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All Chamber events are open to the community

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The Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce presents their

Tenth Annual

SPRING



DINNER & AUCTION

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to benefit
F-M Community Food Pantry in Manlius Heaven's Pantry in Minoa
and the Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

5:30 pm - Cash Bar and Silent Auction

6:30 pm - Dinner Stations

7:45 pm - Live Auction

Traditions at the Links at Erie Village

5900 N. Burdick Street

East Syracuse, New York

For more information or to make your reservation call the Chamber Office at 637-4760

Building Community Together Fayetteville ♦ Manlius ♦ Minoa



Dear Members:

As I sit in my house in the middle of March watching the snow slowly . . . ever so slowly . . . melt away (newsletter has deadlines!), I find myself thinking ahead to April. April will bring us warmer temperatures, flowers blooming, birds singing, and just overall a happier spirit of life! Our business is always busy, but in spring it hits another gear. That is the hope of your Chamber also - for the promise of growth and profit as we dodge the April showers and smell the freshness of spring.

Another sign of spring is our annual SPRING AUCTION/DINNER. This will be held at Traditions on the Links in Fayetteville on April 13th. I am sure you have received your invitation and seen all the PR on the event . . . but I wouldn't be doing my job if I didn't mention it once again. To those that have already donated items or services . . . THANK YOU! For those that haven't been asked or haven't taken care of their donations yet . . . TIME IS RUNNING OUT. Call the office to make arrangements at 637-4760.

Our membership committee is beginning to research benefits and dues structures of other Chambers as we evaluate what we bring to YOU. We want to be the best chamber by giving YOU every reason to belong and be involved. Everyone should have seen my email on changing of our name. Stay tuned on that. Our website committee is gearing up to evaluate our LOOK and FUNCTIONALITY as we revamp our site. The MAP project is moving ahead and we hope to be able to proof the MAP later this month.

We have several events coming up, so mark them down as you see our Chamber emails or check our website. It's going to be a busy year and we want you along for the ride. So, until next month when I will be sitting in my home watching the raindrops and hoping for the green grass . . . enjoy the change of season, personally and business-wise!!

Mike Skeele
(Skeele Insurance)
Chamber President

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Kimberly's Ice Cream Factory

Kimberly's Ice Cream Factory offers a unique ice cream experience. Its fun and entertaining, plus you get an excellent quality ice cream product unmatched by the competition. Kimberly has also expanded into direct sales by offering signature ice creams to restaurants and other scoop shops in the Central New York area.

She also sells specialty chocolates and confections at the Ice Cream Factory. As with the frozen desserts, the quality of chocolate is superior. They offer unique dark and light chocolate delicacies not found anywhere else in the area.

Kimberly has over thirty years experience in the dairy and food industry. She develops new exciting ice cream flavors at the store and can even create special orders. At Kimberly's, you don't just get a scoop of ice cream, you get a whole new ice cream experience. Kimberly's Ice cream has been open since May 13, 2003.



WHAT'S COMING UP

CHAMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
8:00 am
Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011
2011 Spring Dinner and Auction
The Links at Erie Village

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
8:00 am
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, April 28
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Encore Thrift Shop
119 Brooklea Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066
light refreshments

Tuesday, May 17, 2011
5:30 to 7:30 pm
Uno Chicago Grill
520 Towne Drive
Fayetteville, NY 13066
"Snack Hour Party"
Cash Bar

UPCOMING MEMBER EVENTS

MANLIUS SENIOR CENTER

Thursday, April 7th, 8 pm - Talent Company "Wrong Window" Benefit Preview for Manlius Senior Centre

Monday, April 11th and 25th, 10:30 am
Informed Conversations Series, Manlius Library Community Room

Friday, April 29th, 5:30 pm
Flea Market Preview, Village Auditorium

Saturday, April 30th, 9 am - 1 pm
Flea Market, Village Auditorium

MANLIUS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

35th Annual Antique Show
To benefit the Manlius Historical Society

Saturday April 9, 2011 9 am - 5 pm (Early Bird Admission Saturday only from 9am -10am \$10) Regular Admission \$5

Sunday April 10, 2011 10am - 4pm
Located at the Manlius Village Center, 1 Arkie Albanese Dr. Manlius, NY

Ben Rayland, from the **Falcone Insurance Group**, would appreciate your support of this very worthwhile cause, supporting local children.



