



North Worcester Business Association
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INFO BITS

December 2011

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello NWBA members, neighbors and friends. I wish all of our members and their families, all our wonderful guests, our guest speakers and our sponsors a Happy and Prosperous New Year. 2011 is behind us and I am most satisfied with our accomplishments. Thank you all for attending our meetings and your donations.

We are now headed into the first quarter of 2012 and we have scheduled and confirmed great speakers once again. We will have Worcester Tree Initiative and Mass DCR in January, Ray Mariano of Worcester Housing in February and our annual visit from our City Manager Michael V. O'Brien in March.

At the October meeting our guest speaker was Special Agent Mike Dwyer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Andy Davis, Director of Worcester Regional Airport (MASSPORT) was guest speaker for the November Meeting. We had 55 and 50 members and guest attend. Also, our raffle prize list appears to be growing lately.

The month of December was also busy. We had the Winter Social on December 7th at Tweed's Pub Restaurant. We had a raffle and also a silent auction of which the proceeds contributed to our Annual Holiday Basket Program. The Holiday Basket Program for the Elderly took place on December 11th. Once again the Economou family organized this wonderful program.

The 2011 Corporate Partner Program Sponsorships will terminate in December and we will be looking for 2012 sponsorships. This sponsorship contributes to the support towards the maintenance of the "Living Welcome to Worcester Sign".

NWBA WEB SITE www.northworcesterbusiness.org Please visit the site and review the calendar for the upcoming meetings and the guest speakers. You will find a link to our Facebook on the web site.

My ongoing appeal to all of you is to shop locally and especially our members. Why shop the big box stores, chains and other non-local businesses. Why not support our members such as:

Our host restaurants-The Manor Restaurant & Lounge, O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar and Tweed's Pub Restaurant.

Cahn & Barron, Coffee News, Demers Auto Service, Eat Well Etc, Mark Bernier of Edward Jones, 4 the Cause Marketing & Consulting, Frost Mfg., Glacial Energy, HJ Realty Group, Hoey Tire, Honey Farms, Immedia, Mary Haggart of ING Financial Partners, Inside Worcester, Johnson Web Apps, Jolin Paving & Excavating, Landmark Associates. Visit our web site and review the directory.

I will continue the list of local companies in the March 31st newsletter. Let's make this work.

In closing, I thank you for your continued support, loyalty and most important, your friendship.

"SHOP LOCALLY"

Ed Bourgault, President NWBA

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BOARD MEETINGS

January 4th

February 1st

March 7th

GENERAL MEETINGS - 11:45 to 1:15

January 18th
Stacy Kilb, MDAR
Asian Longhorn Beetle Outreach Coordinator
&
Peggy Middaugh, Director
Worcester Tree Initiative

O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar

February 15th
Ray Mariano, Executive Director
Worcester Housing Authority
Tweed's Pub Restaurant

March 21st,
Michael V. O'Brien, Worcester City Manager
City of Worcester

The Manor Restaurant & Lounge

We continue to draw people in the news and those that want to get the word out about a special issue.

October Meeting: was held at Tweed's Pub Restaurant. Our guest speaker was Special Agent Mike Dwyer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he talked about the FBI and there different divisions. Agent Dwyer was a very interesting speaker who apparently did some research on a few individuals. 55 members and guests attended.

November Meeting: was held at the Manor Restaurant & Lounge. Our guest speaker was Andy Davis, Director of the Worcester Regional Airport, MASSPORT. Mr. Davis expressed optimism that we could see more flights and other carriers in the future. 50 members and guests attended.

December Events:

NWBA Winter Social was held at Tweed's Pub Restaurant on December 7th. Complimentary appetizer buffet, cash bar and a large raffle and silent auction was planned with the proceeds of the raffle and silent auction gong to the NWBA Holiday Basket Program for the Elderly. Another great turnout and this event raised \$1,330.

NWBA Holiday Basket Program for the Elderly was held on December 11th. Volunteers picked up the baskets at Tony Economou's house and received their delivery instructions. Tony and Maureen Economou have been organizing this program for 20 years along with their two sons, Drew and Kyle. Others that helped with the food basket delivery are:

Rod Lee and his niece Emily and nephew Mike of Inside Worcester
Tom Rock of Worcester Airport Limousine
Bill and Mary Braley of Braley Wellington Insurance
Irene Tolman of Coffee News

Jason Chase of Millbury Federal Credit Union
Michele Sloan of Hoey Tire
Jim and Edi Magay of Magay and Barron Eye Center
Maureen Murray and daughter Katelyn Murray of United Bank
Arlette Lynch of Bank of Canton
Dan Verrico and wife Jan of Co-Card Systems
Betty Owen of Colony Retirement Homes for providing the list of names

Our thanks; to everyone that made these meetings successful

“CORPORATE PARTNER PROGRAM” 2012:

The program is annual so you can make a commitment for one-year. Thank you in advance.

