



November 2015

## Upcoming Events

### November

- 11/04 KLI Comm., 12 p.m.
- 11/11 Veteran's Day
- 11/12 **Women's Network Luncheon,**  
11:30 a.m. @ Senator Inn
- 11/18 **Business Insider Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
@ Senator Inn
- 11/18 KVCC Membership Comm.  
11:30 a.m. @ KVCC
- 11/18 **Business After Hours,**  
5-7:00 p.m.  
@ *Stained Glass Express*
- 11/26 & Thanksgiving Holiday  
11/27

### December

- 12/02 KLI Comm., 12 p.m.
- 12/09 **Women's Network Luncheon,**  
11:30 a.m. @ Senator Inn
- 12/09 **Business After Hours,** 5-7:00 p.m.  
@ *Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center*
- 12/16 **Business Insider Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
@ Senator Inn
- 12/16 KVCC Membership Comm.  
11:30 a.m. @ KVCC
- 12/25 Christmas Day

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# Business Insider

Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce  
[KennebecValleyChamber.com](http://KennebecValleyChamber.com)

## The Kenney Awards

By Erika Bush

So you've experienced the Grammys and the Emmys, but are you ready for the Kenneys?

The Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce is proud to present The Kenney Awards! The Kenney, named for the region we hail from, will be awarded annually to area businesses and professionals that are deserving of our attention and recognition.

You are guaranteed to feel like a star from the moment you arrive and step onto our very own red carpet—from the 'paparazzi' snapping pictures of your grand entrance into the awards ceremony to the custom designed Kenney award—this will be the formal affair of the season.

The Kenneys will recognize six awards this year; Lifetime Achievement, Small Business of

the Year, Large Business of the Year, President's Choice, Community Service and the Cynergy Young Professional.

New this year, the winners of the Lifetime Achievement Award, Small Business of the Year, and Large business of the year will be announced prior to the ceremony and the remaining awards will be chosen from 3 nominees during the show. The formal announcement of the nominees and winners will be in the December issue of the Business Insider.

This event, which will take place on Friday, January 22, 2016 at the Augusta Civic Center, is the premier opportunity

for the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce to highlight and celebrate the success in our community. The fun begins with a social hour at 5:00 p.m. and continues with dinner and awards at 6:30 p.m.

The awards dinner will be followed by dancing to the Motown tunes of *Pat Colwell and the Soul Sensations!*

Tickets and table reservations for this event go on sale December 1st—so mark your calendars and don't miss out on this great event!



*Women's Network*  
Thursday, November 12,  
Senator Inn

**Brianne McNally:**  
"Financial Literacy"



Brianne McNally is the Consumer Outreach Specialist at the Bureau of Financial Institutions. She began her career in banking in 1999 and worked her way to Vice President of Community Banking. She accepted her current position with the State of Maine in 2014 to assist Maine citizens with their questions and concerns regarding their experiences with financial institutions. Brianne is a member of the Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention. She lives in Augusta with her daughter. McNally will be presenting to the group about the importance of financial literacy to business professionals. RSVP to [info@KennebecValleyChamber.com](mailto:info@KennebecValleyChamber.com)

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*Business Insider*  
November 18,  
Senator Inn

**Karen Carberry Warhola:**  
"Film in Maine"



Karen Carberry Warhola, director of the Maine Film office, has more than twenty years of hands-on production experience in the film and television industry. Starting her career as a camera operator at MPBN-TV, Carberry Warhola worked as a freelancer at Buena Vista, a division of The Walt Disney Company, before joining their staff for a ten-year run at the Burbank, CA, studio. She returned to the studio lot to manage Touchstone Television's Prime Time Awards and their Emmy Awards campaign. Now with the Maine Film Office, she will be presenting to the group about the current environment for film in Maine. RSVP to [info@KennebecValleyChamber.com](mailto:info@KennebecValleyChamber.com).

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### CEO Corner

The leaves have fallen and we are beginning to feel the sharp bite of winter. As an eternal optimist, I am convinced that we will have a wonderful winter and in no time, we will be welcoming the early buds of spring. Where will your business be in 6 months? Do you have a plan to get there? If not, give that some thought and let us know if there is anything we can do to assist in your success!



