

# YOUR CHAMBER NEWS



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## 2019 CHAMBER CHOICE AWARDS SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

6PM-9PM

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CHARLESTOWN, RI 02817

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### FEBRUARY EVENTS

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#### FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE

Hosted by

**Holiday Inn South Kingstown**

3009 Tower Hill Road, Saunderstown, RI

8:00 am - 9:00 am

\$5 member / \$10 non-member

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#### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Hosted by

**Elite Indoor Gun Range**

132 Pearls Way, Wakefield, RI

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

\$5 member / \$10 member

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#### NETWORK AT NOON

Hosted by

**Arturo Joe's**

140 Point Judith Road, Narragansett, RI

11:45 am - 1:30 pm

\$15 member / \$20 non-member

For more events and to register, visit [www.srichamber.com](http://www.srichamber.com)



# Welcome to The SRI Chamber | New Member Profiles



**The Gnarly Dog**  
Jaclyn Beauregard  
401-284-1477  
Narragansett, RI

The Gnarly Dog is a cage free doggy daycare and boarding facility where your favorite four legged friend can enjoy hours of off leash play. Their facility offers both indoor and outdoor play areas for dogs to enjoy while you're away. Being pack animals, socialization is a key aspect of any dog's life. All dog's should have the opportunity to learn how to properly play and socialize with others. Daycare provides a great outlet for socialization. Dogs can experience safe, healthy, supervised play while at daycare, without the worries of there being animals that are not properly socialized.

Their facility has two areas for play, one designated for small dogs and one designated for larger dogs; this insures that everyone is safe when playing. The outside play area also hosts an artificial turf flooring that helps to provide that cleanest environment possible. The turf is sanitized and cleaned daily.

The Gnarly Dog strives to provide the best experience possible for all dogs attending daycare. They want all dogs to enjoy a fun, clean, and safe day every time they visit The Gnarly Dog. Along with daycare, The Gnarly Dog offers dog walking, grooming and overnight boarding!



**Merrill Lynch**  
Melinda Lewis  
860-447-7418  
Mystic, CT



When financial advisor Melinda Lewis was a teenager, a tragedy left her family in a terrible financial situation. As a result, she became acutely aware of personal finances and how greatly they impact all aspects of a person's life. She decided to dedicate all of her studies to being proficient in wealth management so that she could be a valued resource for others.

After ten years of working in various positions in the financial industry and the birth of her second child, Melinda decided to take her knowledge and experience and apply it to helping families and small businesses as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch in July 2018. She recently moved to Southern RI and is eager to help families and small businesses manage their finances and make informed financial decisions.

While she enjoys helping families plan and achieve their financial goals, she also enjoys working with people approaching and living in retirement. Melinda would like to make sure her clients are living their best life possible while in retirement, and works to make sure that all aspects of their retirement have been thought of and are being monitored.



**St Peters Preschool**  
Rebecca Bouchard  
401-783-4623  
Narragansett, RI

St. Peter's by-the-Sea Preschool develops compassionate and lifelong learners in the atmosphere of God's love. The preschool operates five days a week and provides flexible full and half-day options along with extended hours. Their program offers a small, nurturing environment with a 5:1 student/teacher ratio. With a newly renovated facility (Fall 2017), the home-like setting provides preparation for kindergarten. Students participate in daily outdoor play time and field trips.



**A Creative Healing Place**  
Benjamin Blackett  
401-855-2008  
West Warwick, RI

Benjamin Blackett is a Certified Life Mastery Consultant and business partner of Mary Morrissey, of LifeSOULutions. As a life mastery consultant, Benjamin is able to help you learn how to rely on and believe in your unlimited potential and power. He will help you stir up that innate knowing and self-trust already instilled deep in your soul, and will help you forge forward when the "old you" would rather give up and turn back. Benjamin offers a variety of seminars, workshops, and one-on-one coaching programs.

Right now, you're standing at the doorway to your greatest life. It's time to seek out your destiny. It's time to see and achieve one dream after another with a clear-headed and confident stride... no matter how big you might think that dream to be.



**The Riddle Room**  
Byron Delmonico  
401-398-8177  
East Greenwich, RI

After experiencing the global phenomenon in 2015, Byron Delmonico and his partner Kara opened the Riddle Room in East Greenwich in May 2016. Since there were already escape rooms popping up in Providence, Byron and his partner decided to bring this new form of entertainment to the southern part of the state, giving puzzle-solving enthusiasts an option outside of the capitol city.

The real life interactive entertainment facility incorporates Rhode Island history and Easter eggs into their room themes and puzzles. The Riddle Room is proud of their flexible and customer centric business model. They throw free customer appreciation events, and will even customize hidden messages for special guests!

