

NOTEABLE QUOTABLE

"We have joined the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce because we want to be a part of the business community that many of our customers belong to. We are growing, expanding and developing new business in Montgomery County and want to reach out and network with other businesses in the county through the Chamber's programs and events."
Christopher G. Bluwas, Mid-Atlantic Janitorial

"State of Education" Breakfast
Featured County Superintendents



L to R Dr. Geoffrey Davis, District Superintendent of HFM Boces; Doug Burton, Fort Plain Superintendent; Tom Perillo, Greater Amsterdam Superintendent; James Hoffman, Fonda-Fultonville Superintendent; Dick Rose, Canajoharie Superintendent.

Superintendents of the school districts throughout Montgomery County recently gave an update at The Chamber's "State of Education" Business Breakfast.

The event was an opportunity to hear from the superintendents directly on issues such as consolidation, budget cuts, Contract for Excellence (CFE) and No Child Left Behind.

Questions from Chamber members covered by the speakers included—What are the districts going to do when the stimulus dollars are not a part of the budget in two years? Name areas of consolidation with other area schools that you would recommend for the next school year. Name an area that you feel could be cut or consolidated in your own district. If your district receives "Contract For Excellence" monies to fund special education services, etc., do you ever consider grant monies or some type of funding to utilize for gifted and talented programs? and, Does "No Child Left Behind" really benefit all students at all levels of learning?

Other topics included Superintendent pay raises, a county-wide school system and the proposed Tier 5 legislation. "We need to change Albany's culture of 'business as usual.' Nothing says 'business as usual' like a temporary fix that lasts 28 years," said Governor Paterson in an email regarding Tier 5. "Instead of a rubber stamp on a temporary fix, we need to move forward with real reform to the pension system. My Tier V pension reform program bill will substantially reduce costs to local governments and provide much-needed relief to property taxpayers."

Business breakfasts are your opportunity to hear about issues that impact business and our community as well as network. We hope to see you at the next one!

Leadership Academy 2009 Graduates,
Slots Open for 2009-2010



1st row L to R Janet B. Davis, KeyBank; 2nd row, Kelly Flewelling, St. Mary's Hospital; Lisa Cimo, Fulmont Community Action Agency; Denise Coco, Frontier/Habitat for Humanity; 3rd row, Kathy Stangle, Fulmont Community Action Agency; Amy Praught, Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry; 4th row, Laura LaPorte, Fulton Montgomery-Community College; Mark O'Dell, Alpin Haus; Tammy Malagisi, NBT Bank; 5th row, Heidi Reese, Lexington; Sandra Maceyka, Community Resident.

The Chamber congratulates the Fulton-Montgomery County Leadership Academy Class of 2008/2009 on recently completing their 10-month curriculum. A partnership of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and Fulton-Montgomery Community College; Leadership Academy is a comprehensive program designed to develop leaders who will effectively serve the area by addressing issues, facing challenges, and helping our citizens in an effort to better our communities. Participants are educated on many different topics in order to help them service the area in which they live. *cont. pg. 5*

SBA ARC Loan Program

If your small business is stressed meeting expenses during these economic times, the U.S. Small Business Administration has a new loan program designed just for you.

SBA's America's Recovery Capital Loan Program can provide up to \$35,000 in short-term relief for viable small businesses facing immediate financial hardship to help ride out the current uncertain economic times and return to profitability. Each small business is limited to one ARC loan. ARC loans will be offered by some SBA lenders for as long as funding is available or until September 30, 2010, whichever comes first.

If you would like to speak directly to a customer service representative about the ARC Loan Program, call toll their toll-free number (866-947-8081) Monday-Friday 8am to 9pm (Eastern Time). Or log onto their website at www.sba.gov/recovery/arclanprogram/index.html.

The Chamber
Newsletter

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Actively Supports The Business Community!

