

Chelmsford Business Association Winter 2015

CBA Newsletter

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Rick Romano, Michael Sargent, Jim Shannon and John Harrington

Congratulations to our Member of the Year Dr. Michael Sargent

He developed his work ethic at a young age. He worked several jobs while in high school: Caddie at Vesper Country Club, McDonalds, Purity Supermarket and most importantly Harrington Wine & Liquors. Vesper and Purity recognized his dedication and perseverance by awarding him scholarships for his undergraduate education at St. Anselm College.

His formal training for his dental career began as an undergraduate at St. Anselm College. Upon graduation from St. Anselm, was accepted into Georgetown University's School of Dentistry. He was elected president of Georgetown's chapter of the national dental fraternity, Psi Omega, twice. He received the Psi Omega Fraternal Achievement and Scholastic Achievement Awards after his Senior year.

He also worked at two dental practices in the DC area while at Georgetown, in order to get hands on experience. He applied for, and was accepted to participate in a Georgetown sponsored summer break dental/medical program in Latin America. He was assigned to the Dominican Republic group. He

gained valuable dental experience as well as observing the poverty and human suffering in the area.

His perseverance, dedication and work ethic was all put to the test in 1983. He decided to open his own practice in his hometown. The risk has been an outstanding success. His practice has been recognized as: "Best of the Best" in Chelmsford/Billerica Area 11 years in a row, and the Chelmsford Independent newspaper's "Wicked Local" Best of Chelmsford Dentists and Regional Best Dental Office 2011, 2012 and 2013.

In 1992 he decided to combine his interest in restoring Chelmsford historic real estate and a need for more space for his growing practice. He purchased and restored the Henry Erikson property on Chelmsford St. The restoration was a wonderful success resulting in a building for a state of the art dental practice. Not only was the building a practical success but the town also recognized it with the Town of Chelmsford Guardian Award for preserving a piece of Chelmsford history. He is an annual contributor to many

local charities: Town of Chelmsford Scholarship (John W. Sargent Memorial Scholarship); House of Hope, Greater Lowell Food Bank, Table of Plenty, Greater Lowell Boys Club, Camp Paul, the Sponsor of the horse drawn wagon at our annual tree lighting, the turf fields, he also sponsors the CHS student table at the annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. He has a 25 year history of being Santa Claus for the town's tree lighting ceremony. He also provided this for the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization for 24 years.

He is a strong supporter of his hometown. Over the past 30 years he has restored numerous real estate properties in Chelmsford and his own home in Westford. All properties were restored in historically correct fashion to preserve the historical aspects of the original property.

He has been married for 32 years to his beautiful wife, Joanne. It is with great pride that we introduce this year's Member of the Year award, Dr. Michael Sargent.



The Town's residential energy efficiency program "Chelmsford Saves"

www.townofchelmsford.us/index. aspx?nid=530

is expanding to include Small Businesses!

This program funded by a grant from National Grid was originally designed to encourage residents to take advantage of no-cost home energy assessments and other money-saving measures available through Mass Save. National Grid is now offering the same types of benefits to business owners that use less than 300 kW/month, on average. The free assessment and discounts are described further on this webpage:

http://www.nationalgridus.com/ masselectric/business/energyeff/ 3_small.asp

Chelmsford Business Association's

Candidates Night

Wednesday, March 4, 2015 7:00 pm

Chelmsford Center for the Arts

1A North Road Chelmsford, MA 01824







President's Message

Happy New Year! I'm hoping your holidays were full of joy and happiness. It was a busy month for us at Charles Frederick, thank you to

everyone who shopped locally in town this season. I know that I found some great deals, shorter lines and more personal service from my friends in the business community. Whether I was buying supplies for the store or picking out gifts for the family I had a great sense of pride in "keeping it local". I hope you were also motivated to support your town and those that make a living by offering their goods and services here in Chelmsford. No new resolutions for me this year, just a continued effort to search out some new restaurants, shops and business connections in our community.

Our member of the year for 2013, Jim Shannon, was announced at the Holiday Social in December of last year – a great selection! Just as wonderful at this year's event was the announcement that Dr. Michael Sargent was our member of the year for 2014. These two gentlemen contribute so much to our community and it was great to see them recognized!

Once again this year the CBA sponsored two "Free Shred Days". The first was held in April and the second in September. Start collecting your materials for shredding as the next one has been scheduled for April 23, 2015. They are held at the Best Western Plus Chelmsford Inn on Chelmsford Street from 1PM until 4PM. Just a nice little perk for our members!

