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Join us at Business for Breakfast! The
**Top Ten Things Every Small
Business Owner MUST Know**,
sponsored by your Chamber and Capital
Communications Federal Credit Union
at the Bethlehem Public Library,

**Thursday, September 18 from 7:45 to
9:00am.** Join our panel of experts and the Small

Business Development Center for some great tips.
Reservations are required and there is a \$5 donation at the
door. info@bethlehemchamber.com.

**GenNEXT Mixer at the Berkshire
Bank** in Delaware Plaza is **Thursday,
September 25 from 5:30-7:00pm.**

This is a great networking opportunity
for business people of all ages! There will
be food, a selection of wines and live
entertainment. Representatives from
Bethlehem's Economic Development Department will be
on hand for a brief update on projects in the Town. If you
want to know what's happening in one of the busiest
communities in our region- this is a must attend event! Cost
is \$10. To reserve, Go to <http://acchamber.org/Events.aspx>.



Member News:

Glenmont Job Corps staff and
seven facility maintenance
students celebrated National
Recreation and Parks Month by
organizing a beautification and
clean up project at **Henry
Hudson Park** in the Town of
Bethlehem. Community projects
are a great way for students to
give back to their community and
to use their Job Corps training to
benefit others. The goal of Job
Corps is to teach young adults the
skills they need to become
employable citizens and leaders in
their communities. If you would
like to mentor a Job Corps student,
there are several who are looking
to gain community work experience.
Students in customer service
classes are available for a few
hours per day or per week,
transportation included. If you
can help call Mary Ann Harvey
767-2016.



**Glenmont Job Corps: Alex
Fernandez, Hector Sabillon, Jorge
Gonzalez, Olden Williams, Jordan
Morales, Karon Lawrence, Ryan
Rodriguez**

Congratulations to **Berkshire
Bank**, featured in *American
Banker*; brand identity as

"America's Most Exciting Bank." Michael P. Daly, the bank's
President and CEO said, "We always believed that if
employees feel good about what they are doing, it will be
contagious." See above about the September 25 event at
their Bethlehem branch!



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ON THE WEB AT
bethlehemchamber.com

Thursday September 25 —An event not to be missed!

Twenty four year old Justin Priddle, manager of Bethlehem branch of Berkshire Bank, is working with three local chambers of commerce planning a GenNEXT networking event for members under 40 (and everyone else, too!) It will be Thursday September 25 at the bank branch in Delaware Plaza from 5:30 to 7:00 with live music, great food - Mediterranean cuisine from The Hidden Café and a short presentation by Mike Morelli from Bethlehem's economic development department. Reservations are required and can be made by clicking onto <https://acchamber.org/events.aspx>



MORE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

"Navigating Senior Care Options", is a presentation at **Avila Retirement Community** in Albany on **Thursday, September 25 from 5-7:30pm.** NewsChannel 13 Health Reporter Benita Zhan's talk will include pharmacists from the **Four Corners Pharmacy** discussing medication options for seniors. For info or to register, call Susan at 640-2106.



Capital Communication Cares Foundation

treated the children at Marillac Family Shelter to a summer horseback ride and ice cream.

The visit included a police dog demonstration by the NYS Police K-9 Unit. Firefighters were on hand to talk with the children about fire safety. Capital Communications Federal Credit Union staff volunteered their personal time, and horses, to as many as 50 children. Each child received a cowboy hat, a horseshow ribbon, a framed picture of themselves on the horse and a treat from the ice cream truck.

The Albany County Board of Elections is in need of Inspectors for the upcoming elections. Election Inspectors are voters appointed to a one year term to make sure that voters are processed in a fair and efficient manner according to election law. If you are interested in serving your community, please contact the Board of Elections today at 518-487-5060.

Alex Stopera, Katie Dart, Jeff Ruderman and Margaret O'Mara stuff backpacks



Capital Communications Cares Foundation

once again generously supports children in grades K-12 with backpacks and school supplies to help start the school year off on the right foot, delivering backpacks to Capital Region families in need for the past six years. This year more than 200 backpacks will be given to various organizations.