Did you know that the Chamber had a Facebook page??? Be sure to visit us on Facebook and see some of the **GREAT** items that will be up for auction at the Annual Spring Dinner on April 13th.



HATS OFF

Scotsman Publications Take NY State Top Honors

Scotsman Community Publications were recently awarded first place in General Excellence for 2011 by Free Community Papers of New York (FCPNY). The award was given at the organization's annual conference and graphics competition held at Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY.



LEARNING CENTER

Tips and Tools for Tackling Taxes

Provided by SCORE - *Counselor to America's Small Business*

Mention "taxes" to an entrepreneur and the likely response will be a rolling of the eyes, a litany of complaints about the complexities of the rules governing small businesses, and a few well-chosen verbal jabs at the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Though IRS may be the agency everyone loves to hate, they only manage the tax laws and policies that Congress passes. And rather than being a bane to small business, the agency has taken several initiatives to be a benefit to owners and the self-employed by providing much-needed guidance to tax procedures and requirements without those confusing "Gov-speak" terms.

One of the chief improvements is a special Web site, www.irs.gov/smallbiz. This is a great place to give yourself a tax smarts tune-up. And what could be more authoritative than information coming from the chief tax honchos themselves?

A section called "Starting, Operating or Closing a Business," for example, covers a tremendous amount of tax territory and includes much of the site's most useful information. This is where you'll find IRS rules on hiring your own kids or other family members, recordkeeping, employer ID numbers and selecting a business structure.

There's also help answering a key tax-related question: Is what you are doing a true business or merely a hobby? If the IRS decides your "business" is really just a hobby, your expenses may not be deductible. Look for their nine-point checklist to see how you stack up. Also visit the "Industries/Professions" section for specific information about tax regulations that may apply to your type of business.

The advice and information under "Operating a Business" is helpful for just about any type of small business. If you have employees, you'll find resources on hiring, employment taxes and wage reporting requirements. And the all-important "Business Expenses" section defines the types of costs you can and cannot deduct from your taxes.

For the self-employed and independent contractors, there's a full section that covers filing requirements, when a tax identification number is necessary, a listing of special publications and forms, responsibilities associated with operating and closing a business, and other valuable information.

To learn more about tax matters facing your small business, contact SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business." SCORE is a nonprofit organization of more than 10,500 volunteer business counselors who provide free, confidential business counseling and training workshops to small business owners. Call 1-800/634-0245 for the SCORE chapter nearest you, or find a counselor online at www.score.org.



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Chamber Considers Name Change

Your directors are considering requests that have come from several sources for a name change. With the merger of the Fayetteville and Greater Manlius Chambers, the re-location of our office to a central point within the township and thoughts of a change to reflect our goal of truly becoming a chamber of businesses and individuals within the Town of Manlius, the Board has decided to put this idea out to our members.

Please email me (mikeskeele@hotmail.com) with your thoughts and comments, for or against, **AND any name suggestions you may have**. If the prevailing thought is to pursue this, we will narrow the possible name changes down to 2-3 and then ask for a vote by the membership.

Chamber Partners with Wortley Golf Tournament



The Greater Manlius Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Congressman George C. Wortley Foundation to host their Annual Golf Tournament on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Woodcrest Golf Club. The entry fee is \$150/ golfer with a maximum of 36 foursomes. The fee includes beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Check upcoming newsletters for more information.

Special thanks to Dazzle / New Dimensions for hosting the March Business After Hours





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UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND SERVICES

Parents Night Out!

