

Dates to Remember

- March 30th (Tuesday)
41st Annual Awards Dinner, 6PM. \$40 PP
- April 14th (Wednesday)
5:30 PM BAH at Tsu-baki Flowers.
- May 5th (Wednesday)
BAH at St. Mary's Bank.
- May 19th (Wednesday)
4PM-7PM Community Expo at Alvirne High School

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41st Annual Awards Dinner "Together We Make A Difference"

Preparations are under way for the GHCC 41st Annual Awards dinner to honor our Citizen and Businesses of the Year, which will be held on Tuesday, March 30th at The Castleton in Windham, 6PM. During the dinner we will have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers US Congressional candidate Jennifer Horn and US Senate candidate Jim Bender. This year's honoree's are Large Business of the Year: Sam's Club; Small Business of the Year: Matibo's Salon and Citizen of the Year: Tom Cavanaugh; and Junior Citizen of the Year: Lauren Straight as senior from Alvirne High School, whom will also receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

Cost of the dinner is \$40 per person for a roasted turkey dinner. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting the chamber office. Invitations will be sent shortly.



To participate as a sponsor or have your company ad included in the program book see the enclosed details, or contact the Chamber office at 889-4731.

Invitation Sponsor:  QUALITY PRESS, INC.

ARTICLE 2—VOTE YES! March 9th!

The GHCC has worked for the past year to propose amendments to Hudson's current sign ordinance **to allow regulated electronic changing signs**. We are asking for your support in voting YES to Article 2 at the March 9th election. If you have questions or need more information contact the Chamber office, we would be glad to further detail what this proposal will allow.

Casino & Resort at Green Meadows?



Over 85 Chamber members and local businesses and representatives attended at breakfast in February hosted by Green Meadows regarding a new Senate bill (SB489) that is being proposed to bring a casino and hotel to Green Meadow Golf Club in Hudson. Green Meadow Golf Club attorney, Jay Leonard, spoke about the bill which references the development location as "one destination golf resort and convention center, which shall be located in a town along the Massachusetts border in Hillsborough County." Mr. Leonard did acknowledge the property in question is the Green Meadow property.

The proposed \$300 million resort would include 300 rooms a convention center and 18-hole golf course. In his presentation, he further detailed the creation of approximately 1,000 construction jobs and an additional 3,800 jobs once it was built; it would provide the State of NH with \$50,000,000 for licensing fees; about \$9 million to Hudson in local tax revenue; and further provide \$6.5 million for Hillsborough County annually and neighboring towns of Nashua, Litchfield, Londonderry and Pelham sharing about \$3 million; and lastly one-percent of the resort's gross revenue would go to operating a commuter rail, if that mode ever comes to NH.

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CAPTURED CONNECTIONS

Cookie's Chuck Wagon Restaurant January Breakfast Networking!
We look forward to seeing you at future Chamber events!



In January, business owner Dave "Gil" Gilbert (center photo) of Cookie's Chuck Wagon hosted a networking breakfast for over 30 chamber members.



Great breakfast, new faces, and worthwhile Networking!



(Left) Assistant Town Manager, Mark Pearson, detailed the Town's efforts to revitalize two town industrial parks, sharing available economic development resources. (Right) Town Planner, John Cashell also spoke on economic development in Hudson and applauded the Chamber's efforts to obtain an unheard of unanimous vote to recommend by the planning board to put forth amendment to the sign ordinance to allow Electronic Changing Signs.



Everyone at the breakfast had an opportunity to introduce themselves and share information about their business. (Left) Jim Lindsay of The Telegraph; (Right) Len Lathrop owner of the Area News Group.



Several State Representatives joined the Chamber sharing some highlights of what's happening at State Level and invite business to speak out and voice their opinion!

Casino & Resort at Green Meadows

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The location of the resort will be on the northern edge of the property closest to the Sagamore Bridge, with the golf course between the resort and neighboring residences.

Former state senator Bob Clegg is working as the project's lobbyist noted the bill would be presented at a March 4th Senate hearing and then is anticipated to be under consideration by both legislative bodies by the end of May.

There are still many steps for this to go forward from the State allowing gambling, to the many hurdles in Hudson from the voters to the land use boards, so stay tuned . . .

This event was a great way for local businesses to find out details on the proposal as well as an opportunity to ask questions. If you have an opinion on this issue, the GHCC Board always wants to hear what you have to say!