INDEX

Member News 2
Nathan Littauer
Office for Aging
St. Mary's Hospital
Village of Fort Johnson

Tourism Corner 3
Member Spotlight, PMR Wordsmith

Photo Gallery 4 & 5
MCT Federal Credit Union Mixer
Business & Benefits Meeting Alpin Haus
Leadership Academy Graduation
Superintendents Breakfast

Member Anniversaries 6
Over 20 Years
Bank of America
Becker's Auto Salvage
Lou's Electric of Amsterdam
Mental Health Association

Chamber Fundraiser with Adirondack
Fun Factory
FM to Offer Building Analyst Program

Celebration Cruise 7
Chamber Fundraiser at Fun Factory
St. Mary's Hospital/Amsterdam
Memorial Merger
Agricultural Update

Upcoming Events 8
T.I.L.T./Chamber Summer Fun Night
with Amsterdam Mohawks
New York Oncology Hematology Mixer
"Get Motivated" Business Seminar
Time Warner Cable Mohawk Valley
Open
Fun Night at the Fonda Speedway
Business & Benefits Meeting at Quandt's



TOURISM CORNER

by Gina DaBiere-Gibbs, Tourism Director

Summer Fun In Montgomery County

For those people who know me very well they know how much I love ice cream. I once said, "I would eat ice cream in a blizzard!" This is not an exaggeration. With that said, summer is prime ice cream eating time and I decided to make an ice cream trail of sorts. Montgomery County offers several choices for ice cream; this is fortunate for me. Unfortunately, I cannot cover all of them, but have highlighted some local ice cream shops.

Fariello's Confectionary is a favorite tradition of Amsterdam serving Washburn's and Haagen-Dazs located on Lincoln Avenue. Fariello's (some still call it Sammie's) old fashioned ice cream parlor has a variety of specialty sundaes and fountain delicacies such as the Super Bowl with 9 scoops and egg creams. Don't forget to pick-up a box of assorted chocolates before you leave. My flavor choice: a fudge and berry sundae (hot fudge and raspberries) with Haagen-Dazs vanilla Swiss almond.

Next on the trail is **Karen's Produce and Ice Cream** on Route 5S in Fort Hunter. Karen's unique qualities include being a farm stand with fresh vegetables, a gift shop with jams, jellies, maple syrup, and more. Not to mention serving lunch and dinner with homemade soups and Hershey's hard ice cream, soft ice cream, sundaes, and milkshakes. Karen's is close to the Canalway path and boat launch, Schoharie Crossing, and Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. My flavor choice: chocolate-vanilla twist in a cone with rainbow sprinkles.

The **Parkside Drive-In** on Route 5, St. Johnsville offers fare from paninis and wraps to burgers and salads along with soft ice cream and homemade hard ice cream. Parkside serves wine flavored ice cream for the coinsurers; when it is available try red raspberry chardonnay. My flavor choice: cinnamon bun (which rivals Ben & Jerry's cinnamon bun).

I suggest following this trail in moderation. Perhaps bike or walk the Canalway path to some of the locations to burn those dreaded calories! Whatever you decide, have fun with it! For more stops along the ice cream trail call me at 853-1800 ext. 12 or log onto www.visitmontgomerycountyny.com.

Don't miss Barge Bash the kick-off event to Alpin Haus' Lock 7-12 Canalfest on Thursday, August 6, 6-10pm, at River Stone Manor. Tickets are \$35 advance sale and \$38 at the door to benefit the Amsterdam Family YMCA. The evening will feature a casual dinner buffet, dancing, music, and raffles. RSVP to the Amsterdam Family YMCA 842-2130 or the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce 853-1800.

The Fifth Annual Alpin Haus' Lock 7-12 Canalfest continues on Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9 at several unique locations along the Erie Canal: Freedom Park, Scotia; Mabee Farm Historic Site, Rotterdam; Riverlink Park in Amsterdam; Guy Park Manor, Amsterdam. The event sites will host activities including: live musical and cultural dance performances, Native American exhibits, archaeology demonstrations, blacksmith, historic artisans, wagon rides, and tours of historic buildings along the Canal, water activities including boat rides, water ski show, Canal boats, and historic boats, children's activities, fireworks, and much, much more! For more information go to www.lock7-12canalfest.com. *Thanks to Alpin Haus for being the main sponsor of this event.*

CHAMBER MEMBER SPOTLITE

PMRWordsmith

Wordsmith • Editor • Translator

Just the right words...

