to keep land
 Many residents incomes have DECREASED

To Do

Get all local organizations together: i.e. Groups funded through Thompson Trust.

Greenway connections guide books & poster available

Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus has announced that full-color copies of Greenway Connections: Greenway Compact Program and Guides for Dutchess County Communities and a "Regional Panorama" poster are now available for distribution to all local officials and the general public.

Greenway Connections has been approved as a model Greenway Compact by the Hudson River Valley Greenway Council and adopted by 15 municipalities and the county. The Greenway Compact promotes voluntary cooperation between neighboring communities through incentives and guidelines rather than any new regulation.

Copies are available at the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development, 27 High Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 at a cost of \$10 plus \$5 extra for the 94-page guidebook if mailed. The poster is free but add \$5 if mailed.

The CHAMBER INFORMATION BOOTH is open 10-4 daily.

The booth phone is 845-876-4778. Thank you to the new Delamater Inn Conference Center, and especially to Doris Masten and Chuck LaForge for the gift of a lovely brunch reception for our Booth Volunteer Staff which included a copy of Chuck's famous, Country Inns and Back Roads Cookbook as a gift to each person. It was a great kick off for the season and a wonderful show of appreciation for the time and efforts donated by the volunteers who man the booth seven days a week, seven months a year.

And just a reminder, if you would like your brochures or business cards distributed at the booth, please deliver them there or to the new Chamber office. It is one of the many benefits we offer members. So take advantage of the opportunity.

Many thanks to Dutchess Signs of Red Hook for a great job repainting the Information Booth sign. The colors were suggested by Chris Mosely, Staley Realty.

CHAMBER OFFICE IS MOVED – The Chamber has just moved it's year round office from the M&T Annex to the 2nd floor office space above at 23F Rhinebeck Savings Bank Village Plaza. We wish to give our profound thanks to the Premier, now M&T Bank, and it's management (Karen Osterhoudt in particular, who serves on our Board) for their generous support since 1999. The time and place and use of equipment have been invaluable.

With this move courtesy of Rhinebeck Savings Bank, we hope to create more visibility and easier access.

We thank both Banks for helping the Chamber grow and serve you and the public better.

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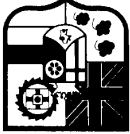
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