



Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield Newsletter

May Chamber Channels Newsletter

2010

Dear Member,

We hope you are enjoying the nice weather! Below please find a recap of some of our recent highlights!

We hope to see you next week for the last ACCGS Breakfast of the Season on June 2nd and at the ACCGS Annual Meeting on June 10th! RSVP today to Diane at Swanson@myonlinechamber.com.

Beacon Hill Summit!



Pictured above are the 48 Chamber members that went on the trip along with Governor Deval Patrick and Senator Stephen J. Buoniconti and Representative Joseph F. Wagner.

This year's trip to Beacon Hill was one for the books. The agenda was outstanding and a lot was learned by all that attended.

This was a great opportunity for Chamber members to hear from top legislators and directly voice their ideas, questions and concerns during the day's formal sessions and social events.

It was definitely a memorable day of learning and many can't wait until the next Beacon Hill Summit in 2011!

Monthly New Members



Companies and organizations listed here have made an important investment in their business and in the community by joining the Chamber. Do business with Chamber members--it's good business!

A.F.S Heating & Cooling Specialist
Axel Flores, Owner
79 Kirk Drive
Springfield, MA 01109

Adam Quenneville Roofing & Siding
Jill Monson,
160 Old Lyman Road
South Hadley, MA 01075

BFP Associates
Fred Bradley,
P.O. Box 478
West Springfield, MA 01090-0478

Fandotech
Gillian Kenny, Marketing Program Administrator
893 Main Street
Manchester, CT 06040

H & R Block
Jose Cruz, Community Outreach Marketing Coordinator
98 Lower Westfield Road

Pier 1 Imports

Business Market Show 2010



Thanks to all of you that participated and attended the Business Market Show. It was once again a great success! We appreciate your support and welcome any feedback or suggestions that you may have. Stay tuned for details on the 2011 Business Market Show.

Pictured above is, Martha Dimauru, of the Colebrook Group, with Russell Denver, the President of the ACCGS. Martha won the Grand Prize, a \$500 Visa Gift Card, which was donated by the ACCGS.

Leadership Institute

This year's Leadership Institute once again a great learning experience for the class of 2010. This program challenged participants to think in new ways and to analyze their own strengths and organizational challenges within a dynamic economy. SLI was taught by Western New England College faculty who introduced participants to emerging leadership theory and best practices. More to follow in the June edition of the Chamber Channels.

A vertical poster with a yellow background. The main title is 'The Power of Impossible Thinking: Developing Leaders and Teams for Organizational and Community Service'. Below this, it says 'Presented by: The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc. & Western New England College'. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by: MassMutual Financial Group' next to an image of two chess pieces. On the right side, the text 'Leadership 2010' is written vertically.

ACCGS Annual Meeting



Save the Date for the ACCGS 2010 Annual Meeting Thursday, June 10, 2010 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon and Meeting Springfield Marriott, 2 Boland Way, Springfield Keynote Speaker: Stephen Moore

Stephen Moore joined The Wall Street Journal as a member of the editorial board and senior economics writer on May 31, 2005. He currently divides time between Washington and New York focusing on economic issues, including budget, tax and monetary policy. He is known as an American economic writer and policy analyst who founded and served as president of the Club for Growth (which raises money for political candidates who favor free-market economic policies) from 1999 to 2004 and is also a contributing editor for

Holyoke, MA 01040

HM Nunes & Sons Construction
Arnand Nunes, Vice President
82 Carmalina Circle
Ludlow, MA 01056

M.J. Norton Security Inc.
Robert Allen, President
PO Box 1141
Springfield, MA 01101

Polish National Credit Union
Gail Goraj, Business Development Officer
46 Main Street
Chicopee, MA 01020

Spring Valley Landscaping, Inc.
Amy Murdock, Account Manager Sales/Account Manager
P.O. Box 711
Hatfield, MA 01038

Western Mass Wellness, LLC
Mary-Anne DiBlasio,
150 Pine Street
West Springfield, MA 01089

Anniversary Members



Every month the Affiliated Chambers of Commerce honors those members who have continuously supported our mission throughout the years. The following members joined in the month of May. Happy Anniversary!

1 Year Anniversary
Basketbull, LLC
Brake King Automotive, Inc.
Cafe Lebanon
Charter Business
Chicopee Savings Bank
Comtech New England Inc.
Co-Op Printing, Inc.
Cyalume Technologies, Inc.
Pananas Restaurant
RRD Technologies, Inc.
Springfield Armor

National Review.

Moore is the author of five books, including "The End of Prosperity: How Higher Taxes Will Doom the Economy - If We Let it Happen." His books also include "Its Getting Better All the Time: The 100 Greatest Trends of the Last Century," and "Bullish on Bush: How the Ownership Society Will Make America Stronger."

He is a frequent economics commentator on CNBC's Kudlow & Company. Moore also appears on Fox News' On the Record w/ Greta Van Susteren and has appeared on Real Time with Bill Maher.

Special awards will be given out at the luncheon and will include; the Richard Moriarty ACCGS Citizen of the Year Award will be awarded to Mr. Frank Palange of V & F Auto Inc. in Agawam. The Large Non-profit Organization of the Year Award will go to the YWCA of Western Massachusetts and the Small Non-profit Organization of the Year Award will be given to the Spirit of Springfield.

We look forward to seeing you at the event and supporting these honorary recipients.