The Riddle Room is the perfect place for companies to bring employees for a unique team building experience, birthday parties, family gatherings, bachelor/bachelorette parties, or just an evening out with friends.



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**Restore Physical Therapy**  
Amanda Zarriello DPT  
401-250-3060  
Cranston, RI



**Webster Bank, N.A.**  
Sean Wheelan  
401-822-7740  
Warwick, RI

Amanda graduated from Sacred Heart University with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy and received her Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of Rhode Island. Besides her academic career, she participated in varsity sports in high school and went on to pursue track and field at the University of Rhode Island. Both her participation in athletics and her passion to help others have steered her to the field of physical therapy.

Amanda believes that skilled manual therapy can make an immediate improvement in someone's pain and mobility. Over the past 6 years,

Amanda has dedicated her post-graduate studies learning the most advanced and evidence-based practice techniques, including trigger-point dry needling and spinal manipulation. She has worked primarily in the outpatient orthopedic setting treating a variety of musculoskeletal conditions and sports related injuries. Her practice methods and values are rooted in collaborating with her patients, utilizing one-on-one hands on care, and treating the entire person.

In 2018 Amanda opened up her own practice in her hometown, Cranston, RI. Her goals are to continue to grow as a physical therapist, give back to the community she grew up in, and to provide the most innovative and comprehensive treatment plans to get her patients back to the active life they want to live.

Sean is a 3rd generation Rhode Islander and is a lifelong resident of the area. He has been in Residential Lending since 2000, and has built a fulfilling career by helping his clients buy, refinance, and renovate their dream homes. In addition to his career in residential mortgage lending,

Sean has worked in concierge level banking serving high net worth clients. Whether you are a first-time home buyer, moving up to your dream home, or renovating your "forever home", Sean has the knowledge and dedication to provide you the ideal financing options.

Sean strives to make sure first time homebuyers, and experienced buyers alike, are comfortable with their new home purchase and fully understand the mortgage transaction. Purchasing a home or refinancing your existing home can be very exciting, and at times, a bit stressful. Sean spends extra time in going over all of the important details for owning or refinancing a home. Sean's experience with the mortgage process allows him to guide you to the result you are looking for in a smooth and professional manner. After listening to hundreds of customer's needs and wants over the years, he is able to quickly analyze and recommend the proper loan program to meet your goals and objectives.

Webster offers an array of first mortgage and home equity products to meet their customer's needs, including fixed and adjustable rate products, government assisted programs, construction, jumbo loan products, lot loans, HELOC's, fixed rate equity loans, and construction 2nd mortgages.

**Harmony & Hue**  
Fran Ducharme  
401-525-8272  
Wakefield, RI

Fran Ducharme's architectural color expertise is complemented by a thirty plus year career in the paint industry and a lifelong passion for color and design. Fran's investment in her education, continued study and research of color and trends in the architectural environment brings certainty to the interior and exterior color decision process. Her knowledge and understanding of the impact of light and surrounding materials, along with her extensive knowledge of architectural paints and finishes bring great value to her color consultations and contribute to the project's success. Throughout her career, Fran has taught several color education programs and always welcomes the opportunity to share her knowledge.



**Twin Willows**  
Pat Durigan  
401- 789-8153  
Narragansett, RI

Twin Willows is a family style restaurant located in the north end of Narragansett. The current owners purchased the already established restaurant from a family member in May of 1989. The restaurant offers patrons fast, reliable service and a full bar all while enjoying amazing views of Narragansett Bay.

Stop in for New England style cuisine including fresh local lobster and steamers, and live entertainment on weekends. They are open daily from 11:00am to midnight, and only closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.



**NEWCO- New England Water Conditioning**  
Laura Jackson  
401-392-0199  
West Greenwich, RI

NEWCO – New England Water Conditioning prides itself in responding to customer needs and solving their problems in a timely manner. The company services Rhode Island, Eastern Connecticut, and Southern Massachusetts. NEWCO specializes in water filtration and purification, well pumps and tank sales, installation and service, water softeners, iron and sediment filters, and bacteria treatment. They also offer flow and recovery testing, water testing, reverse osmosis, PH neutralizers, arsenic remediation, water radon reduction, and more.



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**Wilcox Tavern**  
Mia Byrnes  
401-322-1829  
Charlestown, RI

Wilcox Tavern has seen a number of owners since the house was originally built around 1730. In May 2017, current owner Mia Byrnes occupied the building and began renovations. After being closed for five years, the Wilcox Tavern reopened on September 6, 2017, and was officially purchased by Mia in May of 2018.

A variety of menu options are available, including popular items like tavern garlic bread, salumi board, and Rudy's pot pie. On top of hosting "Tavern Time" happy hour in the bar every day from 3pm-6pm and 1730 Stanton Specials (Two-course dinner for \$17.30, order by 6pm), they also have the following Old Tyme Classic Dinner specials: Wednesday – Chicken Night, Thursday – Smoked Corned Beef & Cabbage, Friday – Classic Fish and Chips, Saturday – Steak Night, Sunday – Classic Turkey Dinner.