192 Gidley Road, Esperance, NY 12066 * Tel. 518.852.2577
Email: info@pmrwordsmith.com • www.pmrwordsmith.com



Patricia Redlin started PMRWordsmith in early 2008, after working as a freelance writer, editor and translator for over 25 years - mostly while also employed full-time. She had decided it was time to make her ongoing part-time work "on the side" more of an official business, with a real web site and an official business email address! She designed what she thought was a good, inviting web site, established her domain with a web site hosting company, wrote some great, fairly entertaining copy for the site, saved the file, attempted to "post" it on the Web...and discovered that she can't do everything, after all. So she contacted a web designer who took her basic design and copy, fiddled with it a bit to make it more SEO-friendly, and performed the magic required to make www.pmrwordsmith.com appear on the Web - fully searchable (though not really all that findable) on the Internet.

After joining the Montgomery and Schoharie County Chambers of Commerce and posting her business cards on a few community bulletin boards, Patricia continued working on ongoing, long-term projects with her established clients - while still holding down a full-time job - and waited for new business to pour in. Although business has not exactly poured in - something about not doing any advertising at all will allow a small business to stay small - she has completed several projects for new clients since officially joining the world of miniscule businesses.

These include the translation from German into English of what will soon be a published 400+ page book on a family's ancestry, starting in the 1600s; editing and rewriting an Icelandic company CEO's freeform conversation about how he started his business and why it's so successful into a chapter for a book about mergers and acquisitions; transcribing a Spanish radio program interview into Spanish and then translating it into English; and many, many translation and editing projects from German, Spanish, French and Italian into English. Upcoming projects include editing existing copy for an upstate New York city's web site and researching and writing the copy for pages that currently have gobbledy-gook...the web site is not yet accessible to the general public, in case you thought you might want to read some gobbledy-gook.

Do you know exactly who your target customer is and know exactly what you want to say to them to get them to buy your product or service...but just don't quite know how to put this message into good, clear copy that welcomes and entices your potential customers into choosing your company for what they need? Turn to PMRWordsmith for help with formulating your message clearly, concisely, correctly, and invitingly with...just the right words.

♥ Join The Chamber in Tuscany! ♥



The Chamber has partnered with AAA Northway and the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce to offer a 10-day trip to Italy, October 5-14, 2010.

"Discover Tuscany" highlights include: Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Florence, Siena and much more!

Call us at 853-1800 for more information!



Amsterdam, 106 Hannaford Plaza*, 842-2123
Canajoharie, 24 Church Street*, 673-3243
Fonda, 34 West Main Street*, 853-4621
Fort Plain, 41 Canal Street*, 993-2393
Palatine Bridge, 44 Dutchtown Plaza, 673-3201
St. Johnsville, 16 West Main Street, 568-7612

* ATM Location

www.nbtbank.com

Member FDIC

MCT Federal Credit Union Hosts June Business Mixer!

Thanks to MCT for hosting the most recent mixer at their office on Market Street in Amsterdam. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres catered by the Winner's Circle, refreshments and meeting with their business colleagues.



Cindy Roberts of MCT offers refreshments.



New members Jim Kahler of Write Impressions and Janice Trainor of Amsterdam Travel chat about business. Jim also handed out complimentary pens and band-aid holders—thanks!

First Friday Tours and Benefits Meeting at Alpin Haus

"Thanks for offering the opportunity to tour Alpin Haus and hear more about what the Chamber offers," states Pete Rose of Lenz and Betz Funeral Home, Canajoharie. "I always knew the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce offered members a variety of services but didn't realize how extensive they were until this meeting. Keep up the good work!" . Join us for the next tour, Friday, August 7 at Quandt's Foodservice, Inc.