Our Corporate Partners are highlighted in each e-mail, paper notices, and on the web site. Our Partners are listed based on level of support.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT:	FRIEND	UNDER \$250
	SILVER	\$250 TO \$499
	GOLD	\$500 TO \$749
	PLATINUM	\$750 & OVER

INTERESTED IN BEING A CORPORATE PARTNER FOR 2012 LET US KNOW.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR 2011 CORPORATE PARTNERS

Member Updates:

Tony Economou of RE/MAX Advantage #1: Congratulations on your recent victory for City Councilor, District 1.

Michele Sloan of W.J. Hoey Tire Co: Received the Joe Cohen Retailer of the Year award.

New members, Jack Woods of Thomas J. Woods Insurance, John “Jay ” Barron of Cahn & Barron LLC, and Paul Grenier of Grove Street Chiropractic.

SEND YOUR ANNOUNCEMENT PRIOR TO March 10TH

TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER

HOT NUMBERS:

City Manager, Mike O'Brien	508-799-1175	citymanager@ci.worcester.ma.us
City Clerk, David Rushford	508-799-1126	clerk@ci.worcester.ma.us
Department of Public Works	508-799-1437	dpw@ci.worcester.ma.us Public Works,
Customer Service, links all	www4.ci.worcester.ma.us/applications/csrs/index.asp	
Water and Sewer (24 hr)	508-799-1488	
City Mayor, Joseph O'Brien	508-799-1153	mayor@ci.worcester.ma.us
Public Health & Code Enforcement	508-799-8534	

MONTHLY RAFFLE:

Our members have been so kind with their donations of raffle prizes.
We will be looking for contributions designated for the months of January, February and March 2012

PLEASE CALL or E-MAIL THANK YOU

MEMBERS THAT PROVIDED PRIZES FOR GENERAL MEETINGS AND WINTER SOCIAL:
4th Quarter Only

Ed Bourgault, Kashuk, Bourgault, Kittredge & Frustaci, CPA's (KBKF)
Irene Tolman, Coffee News
Jim Donoghue, Tweed's Pub Restaurant
Al Cooper, Atlas Press
Bill Trevett, Simply Safer Premium Lawn Care
Dan Verrico of Co-Card Systems
Peter Iannacchino of Action Press Printing Design
Jim Finnegan of Finnegan Photographers
Mary Haggard of ING Financial Partners
Geoff Ford of Ford's Hometown Services
Jason Chase of Millbury Credit Union
Savvas Fotiatis of the Manor Restaurant and Lounge and the Grill on the Hill
Dr. Cheryl Houston of Back to Health Chiropractic
Dick McNamara of Eat Well Etc
Bret Burdulis and Bill Mitchell of Business Communications Systems
Christine Whipple Quinsigamond Community College
Linda and Peter Brosnan of Easy Sweep Vacuum and Pet Goodies and Such
Kandi Perry of Glacial Energy
Jim Magay of Magay and Barron Eye Center
Karen Kempski-Aquino of Webster Five Cent Savings Bank
Maryann Donovan of People's United Bank
Christine Duquette of TD Bank
David Roth of 4 The Cause
Ruth Cavanaugh of Spencer Savings Bank
Clarence Plant of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge, MA
Lisa Bean of Webster First Federal Credit Union
Mark Bernier of Edward Jones
Brendan O'Connor of O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar
Annette Seibel of Muscle Therapy
Kerri Bourgeois & Melissa of Retail Therapy Boutique
Maureen Raillo of Worcester Airport Limousine
Hanover Theatre of Performing Arts
J. Bailey of Bob's Turkey Farm
Steve O'Neil of the WRTA
John Cobill of Proprietors of Rural Cemetery
Beechwood Hotel & Ceres Bistro
Senator Harriette Chandler
Joey Moyan of Tweed's Pub Restaurant
Arlette Lynch of the Bank of Canton

A special thanks for the donation of prizes for the Silent Auction, a great list.