With brand new ownership, renovations, a new menu, and new promotions, Wilcox Tavern is ready to welcome new and old patrons! They open at 3pm Wednesday-Sunday, and are closed Monday and Tuesday through the winter.



**Center for Spiritual Living Southern RI**  
Rev. Celeste M. Warner  
508-904-0437  
Kingston, RI

Reverend Celeste M. Warner is the Ordained Senior Minister for Spiritual Living Southern Rhode Island. After finishing her ministerial training in Colorado, she was invited to become a staff minister in Warwick, RI at the Concordia Center for Spiritual Living. Celeste always knew she wanted to be a founding Minister upon ordination, and it was the beach communities and area around URI that spoke to her.

The Center for Spiritual Living Southern Rhode Island is a fun, loving, joyous, prayer-filled, abundant all-inclusive community. They welcome people of all genders, faiths, sexual orientations, and walks of life. Their mission is to provide people with tools for personal, professional, and global transformation. Their purpose is to awaken humanity to its spiritual magnificence, and their vision is a world that works for everyone.

The Center for Spiritual Living's home office is located in Golden, CO and their local center is currently located at the RI Yoga Center at 99 Fortin Road in Kingston. Stop by as a guest any Sunday. Doors open at 11:20am and service begins at 11:30am. Fellowship immediately follows service.

## Steve Crandall Strength & Conditioning

Steve Crandall  
401-714-8077  
Wakefield, RI

Steve Crandall is a certified strength and conditioning specialist. He offers 1-on-1 training, group training, team training, consulting to teams, and speaking at seminars. Aside from seeing clients at his gym on High Street, he can meet clients at their homes, and athletes and teams at their gyms, practices, or parks.

Steve specializes in assisting people who may have had an injury or have been to a doctor or physical therapist and have been discharged but are still not confident about how they should be training or eating so they don't get any aches or pains again. He offers clients a program personalized around getting them to move and feel better in the most efficient way possible. During the assessment, he will look at how the client's body is moving, their diet, sleep patterns, and how they manage stress.



**The Hands That Rock**  
Darcy Lynch  
401-369-2239  
Wakefield, RI

The Hands That Rock is a 501c3 with a mission to bring the magic of music to underserved communities throughout the world. Founded by Darcy Lynch, a resident Rhode Islander, and owner of Stage Hands Massage Therapy, the organization provides "chair massage" for audiences at major concerts and events WORLDWIDE. Patrons pay a small fee for this service and a portion of the net proceeds are donated to music programs in cooperation with local music outreach organizations. But the giving doesn't stop there...

The Hands That Rock supports other non-profits and their causes. Chair massage creates an additional revenue stream and added value to any fundraising event. Corporations can also hire The Hands That Rock and identify the charity they wish to support.

The Hands That Rock's worldwide network of massage practitioners are passionate about giving back, not only through the power of touch, but by supporting and spreading awareness about those in need.



**Shaidzon Beer Company**  
Charles Samson  
401-829-3147  
West Kingston, RI

Co-owners Chip Samson and Josh Letourneau developed a passion for beer and wanted to learn everything they could about it; global and American beers, different flavors, ingredients, beer history, etc. They became invested in the world of beer and wanted to share their passion with others. After they were given the opportunity to move into the space previously used by Proclamation Ale Company, Shaidzon Beer Company officially opened their doors on November 22, 2017.

The brewery offers a wide variety of beers. They avoid specialization to a certain style of brewing. They brew everything from lagers and ales, to rare and popular styles, traditional takes on classic styles, and progressive takes on newly developing styles.

Their space can be used for private events and events during their open hours. Shaidzon Beer Company would be happy to provide a meeting space for their fellow Chamber members, so stop by or call to set up your next event in their taproom!



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**doTERRA**  
Jamie Oakley  
508-725-7444  
Narragansett, RI

doTERRA is a natural health and wellness company that offers certified pure therapeutic grade essential oils and other natural products. Their oils are sourced from their native countries through the company's co-impact sourcing initiative. This allows for support and positive changes to the lives of the farmers, harvesters, distillers, and the communities.

Their Healing Hands initiative has donated millions of dollars to people and communities in need. Some of the causes and organizations that they have donated to include Operation Underground Railroad and feminine hygiene kits to Days for Girls. One of their latest projects was building schools and hospitals for the community in Somalia where frankincense is sourced.

As a physician's assistant, Jamie Oakley is able to integrate her medical knowledge and passion for natural medicine. She counsel's people on how to integrate essential oils and other products into their daily routine, how they can work with their medications, and even how they can be a safe substitute for some medications. Jamie is able to support people on their quest for a healthier lifestyle while also being aware and knowledgeable of any medical conditions.



