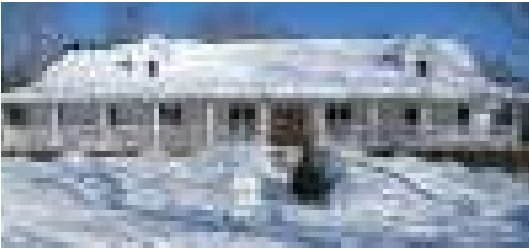


IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Blueberry Fields Bed & Breakfast



**UPCOMING EVENTS
& ACTIVITIES**

The Winter Conference / Seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 24th at the Union Masonic Hall

Meet / Network begins at 5:30 PM.

The program will begin at 6:00 PM.

Our Winter Conference / Seminar will cover the topics of contracts, licensing, proposed changes in the Sales Tax law, and Workers' Compensation.

Be sure to mark your calendar!

An Important Milestone – We Welcome Our 100th Member !

Our Chamber of Commerce started out the New Year on the right foot by welcoming our 100th member – Debbie & Cyd Zeigler, owners of Blueberry Fields Bed & Breakfast, located at 673 Razorville Road in Washington, Maine. The Zeiglers built their B&B over the course of three years and will have an official grand opening on May 1, 2010. After spending several years of hard work developing their property, they realized that joining the Chamber of Commerce would help them to get to know other area businesses and community members immediately. The B&B is of post and beam construction and is warm and welcoming. Each room has a private bath, TV, wireless internet, and private access to the outdoors. “Moving to Maine and opening our own B&B is truly the fulfillment of a lifelong dream,” says Debbie Ziegler. “My husband has family here and has always loved Maine; after visiting Maine, I fell in love with it too. Building our B&B and now having our grand opening just a few months away on May 1st is so incredibly exciting.”

Debbie Zeigler brings years of experience as a professional baker and she's looking forward to offering a hearty breakfast and home-baked treats to her guests. Located on the edge of a 10-acre blueberry field, guests will enjoy the trails that wind through the woods across brooks and through groves of sugar maples. The Zeiglers are now accepting reservations for the upcoming season and are offering special rates for May and June. Call them at 446-2407 or visit their website at <http://www.blueberryfieldsbandb.com>.

RECENT EVENTS

The Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Union Common on

December 6th was a huge success. After a short prayer, thirty Christmas trees were lit before a very large crowd of adults and children who enjoyed singing Christmas carols next to the crackling bonfire. Of course there was a visit from Santa which delighted the large contingent of children that lined up to give him their wish list. It was a wonderful way to begin the Christmas season — a beautiful, clear, cold night complete with a fresh dusting of snow which made the cookies and hot cocoa that concluded the event even more welcome.

An appearance by Santa clearly thrilled more than one young one.



COMMITTEE REPORT

The Website Committee Update

Members of the committee have been busy - their mission has been two-fold: increase the attractiveness of the site by changing the home page photo quarterly while also dealing with a number of the more mundane “nuts and bolts” issues. They recently finished rewriting descriptions, keywords and metatags for each site page of the site that allows search engines to find us more effectively. Cheryl and Marcia have been searching among their photos for ones that would be seasonally appropriate to use. We’ll let you know when the new, improved site will be unveiled. Meanwhile please note that the agenda for each chamber meeting will be available on the news page, and anyone that has news or events they would like published in our website calendar can send it to Cheryl.

Website committee members are John Fromer, Cheryl McKeary, Erica Morton and Marcia Drenzyk. If you would like to join the committee, contact John Fromer for the date and location of our next meeting.

Our Chamber Logo is now available to use on your website

We now are offering an official Union Area Chamber graphic that can appear on your company’s website to let you proudly show your membership. The website link is actually the source code that needs to be put in on the member’s site wherever they want it to appear. Email cheryl@mckearydesigns.com for the code. If you want to see it in action before you add it to your website, go to: www.mckearydesktop.com. You’ll see it on the left side of the page.



NEXT MEETING MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Don’t miss our next Union Area Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held on January 27th, 8 am at the Badger Cafe & Pub.

DO YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION?

Send to: chestnuthill@cablespeed.com
or call Marcia Drenzyk at 832-4133.