MANY OF THE ABOVE MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE EVERY MONTH

Treasurer's Letter

December, 2011

Dear friends,

Your membership is at 134 as of the close of 2011.

The invoice for 2012 membership is in the mail.

We closed out 2011 with our December social with a very successful raffle to support our elderly food basket program, now in its twentieth year.

Thank you to all our Corporate Partner participants for 2011. Our living welcome to Worcester Sign is continuing to be a beacon for drivers entering our fair city with your continued support. It looks splendid.

Our 2012 program is well underway with the receipt of a Gold partnership from Spencer Savings Bank, a Silver partnership from The Harmony Club of Worcester, and Three Friend partnerships from Ed and Cindy Bourgault, Pet Goodies and Such & Easy Sweep Vacuum, KBKF CPAs

Please invite a business associate to join our group the dues is fair (65.00 per year) and the participation is tremendous at every meeting.

Please click on the [join us](#) tab on this site if you have misplaced your paper dues notice.

Now, if you are reading this you know our site is www.northworchesterbusiness.org

We are now on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/NorthWorcesterBusinessAssociation>



Please pass it on.

Neil Brosnan

NWBA Treasurer, Easy Sweep Vacuum, Pet Goodies and Such

NWBA GUEST SPEAKERS

The NWBA continues to draw large attendance at its meeting by featuring the best of guest speakers. The following is a list of these speakers:

2011

City Square II, Ann Tripp, president of the investment group, Opus Investment Management and Don Birch, COO of Leggat McCall Properties, the developer.

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

The Gateway Project, David Forsberg, president of WBDC

Worcester County Sheriff, Sheriff Lewis Evangelidis

Worcester Animal Rescue League, Allie (Simone) Tellier, director

Fallon Community Health Plan, Sonja Brehm

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), special agent Mike Dwyer

Worcester Regional Airport (MASSPORT), Andy Davis, Airport director

2010

Worcester Regional Airport (MASSPORT), Andy Davis, Airport Director

New Hope, Anne Early and Laura Martens

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

Worcester Development, Timothy McGourthy, director

Worcester School Superintendent, Dr. Melinda J. Boone

YMCA of Central Mass, Kathy Hunter, president and CEO

Worcester Mayor, Joseph C. O'Brien

2009

Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC), David Forsberg, president

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

Central Massachusetts Employers Association (CMEA), Matt Stepansky

Worcester Community Foundation, Ann Lisi, president and CEO

Genesis Club, Kevin Bradley, Executive Director, Jaime Dillon, development staff and members

Worcester Citizens for Business, Beth Proko, founder and Roberta Shaffer, President and CEO Worcester Research Bureau

Office of the District Attorney, Elizabeth Haddad

The Jim Polito Show, WTAG Morning News, Jim Polito, radio talk host

2008

Better Business Bureau, Ray Frias, director

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

Museum of Russian Icons, Gordon Lankton, founder

Choose Worcester, Oley Carpp

World Green Business Association, Laura Briere, founder

Quinsigamond Community College, Dr. Gail Carberry, president

Worcester City Councilor, district 1, Joff Smith

Stand for Children, represented by an advocacy group for public school funding

2007

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

Worcester Historical Museum, William D. Wallace, executive director

Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC), Craig Blais, the Gateway Project

Worcester Probate Court, Stephen Abraham, registrar

UMASS Medical School, James Leary, chief of staff

Worcester Mayor, Konnie Lukes

The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts, Troy Siebels, executive director

Worcester Professional Sports Teams, R C Reuteman of the Tornados, Roy Lucas of the Surge, and Mike Leih of the Sharks

2006

Massachusetts State Senator, Harriette Chandler

Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Bruce Bennett, editor

Worcester City Manager, Michael V. O'Brien

UniverCity Partnership, Armand W. Carriere

Abby's House, Barbara Athy

Worcester Magazine, Michael Warshaw, publisher

Massachusetts State Senator, Harriette Chandler

Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Political Cartoonist, David Hitch

NWBA FOUNDED IN 1987

The NWBA has been in existence for more than 24 years and has had only 10 presidents and they are:

Jim Bernard, founder, four terms

Pauline (George) Rice one term

Bob Smith, one term

Dave Frustaci, one term

Claire Erickson, deceased, one term

Dick McNamara, ½ term

George Ford, one and a half term

Chet Caswell III, one term

Bill Braley, two terms

Ed Bourgault, twelve terms

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