We continue to join the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce for "Mega Mixers" that are held at various businesses in Chelmsford. We have great food, beverages and raffles. The raffle proceeds benefit the CBA Scholarship Fund for Chelmsford students. If you would like to donate an item for

our next "Mega Mixer" please contact the CBA office. Our next event is scheduled for January 28th from 5PM to 7PM at The Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford.

In March we again hosted our annual "Candidates' Night" at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts. This is a beautiful location and works well for our event. We are already planning our next Candidates' Night for 2015. If you cannot join us, the event is broadcast and taped by Chelmsford Telemedia and can be viewed prior to Town Elections.

CBA also had a presence again this year in the Town of Chelmsford's 47th Annual 4th of July Parade. We were a parade sponsor and had a great band on a float, The Hot Tamale Brass Band, which plays at all home games at Fenway Park – they were a hit with everyone and had two special guests with them – Pat Patriot and Wally the Green Monster! A wonderful day in Chelmsford!

After missing a year, we were back to our Annual Golf Social in September which was held at Chelmsford Country Club. Everyone was thrilled to see the new Club House and all who attended had a great time! We look forward to "hitting the greens" again in 2015.

If you have not done so already, please check out the new program, "Shop Chelmsford" sponsored by the Town of Chelmsford and the CBA. This program is designed to connect your business with the 34,000 town residents and thousands of day-time employees working within office, industrial and retail buildings. "Shop Chelmsford" is a web based platform: www.chelmsfordnow.com/shopchelmsford which will enable a business to claim, create, and edit a business profile.

We look forward to seeing you at our events in the coming year! Please feel free to contact the CBA office with any questions you might have! I wish you a happy and healthy 2015!

Thank you, **Rick Romano** President, CBA







Many thanks for the evening...

The Annual Holiday Social took place at the Radisson Hotel and Suites in Chelmsford on Thursday, December 4, 2014. Mr. Jim Shannon was the Master of Ceremonies for the raffle and was full of holiday spirit, thanks Jim. Paul Aronian and Bill Martin filmed the 2014 Holiday Social once again, it was shown on the local cable channel in December. We want to thank our members who once again stepped up and donated some wonderful gifts for the annual drawing. Jon Mansfield entertained the group with dinner music and dancing after dinner.

Overall the entire evening was a great success. We look forward to seeing all of you again in 2015 for the Chelmsford Business Association's 25th Anniversary.

110 Grill

A Floral Moment by JuJu Buds

ABC Payroll

Birchwood Construction

Blake Funeral Home

Carven Catering

Charles Frederick Jewelers

Chelmsford Well & Pump

Classic Flowers

Dave Faulkenham Plumbing

& Heating

Dun-Rite Landscaping

Electronic Associates

Enterprise Bank

Garavanian Travel

Gilet Brothers

Hardy Doric

Harrington Wine and Liquors

J&C Management

James G. Cullen, CPA

John P. Crane D.M.D.

Life Links

Lowell Five Cents Savings

Metric Associates, Inc.

Michael G. Sargent, D.D.S.

Michaels Custom Upholstery

North Star Guidance

Picture Yourself!

Ready RE, Inc.

Red Ember Marketing

Roark Law Offices

Salon Reyna

Shannon & Associates

Sterling Golf -

Chelmsford Country Club

Sunny Acres Nursing

& Rehab Center

Swift Sign-A-Rama

The Green Lawn

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Triangle Service Center, Inc.

Village Electric

Your IT Department

Zesty's Pizza



MERRIMACK VALLEY FOOD BANK Merrimack Valley Food Bank Executive Director Amy Pessia accepting donations from the Chelmsford Business Associations members. The food donations totaled 138 pounds, which translates into 106 meals!

Thank you, again for the tradition you and the CBA have set with the annual food drive at the Christmas party!





Former Members of the Year with this years recipient Bill Gilet, Dick DeFreitas, Ken Kydd, Annmarie Roark, Brian Reidy, Michael Sargent, Hank Hamelin, Lynn Marcella, Jim Shannon, Tony DelPapa, Jim Cullen and John Harrington

SHRED DAY

Thursday April 23, 2015

1PM until 4 PM • BEST WESTERN PLUS CHELMSFORD INN

187 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford
All CBA members welcome!
So bring all those old files on Thursday,
April 23th 2015!

Questions? Call Kathy Kelley at 978-256-7511.

shredding truck will be onsite to shred your files while you watch!



