

March Business After Hours

FCCOC, together with The Comfort Inn of Wilton held another successful Business After Hours on March 15th. The event was very well attended and the Board President, Mike Blanchet, took a moment to recognize two individuals, Kaitlin Frost (Chamber Staff) and Cameron Morell (Intern) who spent many hours helping to prepare the 2018 Welcome Guide for the Chamber. https://issuu.com/fc_chamber_of_commerce/docs/welcomeguide The winner of the Reny's door prize, presented by Pat, was Tim Burkhardt, Vice President of Lodging and Development, for CHA.

There were several other member businesses and organizations that presented information at this BAH. It was a great way to gain a lot of information about the Comfort Inn and all the other organizations represented: County Seat Realty, CMCC Work Force and Professional Development, Sodexo, Woodlands Memory Care, Reny's, Arts Farmington, and Paradigm Wellness.

The Chamber also took this opportunity to announce its Scholarship applications will be coming out by the end of March. Please look for this application on our



website <https://www.franklincountymaine.org/>. We changed one of the details, if you attend High School that is in Franklin County, you now can apply for this scholarship opportunity. Previously you had to reside in Franklin County. We hope to hear from you if you plan to continue your education after high school!



Calendar of Events

April 7
7th Annual Speakeasy Fundraiser
7:30 PM
West Farmington Grange
Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Devaney, Doak and Garrett Booksellers or the Wilton Free Public Library. All proceeds benefit local food programs. Free childcare for the first two hours! Bring a pantry item for the chance to win a top secret grand prize! Twenties style attire is encouraged, but of course, no one will be turned away!

April 11
Maine State Government Career Fair
3pm to 7pm
Where: **Maine State House Hall Of Flags**
210 State Street, 2nd Floor Augusta, ME 04333
Hosted by: Bureau of Human Resources
<http://www.maine.gov/bhr/>

April 13
FCCOC Mother's and Father's Day Raffle Tickets go onsale!
Be sure to check our Facebook page to see what new items we have added to the Raffles!
We will sell tickets for the Mother's Day Raffle from April 13 to May 11th. We will draw the winner on Mother's Day May 13th.
Father's Day Raffle tickets will sell from April 13 until June 15th and will be drawn on Father's Day June 17th.

April 14
9:00 to 2:00pm
Annual Antique and Collectible Sale
Fairbanks School,
508 Fairbanks Rd, Route 4 - North Farmington, Maine
Lots of interesting items: Furniture, Glass, Vintage Clothing, Kitchen Ware, Jewelry, Collectibles and so much more. Ample parking and Handicapped Accessible. Please come and have fun. Donations accepted. FMI call: 778-3808, 778-4349.

April 15
9-10:30AM or 2-3:30 PM
Aubuchon Hardware is offering an educational seminar: How To Raise Chicks , 361 Wilton Rd.,

Farmington, ME. 207.778.5682
www.hardwarestore.com

April 19
5:00 - 7:00 PM
FCCOC Business After Hours at The Ski Museum of Maine, 256 Main St., Kingfield, ME
Email: info@skimuseumofmaine.org Phone: (207) 265-2023

April 19
8:00 AM - Noon
SeniorsPlus is holding our 3rd Annual Franklin County Aging Well Mini Expo at Kingfield Elementary School. Come for a FREE morning of learning, free breakfast by the Orange Cat Café, and just a plain old get-together. Programs include: What Documents Do I Need, Self Defense and Safety Awareness for Seniors, Don't Fall Victim to Scams. FMI, call SeniorsPlus at 1-800-427-1241.

April 20
7pm-10pm
Eagles in Rumford
Fundraiser Dance featuring Fawn and Noel for the Hope Associations Special Olympics. \$5 cover charge, 50/50 raffle and Chinese Auction. Bar will be open.

April 21
8AM - 6PM
Homebuyer Education Course
One Day Class at Coldwell Banker Sandy River Realty in Farmington, Maine. Complete the course to qualify for a \$3,500 grant from MaineHousing to go towards your home purchase! \$30 per person to attend. Register in advance before it's sold out!

April 22
1:00-3:00PM
Earth Day Clean Up Event
Start at the Pierce House, 204 Main St.(next to the Post Office) Volunteers - individuals, groups, young and old, bags and gloves provided-- a spring-cleaning for the town! Everyone invited, bring friends and family, it's easy and fun. Come Anytime between 1:00 and 3:00pm and join in! SPONSORED BY: the Farmington Downtown Association and the Public Works Department.

Mother's and Father's Day Raffles

Exciting new Chamber Raffle - Mother's and Father's Day Raffles with items coming from our very generous members! Donations will continue to come in but as of now, we have the following:

- A Blueberry Gift Basket - Donated by the Wilton Blueberry Festival <https://wiltonbbf.com/>
- A gift certificate for an Oil Change donated by HOME Auto Group (<http://www.farmingtonfordmaine.com/>)
- A gift certificate for an Alignment donated by HOME Auto Group (<http://www.farmingtonfordmaine.com/>)
- (2) \$25 gift certificates donated by Good Times Unlimited <http://goodtimesrvsales.com/>
- A book, The Stanley Steamer, America's Legendary Steam Car (value \$50) donated by The Stanley Museum <http://www.stanleymuseum.org/>
- (2) gift certificates for \$5 donated by Dutch Treat <https://www.facebook.com/dutchtreat2012>
- (2) \$25 gift certificates



donated by Sodexo, for use at Mantor Café, The Beaver Lodge or South Dining Hall at UMF <https://farmington.sodexomyway.com/>

• (2) \$25 gift certificates donated by Farmington Hannaford https://www.hannaford.com/custserv/store_detail.jsp?viewStoreId=21105

We have received other donations with details to follow, from: Maine Wood Concepts, End of the Rainbow Alternatives, Steve's Market, Aubuchon Hardware, Bass Point Cottages - A Maine Destination Location and Franklin - Somerset FCU! Tickets go on sale April 13th! Look for them at Maine Wood Concepts, Franklin-Somerset FCU and all over Franklin County! And of course, you can come see us at the Chamber office, 615 Wilton Rd., Suite 1, Farmington!!!



The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce board of directors would like to welcome the newest members of the Chamber. We encourage our members to take a moment and say hello.

- **Tinny's Automotive Outlet, Inc.**
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- **Bass Point Cottages**
70 Shea St., Wilton, ME 04992
bpcweddings@gmail.com www.basspointcottages.com
"Maine Destination Location" - Beautiful local lakeside wedding and event venue with 5 cottages.

Member Spotlight—

The Herbert Grand Hotel has been a local landmark for many years. They are known as Sugarloaf's Best Kept Secret, Since 1918. The current owner, Rob Gregor purchased the Hotel in 2009. And there have been many changes since then. Keeping the business in the family, Rob's Mother, Dawn, jumped in when she saw an urgent need and took over the day to day operations of the Hotel, moving from her home in New Jersey in 2010. In 2016 the 26 guest rooms were all renovated.

Most recently, in 2017, McGregor's Pub has been an added incentive to visit the historical hotel. Serving up locally sourced Pub Food, along with local coffee from Carrabasset Coffee, Maine Man Flavahs wing sauce, Tumbledown Brewing Beer and other resources include local antibiotic and GMO free beef and chicken. The focus of the ownership is to support local businesses, farms and families.

The Herbert Grand, an historic Hotel with a new twist. Please stop by and give a warm hello to Dawn. She is waiting to meet you and share some of the wonderful history of this fantastic building! Take a look at the artifacts they have.

The Herbert Grand Hotel & Pub
246 Main Street (Route 27), Kingfield, Maine 04947
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