Pictured: (Left to Right) Bob Clegg and Jay Leonard



Welcome New Members

- ☆ **BayRing Communications** Krystle Beaulieu, 359 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth NH (603) 766-1000, telecom provider for businesses. www.BayRing.com
- ☆ **Sense of Balance** Isabelle Lovell, 7 Raymond Street, Hudson (603) 321-0407. Massage therapy. Visit www.iclove.net
- ☆ **BeeRich Apiaries**, Richard Dionne, 42 Highland Street, Hudson (603) 883-3068 Beekeeping.
- ☆ **Service Credit Union** Dave Rootovich, 254 Lowell Road (inside Walmart), Hudson (603) 579-5423. Visit www.servicecu.org
- ☆ **Professional Fire Fighters of Hudson** Erich Weeks, President, PO Box 46, Hudson (603) 398-6162. Visit them at www.hudsonfirefighters.com
- ☆ **Walter Bujnowski Jr. Painting** 44 Lawrence Road, Hudson (603) 234-4240. Painting Service
- ☆ **Prudential Verani Realty—Michaela Mannetta** 1 Verani Way, Londonderry NH (603) 508-7093 or visit www.michaelashomes.com
- ☆ **William J Warnke CPA** 17 Winnhaven Drive, Hudson (603) 577-1365. Certified public accountant.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Barlo Signs co-hosted February Networking & Information Event

On February 10, 2010 Barlo Signs and the GHCC co-hosted an Information night on the purported **Warrant Article 2, which amends the current sign ordinance in Hudson to allow regulated electronic changing signs**. Despite the snow and the less than perfect road conditions, many Hudson residents and business owners attended this event looking to become educated voters.

There were a couple of questions that came of the event that we felt needed to be further explained. The first question was "Why did the Chamber of Commerce work on this ordinance?"

Well, that is simple, most residents are not aware of the effect the business community has on the community and the Chamber is working to highlight the positive role business plays while working to encourage responsible business growth and development. The Chamber worked on this ordinance to enable our current and future business community the opportunity to reach their customer base, while working to ensure that Hudson would maintain all of its character and appeal. In providing a well crafted, well regulated ordinance for the voter to consider, we are able to help the business community, but also help the Hudson Citizen by ensuring lower property taxes with responsible Business opportunities and growth. The business community is a major factor in why Hudson is able to promote that it has a low tax rate. The top ten taxpayers in our community are businesses, and we are working to help keep those jobs and tax revenue's in our community.

The second question that was asked was "Why should Hudson want to allow the types of flashing, bright and oversized signs apparent in other communities?"

A major reason why the Hudson Chamber of Commerce's took on this project is because we wanted to aid in setting limits so these signs don't adversely affect our community. No flashing will be allowed, there will be a required 15-minute time frame before a message can be changed, even when the sign industry would have preferred a 3-second time frame. This is one of the safeguards that have been placed, to ensure that Hudson does not become like South Nashua or Amherst Street. The overall size of sign, the brightness,

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

- ⇒ **Tsubaki Flowers**, 203 Central Street, Hudson will host a business after hours on **Wednesday, April 14th at 5:30 PM**. No Cost to attend!
- ⇒ **St. Mary's Bank**, 3 Winnhaven Drive, Hudson will host a business after hours celebrating Cinco de Mayo, **Wednesday, May 5th at 5:30 PM**. No Cost to attend.
- ⇒ **GHCC Community Expo** is planned for **Wednesday, May 19th** from 4PM to 7PM at Alvirne High School, Derry Road, Hudson. Booth space available to members for \$95 and for non-members \$175. Sponsorship opportunities are available to be an event sponsor for \$350 (includes booth space).

Walk For Work-Jobs For America, Bill Tate, local business owner of Tate Brothers Paving, is coordinating a walkers and business company vehicle convoy on **Thursday, April 15th at 10AM** on the Capitol Building in Concord. This demonstration is to protest off shore manufacturing and international banking and bookkeeping. Bringing this back to America would correct the unfair and monetary trade deficit; allow more jobs in America and increase payroll and be able to provide medical insurance to the American public! If you are interested in participating in this demonstration contact Bill at tatebrospaving@aol.com

size of the letters, the rate of change on the message, the hours of operation, these very strict regulations have been built into the ordinance to protect our community. It does not benefit the business community to have the character of Hudson compromised, that is why we worked hard to protect it.

Be an educated voter, check the Chamber website (www.HudsonChamber.com) for the actual proposed amendment text or e-mail the Chamber office with any questions you might have involving electronic changing signs.

We would consider it an honor to help you in any way, and remember **Hudson on March 9th VOTE YES on Article 2.**



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