**Dianna Normanton Interiors**  
Dianna Normanton  
603-930-2761  
Narragansett, RI

Dianna Normanton specializes in transforming each of her client's vision into signature spaces that are layered, beautiful, and reflect the client's unique personality. Through the use of such tools as Sketch-UP and 2020 Residential Design, she creates detailed floor plans, elevations, and 3-D renderings to help clients fully visualize their new space. In addition to being a full service residential & boutique commercial interior design firm, Dianna also offers kitchen and bath design, as well as the ability to create plans and renderings for other rooms in the house, office, cafés, and more.

After going back to school in 2010 to study interior design at the New Hampshire Institute of Art, Dianna officially opened her business in 2014. As a former photographer, she has a keen eye for composition, space, contrast, and color. This translates beautifully to her design work. She sees color as a natural extension of a client's singular vision, and loves to incorporate it through bold statements or subtle accents in all of her design projects.

Dianna's commitment to sustainable design and to using responsibly sourced materials leads to designs that are not only beautiful but in harmony with the environment. This commitment also translates to promoting environmental health through sourcing of products with low VOC's (volatile organic compounds), that have minimal off gassing, are formaldehyde free, are made from natural materials, and are generally healthy for us and our interior environment.

**Michael K. Marran, Esq.**  
Michael K. Marran  
401-524-6868  
Providence, RI

Michael K. Marran is an attorney that specializes in estate planning, wills, and probate work. He began practicing law in 1983 by helping families who lost a loved one due to asbestos exposure deal with estate issues. Michael is looking to connect with families facing transitions that need to plan ahead for their estates.



**Comprehensive Pain Management**  
Rebecca Plante  
401-234-9677  
South Kingstown, RI

Comprehensive Pain Management is a medical practice providing pain management and interventional pain management treatments such as injections and minimally invasive procedures. Their practice specializes in chronic pain management, lower back pain, spinal stenosis sciatica, and compression fractures. They have a team of specially trained providers that take a multidisciplinary approach.

Dr. Do Chan and Dr. Shwartzman started Comprehensive Pain Management 12 years ago in Franklin, MA. They now have four locations, including their South County location that opened in April 2017. The addition of their South County office adds a valuable service to residents in a convenient location in the South County Commons.



**Golden, Gormly & Company, LTD.**  
Brian Gormly  
401-783-1040  
Wakefield, RI

Golden, Gormly & Company is a certified public accounting and business consulting firm. Their firm understands all of the joys and pains associated with owning and operating a small business. In addition to taxation and consulting, they also offer audits, reviews and compilations, financial statement services, business valuations, and full payroll processing through their affiliate, Coastal Payroll Solutions, Inc.

Brian Gormly took his first accounting course when he was a senior at Bishop Hendricken High School, which led to accounting as a career choice at the University of Rhode Island. In May 1995, he obtained an internship at the company that he is now a partner in. He officially became a partner in July of 2008.



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**Hill, Pond, and Preserve**  
Caroline Maynard  
781-962-4575  
Wakefield, RI

Hill, Pond, and Preserve is a magazine published for residents of the Greater Watch Hill area. They also host events as part of a relationship development and management program. By producing an engaging magazine that shares stories about local people and places, they are able to connect with readers in a unique and enjoyable way.

After spending many years volunteering in the Westerly community, Caroline Maynard jumped at the opportunity to produce a magazine that would benefit both local residents and area businesses. With her background in marketing, advertising, and public relations, she is able to connect hard to reach residents with the right businesses, and vice versa.



**Linda Musch, Consultant**  
Linda Musch  
401-787-5116  
Narragansett, RI

Linda Musch became a food safety instructor in 1994 when the State of Rhode Island mandated that every restaurant and food service establishment would have one or more certified food safety managers. Around 2012, she began restaurant consulting for restaurants that needed training on food safety procedure (proper cooling, date marking, storage, etc.). She offers both group training and individual restaurant training.

With close to 50 years of food service experience in both front and back of house and culinary and food safety education, she is able to share a wealth of knowledge with the restaurants that she works with. As an independent eye, she can help with those areas of your operation that you might have questions about prior to any visit from the health department.



**Blais Cunningham & Crowe Chester, LLP**  
Michael I. Schein, Esquire  
401-723-1122  
Pawtucket, RI

Michael Schein began his career by starting a title and escrow company with a local lender and found that he loved helping buyers and sellers with their real estate matters. In 2014, he began his partnership with Blais Cunningham & Crowe Chester, LLP. Michael is currently a licensed real estate attorney in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, and handles matters for both buyers and sellers, as well as refinance transactions.

