



Neitz elected Chairman of the Cape Cod Chamber Board

Yarmouth Real Estate Executive Richard Neitz has assumed the chairmanship of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, succeeding Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines President Dan Wolf. The passing of the gavel occurred June 6th at the Chamber's 86th Annual Meeting at the Chatham Bars Inn, a fabulous night of food and networking attended by over 330 people.

Board members elected or re-elected at the meeting included: David Augustinho of Workforce Investment Board, Jack Gay of Yellow Pages of New England, Kevin Pepe of Commercial Realty Advisors, Joseph Perkins of Communication Management, Inc., Maggie Van Sciver of Whitebriar Financial Group, David Willard of Cape Cod Five Cents Savings, and Monica Parker of the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce, representing the Cape Cod Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.



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Incoming Chair Richard Neitz (left) and Dan Wolf

Directors for FY-08 are as follows: Chairman, Richard Neitz, Neitz Real Estate; Vice Chair, William Zammer, Cape Cod Restaurants; Immediate Past Chair, Daniel Wolf, Cape Air/Nantucket Airlines; Clerk, Paul Rumul, The Davenport Companies; Treasurer, Anne-Marie Litchfield, Esq., Litchfield & Litchfield; Officer at Large, Charles Ritch, Eastern Bank; Officer at Large, Steve Abbott, Cape Cod Healthcare; Officer at Large, Kevin Howard, Wise Living Management; Officer at Large, Fred O'Regan, International Fund for Animal Welfare.

A special thank you to our sponsors for the evening: Citizens Bank and Coastal Community Capital/TheEntreCenter.

Governor's visit to Cape Cod



Governor Deval Patrick visited Cape Cod briefly June 8th to meet with members of the tourism industry on the upcoming season. This great last-minute opportunity to meet with the Governor, hosted by the Cape Codder Resort, was presented by the Cape Cod Chamber and the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism.

During the meeting, Governor Patrick was presented a copy of the first edition "Arts & Artisans Trails of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket" (pictured above, holding the book). The Governor seemed to like what he saw, praising the book's design and concept! The Arts Guide is for sale for just \$9.95 at local bookstores, the Cape Cod Chamber visitor center and online at CapeAndIslandsArtsGuide.com. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the book are used to support local artists.

Barnstable named All-America City: Barnstable was one of only 10 communities that earned the All-America City award title, the oldest and most prestigious civic recognition competition in the US! Communities from across the country participated in the two-day event, which was held in June in Anaheim, California. The Cape Cod Chamber was honored to be part of the presenting team and to organize the trade show portion. Now in its 58th year, the All-America City award recognizes towns and cities that demonstrate successful resolution of community issues through collaborative effort. It is presented by the Natl. Civic League.

- Mark your calendar -

Wednesday, July 11
July Member to Member at Kitchen & Bath Gallery
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Location: The Kitchen & Bath Gallery, West Yarmouth
Cost: \$5 Cape Cod Chamber members, \$10 non-members
RSVP: 508-362-3225, x532 or www.eCapeChamber.com

Wednesday, August 29
August Member to Member at Hyannis Harbor Hotel
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Location: Hyannis Harbor Hotel, Hyannis
Cost: \$5 Cape Cod Chamber members, \$10 non-members
RSVP: 508-362-3225, x537 or www.eCapeChamber.com

Cape Cod Chamber News & Notes

- The Executive Board approved a motion to switch to **"Anniversary Date" billing** for members. We will begin the process of switching over members to this billing in July.
- **Leads from the PowWow International Convention** are now available! More than 4,000 buyers and sellers representing 70 countries convened for three days at the annual PowWow. Email jane@capecodchamber.org.
- The Cape Cod Chamber, its hospitality members and the Play Golf On Cape Cod Association recently brought together golf writers from all over New England and New York for our annual **Golf Media Fam**. Gull Wing Suites hosted the writers, and courses played included Hyannis Golf Club, Captains Golf Course and Bass River Golf Course.



The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce opened its office doors on Tuesday, June 19th at a get-acquainted reception at its **Center for Business**. The Center is comprised of the Cape Cod Chamber, Coastal Community Capital, the EntreCenter and the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod. Both members and non-members turned out to meet staff, find out what we do to support member business, and what we can do to help businesses grow and thrive.

At the event, businesses could sign for free one-on-one counseling about the new health care requirements for employers, and receive information about the bad check program administered by the District Attorney's office. Also on hand were some local artists plying their craft. A special thanks to Ring Brothers Marketplace, which catered the event, and Carriage House Limousine, which provided shuttle service to and from off-site parking at Cape Cod Community College.



Members of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce Group Tour Committee took part in the 8th Annual Splish Splash Bath last month at Cape Cod Mall. The committee spent the chilly morning washing tour buses to show their appreciation and create awareness for the motorcoach industry. Part of the proceeds will benefit the American Bus Association's scholarship foundation. Over \$700 was raised!

Struggling With New Health Care Regulations? The Cape Cod Chamber can help! We are pleased to announce a new initiative at the Chamber that will help small business owners understand their options and obligations under the new Health Care Law. The program was funded through a grant from the MA Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Call Kathy Teahan, outreach coordinator, at 508-776-9533 to make a private appointment (at no charge to you) with an insurance specialist who is familiar with the way our local businesses operate and who will help you understand your specific responsibilities under this new health care law.



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