The Village of Manlius Recreation Department is giving you the night off and offering *Parents Night Out!* Drop your kids off and enjoy a Parent's Night Out! Enjoy a few hours to yourselves! Activities will include pizza for dinner, games, crafts and a short (G) rated movie.

Fridays from 6pm-9:30 pm

April 8th * May 13th * June 10th

For children ages 5-13

Held at the gym in the Manlius Village Centre

Village of Manlius Residents: \$5.00 per child

Non-residents: \$10.00 per child

If you are interested in registering please download the Parents Night Out form from our website- www.manliusvillage.org

You may also call the recreation office at 682-7887 for further details.

Manlius Youth Baseball Camp

April 18th – April 22nd

9am-11am-FM Little League fields on Stickley Dr.

Ages: 7-12

Sharpen your baseball skills with fun-filled instruction in basic fundamentals using drills and games in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Village of Manlius residents: \$50, Non-Village of Manlius residents: \$60

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Homework Helpers!

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the end of the school year.

3pm-5pm -Village Centre Gallery Room

Ages: Grades 1st-8th

Drop into this program any day your student needs help with their homework. Our "helpers" are high school students interested in volunteering to help younger students succeed in school! This program is open to any child, not just ones in the FM school district. Please call the office to inquire about bussing from the FM schools to the Village Centre.

Village of Manlius residents: \$4, Non-Village of Manlius residents: \$6

Easter Egg Hunt

April 16th at Mill Run Park

Ages 4 and under-9am * Ages 5-8-10:15 am * Ages 9-11-11am

FREE! Join us for prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny of course!!

Bring your cameras and baskets.

Earth Day Celebration

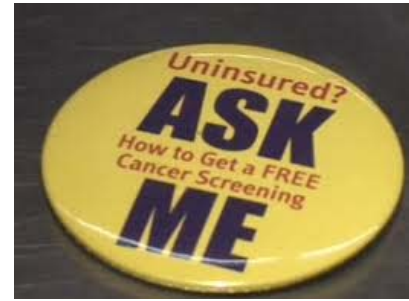
Saturday, April 23rd at 9am

Come and join with your neighbors to help clean up our beautiful Village! We will feed you before and after the clean up!

Bike and Blade Sale

Saturday, April 30th from 10am-noon

The sale will be located in the temporary Firehouse, next to Tracy and Sons Lumber. You may drop off your gently used equipment to be sold from 8am - 9:45am on the 30th. Co-sponsored by the Village of Fayetteville



The Onondaga County Cancer Services Program

Partnership (CSP) offers free breast exams, mammograms, and Pap tests for women 40 years and older who do not have health insurance. The CSP also offers free colorectal screening for men and women 50 years and older who do not have health insurance. These services are available at private health care provider offices and at CSP program sites throughout the city of Syracuse and Onondaga County. For more information contact:

Emily A. Young

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Onondaga County Health Department

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 Manlius Senior Center Benefit 8:00 pm "Wrong Window" Talent Company	8 Manlius Rec Department sponsors Parents' Night Out	9 Manlius Historical Society 35 th Annual Antique Show at Village Center Manlius Fire Dept. Open House at Station 1 & 2
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27	18 Manlius Rec Department sponsors week long Baseball Camp	19	20 Board of Directors Meeting 8:00am	21	22	23 Village of Manlius Earth Day Celebration
24	25 Manlius Senior Center "Informed Conversation" Series at Manlius Library	26	27	28	29	30 Manlius Senior Center Flea Market Village Auditorium

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MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MISSION

Our goal is to serve the local community by promoting and encouraging business growth and developments within the Town of Manlius, while at the same time supporting those civic and cultural programs which enhance our lives.

We hope to increase public awareness of the many fine products and services and promote the advantages of living and shopping in Manlius.

Our members are an integral part of this community, and we share your desire to preserve and enhance the image and integrity of the Greater Manlius area. We invite businesses and individuals to join with us to accomplish these goals.

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 20th, 2011.

Please have your information submitted by that date in order to be included.

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