Michael's commitment is to make the closing process as easy and seamless as possible for all parties involved. He will travel to his clients at their convenience to close their transaction. Michael and his team are always available to discuss current and potential matters and come up with plans of actions, should the matter be more complex.



**Robert Anthony Salon**  
Robert Avarista  
Narragansett, RI  
401-783-6880

Robert Anthony Salon is a full service hair salon started by Robert Avarista in 1986. The salon specializes in men's and women's styles of all ages. Services offered include haircuts, color, foil, highlights, balayages, waxes, and nail services. The locally owned, family oriented business is proud to have a loyal staff and customer base, and is always looking to add to their growing staff and clients.

### ADT Custom Homes Security

Jason Lindsey  
401-696-9795  
Warwick, RI

### Cellular Mobile

Rani Sacagiu  
401-782-1118  
Wakefield, RI

### Clean As a Whistle

Mary-Frances Comstock  
401-465-6358  
Westerly, RI

### The Cove

Robin B. Justice  
401-364-9222  
Charlestown, RI

### Critter Hut Aquarium & Pets

Jeff Champlin  
401-789-9444  
Wakefield, RI

### El Fuego Mexican Grill

Peter Watson  
401-284-3353  
Wakefield, RI

### Fuller Art and Frame Gallery

Victoria Corey  
401-560-0090  
Jamestown, RI

### Slocum Realty

Terri Abruzzese  
401-738-4821  
Warwick, RI

### Hill & Harbour Living

Cheryl Baker  
917-902-9201  
Barrington, RI

### Jerry's Paint and Hardware

Rob Ferraro  
401-783-4666  
Narragansett, RI

### Leo's Pizza

Leo Clark  
401-789-4950  
Narragansett, RI

### Patsy's Liberty Wine & Spirits

Joe Paglia  
401-788-0003  
Wakefield, RI

### Rachel's Café

Greg Stevens  
401-783-7888  
Wakefield, RI

### Residential Properties LTD

Michele Caprio  
401-783-2747  
Narragansett, RI

### Ground Effects, LLC Landscaping & Property Maintenance

Victor Coelho  
401-450-9251  
Wakefield, RI

### Special Olympics South County Stingrays

Jeffrey DiMillio  
401-447-9564  
Wakefield, RI

# WELCOME TO SOUTH KINGSTOWN

## New Greeter Program



The Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce our new **Welcome to South Kingstown Greeter Program**. This invaluable program will offer you the opportunity to showcase your business to new residents and chamber members in South Kingstown by including a promotional item or gift certificate in each bag that is delivered.

Each month, our town greeter will personally deliver welcome bags to new South Kingstown residents, as well as welcome bags to each new Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce member. Participating businesses can choose to participate in one or both of the programs.

Participating businesses will receive a monthly report with information about the recipients of each welcome bag for marketing purposes.

The cost is \$50 per month, per program with discounts the longer you participate.  
3 Months - \$150    6 Months - \$240    12 Months - \$420

For more information or to sign-up for the program, contact Katie LaCroix at 401-783-2801 or [communications@srichamber.com](mailto:communications@srichamber.com)



Tuesday, March 27, 2018

4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Rhodes-on-the-Pawtuxet, 60 Rhodes Place, Cranston, RI 02905

\$15.00 per person - Cash Bar

Register at [www.srichamber.com](http://www.srichamber.com)

The RI Chambers of Commerce Invite Everyone to Attend

All employers, employees, members, and non-members are invited to attend.

Don't miss this once a year opportunity to network with hundreds of business professionals from throughout the state.

Over 120 display tables. Enjoy the delicious food provided by Russell Morin Fine Catering while you make business connections that will last.

*If you are interested in renting a display table, please contact Joanne Viele ([jviele@srichamber.com](mailto:jviele@srichamber.com) or 401-783-2801). You may also reserve your display table by registering at [www.srichamber.com](http://www.srichamber.com). Display tables include admission for two. Display tables are available for Chamber members only.*



## South Kingstown Reusable Bags Are In Production!

The public has voted on a design and the brand new South Kingstown reusable bags are currently in production! The bags will be ready to be sold at local retailers in the coming weeks. If you are interested in learning more about carrying the South Kingstown branded reusable bags in your store, please contact Elizabeth Berman ([eberman@srichamber.com](mailto:eberman@srichamber.com) or 401-783-2801).



# Member News



In 2018, **The Hands That Rock** hosted their first Tribute Band Music Festival. The festival hosted three bands, a beach buffet, and a silent auction filled with signed merchandise and instruments from famous musicians. The event raised \$20,000 for music education for disadvantaged children in the South County Schools. The event will be hosted again on September 14, 2019 and they are looking for corporate sponsors and donations. Visit [www.handsthatrock.org](http://www.handsthatrock.org) for more details.

