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CHAMBER PLANS 61st ANNUAL OUTING

With less than a month left to go, the staff of the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce is hard at work planning the 61st Annual Summer Outing. Golf, tennis, dinner and the silent auction all return this year, and once again the evening's festivities will take place at the **Polish-American Citizens Club**.



The morning will begin with the 61st Annual **Robert Langlois Memorial Golf Tournament** at Gardner Municipal Golf Course. The shotgun start will commence a morning of golf at 10:00 a.m., socializing, and fun. Sponsors on the green, giveaways and contests will all return this year.

Awards will again be given for lowest net, longest drive, and in other categories as well. Taking place at the same time at Gardner High School will be the 5th **Annual Roland Richard Memorial Tennis Tournament**. Demand is expected to be high, so turn in your registration as soon as possible!

For four years Mary Liptrap was the driving force behind the Roland Richard Memorial Tennis Tournament. Her enthusiasm for the sport and her great skill allowed her to coordinate a tournament that grew more popular and successful each year. She was a valued member of the Chamber staff as its Member Account Executive and to the greater Gardner community. Sadly, Mary passed away this winter after a long battle with cancer. In memory of her hard work, the Chamber is happy to announce that beginning this year the tournament's trophy will be named the **Mary Liptrap Memorial Trophy**.



Local Restaurant to Cater Chamber's Keystone Event

Local restaurateur Sean McNally and crew have often enjoyed Chamber events as attendees, mingling with other guests and tasting the selection of food served by our hosts. Sean has even hosted several events himself, including the Annual Super Raffle, drawing in some of the largest monthly After Hours crowds the Chamber sees. This year, McNally's will cater our keystone Annual Outing. So come and sample some of their fine skills in the kitchen, and see why McNally's is such a great place to eat!



In the evening, dinner and music will be offered at the PACC in Gardner. Outside, the food will be catered by **McNally's Grille & Pub**. Lobster, steak and chicken will be served under the big tent, and preferred seating is available for a small additional cost. Indoors, the annual Silent and Chinese Auctions will be offering exciting and unique items from the Greater Gardner area once again.



The Chamber staff is hard at work soliciting and gathering these items. If you would like your business represented among the hundreds of supporters of this important Chamber fundraiser, call us today!



For all events on August 2nd the Chamber needs volunteers. To help with any of these activities, give us a call. To register for golf or tennis, to sign up for dinner, or to donate an item to the silent auction, simply call the Chamber at (978) 632-1780 or fax to (978) 630-1767. We look forward to seeing you there!

GREATER GARDNER SALES LEADS GROUP

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce a new networking opportunity open to all active Chamber members. The "Greater Gardner Sales Leads Group" meets at 8:00 am on the last Monday of every month at the Chamber of Commerce office. Chamber members Andrew Gage of Andrews Diversified Services in Ashburnham and Jim Clish of Moore Enterprises in Townsend facilitate the meetings.

The primary mission of the Sales Leads Group is to bring businesses together to exchange ideas and increase business contacts. Members in attendance have the opportunity to speak and present in detail what they do as well as the products and services they offer.

This is a great opportunity for businesses large and small to meet with each other in an informal atmosphere to promote awareness of the products and services available within the greater Gardner community.

Complimentary coffee and pastries will be available. For more information contact the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce at Mellis@GardnerMA.com or Andrew Gage at service@andrewsdiv.com or Jim Clish at jclish@mooreent.com.

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2006 CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2006 Scholarship recipients.

The Chamber Scholarship is awarded to a graduating High School Senior who demonstrates a high level of academic achievement combined with an appropriate level of community service and extra-curricular activities.

Ms. Talia Baril is the recipient of the 2006 Chamber Scholarship. Ms. Baril is the daughter of Charles and Jayne-Ann Baril of Westminster. She is a recent graduate of Oakmont Regional High School and plans to attend Anna Maria College to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education.

The Paul David and Thomas Tomasetti Scholarships were established by the family of Donna and Ken Tomasetti in memory of Donna Tomasetti's father, the late Paul David and Ken Tomasetti's father, the late Thomas Tomasetti.

