

From the President



I am excited to be writing my first newsletter message as President of the Jaffrey Chamber. We

have been doing many things in the last couple of months. In January our breakfast was hosted by Rick and Janet Kolhmorgen of the Woodbound Inn as their last event for us prior to the sale of the Inn to Aylmer Given and a group of investors. Our speaker was Curtis Hamilton, a tax accountant from Fitzwilliam who shared with us many upcoming changes in tax laws. The Royalston Attic and Quilters Treasure hosted our After Hours at The Inn at Jaffrey Center. A wonderful time was had by all. This evening allowed us to try out the new portable wireless sound system, a gift to us by Twitco Corporation, Thank you once again for your generosity.

Our annual Arts Auction was held February 9 at the Shattuck Golf Club Cathedral Ballroom it was an exciting and profitable night for all. Cyndy Burgess and her team did another fantastic job of providing us all with a grand evening.

February 20 was our Annual Meeting where we honored our Citizen and Businesses of the Year. Marc Tieger did a

wonderful presentation to Caroline Hollister, presenting her with the Jaffrey Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year while Ann Nunn presented Mr. Mike's of Jaffrey with the Business Excellence Award and Rachel O'Leary presented Belletetes with the Business of the Year. I'd like to express my congratulations to all for a job well done. Special recognition was also given by Cyndy Burgess to Ron and Shirley Despres, a Life Member Award for their long-standing involvement with the Jaffrey Chamber and community. Our outgoing Board of Directors brought forward for vote a new updated set of by-laws which passed unanimously. Many thanks to all who put in so many long hours of hard work on this project, and a very special thanks to Lee Bruder for his contribution to the project.

With the 6th Annual Bridal Fair behind me, I look forward to this upcoming year of serving as President and working with the newly elected board. Filling the shoes of those who came before me is going to be one difficult task, and I thank them all for all they have done and the assistance they have offered me. John Rider, Lyda Clark and Barry Syrjanen, welcome.

Cathy Furze

January Chamber Events

Breakfast - Woodbound Inn



Rick and Janet Kolhmorgen and the staff of Woodbound provided a hearty breakfast to Chamber members.



Curtis Hamilton and Susan Peterson

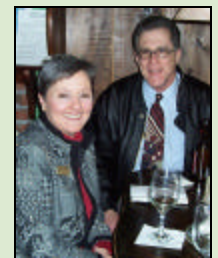
After a delicious breakfast, our speaker, tax consultant Curtis Hamilton, gave us some helpful advice on our upcoming tax filing. We would like to thank Woodbound for donating the proceeds of the January breakfast back to the Chamber.

After Hours

The Royalston Attic & Quilters Treasure



Karen McGrath, Everett Parmenter and Harold Davis.



New members Mary Beth and Bobby Bugea of Pre-paid Legal Services.



Our hosts Paul Kachinsky and Brian Bergquist.



It was standing room only at the Inn for our January After Hours.



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