Congratulations to **Green Line Apothecary**, who will be opening a second location on North Main Street in Providence very soon!

**Save The Bay** is now offering \$25 early bird discounts on all summer BayCamp registrations placed before March 15. BayCamps—the only week-long summer camp to feature Narragansett Bay as its campground—invite young explorers to have fun along Rhode Island’s coast while introducing them to local waters, species, habitats and environmental and marine sciences. Visit [www.savebay.org](http://www.savebay.org) for more details.

In a pioneering clinical trial that will attack Alzheimer’s disease by targeting inflammation in the brain’s blood vessels, researchers at the George & Anne Ryan Institute for Neuroscience have received regulatory approval to initiate the BEACON Study. This **University of Rhode Island** sponsored study is the first-ever clinical trial led and conducted entirely within the state designed to treat individuals with mild cognitive impairment probably due to Alzheimer’s disease and those diagnosed with mild Alzheimer’s disease. More information can be found at [www.uri.edu](http://www.uri.edu).

The **Westerly Community Credit Union** is proud to offer scholarships for local area high school students. To be considered, the application (available at [www.westerlyccu.com](http://www.westerlyccu.com)) must be fully completed and submitted no later than Friday, March 15, 2019. Applicant or Parent/Guardian must be a member of the Westerly Community Credit Union to be eligible.

**Laurel Lane Country Club** will be offering a three-course dinner for two for \$35 every Friday

and Saturday night this winter!

Congratulations to **South County Hospital**, who is celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2019!

Due to the government shutdown, SNAP recipients were issued their February benefits early - on January 20th. Knowing that SNAP benefits often do not last the entire month, the **Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale** is concerned that households could use all of their benefits even earlier in the month than usual. They are preparing to respond to the increased need by hosting an emergency food drive. They welcome donations of cereal, canned tuna and chicken, healthy snacks, pasta and sauce, soups, and canned fruits and vegetables. Monetary donations can help the organization purchase fresh produce, milk, eggs and proteins. Donations can be dropped off at their pantry at 1183B Kingstown Road in Peace Dale on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30 to 4:30 pm; Friday 9:30 to 3:00 pm; and Saturday from 9:30 to 2:00 pm.

**Sign up for our Legislative Updates email list to receive weekly updates regarding legislation that could impact you and your business.**

"Under the Dome" is a government affairs update brought to you during the Rhode Island General Assembly session by the RI Chamber of Commerce Coalition. As a member of the coalition, the SRI Chamber actively works on and advocates for issues important to our members. During this legislative session, the Chamber will bring you legislative and administration items of interest including legislation that has been introduced, administrative and regulatory updates, legislative committee hearings, budget reports and more. Sign-up for the updates by emailing [communications@srichamber.com](mailto:communications@srichamber.com)

## Edward Jones - Leah Gardiner Ribbon Cutting



The St. Louis-based financial services firm of Edward Jones recently opened Leah Gardiner’s Wakefield Office at 430 Main Street, the former site of Damon’s Plumbing.

By establishing branch offices with one financial advisor and one branch office administrator in the communities where clients live, Edward Jones enables its financial advisors to establish one-on-one business relationships with its individual investors.

Leah joined Edward Jones in November of 2014 and is excited to open this new Edward Jones office in Wakefield. Gardiner said, “I know the people of this community have come to rely upon our firm to provide them with sound investment advice that is geared toward individual investors and small businesses. We look forward to many years of serving the investment needs of our friends, neighbors and business associates.”

Edward Jones, a Fortune 500 company headquartered in St. Louis, provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm’s business, from the investments its financial advisors offer to the location of its branch offices, caters to individual investors. The firm’s more than 16,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management. Visit the firm’s website at [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com) and its recruiting website at [www.careers.edwardjones.com](http://www.careers.edwardjones.com).

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Photo (from left): Torin Soares, George McAuliffe, Scott Benjamin, Leah Gardiner, Julie McGwin, Ben Murphy, Dianne Lemay, Jan Bertwell, Rebecca Downing, Pete DiStefano

## Rachel's Café Ribbon Cutting



On Friday, January 4th, the Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce held an official ribbon cutting ceremony for Rachel's Café, located at 36 South County Commons Way in South Kingstown.

Rachel's Café offers fresh and healthy options for both breakfast and lunch. Their breakfast menu includes items ranging from avocado toast, acai berry bowls, and chicken & waffle sliders to a variety of classic omelets and breakfast sandwiches. Their lunch menu offers a variety of sandwiches, burgers, salads. They also have an assortment of wine and beer (including Whalers Rise) available for those dining at the café.

Owner Greg Stevens is thrilled to open his newest venture in the South County Commons. "We picked the area because although new here, we love it & we love the people. It's a nice community that we are very happy to be a part of and have already met some great people in a few short months."