Ross Cunningham, President & CEO

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# Spotlight

Over the past few years, Cynergy has experienced tremendous growth and is presenting a rich lineup of programming for the 2015-2016 year. In order to better communicate to the young professionals of the Kennebec Valley region, Cynergy's steering committee is launching a membership drive from November 11, 2015 to June 4, 2016. Boosting membership will strengthen Cynergy's network of individuals and further their efforts to connect young professionals.

"As a proud subset of the Chamber, we're looking forward to continuing to develop a stronger region by enriching the community of young professionals in our area," said Matt Tardiff, co-chair of Cynergy.

Cynergy members have access to a full year of professional development and networking opportunities with like-minded young professionals as well as community and business leaders. Beginning in the Fall of 2016 membership will be \$10.00 for the year and will provide free admission to most Cynergy events (Gala and Bowling Tournament excluded). Those joining Cynergy before June 4, 2016 will have his or her \$10.00 membership fee waived for the 2016-2017 program of events. This is a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the networking, educational, and philanthropic opportunities available to Cynergy members.

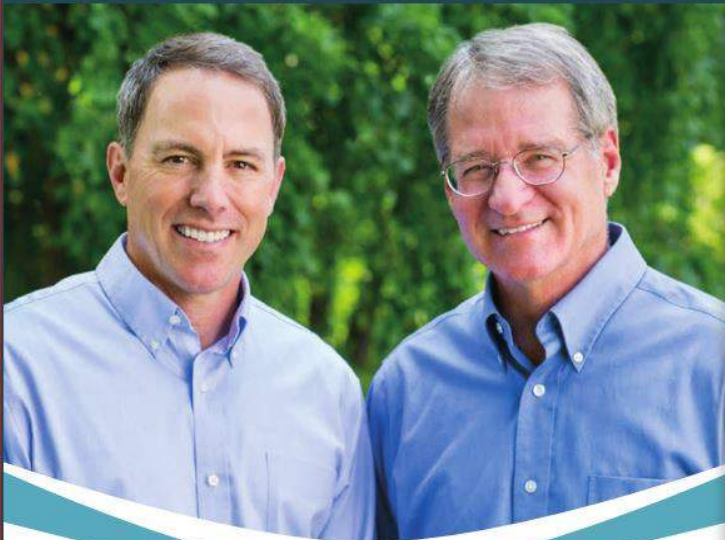
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### THE CHILDREN'S CENTER

The Children's Center has been providing services to young children with special needs and their families since 1966. The daughter of Priscilla Chavarie, founder of the organization, was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of two. Despite recommendations to institutionalize her daughter and focus on the healthy children at home, Priscilla gathered parents experiencing similar challenges to create the first school for children with special needs in central Maine. They formed the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Mid-State Maine, which evolved and grew into the Children's Center we know today.

The agency provides a continuum of center- and home-based services for young children with disabilities and their families in a format that is not offered elsewhere in this region. They serve Kennebec and Somerset Counties through the Augusta site and a branch in Skowhegan. They offer inclusive, early intervention programs including an Autism Program, a Behavioral Support Program, Special Education, Pediatric Therapies (Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy), and child care for both children who are typically and atypically developing. The organization also provides family services for young children with special needs, such as Children's Targeted Case Management for children with developmental delays and/or behavioral health needs, one-on-one Rehabilitative Community Support Services for children with functional limitations, and Parent Education and Support Groups for caregivers seeking information and guidance from other parents and/or professionals.

Though the center has experienced many shifts and organizational changes over the years, their values remain - they strive to meet the needs of all children by offering quality programs that encourage individual growth, provide support for their families, and promote inclusion of all children in the community.

*This section, dedicated to highlighting a member business, is given away at the monthly Business After Hours!*

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## Meet the Board: Lynn Quirion



Lynn Quirion, co-owner and Vice President of Macomber, Farr & Whitten, was appointed to the Kennebec Valley Chamber of Commerce board in February of 2015. She has taken an active role in the EXPO committee, serving as the chair for the 2015 EXPO. Her career at Macomber, Farr & Whitten spans 25 years. She has previously served as treasurer and president of

the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors of Kennebec Valley, and is a member of the National Association of Health Underwriters. She is currently pursuing her degree in nursing and utilizes volunteering opportunities that arise through her degree track. Lynn resides in Augusta and has triplet daughters Hayley, Lindsey, and Emily, who are currently attending college.

