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September 2009 The Newsletter of the BSBPA

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"The Way We Were" Car Show

The Ballston Spa Business & Professional Association will once again be hosting the 7th Annual "The Way We Were Car Show" on Sunday, October 11, 2009 on Front Street in Historic Ballston Spa. As in the past, all proceeds will benefit Downtown Business Promotions and Beautification. Sponsorship opportunities are available for both business and residents and help us to continue to bring these events to our community. Your financial support is as important to a successful event as is your time volunteering. Please take a moment to review the sponsorship opportunities below. We encourage you to get involved in this great event.



300.00 - Business name and logo on registration table sandwich board, logo on

web site, logo on poster, newspaper advertisements and promos throughout the day. Trophy Sponsor for a Major Award with business name announced at award presentation.

\$200.00 - Business name on poster, and web site, promos throughout the day and trophy sponsorship for winner in one of 10 divisions with business name announced at award presentation.

\$100.00 - Business name on poster and web site, promos throughout the day and 2nd through 5th place wall plaque sponsorship with business name announced at award presentation.

The sponsorship levels above also include vendor space at the event.

\$25.00 – 2nd through 5th place plaque sponsorship, name announced at award presentation.

The dead line to be included on the poster for The Way Were Car Show is September 4th.

Please make checks payable to the BSBPA Car Show and mail to: PO Box 386, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Sponsorships donations can also be made available online at ballston.org.

As always, volunteers are needed on the day of the event. If you can spare an hour, please let co-chairs Tina Mangino-Coffey or Steve Springer know as soon as possible. This event is also a wonderful marketing opportunity for your business. We will be handing out 250 goodie bags to the exhibitors. We are looking for business members to contribute promotional items to go into these bags such as menus, discount coupons, pens, anything with your business name on it.

For more information, or to volunteer or to contribute a promotional item, please contact co-chairs Tina Mangino-Coffey, tmanginocoffey@mangino.com 885-2725 or Steve Springer, steve.s@roverparts.com 885-3175.



From the BSBPA President

September is here and 2009 has but 16 weeks left in it. The summer has seen many successful events in Ballston Spa with great numbers of people taking full advantage of all the activities. As I talk with individual business owners and farmers market vendors, they all have similar stories about how the last couple of months have been very positive for them regarding the number of visitors who come for

the events and stay to sample everything else Ballston Spa has to offer. In 6 weeks, "The Way We Were Car Show", one of my favorite events, takes place. I look forward to those days of excited preparation leading up to the show and being a part of the day itself. I hope that many of you will come forward to help that day or sponsor a trophy or two. At \$25, it is so easy to do! Join me at events like this and say hi and thank you to the volunteers who make things happen here in the Village of Ballston Spa. Jim Whittredge

Member Items

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Extra Space Storage Sheila Brust and Phyllis Lighthall 75 Brookline Road Ballston Spa, NY 518884-2944 extraspace.com H & R Block
Mary Parker (District Mgr)
Deana Polcare (Office Leader)
3021 Doubleday Ave. (Local Off.)
841 Route 146, Clifton Pk (Bus. Off)
518 363-4037/383-4067
hrblock.com

Darlene Landor Lathrop 5 Twinflower Court Malta, NY Resident Member

FROM OUR MEMBERS AND NEIGHBORS

Cynthia Eletto of The Pilates Studio will be participating in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in NYC on Oct 10-11. She will walk up to 39.3 miles in support of Breast Cancer Research and Early Detection. If you would like to support her, you can donate online at www. Avonwalk.org/goto/CynthiaEletto. If you prefer to donate by check, please make it payable to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and mail to The Pilates Studio, 233 Milton Ave, Ballston Spa, NY 12020.

Ballston Spa United Methodist Church's free monthly lunch dates for September are Wed., Sept. 9 (sponsored by Saratoga Bridges) and Sat., Sept. 26 (sponsored by BSUMC). Both lunches are from 11:30 am-1 pm.

Ambit Energy has a program that can provide a substantial income stream for not-for-profit organizations. Affiliate partners enroll their members, family, and friends as Ambit Energy customers for electricity and natural gas and Ambit pays a stipend to the Affiliate for each customer, based on their energy usage. In addition, all customers are guaranteed savings. Customers save money while supporting your organization at the same time. Contact Rick Luetters at 772-1439 or visit www.BrightIdea4Savings. com to learn more.

