

Spring/Summer Calendar of Events 2009

April 16: Jazz After Hours Business Mixer

Inn at Nichols Village, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Happening Magazine & Inn at Nichols Village

May 14: Speed Networking

Abington Community Library, details coming soon

June (TBD)- Summer Mixer

New Seasons, details TBA

July 16-18: Sidewalk Sales Days & Park Day

details TBA

UPDATED!!!!

Members be advised that we are updating our "Show your key" and save program. Members interested in working with our Hotel members will be listed in ABPA Hotel member directories as a participating business for the show your key program. When guests visit your establishment and show their hotel key they can receive a special discount set by you. For more information on this program please visit the ABPA website, www.theabingtons.org

New !!! Greater Clarks Summit ABPA Brochure

All members will be listed for free in this yearly publication however ad space is also available! Members can purchase 3" x 3" squares surrounding the map for \$25 each. If you are interested in purchasing ad space please e-mail Laura at LauraABPA@aol.com.

Welcome, New ABPA Members

- Bazil Ristorante
- Gymboree Play & Music
- Treat
- Blue Cross Animal Hospital
- Woods & Company
- Hannah's Bundles
- Paulette's Pretty Purses
- Abington Piano Academy, LLC
- Disaster Blaster, Inc

In The Board Room



ABPA Board of Directors

Back row (L-R): Ed Shandra; Kristie Grier Ceruti; Tara Christian; Barry Kaplan; Joann Cummings; Rosemary Nye; Diane Calabro; Sonia Wysochanski; Tim Franklin

Front row (L-R): Mary Beth Pasqualicchio; Jim Verano; Charles Sandercock; Francene Pisano Dudzic; Karen Thomas; Sharon Carfora

Absent from photo: Liz Bertocki, Kathleen Simrell, Lisa Sniegocki, Nikole Capozzi



ABPA Board Officers

(L-R): Jim Verano - *Treasurer*; Charles Sandercock - *Vice-President*; Francene Pisano Dudzic - *President*; Karen Thomas - *Secretary*

NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF ABINGTON BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION, INC.

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of April, 2009, a Membership Meeting of the ABPA is to be held during the Jazz Mixer at The Inn at Nichols Village commencing at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the Membership Meeting is to consider the recommendation of the By-Law Committee of the ABPA for the amendment to the By-Laws of the ABPA. A copy of the recommendation is posted on the ABPA website and/or may be obtained by requesting a written copy of same to the ABPA.

Frozen Renaissance Faire

5th Annual Festival of Ice a Big Success



We are now winding down from our **LARGEST Clarks Summit Festival of Ice to date**. With our first parade, tons of live entertainment, almost 60 ice sculptures, horse & carriage rides, this was surely the ABPA's largest undertaking to date and certainly paid off with estimates of 35,000 people in the Abingtons President's Day Weekend. This year's theme was a "Frozen Renaissance Faire" and we were certainly taken back to the time with knights & maidens real and frozen throughout the streets of Clarks Summit.

Believe it or not plans are already underway for the 6th Annual Clarks Summit Festival of Ice to take place February 11-15, 2010. The theme will be based around visiting a circus!!! Anyone interested in signing up for e-mails on updates and committee meetings please e-mail Laura at LauraABPA@aol.com.

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A Message from the President

To all members of the ABPA,

They say home is where the heart is but if you're a business owner, or just love what you do, your passion is often divided between work and home. The ABPA supports and recognizes all you do, investing in this community, while experiencing challenges and changes every day.

Now more than ever, being an active part of ABPA and its support within this region could not be more rewarding. Membership involvement is this year's mission!

After the strong success and record weekend attendance (approx. 35,000 visitors!) of this year's Festival of Ice, there's an exciting new energy among the board and the activities planned for the year!

We welcome fresh faces and



Francene Pisano Dudzic,
Monogram Muse

ideas from our members as there are many ways to get involved. Your voice is a reflection of who we are and what we want our organization to be. I hope you will join me in embracing this year's upcoming events and our commitment of becoming both an example and central resource of this community. Mark your calendar, gather your thoughts and email me at monogramuse@yahoo.com. We would like to see and hear from you!

Your 2009 President,
Francene Pisano Dudzic

ABPA Board of Directors 2009

President: Francene Pisano Dudzic, *Monogram Muse*
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Liz Bertocki, *Willowbrook Assisted Living Community*
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2009-2011
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Mary Beth Pasqualicchio, *Community Bank & Trust*
Nikole Capozzi, *Treat*

2009-2012
Sharon Carfora, *Inn at Nichols Village*
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Tara Christian, *Community Newspaper Group*

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Jazz After Hours Business Mixer!

April 16 at the Inn at Nichols Village

Put a spring in your step and a song on your lips and come out for A Cool Night of Hot Jazz, April 16 at the Inn at Nichols Village.

The Abington Business and Professional Association mixer, sponsored by Happenings Magazine and the Inn at Nichols Village, promises fun, food and a whole lot of jazz!

Jazz professional Tony Carfora and NoHo Jazz will provide live entertainment for the evening. Guests may mingle and enjoy an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and food stations while listening to the music. Donna Vannan, executive chef for the Inn at Nichols Village, will prepare a sampling of the Inn's signature dishes. There will be a cashbar in addition to complimentary soft drinks.

According to Sharon Carfora, special events director for the Inn at Nichols Village, the event is popular every year because "It is a terrific opportunity to meet and greet other professionals who live and work in the Abington community while enjoying superb food and listening to talented entertainment."

ABPA members are encouraged to use this great event as a chance to entertain clients! Be sure to invite anyone you do business with who is not already an ABPA member.

RSVPs are appreciated. Call the Abington Business and Professional Association at (570) 587-9045 or email LauraABPA@aol.com.



A portrait of Saxophonist
Tony Carfora by Marylou Chibirka

April 16
The Inn at
Nichols Village
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Hosted by:
Happenings
Magazine
& The Inn at
Nichols Village

(L-R) Paula Rochon Mackarey, *President - Happenings Magazine*; Rosemary Nye, *Account Representative - Happenings Magazine*; Sharon Carfora, *Director of Special Events - Inn at Nichols Village*; & Jerry Mitchell, *General Manager - Inn at Nichols Village*