Stop by Rachel's Café in the South County Commons and meet their friendly staff from 8am-2pm Monday through Saturday, and 8am-1pm on Sundays.

*Photo (from left): Elizabeth Berman, Joe Viele, Torin Soares, Tamika Brown, Carol Palmer, Jeff Kreyssig, Nina Luchka, Jan Bertwell, George McAuliffe, Greg Stevens (Owner), Larry McHugh, Rachel Stevens, Carla Crowshaw, Brianna Marino, Jenn Martin, Lucas Fernald, Bryant Da Cruz, Sherry Curran, Rachel Curran*

## The Right Click Ribbon Cutting

On Friday, January 11th, the Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce and Ocean Community Chamber of Commerce held an official ribbon cutting ceremony for The Right Click's newest store located at 165 Granite Street in Westerly.

The Right Click is a computer support and networking company based in South Kingstown, RI, with other retail locations in Providence and now Westerly. The company is proud to be the IT department for over 2,000 home users and small businesses in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey.

Jeremy Walsh, President of The Right Click, stressed that they are able to help customers with a wide variety of services. "Whether you spill a glass of wine on your computer and you need us to transfer stuff from one computer to another computer, or you have a whole network of computers like the Frank Olean Center or Wood River Health Services or any of other wonderful clients in the area, we're happy to help you out. Come on by and see us"



Their Westerly location is open Monday-Friday 9:00am-5:00pm. More information about specific services offered can be found on [www.therightclick.net](http://www.therightclick.net).

*Photo (from left): Jeremy Walsh (President, right-center), with The Right Click staff and members of the Southern Rhode Island and Ocean Community Chambers of Commerce.*

## 2018 Paws For A Cause Raffle Calendar Fundraising Results



The Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that \$2227.12 was raised for Animal Rescue Rhode Island through the 2018 Paws for a Cause Raffle Calendar! Thank you to everyone that purchased a raffle calendar, and congratulations to each of the weekly winners!

# Atlantic Properties LLC and Atlantic Mortgage & Finance Corporation Ribbon Cutting



On Monday, November 5th, the Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce held an official ribbon cutting ceremony for Atlantic Properties LLC and Atlantic Mortgage & Finance Corporation, located at 94 Main Street in Wakefield.

Michael Navoian, president of Atlantic Mortgage & Finance Corporation, has been in the mortgage industry since 1996. After working for large banking companies such as HSBC, he decided to open his own Mortgage Brokerage in the midst of the financial collapse in 2007. Having experienced firsthand some of the missteps of the large companies he had worked for, Michael decided that by diversifying the businesses product offerings to include the standard Conventional, FHA, VA & USDA programs and adding in private financing, commercial mortgages and other niche products, he could bring additional options to clients that were having a difficult time qualifying for a mortgage during the ultra-conservative mortgage offerings that were available during and shortly after the financial meltdown. Their main office is in Wakefield, with two other offices in Cranston and Plymouth, MA. Atlantic Mortgage & Finance Corporation has a total of ten employees and is licensed in 6 States: RI, MA, FL, GA, PA & OH.

Michael has also been in the real estate field since 2007. "My plan was to provide a one stop shopping option for clients, as Atlantic Properties LLC could provide Real Estate services - with an added value of having someone represent them that knows the financing side of a purchase transaction inside and out. This assists both buyers and sellers that we represent, since we can anticipate potential issues ahead of the curve and provide guidance / solutions to our clients before time and opportunities are lost."

Atlantic Properties LLC has two offices: their main office in Wakefield as well as an office in Cranston. They currently have fifteen agents affiliated with their brokerage and are licensed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

With the business continuing to grow, they found the need for a new space. "We outgrew our office in Galilee and Main Street provided us with not only additional space, but great visibility. Additionally, we have always loved this building and we were very grateful to have the opportunity to renovate what we have been told is the second oldest building in South Kingstown."

Atlantic Properties LLC and Atlantic Mortgage & Finance Corporation specializes in buying and selling both residential and commercial properties and mortgages. For more information, visit [www.atlanticcorporation.net](http://www.atlanticcorporation.net) and [www.atlanticpropertiesllc.net](http://www.atlanticpropertiesllc.net).

*Photo (from left): Elizabeth Berman, Keith Moorehead, Liz Gledhill, George Villari, Joan Dwyer, Nina Luchka, Ray DeCubellis, Michael Navoian (owner), Larry McHugh, Zachary Navoian, Ellen Alden, Jenna Navoian, Kadie Navoian, Denise Silva-Navoian, Scott Benjamin, Lynn Wagner, Jeff Kreyszig, Sherry Curran, Anna Hsiao, Pete DiStefano, Catherine DiStefano*

## Annual Legislative Reception



**Wednesday, April 24th**

4:30 -7:00pm

Rhode Island State House, Bell Area  
82 Smith St, Providence, RI

\$20.00 per person

Register at [www.srichamber.com](http://www.srichamber.com)

Hors d'oeuvres and complimentary bar available.