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club, a social networking/service club comprised of Bethlehem area women with diverse interests is open to women who are active in business or professions who either work or live in Bethlehem as well as retirees. BBW meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Normanside Country Club



for a social hour, meeting, dinner and program. Call Marge Kanuk at 439-9628 or email mkanuk@realtysusa.com

Marge Kanuk, President; Marie Keenan, Vice-president, Melanie Calzone, Secretary and Andrea Angerame, Treasurer.

School's Out, Inc. is now hiring child care activity leaders for School Age Childcare Programs. They offer competitive wages with benefits. Applicants must have experience working with children to qualify. For more information call 439-9300 or email soi@schoolsoutinc.org.

Chamber golf event to raise money for the Bethlehem Food Pantry!



The October 2 Chamber Golf Day at Colonie Golf & Country Club is filling up fast. To reserve your foursome, or to become a sponsor, contact us now! An Eagle sponsorship is \$975 and includes a full day for your foursome as well as advertising for your company. The charity partner chosen this year is the Bethlehem Food Pantry which is desperately in need of help. Registration info is on www.bethlehemchamber.com, or email liz@bethlehemchamber.com for more information.

MORE MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Community Caregivers will be at Boscov's at Colonie Center on Thursday, September 18, from Noon to 2pm for a two-hour workshop, "Writing For Caregivers" to help you tell your own story of the person you care for. Learn about keeping a journal, starting a memoir, and using fiction and poetry in your work. Diane Cameron, Executive Director of Community Caregivers, is also a writer and teacher. Diane has won many awards and has a passion for teaching new writers how to begin their work. The class is free, but registration is required. Please call Boscov's at 438-6600. For more information about the workshop, call Community Caregivers at 456-2898.



Joann Hoose Photography is now offering engagement photo session before, and a First Look photo session after the wedding with every Wedding Package. Email jfhoose@aol.com or phone 768-2807 for more information.



B2B Direct has re-branded. They are now known as **Leapfrog Marketing**.

Michelle Swain is manager of **KeyBank's** Glenmont branch. According to Swain, what makes Key special is the bank's broad range of personalized products and services, as well and it's long-standing commitment to the community. Located at 388 Feura Bush Road in Glenmont Plaza, the Glenmont branch has five employees and features three teller stations, two manager workstations, a walk-up ATM and free, onsite parking.



First Niagara Bank is offering a \$25 bonus for opening a checking account and an additional \$50 bonus if you set up direct deposit through your employer. For more opportunities, call 478-0544.



Dr. Michael Fuhrman at First Care at the four corners in Delmar now offers IDD Therapy, relief from lower back and neck pain to avoid surgery and pain medications.

IDD Therapy is non-surgical, non-invasive, and typically does not involve pain medications. This treatment is an innovative approach for relief. Call 439-9911 to schedule your treatment of with any questions.



Third Bethlehem Chamber Leads Group. MetLife's Monica Wagner, a financial planner will lead the group which meets at Panera Bread in Glenmont. There is also a mortgage broker, a real estate developer and a banker; all other categories are open. Contact liz@bethlehemchamber.com to sign up.

NEW MEMBERS

Brightscapes, Inc.

Landscape Design and Maintenance

ADAM MICHELA

15 Van Dyke Road
Delmar NY 12054
Phone 518-330-6536

Hidden Café

Restaurant

JOE SOLOMON

180 Delaware Avenue
Delmar NY 12054
Phone 518-439-8600

Nicholas J. Marino & Co., Inc.

Health Insurance

KAREN LANDAU

3 Marcus Blvd.
Albany NY 12205
Phone 518-446-1444

Ways Home Design

Appliances Sales

ERIC HUBER

2504 US Route 9W
Ravena NY 12143
Phone 518-756-9000

Reliant Energy

Energy Sales

ANDREA PHILLIPS

121 State Street, 3rd Floor
Albany NY 12207
Phone 518-455-8614

Rails to Trails will soon be a reality

At a press conference in Delmar, County Executive Michael Breslin and Town of Bethlehem Officials announce plans to convert a nine mile stretch of the old Delaware & Hudson Railroad between the Port of Albany and Voorheesville to a public recreational trail. Partnering with Scenic Hudson the County has received \$700,000 to purchase the trail.



Pictured with Mr Breslin are Town officials Dan Plummer, Sam Messina, Kyle Kotary and Mark Hennessy along with legislators from other local communities

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.