ACCGS 2010 Annual Meeting, \$40 members, \$60 non-members. Rsvp today to Diane at swanson@myonlinechamber.com

WRC Career Day



West of the River Chamber
Agawam • West Springfield

The West of the River Chamber of Commerce continued its effort to provide educational experiences for students with its 2nd Annual Career Day for Agawam Junior High

School 7th grade students. On Wednesday, March 31st over 320 7th graders from visited 17 different businesses and industries in Agawam and West Springfield.

Alan Rogers, Chairperson of the West of the River Education Committee, said that the WRC was instrumental in procuring the companies who participated in the visits. Mr. Rogers stated, "We want to continue to expose students to businesses and industries at an early age." Mr. Rogers went on to say that many of the companies visited offer internships and have wonderful career opportunities available for qualified graduates.

The companies that participated in the event were abc40 and Fox 6/WGGB TV, Agawam Fire Department, Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen, Bridgeport National Bindery, EBTEC, Environmental Compliance Services, LPVEC Technical Career Center, Dave's Soda and Pet Food City, Fathers & Sons Collections, Fitness First, OMG, Inc., Pioneer Spine & Sport Physicians, Simmons Manufacturing, Six Flags New England, Toner Plastics, United Water, and Whalley Computer Associates.

Prior to departing, a brief program was held in the Junior High School auditorium student and teachers heard remarks from Michael Grandfield, Chairman of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce

Tekoa Country Club & Banquet
Underwood Photography

5 Year Anniversary

Barr & Barr, Inc.
Crowne Plaza Enfield - Springfield
McNally Brothers, D.M.D.
New England Regional Council of Carpenters Local 108
Premier Education Group

10 Year Anniversary

Maplegate Rehab Inc.
Sovereign Bank

15 Year Anniversary

Courier Express, Inc.
Cruise Store/Sea-Buys Travel
Roulier, Dan & Associates, Inc.
Serv-U Stores of Western MA, Inc.

20 Year Anniversary

Baystate Dental, P.C.
HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation

30 Year Anniversary

Neill & Neill Insurance Agency, Inc.

45 Year Anniversary

Baystate Health
Grotsky, Harry & Co., Inc.

Board of Directors, Mary Czajkowski, Agawam Superintendent of Schools, and Principal Robbins of the Agawam Junior High School.

Students were then put into groups of 18-20, along with chaperones, and sent to one of the companies above. Upon arrival, they were given a tour and had ample time to ask questions as they pertain to the company's products and the vocational and educational backgrounds of the employees that work there. It is the hope that these students will develop an early recognition of local opportunities available and perhaps become employees of these companies in the future.

Instrumental in organizing this event were Deb Hunter, Director of the Agawam High School Career Center; Patti Burns, Guidance Counselor for 7th Graders at the Agawam Junior High School; and Education Committee members Bonnie Massoia, Gina Fusick, Erin Corriveau and Mike Moreau.

Thank you to all of our participating companies. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Events Calendar



June

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Springfield Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee Meeting, TD Bank Conference Center, Springfield, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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ACCGS Breakfast in partnership with the Hampden County Bar Association, Springfield College, Springfield, 7:15 a.m. - 9:00 a.m., Members \$20; Non-Members \$30.

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ACCGS After 5, The Delaney House, Holyoke, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Members \$10; Non-Members \$15

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ACCGS Annual Meeting, Springfield Marriott, Springfield, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., \$40 for members, \$60 for non-members

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ACCGS Legislative Steering Committee
TD Bank Conference Center, Springfield, 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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ERC Board of Directors Meeting, The Gardens of Wilbraham, Community Room,

2 Lodge Lane, Wilbraham, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

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Diplomats' Meeting, EDC Conference Room, Springfield, MA

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ACCGS Executive Committee Meeting, TD Bank Conference Center, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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WRC Board of Directors Meeting, Captain Leonard House, Agawam, 8:00a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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Executive Power Networking/New Member Reception, TD Bank Conference Center, Springfield, 7:30 - 9:00 a.m.

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Women's Partnership Board of Directors' Meeting, EDC Conference Room, Springfield 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

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ACCGS Board Social, TD Bank Conference Rooms, Springfield

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WRC 7th Annual Golf Tournament, Crestview Country Club, Agawam, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

State Street Unveiled

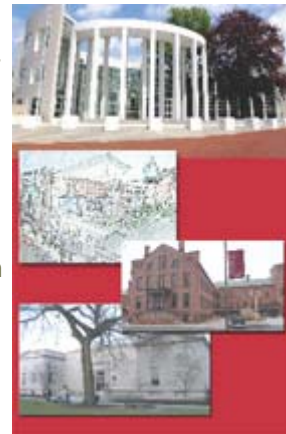
Excitement is building as completion of the \$17 million revitalization of State Street nears. On June 3, The Republican will publish a special section showcasing the new look of this key corridor in the heart of Springfield.

The new Federal Courthouse, the crown jewel of the State Street revitalization, has spurred further improvements, including the widening of State Street for better traffic flow, black metal light poles, new walkways, landscaping, improved traffic and pedestrian signals.

State Street Unveiled will reach nearly 8 out of 10 adults in Hampden and Hampshire counties with your ad in The Republican and on MassLive.com.

Join us to present to western Massachusetts, the exciting new face of State Street, which is expected to spur a commercial revival along this vital corridor.

This special section will be published on Thursday, June 3 so reserve your space today. Contact your account executive at The Republican, call 413-788-1250, or e-mail advertising@repub.com



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