Some of the attendees tour the inside of one of Alpin Haus' RVs. L to R: Andy Heck, President of Alpin Haus; Pete Rose, Lenz & Betz Funeral Home, Canajoharie; Jeff Ashley, Hummel's Office plus; Terrance Mahoney of East Commerce Solutions; and Diane Montes, Muzak Functional Communications.



Andy Heck speaks with Elaine Ko-Talmadge of Montessori School of Amsterdam.

Superintendent Breakfast



Attendees network and enjoy breakfast at Pasqualli's Steak House at the America's Best Value Inn.



Attendees network with Assemblyman Amedore.

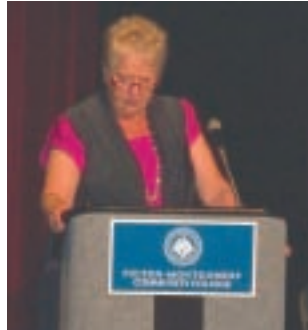
MCT
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
39 Market Street, Amsterdam
842-1840, www.mct-fcu.org

Snacks / Soda / Food / Coffee Vending Service
Pepsi Gatorade Lays Oreo Wise
Lipton Snickers Donuts Hershey Cake
Folgers Sandwiches Maxwell House
PARTYKA
STAR ★ **VENDING**
Inquiries / Service (518) 842-0833

Leadership Academy Sponsors Congratulate Graduates! Thanks to our Sponsors!



KeyBank's Joseph Scriver



Sue Kiernan of Nathan Littauer Hospital



Jerri Cortese of St. Mary's Hospital

During their Leadership Academy experience, participants develop knowledge of community operations, explore county-wide and regional issues, identify opportunities for personal involvement, participate with a diverse group of individuals representing all segments of our community, establish community contacts, and strengthen leadership, team building and decision making skills.

Leadership Academy also features tours at chamber member business sites throughout Fulton and Montgomery counties. These visits provided Academy participants the opportunity to gain exposure to and visit all types of business and industry in

their communities. Participants learned about agriculture, industry, economic development, and law enforcement technology just to name a few.

The Chamber thanks sponsors KeyBank, Nathan Littauer Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital for their support of this program and the leadership of the two-county area. Businesses and organizations in the area are encouraged to get to know these energetic graduates to utilize their talent and energy. The Chamber is currently accepting applications for the 2009/2010 Leadership Academy. Call 853-1800 for more information.



Attendees at the event network and support the Leadership Graduates. L to r: Chamber President, Deborah Auspelmyer; Reid Smalley of FM; Fulton County Chamber Board Chairman, Larry Raike, Plant Manager, Wal-Mart Distribution Center; In-Coming Chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Directors Chuck Schwartz, Schwartz Law Firm; and Denis Wilson, Fulmont Community Action Agency.

YOUR GREEN NEIGHBOR



**NATHAN
LITTAUER**
Hospital & Nursing Home

Caring for Mother Earth, too.
www.nlh.org



Member Anniversaries

The following businesses realize the value of their Chamber Investment and have renewed their membership. Please note these members and the year they joined.

Thanks to all of our renewing members!

Less Than 5 years

Beam Trucking, Inc.	2008
Capital District Child Care Council	2008
Knapik's Marine	2005
Miller Printing & Litho, Inc.	2008
Shannon Rose Design	2008
Sikorski's Service Station	2007
Sunshine Gardens	2006
White Cottage Gardens	2007

5 to 9 Years

Baldwin Research Institute	2000
Camping World	2003
Don Diehl & Associates	2003
Eileen Katovitch Apartments	2003
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill	2001

10 to 20 Years

Advantage Rentals	1991
Amsterdam Industrial Development	1996
Arkell Hall Foundation	1991
Fownes Brothers	1993
Glenbrook Farm	1992
Mac Hyney & Sons	1997
MacKenzie & Tallent	1991
Mohawk Valley Masonry	1994
Randall Implements	1991
Riley Mortuary	1991
School House Pools	1991
Shults Agency	1991
The Leader Herald	1995
Village of Fort Plain	1991

Over 20 Years

Bank of America	1983
Becker's Auto Salvage	1983
Lou's Electric of Amsterdam	1966
Mental Health Association	1988

Our Members have Longevity!

