



News & Views Highlights

The Monthly Newsletter of
Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

Serving the Business Community Since 1901

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April, 2011

Mike Downs to Step Aside as Chairman of the Board



It seems like only yesterday that I started my first year as Chairman of the Greater Commerce, and now it is the end of my term.

These two years have afforded me a valuable insight into the daily inner workings of our Chamber, of the challenges and the resourcefulness of our members and staff.

And I've learned just how our

members trust the Chamber and value their membership and the Chamber's opinion. Members call on the Chamber for marketing advice. They turn to the Chamber to find out how to best navigate the Town, State or Federal regulations. Members look to the Chamber to take positions on pending legislation that will affect their business. And our members often turn to the Chamber when looking to expand their workforce, hire for a specific position, or for assurance as they walk into their first event knowing no one in the room.

Thank you to our team in the Chamber office; Sue O'Connor, April DiFalco, Amy Belske, and Lisa Lamb. These ladies work

hard, day-in and day-out, for our members, and we all know it just isn't as easy as they make it look.

And thank you to all who serve as Officers and Directors on the Chamber's Board of Directors. Your time, commitment and support are critical to our success. Thank you to our members. Your involvement, support, investment, belief and diversity make our Chamber strong.

Congratulations to this year's Community Achievement Award Recipient, Molly Devanney, our youngest recipient in the history of this award. You're an inspiration to all young people, everywhere. Manchester is a better place because of you.

I am pleased and proud to turn the Chairmanship of the Chamber over to Katherine Kamerer, of Katherine's Hair Design. Kathy has been an active member of the Chamber since 2003, serving on various committees, including the Ambassador Club, Board of Directors and Executive Committee. I wish you and the Board of Directors much success over the next two years, and I look forward to working with you.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Chairman of the Board these past two years. I have learned much and thank you for the opportunity.

110th Annual Meeting

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce

Sponsored by

First Niagara Bank

Thursday, April 28, 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Maneeley's Banquets & Catering, 65 Rye St., South Windsor

Reservations Required – Contact Amy, 860 646 2223, Prior to 4-25-11

Tickets: \$30 per person

Governor Dannel P. Malloy, Keynote Speaker

Molly Devanney, VP, Highland Park Market,
2011 Community Achievement Award Recipient



Tell Us What's Happening in Your Business

Pizza Americana has a new website, www.pizzaamericana.net.

Welcome to **Ken Roback**, the new Fire Marshall for the 8th Utilities District.

Northeast Family Federal Credit Union of Manchester was recently honored with a Diamond Award, which recognizes outstanding marketing and business development achievements in the credit union industry.

Robert H. Lord Company announced that it has completed a new seating project in the renovation of Northeastern University's Matthews Arena. **Robert H. Lord Company** has added the extensive line of Poltrona Fra Group Contract to its already impressive architectural and design series product lines.

Robert H. Lord Company announced their new exclusive New England distributor relationship with Paladin Caseworks, a library furniture manufacturer located in South Bend, IN.

Pat Foley is the new Sales Manager at **Holiday Inn Express – Vernon. Welcome!**

Sign up for **Manchester Matters** Email! Stay informed about events happening in the Town of Manchester, by receiving periodic emails with news about voting, taxes, leaf collection, committee meetings, road construction, fire safety, Town jobs, dog licensing, special events, and programs offered by the libraries, schools, health and recreation departments. Residents and those who work in town are invited to sign up online at www.townofmanchester.org or call 860-647-5235.

The Town of Manchester wants you to know that guidance documents provided by the State Department of Environmental Protection for Class 3 and 4 Food Service Establishments have been placed on the Town of Manchester's web site. Copy and paste this link into your browser:

<http://publicworks.townofmanchester.org/engineering/FOG.cfm>.

Tell us what's happening in your business. Add "News & Views Highlights" to your media list. Send announcements to Amy Belske, Editorial Assistant, News & Views Highlights, GMCC, 20 Hartford Rd., Manchester, CT 06040, or via e-mail, amy@manchesterchamber.com.

GMCC Board of Directors

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April 2011 Events



The Chamber's Business Referral Group 2 is looking to grow. We are currently accepting applications for representatives in the professions of Trust/Estate Attorney, Auto Repairs, Restaurant Management, and Contractor/General Handyman. Please call April or Amy at 860-646-2223 for more information.