Upcoming events for **Brookside** Museum include an art opening by artist Victor Liguori on Sept. 4th, from 5-7 pm. Mr. Liguori, a popular local artist and teacher, attended Yale University Art School and is Professor Emeritus of Art and Design, Skidmore College. Fall in love with one of his pieces and bring it home: all of the drawings and paintings are for sale. Prints are also available. Light refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Brookside's second annual *Oktoberfest* will take place on Saturday, September 12th at 6 pm. The event will feature German brews and food as well as the annual silent auction. Food will be catered by Rolf's Pork Store of Albany, NY. Cost is \$40 per person or \$75 for two. Oktoberfest annually raises over \$11,000 for Brookside's education programs.

Corina Oberai at Corina Contemporary Jewelry and Fine Crafts very "happily" announces the opening of Happy Hands Bead and Craft Shop on October 4th at 91 Milton Ave. Happy Hands will be a hands on bead and craft store with many classes and parties for all ages.

Sunmark Federal Credit Union is now on Facebook! Check out their page for product updates, news and events. Visit http://www.facebook. com/SunmarkFCU EDM Publishing Group, LLC is pleased to announce the addition of **Cheryll Muller-Hill** as Advertising Director and General Sales Manager. In her role, Cheryll will be re-

sponsible for advertising sales development for the paid weekly Ballston Journal and monthly direct mail media Our Towne Ballston Spa and Our Towne Saratoga



print and future web based advertising programs. Cheryll is a local resident, lived in Ballston Spa for years and currently lives in Burnt Hills.

In order to best serve the community and its specific interests, the **Ballston Journal** will offer a public survey and invites subscribers, past and present to participate. Coming soon, look for it in September!

The Rotary Club of Ballston Spa is pleased to welcome three new members: local professionals Doug Ford, Curtis Lumber, Michelle Taylor, Ralph's Sporting Goods and retired Physicist and resident Dr. Donald Harris in fellowship and in service.

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Member Items

Colden Company Inc. is expanding and has opened an office in St. Augustine Florida. The office at 357 Milton Ave is still open and servicing local computer and networking needs. Colden Company Inc. services businesses in 16 states and 3 countries and is pleased to announce the expansion. Colden Company Inc. Vice President Bill Polymenakos is heading up the St. Augustine office.

Green Conscience Home & Garden, (33 Church Street, Saratoga Springs) presents Home Energy Audits and Alternatives on Sept. 23 at 6:30 pm. They will have 3 experts on site to answer all your questions about home energy including home energy audits, insulation options, and renewable energy such as solar and geo-thermal. Please call 306-5196 to reserve a spot as space is limited.

Ballston Spa's First Baptist Church is seeking part-time Office Administrator. A desirable candidate would have skills in MS office (including Publisher), e-mail, basic web-page updating experience, desktop publishing, public relations, accounting (preferred), and office administration. They are specifically looking for candidates with similar church related experience or experience in lay church leadership. Please email resumes to pastor@fbcballstonspa. org

One of **Derick Melander's** art pieces from an exhibit at a show in Katona, NY was mentioned in the style section of the Sunday New York Times on August 16. Dericks's proud parents are **Ingrid and Richard Melander**. Derick lives in Queens, NY.

Fourteen year old **Sarah Evans** of Malta is a published author.



The incoming BSHS freshman has written a children's book, *The Sour Little Lemon Tree*, which has been published by Tate Publishers and is available online at sites such as Amazon. Quite an impressive accomplishment!

The nation's unemployment rate is more than 9 percent, job fairs have lines out the door and an economic turnaround isn't projected until 2010. Those looking for work face staggering challenges. But H&R **Block** (NYSE: HRB) has good news for job seekers: The company is preparing to hire nearly 15,000 tax professionals nationwide. Interested candidates must complete H&R Block's Income Tax Course, which is now open for enrollment. Upon passing the 69-hour class, qualified candidates will be eligible to apply for a tax preparation position in one of the company's retail offices nationwide. To enroll in H&R Block's Income Tax Course call (518) 383-4067.

Sincere condolences to **Sandy Stanislowsky** and her family on the passing of her mother **Mildred Gagne** on August 6th.

Wishing **Ralph Mangino Jr.** a speedy recovery and hoping he's back at work and play soon!