Investing in The Chamber is investing in Montgomery County!

We invite you to get involved!! Ask us how!!

"Ron The Boat Man"

Let me show you how to Discover Boating

Representing
RINKER SYLVAN VECTRA PALM BEACH
KnapiksMarine.com Call Me
KNAPIK'S MARINE 842-8140

Chamber Holds Fundraiser at

Adirondack FUN FACTORY

Offers Discounted Tickets

The Chamber has discounted tickets for miniature golf at the Adirondack Fun Factory (formerly T-time), 4651 State Highway 30, Amsterdam, August 7 - 16.

The Chamber is offering a discount for admission in conjunction with this fundraiser to thank our members for your continued support. \$5 tickets are for chamber members, their employees, friends, and relatives.

We encourage our members to include them in paycheck stuffers, newsletters and any way you would like to get them to your employees. A PDF can be downloaded from our website at www.montgomerycountyny.com on the home page under "Forms & Applications". A copy of the coupons is included in this newsletter. Call us at 853-1800 with any questions.

FM to Offer Building Analyst Program This Summer

NYSERDA to Reimburse 75% of Tuition to Participants...Net Cost \$261.25

Rising energy prices and environmental concerns have dramatically increased consumer interest in green-building technology and energy efficiency. Many homeowners are concerned about comfort problems such as drafty rooms that are hard to heat and cool, high-energy bills, mold, mildew and moisture issues. You can help by earning a Building Performance Institute (BPI) Certificate and showing people where they can save precious energy dollars.

The Center for Energy Efficiency and Building Science at Fulton-Montgomery Community College and New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) are offering this training for interested individuals. Those that complete the course will be able to offer "EnergyStar Home Performance" programs to their customers. This low-cost training program can bring you new business for years to come.

Participants will learn the practical application of the "blower-door" technology and other diagnostics for assessing air leakage and efficiency in buildings and homes. Training will also cover the fundamentals of building science, identifying and understanding building problems such as ice dams, and indoor air quality issues, along with assessing building tightness, mechanical and distribution systems and combustion safety.

The cost of this training is \$1,045. NYSERDA reimburses 75% of the fee upon completion of the course; therefore the net cost after reimbursement is \$261.25. This includes all course materials. This incentive program is being offered by NYSERDA for a limited time. You must complete the entire course to receive Proof of Participation and reimbursement for this program.

The July program will run from 7/13- 7/17. The BPI Online test will be given 7/20. The August session will be held 8/3-8/7. The BPI Online test will be given 8/10. Both sessions will be held at HFM Career and Technical Center, State Highway 67, Johnstown, NY. For more information or to register for this program, please contact FMs Office of Continuing Education at 762-4651, ext.7-8102.

CELEBRATION CRUISE: 400 Years. 1 River. 11 Chambers!

Come aboard as we bring together eleven area Chambers of Commerce to celebrate the Hudson River's Quadracentennial the best way possible – on the River! This joint cruise on the 600 passenger, four-deck Captain JP II cruise ship gives you the rare opportunity to connect with business professionals from all eleven chambers in the greater Tech Valley region, making this a “must-attend” event. Set for **Thursday, July 9**, the cruise will include live entertainment with two different bands, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, drink specials and much more, all in a fun and relaxed setting. There are also plans for a special on-air ‘Chamber Chat’ broadcast by Talk 1300AM radio from the dock area, located at the intersection of State & Front Streets in downtown Troy with free garage parking, carpools are encouraged. Business casual attire. Board from 5:30 to 6:30, Cruise from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Tickets are only \$35 per person. RSVP by phone at 274-7474 or online at www.renscochamber.org Sponsored by CDPHP, the following Chambers of Commerce are participating in the event: Albany- Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce; Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; Colonie Chamber of Commerce; Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Guilderland Chamber of Commerce; Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce; Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce; Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce; The Chamber of Schenectady County; The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County.