8th Annual SKI DAY

at Ragged Mt. in Danbury, NH

Saturday, February 28, 2015 It's not too early to, "save the date"

For more information please contact: Rick Romano at 978.256.9796 or Hank Hamelin at 978.256.5588

- * 2 bars to relax after skiing *
- **Sizeable senior citizen discount ***for people 65 or over



Holiday Prelude



















Photos By Fred Merriam





Plans for the 2015 parade are underway!

Saturday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m.

For more details please check out our web site: www.chelmsfordparade.org

If you are interested in helping or participating please contact any one of our committee members: Jim Cullen, Hank Hamelin, Jeff Hardy, Chuck Marcella, Lynn Marcella, Rich McLaughlin, Brian Reidy, Karen Reidy, Rick Romano, Dan Silvia, Tom Boucher and Arline Wood

RETIREMENT DELAYED

In the last three years, 43% of U.S. workers have shifted their anticipated retirement ages to later, according to a Towers Watson survey. Just 12% expect an earlier retirement than they did three years ago. 45% anticipate no change in their retirement age. The survey received responses from 5,070 workers.

Source: Towers Watson 2013/2014 Global Benefit Attitudes Survey, www.tinyurl.com/ pbet4nw.



A Gift of Chelmsford program update.

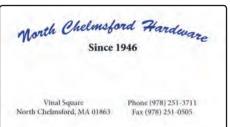
This is a great year round, buy local initiative put together by the Chelmsford High School DECA program. It is managed by the towns Community Development Department and offers gift checks valid at participating Chelmsford businesses. We currently have more than three dozen participating businesses and over \$1,500 of gift checks issued in the last part of the year. The gift checks come in \$10, \$20, & \$50 increments. There is *no cost* to the merchant, and despite the hard work of the kids in the DECA program at Chelmsford High School who helped put this together, this is not a fundraiser for the schools or town. If you are interested in participating and haven't signed up yet, you can email your name and contact info along with the business name and address to Evan Belansky at *EBelansky TownofChelmsford.us*. It's that easy. The window seals will let customers know you accept the gift checks. Please check out *www.giftofchelmsford.org* for more details and a list of participating merchants.

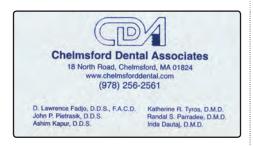


MORE LIQUOR LICENSES POUR INTO BOSTON

THERE WILL SOON BE more places than ever to whet your whistle in Boston. Certain areas of the city will receive 75 liquor licenses over the next three years after a Massachusetts Senate and House joint committee approved an economic development bill. The aim is to rejuvenate outlying neighborhoods by boosting their food (and drinks) industries. The bill also gives the mayor the power to appoint a three-person licensing board to determine in what areas the new li censes should be given. There will be 25 new liquor licenses each year over the next three years: 20 will allow restaurants to sell all alcohol beverages, and five will allow sales of beer and wine. Areas receiving the licenses include Dorchester, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Mission Hill, and Roxbury, plus locations the Boston Redevelopment Authority deems "Main Street Districts". The liquor licenses will be "neighborhood restricted".





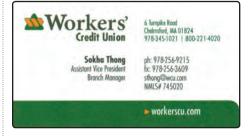
















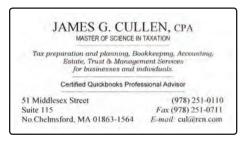






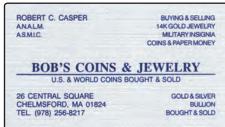


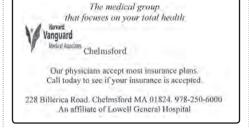




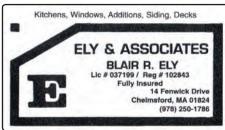


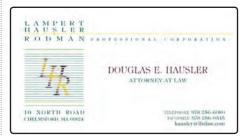




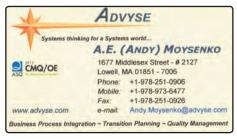


















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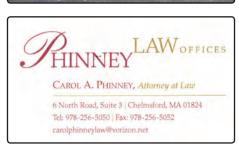
















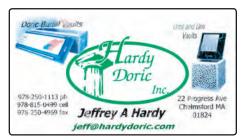


















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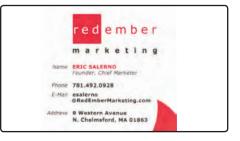












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