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**Augusta Food Bank**

will be hosting their 5th Annual Dinner and Auction on November 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center. Please call 622-5225 or visit [www.augustafoodbank.org](http://www.augustafoodbank.org) for more information.



**Gardiner Food Co-op & Café** will be hosting a Recipe Exchange Night: Soups & Stews, Thursday, November 5th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please call 629-3663 for more information.

**Augusta Downtown Alliance** will be hosting the city of Augusta tree lighting ceremony on the afternoon of November 28th. Please visit [augustadowntownalliance.org](http://augustadowntownalliance.org) for more information.

**MaineGeneral Health** recently elected new members to its board of directors. Joining the board are Manchester resident David T. Flanagan and Winthrop resident Matthew Tardiff. Congratulations David and Matthew!

**Kaplan University** is hosting a boot camp for HR professionals November 18-20th at their Augusta Campus. Arm yourself with the skills and knowledge CEO's are looking for. Learn how HR has a strategic role in leading growth and innovation in organizations. Discover how HR contributes to the financial success of a company and how HR initiatives align with larger strategic business goals. For more information contact Jessica Laliberte, at 213-2539 or by email [jessica.laliberte@kaplan.edu](mailto:jessica.laliberte@kaplan.edu).

**Kennebec Savings Bank** Chief Commercial Banking Officer and Senior Vice President, David Grenier, has announced the hiring of Louise "Anni" Roming as Commercial Portfolio Loan Administrator. She will be based out of the Waterville branch. Congratulations Anni!

**American Lung Association** is holding their first ever LUNG FORCE Giving Day on November 17th, to drive funding for essential, and potentially lifesaving, lung cancer research. Visit [lung.org](http://lung.org) for more information.

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### Our Mission:

*The KV Chamber exists to enhance life quality by strengthening our regional economy.*



## NEW DATE: November Host Stained Glass Express



**Stained Glass Express** will host the **November Business After Hours** on **Wednesday, November 18th** from **5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at their location in Manchester. KV Chamber members and guests are welcome to join us for networking and great food!

There will be a chance to win a 50/50 raffle and many other door prizes. Delicious food catered by Crostini's will be available to all who attend and there will be a bar as well. Stained Glass

Express will be demonstrating frameworking throughout the evening.

KVCC Business After Hours receptions are where some of your best Chamber networking happens. Be sure to bring along extra *business cards* to share with all your new friends. Please RSVP by calling us at 623-4559 or emailing [info@kennebecvalleychamber.com](mailto:info@kennebecvalleychamber.com).



### Upcoming 2015 Hosts:

**Dec. 9th** - Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center, Hallowell

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Hannaford Cony Circle  
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J.S. McCarthy Printers  
Kennebec Journal  
Kennebec Performing Arts Co.  
Kennebec Pharmacy & Home Care  
Kennebec Savings Bank  
Kennebec Valley United Way  
Kennebec Valley YMCA  
Kitchen EnCounters  
KV Humane Society  
Lamey Wellehan  
Lapointe Lumber  
Lowe's Home Improvement  
Main Security Surveillance/  
Capitol Computers  
Maine Instrument Flight  
Maine State Museum

MaineGeneral Health  
Minuteman Signs  
New Dimensions FCU  
Northern Mattress & Furniture 1<sup>st</sup>  
Oakes & Parkhurst Glass  
O'Connor AutoPark  
O'Connor Volkswagen  
Panera Bread  
Pine Tree Veterinary Hospital  
Quality Inn & Suites – Maine Evergreen  
Hotel  
Rebecca's Place  
Red Barn  
Riverfront Barbeque & Grille  
Rockingham Electric Supply Co.  
Saltbox Primitives  
Sam's Italian Foods  
Senator Inn & Spa  
Servpro of Augusta/Waterville  
Shop From Home Flooring  
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Swain Travel Center  
Time Warner Cable  
UMA Bookstore  
United Insurance  
Walmart, Inc.  
White Flour Catering  
**BELGRADE**  
Hammond Lumber Co.  
**BINGHAM**  
North Country Rivers  
**FARMINGDALE**  
Isamax Snacks Bake Shop  
J & S Oil Co., Inc.  
Jerry Chase's Blind Time  
Kennebec Savings Bank  
Line-X of Augusta  
**GARDINER**  
At Home Veterinary Care  
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner  
KV Animal Clinic  
Hannaford Maine Avenue  
Isamax Snacks Bake Shop  
Jack Skehan & Associates  
Monkitree

