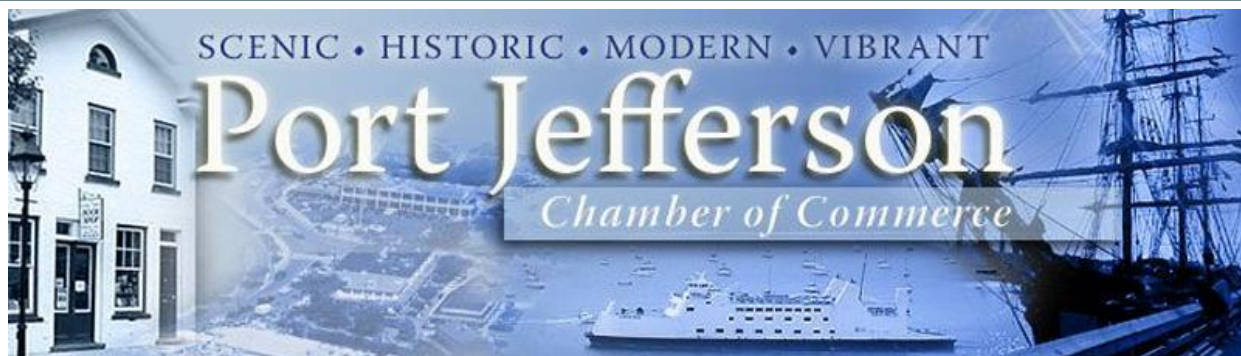


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NEXT MEETINGS:

General Membership
Meetings
are held on the
4th Tuesday of the

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Barbara,

As we roll into the New Year and reflecting back to the Chamber's accomplishments in 2013, it was a good year. To continue with our 7 days of office operations we welcome Cecilia Sullivan to the staff as a permanent part-timer on Sunday.

Our new upstairs tenant of almost one year now, Ed Kiss continues to be a wonderful tenant. The apartment rent continues to help support our operational budget.

on Tuesday of the month.

Refer to our website front page for updates

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We have expanded our member services by using 'Postcalls'. This automated programmed phone system allows the Chamber to personalize a phone message to its Partners to communicate important announcements and special events. In addition, an historic brochure was designed to explain the rich history of the Chamber building for our visitors. Very popular, we are already in our second print.

Events on the horizon will be Chamber's full partnership with the Village in the Boater's Maritime Festival in May. September 20th the Chamber will undertake the NEW event- PJ Dragon Boat Race Festival in our inner harbor very exciting! Mark your calendar now for our first 2014 event, our long standing Health & Wellness Expo scheduled for April 5th.

So, 2014 is off to a great start and the Chamber is always here to serve you. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Our Board of Directors works tirelessly to help bring continued benefits to the general membership and to the business community as a whole. Hope to see you all at our next GMM January 28th at the Hilton Garden Inn of Stony Brook on the Stony Brook campus. Our speaker will be: Michelle Isabelle-Stark, Director, Film & Cultural Affairs, Suffolk County Department of Economic on 'Art Means Business-Destination Downtown' at 8:00 am.

Happy New Year,

Suzanne Velazquez

President-Greater Port Jefferson Chamber of Commerce

CHAMBER CHATTER

News To Share? Submit to info@portjeffchamber.com

Chamber partner Gene O'Brien of Technology Service of Long Island, East Setauket, launched their new website: <http://techservice-li.com/home.html> this past Fall. Additionally, they have a great 'mobile site' that you can access from your Smartphone or tablet. Congratulations Gene!

Our own Director of Operations Barbara Ransome was chosen by the Village of Port Jefferson as the 2013 Charles Dickens Festival honoree. Recognized at the Dickens Ball, attended by many close friends she received accolades and proclamations from PJ Village Mayor Margot Garant.

In addition she rode in a horse drawn carriage in the closing parade on Sunday of the Dickens weekend.

Two of our Chamber Partners, Craig den Hartog owner of Emerald Magic Lawn Care and Island Christian Church received special recognition for their community service.

Meeting with the Three Village Chamber
Stony Brook Yacht Club.

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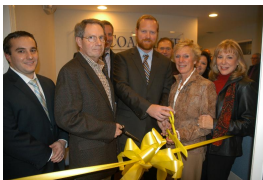
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PHOTOS



Coastline Group Ribbon Cutting



Port Jeff Liquors Ribbon Cutting



**House Tour
Don & Beverly Macauley
Livingroom**

For the past three years, Craig's vision has been the rejuvenating and beautifying of his local neighborhood. He has planted thousands of daffodils along Old Town Road called the 'Old Town Blooms' program. Island Christian Church and their committee of selected community leaders, recognized for their efforts with the resurrection and the replica of the historic landmark, Biddle Fountain, built again in front of the church, in its original location from the late 1800's. Included in this project was new masonry stone walls and landscaping. This all adds to the church's renovations and restoration work that started in 2010. Congratulations to both Partners for adding such wonderful quality of life contributions to our communities!

This year our Chamber has 4 new openings for Directors. Three Directors are eligible for re-election: Ron Schlumpf, Sal Incardona, and Ken Kroncke. In addition there are three new nominees: for Michael Scefird, Tess Son, and Joe Nupieri. Please cast your ballot by January 14th.