Agriculture Update

*by Klaus J. Busch, Field Advisor of the
New York Farm Bureau*

Agriculture is a major economic driver for Montgomery County. According to 2007 USDA census; Montgomery County has 604 farms totaling \$73,612,000 in market value of production. Preserving these family farms is vital.

Today's economic problems impact all industries and especially agriculture in Upstate New York. The current dairy fiscal crisis has become one of New York Farm Bureau's top priorities. Relief is urgently needed for Dairy farmers due to the historically low price of milk. Currently, NYFB is working closely with USDA on array of topics including immediate relief in the form of a MILC (Milk Income Loss Contract) expansion.

Supporting your local farmer is as simple as buying local. Farm markets are in full swing and are located throughout the county from Fort Plain to Amsterdam. Many of the issues facing farms in Montgomery County also impact other businesses such as tax relief and tort reform. Keep agriculture in mind and remember healthy farms equal a healthy economy. For more information on how you can support local farms please contact us at 853-1800.



403 West Main Street, PO Box 366, Amsterdam, NY 12010

Lou Mosher
Owner

Phone: 518-842-7370 – Toll Free: 1-800-842-7370
Fax: 518-842-1625 – E-mail: lmosher@choiceonemail.com

Two Great Traditions, One Path to the Future



“Bless this newly configured health ministry . . .”; with these words, Bishop Howard Hubbard immortalized the joining of two great organizations, St. Mary's Hospital and Amsterdam Memorial Healthcare, on one path to the future. Although discussions were initiated

almost three years ago, the journey began long before 2006. It has been a long journey, a journey that was propelled to its current success by Board members, elected officials, the medical staff, and employees who recognized a need to do “the right thing, for the right reasons – at the right time”. As of June 1, St. Mary's and Amsterdam Memorial are united under the name “St. Mary's Hospital”, moving forward with approximately 1600 staff members.

At a ceremonial signing of the completed acquisition papers, Vic Giulianelli, President and CEO of St. Mary's and St. Mary's Amsterdam Memorial Campus, commented, “This journey started 122 years ago with the founding of Amsterdam Memorial Hospital, an organization whose employees have continuously served the healthcare needs of our community. Their legacy will be carried forward with the ongoing commitment of the leadership and staff.”

With the founding of St. Mary's Hospital by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1903, the mission “to care compassionately with dedication to excellence and Christian ideals” was fostered and another path was initiated. Changes in the needs of patients and the healthcare environment led the paths to intersect – and with the needs of the community at the forefront, a new structure - stronger, yet equally compassionate – was forged.

“Much credit goes to the Board members and our supporters who have worked with determination and focus, often times facing criticism and potential failure, to make this new entity a reality”, stated Donald W. Massey, former President and CEO of Amsterdam Memorial Healthcare. “The future of a comprehensive, quality-driven continuum of healthcare services in our community is available because of them”. On a separate note, Don Massey will be joining the St. Mary's senior leadership team as the Vice President of Continuum Services.

The signing of the closure papers was completed by Giulianelli, President and CEO of St. Mary's Hospital; Massey, former President and CEO of Amsterdam Memorial Healthcare; Dr. M. Ghazi, Chair of the SMH Board of Directors, and Dr. M. Sheridan, former Chair of the AMH Board of Directors. The signing officially made the acquisition “a done deal”!

In addition to the formal ceremony on the St. Mary's Amsterdam Memorial campus on June 1, staff reporting for work on both campuses were welcomed at the front doors by leadership staff and presented with a commemorative mug bearing the phrase, “Two Great Traditions, One Path to the Future”.

East Commerce Solutions, Inc.
...credit card processing made simple

Guaranteed Savings on Credit Card Processing
Lowest Rates Guaranteed
Personal, Local Service & Support

Visa
MasterCard
American Express
Discover

Terrance Mahoney
Regional Vice President

Exclusive Member to
Member Benefit Program

(800) 527-5395 ext. 200
www.EastCommerceSolutions.com

Call today for a
FREE
no obligation
cost savings
analysis.