The Thomas Tomasetti Scholarships are awarded to current college students. The recipients of the Thomas Tomasetti Scholarships are Ms. Melanie Cormier and Ms. Joelle Vautour.

Ms. Cormier is the daughter of Rene and Jill Cormier of Gardner. Melanie will enter her senior year at Framingham State College this fall and plans to pursue a Masters Degree in Education.

Ms. Vautour is the daughter of Ovila and Clairette Vautour of Gardner. Joelle attends the University of Massachusetts-Amherst majoring in Environmental Education.

The Paul David Scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional student seeking professional development or further college studies.

Ms. Nancy Monette of Winchendon is the recipient of the Paul David Scholarship. Ms. Monette is currently enrolled in the American Red Cross Nurses Aide training course. She is pursuing a career in health care, where she will provide quality care to senior citizens and the physically challenged.

The Trevor Martin Scholarship was established by the family of Attorney Marcia Elliott in memory of her son, the late Trevor Martin. The scholarship is presented to a graduating High School Senior or current college student enrolled in an accredited four-year engineering school.

Mr. Shaun Comee is the recipient of the Trevor Martin Scholarship. Mr. Comee is the son of Dennis and Jane Comee of Gardner. Shaun is entering his Senior year at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He plans to pursue a career in Mechanical Engineering.

The Hollie Beth Rivard Scholarship was established by the Rivard Family of Gardner in memory of their late daughter, Hollie Rivard. The scholarship is presented to a Gardner High School Senior who is an active participant in the music program for a minimum of 2 years.

The Hollie Beth Rivard Scholarship is awarded to Mr. Ian Burns. Ian is the son of James and Dawn Burns of Gardner. Ian is a recent graduate of Gardner High School and plans to attend Peabody Conservatory in Maryland majoring in Music Education.

The Scholarships are funded by the generous contributions of Chamber members and by the families of those remembered through these scholarships.

"On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce, I would like to congratulate all of the recipients for a job well done." commented Michael Ellis, Chamber President & CEO. "Also, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Scot Barrett, Attorney Marcia Elliott, Gina Kelley and Jan LeClair for donating countless hours of their time to serve on and to Liz Penney for her superior support to the Scholarship Committee."

The 2006 recipients will be honored at the 2007 Annual Meeting and Awards Recognition Dinner.

FAMILY FEST 2006

The Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce Working Women Committee is pleased to announce the 4th Annual Family Fest will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2006 at The Red Apple Farm in Phillipston from 11:00 am -4:00 pm.

This free event, co-sponsored by Fidelity Bank and the Red Apple Farm, draws a crowd of over 1,500 participants each year.

In addition to apple picking, hayrides, petting zoo, food & refreshments offered by the Red Apple Farm, there will be music entertainment by the No Name Band, sponsored by The Gardner News and Lakin's Children's Fine Apparel, Kingsway Puppets sponsored by the

Winchendon Courier and magic by Eddie Raymond. Also, several local businesses will be sponsoring activities through out the day including a Kid's Shopping Corner sponsored by Colonial Cooperative Bank, Children's Games sponsored by Liberty Way Real Estate, Balloons sponsored by Workers' Credit Union, Raffles sponsored by Walmart & Karen Carnivale Real Estate. Area crafters, artisans and business vendors will be on display as well.

Sponsorship opportunities and vendor spaces are still available. This is an excellent event to market your products and services.

For more information, contact the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce at 978-632-1780.



WHAT IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE GREATER GARDNER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WORTH?



Throughout the year, the Greater Gardner Chamber, independently, or in cooperation with other organizations across the state, works aggressively on local, state and federal levels to advocate for our businesses. In the past several years, the Chamber has been very successful in many areas, providing real savings to our business and residents. To see what the Chamber has done for you, multiply the following savings per employee times the number of employees.

Oppose Employer-Paid Parental Leave	\$60.00
Preservation of Workers Comp Reform	\$267.00
Repeal of Federal Ergonomics Regulations	\$781.00
Preservation of Investment Tax Credit for Manufacturers	\$2,927.00
TOTAL PER EMPLOYEE	\$4035.00



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