Since our last newsletter the Chamber has done two ribbon cuttings for new partners:

Coastline Wealth Management at 414 Main Street, PJ and Port Jeff Liquors at 156 E. Main Street, PJ. WELCOME ABOARD!

If any Chamber Partner has something they would like to have printed in the newsletter under Chamber Chatter please contact the office.

2013 HOUSE TOUR-CHARLES DICKENS FESTIVAL

This year's House Tour, more than any others in recent years was very challenging! The pool of homes becomes smaller after 18 years of having the tour and home owners become a bit reluctant to invite 300-500 strangers into their homes! But with a great committee and the very hard work of a sub-committee the Chamber once again pulled off another exceptional tour. With ALL homes built in the 1800's the ticketholders were not disappointed! To add greater value for the attendees, they had access to free roasted chestnuts in front of the Island Christian Church where their new resurrected Biddle Fountain was lit up professionally by Top Dog Lighting in hues of blues and golds. At our 'hospitality' home, guests were offered hot cider, cookies, and old fashion popcorn balls. The weather held up, and although cold the evening was dry with no wind! Many thanks to our Chamber Directors who were on the committee-Carol Koutrakos, Ken Kroncke, Joy Pipe, and Jolie Powell. Special recognition and help for pulling together the home on East Main Street to Nancy Hofler, Elizabeth Wood and Adrienne Kessel!

SANTA PARADE



**House Tour
Home Owner
Francois Meot and
Ladies**



**Blue Water
Biddle Fountain**



**Santa Parade
Santa, Chamber & Ferry**



**Santa Parade
Main Street Crowds**



The Chamber held its annual Santa Parade Thanksgiving weekend. The weather held up, cold and sunny. Each year the parade seems to get longer and longer. With the Long Island Street Rod organization participation again, there was a large presence of hot rods coming down the hill! Our standard parade attendees showed up with their floats, marching units, and cars. Thank you to all our Chamber partners and special VIP's who joined in.

The parade lasted 45 minutes circulating around the Village and ended up at our own Santa's Workshop where children could have their photo taken with Santa! Thanks to Pat Darling and her creativity the 'Drowned Meadow Cottage' turns into a Santa wonderland with beautiful confectionaries, vignettes, and toy shop.

Santa sat in his gorgeous dark green velvet oversized chair where he received all the children and listened to their gift wishes. They left with big smiles and a candy cane!

CHAMBER HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

December 17th the Chamber held its holiday breakfast at the Fifth Season. With snow flurries in the air the Chamber partners and guests arrived, a total of 58 joined the festivities. The menu included stuffed crepes with mascarpone for all and then a choice of vanilla bean French toast, frittata, or traditional eggs benedict! A special visit was made by Santa Claus who gave out a treat. Everyone was in a festive mood and was wished a very Merry/Happy!

SMALL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AWARD

The Brookhaven Chamber of Commerce Coalition is once again offering their 'Small Business Improvement Award Grant. The Port Jefferson Chamber's Partners are eligible to submit their letters of request. Guidelines and contact info are below. Your letter of request is your 'formal application'.

Small Business Improvement Award-\$1,200:

- Business may not be larger than 50 employees
- Business must be a member of their local chamber or any chamber in the Town of Brookhaven.
- That chamber must be a member of the BCCC in good standing.
- Only Business owners or main principles of the business may submit an application for the award.
- Proof of ownership or entitlement (manager, executive) must be presented with the application.
- Requests for the award will be judged by how beneficial the money will be used to improve the business. i.e. updating and purchasing equipment, capital improvements, professional services; i.e. consulting

**Dickens 2013
Honoree
Barbara Ransome**



**Contest Winners
Ava & Mael with Santa**



**Ride with Santa
Parade Contest
winner
Ava Timpanaro,
Age 8**



**Ride with Santa Parade
Contest winner
Mael Rago, Age 5**



**Suzanne & Barb
Holiday Breakfast**

evaluations, business plans, marketing strategies, promotional advertising, signs, energy efficient improvements-lighting, insulation etc.

***Money may not be used to supplement operating expenses of the business.**

***Proof of expenditure must be presented 6 months after the award, unless other pre-approved arrangements have been made.**

Letters of request must be emailed to bransome@optonline.net with BCCC 'Small Business Improvement Award' in the subject area. ALL requests MUST BE EMAILED BY FEBUARY 28TH DEADLINE.

The award will be given out at their Annual Member of the Year Reception to be held mid-April 2014.

All questions can be directed to Barbara Ransome at 631-474-5019 or email at bransome@optonline.net

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES:

EVENTS

APRIL

5th

Health & Wellness Expo

20th

Easter Parade, Easter Sunday

MAY

3rd

Boater's Maritime Festival-'Clam Eating & Shucking Contest'

JUNE

14th

Green Fest

SEPTEMBER

20th

**NEW event Port Jefferson Dragon Boat Race Festival

OCTOBER

4th

A Taste of Port Jefferson

26th

Harvest Festival-Scare Crow Walk

NOVEMBER

29th

Santa Parade

DECEMBER

6th

Lantern Light House Tour

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Location: TBA

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