From 3-5 pm on Sunday Sept. 13, the largest group of Packards assembled in the Adirondacks will be on display at the **Saratoga Automobile Museum** in Saratoga Spa State Park. The Sunday display of the North Atlantic Region of The Packard Club will kick off a four day tour through the Adirondacks on the lawn of the Saratoga Springs, NY Museum as part of the Fourth Annual Henry Joy Tour . Over 55 Packards from eleven states ranging from 1925 to 1957 will participate.

The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County has announced that Denise Romeo, IOM, Vice President of Membership Development and Loretta Rankin, IOM, Director of Marketing and Communications have graduated from Institute for **Organization Management** (Institute), a four-year nonprofit leadership training program at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia and Villanova University in Villanova, Pennsylvania respectively. Also, the Chamber is offering a seminar series designed especially for individuals who are thinking about starting their own business or have just begun the process. The Startup Smart Seminar Series consists of 7 seminars on topics ranging from writing a business plan to monitoring cash flow, preparing budgets, and increasing profitability. Cost for the entire series of 7 seminars is \$79 per person. All seminars are held from 7:30-9 am at the Executive Education Center at the Chamber Offices in Clifton Park. For more information or to register please visit www. southernsaratoga.org/startupsmart or call 371-7748 or email info@southernsaratoga.org.

BSBPA Members: Do you have upcoming events or news that you would like to share in our next issue? Contact Ellen Mottola, mottola-bsbpa@nycap.rr.com, 885-2772 (phone or fax) or mail to BSBPA, PO Box 386, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. The deadline for the October issue is September 27, 2009. I am also interested in spotlighting member businesses. Promptness is always appreciated, questions answered with a smile!

Association News

Good Marketing Begets More Marketing.

On the marketing committee we routinely ask ourselves what photo do we have for that (that ad, that billboard, that poster). All too often, the answer is we don't have a good photo. Even though we have sometimes hired professional photographers to give us a collection of "all purpose" Ballston Spa photos and several board members routinely shoot photos at our events, you'd be amazed how many times you need a photo that is just right and don't quite have it.



This situation presented itself again as we planned the marketing for the Chicory's Concerts in the Park series. Did we have a good photo of any of the bands? We did not. Fortunately one of the bands did. On Sirsy's website, they offer not only photos for use in the press but they are large, high resolution photos. The kind you can use on a billboard. Perfect! So Sirsy became the "poster children" for the entire concert series. Literally—on the poster as well the billboard. To be sure, the great photo wasn't the only consideration. Sirsy was a good choice since a) they played the last date of the concert series (brilliantly to over 400 people!) and b) they are one of the more well known bands in the area.

But they could not have been our poster children if they didn't have the photo readily available online at a moments notice (or no notice at all really -- even though we did ask their permission). Not only did Sirsy say yes, they were thrilled to find themselves ten feet tall on two billboards. So thrilled they blogged about it on the Times Union's website. http://blog.timesunion.com/sirsy/ And that in turn increases the marketing of our concerts. And so it goes, their good marketing fueled our marketing, which fueled their PR.

The moral here: being prepared with good press and marketing materials just in case you need them can pay unexpected dividends.

Volunteer Spotlight—Donna and Pete Martin

Thanks to the efforts of Donna and Pete Martin, the Ice Cream Social was once again a rousing success! The Martins, owners of Village Photo and longtime BSBPA members, do not sit on the BSBPA board but they have still chaired the Ice Cream Social event for several years. They are a prime example of how our members and volunteers make great things happen! Consider donating a little of your time or skills as a volunteer. Visit ballston.org or email info@ballston.org



September BSBPA
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, September 21, 2009, 7 pm
Brookside Museum
We encourage members to attend and
welcome your input.
Visit our website
Ballston.org
for more information about our events and
our members!

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September Networking Opportunities Mid-Week Mixer Wednesday, September 9 5:30-7 pm The Brickyard Tavern, 70 Milton Avenue Light fare and cash bar. Cost is \$10 at the door

> **Networking Breakfast** Tuesday, September 15 7:30-8:30 am

Extra Space Storage, 75 Brookline Road Cost is \$5 with advance reservation or \$10 without reservation, both payable at the door. 885-2772 or info@ballston.org

Speakers Welcome for Networking Events, Board Meetings

The BSBPA would like to invite our members to speak at our events. Each month we sponsor a networking breakfast (third Tuesday mornings) and an evening cocktail mixer (second Wednesday evenings) at different locations. We encourage networking event hosts to speak briefly about their business or organization and we would like to extend the invitation for other BSBPA members to speak for 5 minutes on the nature of their business or group. We also welcome members to speak at our monthly Board of Directors meetings (third Monday evenings). Simply email info@ballston.org with your name, business or organization name and the topic of your talk and your preference for breakfast, evening mixer or a board meeting. Slots will be assigned on a space available basis with one speaker per event.



