

Chronicles

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How Sweet it is Celebrated All Things Sweet

The GNCC celebrated all things sweet on Saturday, October 18th. In addition to a baking contest and tasting, several commendations were given to individuals and groups for their acts of kindness in our community. The recipients were Don Meng of The Craft Creators, Marie Rath for initiating a furniture and bread ministry that delivers goods to those in need, the YMCA Fairview Lake staff, Elenora Benz, Esq. for the Earth Angels Program, and Brenda Delgrosso, a teacher who was nominated by one of her former students. That student was also recognized. A collection was held for needy pets in our community at Maxwell and Molly's Pet Boutique and Feels Like Home hosted a food pantry collection. The High Point Harmonizers sang in a number of stores and Bill Joseph, Newton's Town Crier helped announce our activities of the day.



Sweetest Day Kindness Winners with committee chairman, Kim Woodhull.

Holiday Parade Gets Bigger and Better

The holiday parade was held on November 28 and was another successful event. Thousands of people lined the parade route and cheered on the marchers. Thank you to Sandi Diglio for her hard work as chairman of this event, and Mark Hontz as our wonderful announcer. When Santa arrived on the Newton hook and ladder truck the crowd went wild. It seems each year this parade gets bigger and better. Thank you to all the groups that participated.

Awards Dinner 2008 Award Winners



GNCC Awards Winner from 2008

The Awards Dinner was held on October 29 at The Lafayette House. After much work by the committee the awards went to the following members and businesses:

Chamber Member of the Year –
Bob Woods, STS

Community Service –
Newton Department of Public Works

Volunteer of the Year –
Joe Stickles, Cornerstone Abstract & Title

Business Person of the Year –
Debbie Anderson, Sew & Sew Bridal and Tuxedo

New Member of the Year –
Joe Cotton, JC's Grill House

Beautification Award – Tie:
Santo Milicci, Milicci Management

Polly and Bob MacDonald, TeleSearch Staffing Solutions

New Business of the Year –
Jeanette Hewitt, An Open Book

Charles Current Award –
Dennis Becker, D. Becker Photo

Ture Lyzell Award –
Phil Diglio, Former Councilman Town of Newton

In November our open house was held at the Holiday Inn Express. It was co-hosted by Sussex Bank and the Holiday Inn.

February 2009



2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dawn Delaney
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MEMBERSHIP

Dennis Becker
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Kristi Becker
Cheddar Alley

Joann Ciancitto
Holiday Inn Express

Mark Hontz
*Law Firm of Hollander,
Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes,
Vandenberg, and Hontz, LLC*

Don Meng
The Craft Creators

Rachel Muller
Sussex Mortgage

Joe Stickles
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Letter from the President



Dear Chamber Members,
The Greater

Newton Chamber of Commerce is entering its 67th year as a non-profit organization located here in Sussex County. Established in March of 1942 through years of hard work, wonderful volunteers, leadership from past and present board members, our chamber has become a successful organization which continues to represent our business community.

The current (or new) board of directors held our first meeting on February 11 and I am pleased to announce we have a wonderful group of talented professionals that will work together throughout the year. Some of our goals are to create a "new look" for our web-site, enhance membership benefits along with a patron membership option, fine tuning successful past events such as Newton Day Festival, Taste of Newton, the bridal shows and last year's first time event Sweetest Day.

I am proud to be a part of this dedicated group of individuals and thankful to have the opportunity to represent the organization as this year's president. Please remember we are here to help build a strong and successful business community and I look forward to your participation throughout the year.

Fondly,
Dawn Delaney

Annual Dinner Board of Directors Elected

The Annual Dinner was held on February 4th, 2009 at JC's Grill House. The members enjoyed a great dinner and a wonderful slide show of Chamber highlights from the past year prepared by Dennis Becker. Changes to the By laws were presented, voted on and approved. We then had the annual elections to the Board of Directors. The following people were elected to the board:

Dawn Delaney – three year term
Minisink Press

Joe Stickles – two year term
Cornerstone Title and Abstract

Bob Woods – three year term
STS

Don Meng – three year term
The Craft Creators

Florence Watt – three year term
Sussex Bank

Mark Hontz – one year term
Law firm of Hollander, Strelzik, Pasculli, Hinkes, Vandenberg, and Hontz, LLC

Officers of the board were also elected. They are:

President **Dawn Delaney**

Vice – President **Kim Woodhull**

Secretary **Sandi Diglio**

Treasurer **Florence Watt**



2009 Board Members (front row) Rachel Muller, Florence Watt, JoAnn Ciancitto, Bob Woods, Kristi Becker, Dawn Delaney, Sandy Diglio, Nancy Woods (back row) Dennis Becker, Kim Woodhull, Joe Stickles and Don Meng

2009 GNCC Member Directory

A reminder to all members that the advertising due date is approaching for the 2009 Directory. If you have any questions please give me a call at the office.

Remember that in order to be listed in the directory your dues need to be paid in full before March 1st. If you need a statement or want to check on your status please contact me.

Nancy Woods
Ex. Dir.

Join Us at our Next Open House

This month's open house was held on Tuesday, February 17th at Cheddar Alley, 155 Spring Street.

Please join us for our next networking event at O'Reilly's Pub on Tuesday, March 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Don't miss it! Bring a potential new member to join in the fun!

Calendar of Events

February – March 2009

FEBRUARY 11, 2009

Board Meeting – 8:00 am
GNCC Board Office

FEBRUARY 17, 2009

Open House at Cheddar Alley on Spring Street – 5:30 – 7:00
Spring Street

MARCH 11, 2009

Board Meeting – 8:00 am
GNCC Board Office

MARCH 14, 2009

St. Patrick's Day Parade – 11:00 am
Spring Street

MARCH 24, 2009

Open House at O'Reilly's Pub on Spring Street – 5:30 – 7:00
Spring Street

These events are wonderful opportunities to network with your fellow members and develop your business. Unless you participate you don't receive the benefit.

New Members List

(as of February 4, 2009)

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