The Chamber

Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 836 • 12 S. Bridge St.
Fonda, New York 12068

(518) 853-1800 • Fax: (518) 853-1813

E-mail: chamber@montgomerycountyny.com

Website: www.montgomerycountyny.com

Member

American Chamber of Commerce Executives Association
Business Council of New York State
Center for Economic Growth
Chamber Alliance of New York State
Farmer's Direct Marketing Association
Montgomery County Farm Bureau
New York Business Development Corporation
Tech Valley Chamber Coalition
United States Chamber of Commerce

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
AMSTERDAM, NY
PERMIT #21

Link to www.montgomerycountyny.com today!!!

UPcoming EVENTS!

✓ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE "DON'T MISS" EVENTS!! (Tell your staff too!)**

Call The Chamber at 853-1800 to RSVP

~ July Events ~

7/2 ~ **T.I.L.T./ Chamber Summer Family Fun Night with the Amsterdam Mohawks.** Please join T.I.L.T & The Chamber at the Amsterdam Mohawks Baseball game (Shuttleworth Park, Amsterdam). Happy Hour begins at 5:30pm and the game starts at 7:05pm. Attendees will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and most importantly, the chance to socialize with other professionals and their families in a fun, casual environment. **FREE FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES!** RSVP 853-1800 or email admin@montgomerycountyny.com or membership@montgomerycountyny.com.

7/16 ~ **New York Oncology Hematology Business After Hours, 5-7pm, Riverfront Center, Amsterdam.** Join The Chamber for networking and socializing with other business professionals while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

7/21 ~ **The Chamber** is pleased to announce that the "Get Motivated Business Seminar" is coming to Albany on Tuesday, July 21. Attend this seminar to increase your productivity and income. Want to go for free?! The Chamber has a limited number of Executive Level tickets worth \$250. Be one of the first 25 people to bring in a new paid member of the Chamber prior to July 13 and you will receive one of these tickets! As always, chamber members that refer a business that joins will receive a \$25 credit towards their next year's membership investment. The average cost of membership is only \$220 for a year! Get a free ticket to this fabulous event, save money on your next year's investment, and share benefits of being a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce!! Call 853-1800 for more information or download the membership application at www.montgomerycountyny.com.

7/23 ~ **Don't Miss the Time Warner Cable Mohawk Valley Open Golf Tournament, Canajoharie Country Club, Canajoharie** to support The United Way of Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. See insert for registration form.

~ August Events ~

8/4 ~ **The Chamber Fun Night at The Fonda Speedway, South Bridge Street, Fonda.** Join The Chamber and the Fonda Speedway for a night of networking and fun! The networking event will be held from 5-7pm in the VIP Room. Seating is limited and includes hors d'oeuvres, beverages and the race. Attendees will enjoy the chance to socialize with professionals and their families in a fun, casual environment. Admission for the race for Chamber members, their employees, and their families will be discounted to \$7.50 for the evening.

8/7 ~ **Quandt's Tour & Business Benefits Meeting, 8am at Quandt's Foodservice Distributors, Inc.** Benefit from what The Chamber offers. Join us for an informational forum explaining how you can utilize your Chamber Membership to obtain the maximum benefits for your membership investment. We will also tour the Quandt's Foodservice facility. Coffee will be served. New and current members are encouraged to attend. **Current members, if you bring a prospective member to the meeting and they join, you will receive a \$25 credit towards your membership dues!** Don't miss this opportunity to discover the many benefits The Chamber has to offer!!

Now is the time to travel!

There's never been a better time to take that trip you've been dreaming of!

You'll find incredible values and benefits at AAA Northway Travel that you can't find anywhere else.

AAA Northway Travel is open to members and nonmembers.



Alaska
Cruise Tours



European
Cruise Tours

Wherever you want to go... AAA Northway will take you there!


AAA.COM

118 Sanford Farms, Rt. 30
Amsterdam
684-0064