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News

GOOD NEWS BREAKFAST JANUARY 31



**Capital Communications
Federal Credit Union**

Together. We can.™

Please join us on Thursday January 31 from 7:45 to 9:00 am at the Bethlehem Public Library for the Chamber's Good News Breakfast! We are pleased that Capital Communications Federal Credit Union is our sponsor for this month! Enjoy bagels, pastries, coffee, tea and juice. Call 439-0512 or email liz@bethlehemchamber.com. Reservations are a must, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 at the door. (See enclosed flyer)

Reservations are a must for **Business After Hours Mixer** Tuesday, February 12th, 5:30-7:00pm at the Colonie Country Club on Route 85A in Voorheesville. Presented by Bethlehem, Colonie and Guilderland Chambers, and sponsored by Time Warner Cable. To reserve: info@guilderlandchamber.com or call 456-6611.

**WE'RE
MOVING!!!**

In February, the Chamber Office will be located in the same building, only much more accessible down on the first floor. Stop in to see us soon!



Richard A. Bagg, Ph.D., owner of **Numismatic Adviser LLC** and chamber member, is available as a coin and currency adviser and appraiser. He is a 28-year contributor to the "Guide Book of United States Coins," the most often used reference source for information and values for America's coinage. Just recently, right here in

Delmar, Rick discovered the second known specimen of a previously thought unique currency note. Formerly valued at \$100, he obtained 200 times that amount for the happy owner. Rick has managed many hundreds of millions of dollars in coin transactions for thousands of collectors, executors, investors, museums and libraries. Pictured is a silver half-dollar commemorating the 250th anniversary of Albany.

How are we doing?

As YOUR chamber of commerce our mission is to provide high-value services to our members. Over the coming months, we look forward to introducing new services. But before we do, your input is needed.

Which services are important, interesting and helpful to you and your business? What new services would you like us to introduce in the future?

Please take a moment to give us your feedback: by email, phone or letter. Help us make your membership more valuable.

We look forward to your feedback. It will serve as the focus of our efforts in the future. Thank you for your time, advice and support.

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Albany Aqua Ducks & Trolleys will be doing Historic Trolley Tours of the Town of Bethlehem beginning January 29 through April. For information on the dates and availability, go to www.albanyaquadducks.com or Call 462-3825.

First Niagara Mortgage may be able to help senior citizens who are struggling to keep their home or maintain their lifestyle. The region's #1 provider of "forward mortgages" can now help area seniors with a reverse mortgage. The Home Equity Conversion Mortgage is a reverse mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Authority.

A Reverse Mortgage is specially designed to serve people ages 62 years and older. It allows them to tap into the equity of their home to generate "tax-free" cash and use it at their own discretion without any repayment as long as they occupy the property as their primary residence. The amount of funds available is based on the age of the youngest borrower, home value, location and total loan costs. Reverse Mortgages offer monthly payments, a line of credit, or a combination of both. For more details call Larry Pentak at 464-1100 ext. 366.

Caryn Zeh, of **Caryn Zeh Appraisals**, recently attained FHA Certification, which allows her to appraise FHA financed loans. For further information, please feel free to contact Caryn at 518-577-2803 or via email at czeh2@nycap.rr.com.



Capital Communications Federal Credit Union has promoted Johanna Robbins to Vice President of Finance. Robbins, who has been with the Credit Union for five years, was previously the Director of Finance. She has 16 years of experience in the fields of accounting and finance. In her new role, Robbins will assist corporate budgeting and maintain control over

departmental expenditures as well as manage finance, security and compliance staff. She serves as a member of the Credit Union's senior team.



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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Congratulations to **First Niagara Bank**. They were



recognized by *The Business Review* as one of the Best Places to Work in the Capital Region. First Niagara Bank was one of 150 companies to enter, making the top 30 list based on the strength of its employee evaluations.

Capital Communications Federal Credit Union has promoted Steve Fehervari to Business Development Manager. With 16 years of experience with the Credit Union, Fehervari has worked as a branch representative and loan officer, and was previously the Business Development Coordinator. In his new position, he will manage the Credit Union's business development efforts and staff. Offices are located in Albany, Clifton Park, Colonie, Latham, Niskayuna, North Greenbush and Waterford, with a ninth branch now open in Glenmont.



MicroKnowledge, Inc. has been recognized for the fourth year in a row by *The Business Review* as one of the Best Places to Work in the Capital Region! MicroKnowledge, Inc. was one of 150 companies to enter, making the top 30 list based on the strength of its employee evaluations. Congratulations!

Community Caregivers Adult children of elderly parents are invited to a seminar offered by Community Caregivers. The seminar will focus on the legal issues that children in "the sandwich generation" need to confront, and the kinds of questions they need to ask. Attorney Steve Levy will lead a discussion on



the topic, "What You Should Talk to Your Parents About", including power of attorney, wills, health care proxies, and conservatorship and guardianship. The program is at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 22 at Community Caregivers on Gun Club Road, Altamont and is free and open to the public. Contact Community Caregivers at 861-5181.

Matchless Stove & Chimney has appealing alternatives to turning up the thermostat for those seeking to combat the cold without going broke.



Unlike traditional heating appliances, hearth products can save homeowners money. In the winter months, Jeremiah Madden of Albany, NY uses his gas burning fireplace every day, and it significantly reduces his heating expenses. "With a hearth product like the gas fireplace, I can heat the rooms where I

spend the most time, like my family room," says Madden, operations director at Matchless Stove & Chimney, a leading provider of retail hearth products and services, "This concentrated heat definitely requires less energy and therefore saves money in the long run."

Hearth appliances heat only the rooms that are occupied most, allowing homeowners to conserve energy and turn down the thermostat on the central heating system. Matchless Stove & Chimney installs and maintains hearth appliances, throughout the Capital Region. For more information visit their showrooms in either Glenmont or Clifton Park, or go to: www.matchless.info

Skip Parsons Riverboat Jazz Band

plays at the Fountain Restaurant at 283 New Scotland Avenue in Albany on January 11 and 12 from 10pm-1am. Reserve if you wish by calling 482-9898.



Nominations for Business Person of the Year.

Do you know a chamber business person who provides time, money and/or expertise to local organizations? Someone who epitomizes concern and commitment and is a role model for others, going above and beyond the norm? Someone who is dedicated to non profit organizations or community groups and who provides volunteer time and money to community groups?

Members of the Bethlehem Chamber who have operated or represented a business for a minimum of three years, and do not sit on the chamber board are eligible for nomination. Nomination forms: www.bethlehemchamber.com.

Deadline: 1-25-08.



Congratulations to Laura Wander of CDPHP, who was recently elected the Chamber's Board chairperson for 2008. Laura is a Glenmont resident and a long time supporter of the Bethlehem Chamber.

CHAMBER MISSION STATEMENT

The Chamber is a voluntary organization dedicated to meeting the needs of its members.
The Chamber promotes good business practices, a favorable business environment and community prosperity.
The Chamber is committed to good government relations and works to make Bethlehem and the surrounding area a better place to live.