...And the Winners Are

The Ballston Spa Film Festival brought over a thousand people to the village for three nights of films that were as entertaining as they were diverse in their subject matter. Three film professionals judged this year's entries and here are the winners:

Best Picture: Gone Fishing by Chris Jones

Best Picture young filmmaker college: Divers by Paris Mavroidis

Best Picture young filmmaker high school : Checkers by Chris Perella

Best New Film (must be world premiere): Self by Manolo Celi

Best Documentary : Waiting for Mercy by Ellie Bernstein

Best Animated Film: French Roast by Fabrice Joubert

Best Director: Lucas Figueroa for Porque Hay Cosas Que Nunca Se Olividan

Best Screenplay: Porque Hay Cosas Que Nunca Se Olividan

Best Editina: Gone Fishina by Chris Jones

Best Sound : Gone Fishing by Chris Jones Best Comedy: Made in Japan by Ciro Altabas

Of Local Interest: Waiting for Mercy by Ellie Bernstein

Visit bspafilm.com for more photos from this year's Festival.



Chris Perella, Best Picture nigh school

Ballston Rocks! Events & Activities Around Town

3rd Annual Falling Leaves 5K Run & Kids Fun Run Saturday October 10, 2009

To benefit the community and worldwide outreach programs of the Ballston Spa United Methodist Church

Online Registration at: www.troyconference.org/bsumc

Location: William S. Kelley Park on Ralph St. in the village of Ballston Spa.

Course: 3.1 mile course within the village of Ballston Spa. Start and finish at Kelley Park. Kid Run,

10 & under, will be a ½ mile course within Kelley Park

Starting Time: 10 a.m. 5K Run and 10:45 a.m. Kids Fun Run

Awards: Male and female overall. Top 3 male and female in each age division (no duplicates). Age

groups: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60+.

Finishing ribbons for Kids Fun Run.

Entry Fee: 5K Run-\$17 pre-registered (post marked before 10/02/09), \$20 day of race

Kids Fun Run-FREE (no registration required)

Family Rate \$45 (mail-in entries only). Please submit an entry form for each family mem-

ber.

Checks payable to "Ballston Spa United Methodist Church"

Shirts: For the first 100 entries.

Packet Pick-up &

Late Registration: Starting at 8:30 am

Directions: Go to our website at www.troyconference.org/bsumc

Mail Entries: Please mail application and entry fee to Heather Leggieri, 428 Robert Drive, Ballston Spa,

N.Y. 12020.

Email questions to dhlegg@msn.com or call 885-6659.

Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival September 18-19

Friday 5-11 pm, Saturday 11 am-11 pm

The planet's largest Irish Festival is coming to Ballston Spa and the Saratoga County Fairgrounds!

A great new location with the lowest pricing ever.

Featured performers include Gaelie Storm, Enter the Haggis, Street Dogs,

Cilgen Ivers, Black 47 -- over 30 in all!

Other attractions include a Celtic Kids area, crafts, Irish dance and plenty of refreshments!

A two-day pass is available from August 19th-September 15th for just \$25. Friday or Saturday only pass is \$15. Gate prices on the days of the festival are \$20 per ticket, per day. Kids 12 and under are now free. Parking is \$2 per car.

Advance ticket sales available at www.irish2000fest.com and Price Chopper Supermarkets through 9/17. For more information, visit www.irish2000fest.com or call 1-888-414-3378



Ballston Rocks! Events & Activities Around Town



Milton Ave. [Route 50] **Coffee Planet**

"Music by Bob Warren" "New Desserts and Summer Drinks" 6-9 pm. 100 Milton Ave. 884-9913 www.thecoffeeplanet.net

Wild Thyme Whole Food & Tea Co.