Renys Department Store  
**HALLOWELL**  
Bank of Maine Ice Vault  
Burt's Security Center  
Dancewear House  
Downeast Energy  
Gagnon Home Improvements  
Kennebec Valley Art Association  
& Harlow Art Gallery  
Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center  
Mattson's Flooring Center  
Sparetime Recreation/Ground Round  
Sports Grille  
**LITCHFIELD**  
Pine Tree Fence & Stove Shoppe  
**MANCHESTER**  
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Kennebec Valley YMCA  
Longfellow's Greenhouses  
Stained Glass Express  
**MONMOUTH**  
Theater At Monmouth  
**OAKLAND**  
PFBF, CPAs  
**RANDOLPH**  
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J & S Oil Co., Inc.  
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F.E. Peaslee  
**WINTHROP**  
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D.R. Stuck Landscape Nursery  
Kennebec Savings Bank  
Lakeside Motel/Cabins/Marina



# Springtime in Paris

**Saturday April 9, 2016**

**Le Club Calumet 6-9:30 P.M.**

**Doors Open at 5 P.M.**

**Dinner Auction French *Chansons***

**Entertainment with the Mezzo Soprano**

**Joelle Morris**

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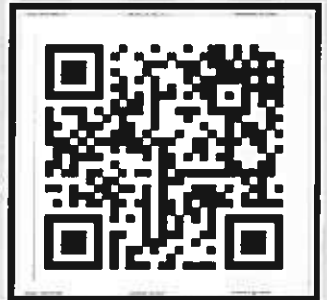
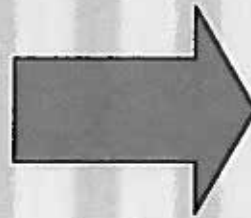


**All proceeds to benefit the**

**Maine French Heritage Language Program and French at UMA**

**Tickets are \$ 40 per person. Round cabaret tables seat 8 or you can buy individual tickets. Call 626-2350 for tickets or go to <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2405362>**

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## SECOND ANNUAL Springtime in Paris

**Le Club Calumet in Augusta on Saturday, April 9, 2016**

### Corporate Sponsorship Opportunity

The Maine French Heritage Language Program (MFHLP) and French at UMA are teaming up for the second annual Springtime in Paris fundraising event on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30 p.m. This event supports programs that teach the French language and emphasize the importance of Franco-American culture in Maine.

Your company can support this event by underwriting event tables, donating an item for our silent and live auctions, or simply by making a financial contribution. Gift certificates or an item from your business make great auction donations! For those who would like to underwrite a table, the cost is **\$300.00**. In return, MFHLP will promote your company (company name and hyperlinked logo) on their website and their social media sites.

The Maine French Heritage Language Program (MFHLP) is a nonprofit after-school French language program offered by the Augusta Recreation Department. MFHLP strives to give elementary school-age children exposure to and competence in understanding and speaking French. This program was started to provide elementary children a chance to learn a second language at a time when foreign languages were being eliminated from Augusta elementary schools. Learning French at an early age and gaining a working knowledge of the language is important for doing business with our neighbors in Quebec province and in the rest of the French speaking world.

At UMA, French classes, and community events bring students, young and old, together to appreciate Maine's Franco-American community and the richness of the French language. Both French at UMA and MFHLP join to celebrate the French language and the importance of Franco-American culture in Maine.

This event would not be possible without the support of our corporate sponsorships. If you would like to join us and sponsor this event, please contact Karen Foust at (207) 441-8971 or email [mfhlpaugusta@gmail.com](mailto:mfhlpaugusta@gmail.com).