Complimentary Valet Parking will be available at the Smith St. Entrance.

This is an opportunity for business leaders from around the state to meet with colleagues and elected officials to discuss business issues and concerns they may have in a relaxed and informal setting.

*The Chamber of Commerce Coalition, is the largest business advocacy and lobbying organization in the state, representing more than 7,500 participating businesses and 70,000 employees.*



# Upcoming Events



For more information about listed events and additional events, please visit [www.srichamber.com](http://www.srichamber.com)

If you would like your event listed on our calendar of events or have news to share with our members, please add the event to the calendar on our website, or send the event information directly to Katie at [communications@srichamber.com](mailto:communications@srichamber.com)

## On-Going Events

- Social Groups @ Holistic Development Center
- GED Classes @ Education Exchange
- Coastal Growers Winter Market @ Quest Montessori School
- Westerly Nature Cruise & Seal Tour with Save The Bay
- Newport Seal Watch & Lighthouse Tours with Save The Bay
- Wakefield Idol @ the Contemporary Theater Co.

## February

- 1/26-3/23 - Whodunit? An Improvised Murder Mystery @ The CTC
- 2/1 - First Friday Coffee @ Holiday Inn SK
- 2/2 - Open Juried Print, Paint & Drawing Annual @ South County Art Association
- 2/2 - RI Fire Academy Training Program: Crowd Manager @ South Kingstown Cinemas
- 2/2 - Best Friends Girl: The Cars Experience @ Courthouse Center for the Arts
- 2/2 - Tapped Apple Winery presents Wine, Art, and Music - WAM
- 2/2 - All Ages Hike & Park Rx w/ SK Land Trust
- 2/2 - Food For Thought: Eva Hesse Documentary Series @ Hera Gallery

- 2/2-2/23 - 29th Biennial Young Adult Exhibition @ Hera Gallery
- 2/7 - Skills for RI's Future: Multi-Employer Job Fair @ Crowne Plaza Hotel - Warwick
- 2/9 - Ladies Night with Beautycounter @ Robert Anthony Salon
- 2/10 - ARRI Loose Leash Walking/Ask The Trainer
- 2/13 - Westerly Hospital Employment Open House
- 2/14 - The Vision Workshop: 3 Keys to Accelerating Your Results
- 2/14 - Whiskey Is My Valentine @ Sons of Liberty Spirits Co.
- 2/15 - Rombauer Wine Dinner @ Coast Guard House
- 2/15 - Ocean State Waves Black Tie and Blue Jeans Gala
- 2/17 - Desserts & Drafts @ Whalers Brewing Co.
- 2/20 - Business After Hours @ Elite Indoor Gun Range
- 2/26 - Network at Noon @ Arturo Joe's

## March

- 3/1 - First Friday Coffee @ Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Narragansett
- 3/1 - 27th Annual Mews Tavern Ski Trip
- 3/1 - Whalers Beer Dinner @ Coast Guard House

- 3/3 - Whalers Brewing Co. Pint Night @ Yawgoo Valley Ski Area
- 3/7 - Orin Swift Beer Dinner @ Coast Guard House
- 3/9 - Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale Fundraiser: Clamcake & Chowder Lunch @ George's of Galilee
- 3/10 - ARRI Loose Leash Walking/Ask The Trainer
- 3/17 - 3rd Annual No Green Beer Here @ Sons of Liberty Spirits Co.
- 3/20 - Business After Hours @ Sons of Liberty Spirits Co.
- 3/24 - ARRI Loose Leash Walking/Ask The Trainer
- 3/26 - Statewide Business After Hours

## April

- 4/6 - 2019 Chamber Choice Awards @ Meadow Brook Inn
- 4/10 - SRIYP @ TBA
- 4/12-5/5 - Gypsy @ The Contemporary Theater Company
- 4/17 - Business After Hours @ Gemelli Bistro (Joint event with Charlestown Chamber)
- 4/23 - Network at Noon @ TBA
- 4/24 - 2019 Annual Legislative Reception
- 4/26 - Mazzei Wine Dinner @ Coast Guard House



Network at Noon hosted by **Twin Willows**

Business After Hours hosted by **George's of Galilee**



First Friday Coffee hosted by **Westerly Community Credit Union**

Interested in hosting a networking event or ribbon cutting?

Contact Elizabeth Berman, Executive Director  
401-783-2801 [eberman@srichamber.com](mailto:eberman@srichamber.com)



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To reserve your billboard or for inquires, contact SRI Chamber of Commerce *Executive Director* Elizabeth Berman at (401) 783-2801

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