"Local Harvest" Come sample locally harvested Organic Produce and learn about the Veggie Box program 108 Milton Avenue www.wildthymewholefoodandtea.com

National Bottle Museum

Open House 76 Milton Ave 885-7589 www.nationalbottlemuseum.org

Make Me Fabulous

Free samples of Bare Minerals new Matte Foundation with a Baby Buki Brush. 102 Milton Ave. 885-2929. www.makemefabulous.com

"Outside"

"Spa Laundromat"

. 'Spa City Swingers' 7 pm Stop by for a free dance lesson. 92 Milton Ave.

www.spacityswingers.com

Afterthought Photo Gallery

Vintage Concert Photos, Fine Art Photos-Music with Peter Corrigan, George Schacher of Aged in the Hills, and special guests, 6- 9 PM. 126 Milton Ave 265-6289 www.vintagerockandrollphotos.com

Corina Contemporary Jewelry and Fine Crafts

Opening Reception for Local Artist Kay Levine Come by and meet Kay and see her beautiful paintings! 6-9 pm 89 Milton Ave 885-0930 www.corinajewelry.com

Midtown Wine

Stop in and try some wine. Check out our Great Selection @ Warehouse Prices 5-9 pm 77 Milton Avenue 884-8346

Front Street/Low Street

Whistling Kettle Tea Lounge

Hot House Jazz Trio 6-9 pm 24 Front Street 884-2664 www.thewhistlingkettle.com

Creative Endeavors

Poetry & Paper: Poetry readings, papermaking demonstrations & handmade paper artwork on display. 49 Front Street 363-0015

Daisy Dry Goods

Storewide Sale 25% off all Pre-Owned Merchandise 28 Front Street 885 2782 www.daisydrygoodsballstonspa.com

Genevieve's Home & Garden

Enjoy some cookies while you shop! 55 Front Street 885-7276 www.genevieveshomeandgarden.com

Village Sweet Shoppe

Fun back to school goodies for the kids. Free face painting and candy samples 6-8 pm 24 Low Street 885-4165

Front Street/Charlton Street **Brookside Museum**

Opening celebration for Victor Liquori's art exhibit Light refreshments to be served 5-7 pm. 6 Charlton Street 885-4000 www.brooksidemuseum.org

claysculpture pottery

Pottery for Home & Garden **Artist Demonstrations** 20 Washington Street 885-6302 www.claysculpturepottery.com

Washington Street

Strolling Village Artisans ~

Iron Spring Gallery

Opening Reception: 'A Photographers

Trip Across America', by photographer

Eric Seplowitz

Music on the Porch

20 Washington Street 885-5855

www.strollingvillageartisans.com

Heather Levh Designs

Fun & Funky Glass Creations New fall earrings, beads, & classes. Glass beadmaking demonstrations too! 20 Washington Street Upstairs 817-5524 www.heatherbeads.com

Museum Glassworks

Free flameworking demos by Larry Rutland. 10 Washington St

"Outside"

Eagle Matt Lee Fire Company

6pm Open House 6-7 "Emily Teller" acoustic quitar 7-8:30 Ms. Tina's Tribal Belly Dance Co.

FREE MOVIES **IN WISWALL PARK**



PLUS "LIVE" Appearance by Ballaton Spa's FIRST Robots

Robots roll in at 7:30 Raindate the following night. Screening begins at dark. Approx. 8pm Ballston.org



Upper Rt. 50 / Doubleday Ave. **Mango Tree Imports**

Life Under the Mangos And Other Paraguayan Adventures, a Multimedia Exhibit Open House, 6-9 PM 2124A Route 50, Ballston Spa



Calendar of Events

September 3 Farmers' Market 3-6 pm, Wiswall Park

September 4 First Friday in Ballston Spa, 6-9 pm, Shops, restaurants, galleries and museums
Free Outdoor Family Movie "Wall-E" 8 pm, Wiswall Park; Robot demo at 7:30

September 5 Farmers' Market 9 am-12 pm, Wiswall Park

September 8 Back to School! Ballston Spa School District

September 9 Mid-Week Mixer, 5:30-7 pm, The Brickyard Tavern

September 10 Farmers' Market 3-6 pm, Wiswall Park

September 12 Farmers' Market 9 am-12 pm, Wiswall Park

Oktoberfest, Brookside Museum, 6 pm

September 15 Networking Breakfast, 7:30-8:30 am Extra Space Storage

September 17 Farmers' Market 3-6 pm, Wiswall Park

September 18-19 Irish 2000 Music and Arts Festival, Saratoga County Fairgrounds

September 19 Farmers' Market 9 am-12 pm, Wiswall Park

September 21 BSBPA Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm Brookside Museum

September 24 Farmers' Market 3-6 pm, Wiswall Park

September 26 Farmers' Market 9 am-12 pm, Wiswall Park



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