

Special points of interest:

- General Meeting Wednesday, February 17, 2010, Hampton Inn & Suites, Lake Ave., 6:30 PM
- Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 2, 2010 SCAC, 8:30 AM
- Next General Meeting is **Wednesday, March 24, 2010,* location TBA, 6:30 PM**

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DBA General Meeting at Hampton Inn & Suites

The DBA General Meeting is being held on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 6:30 PM at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 25 Lake Avenue.

Our special guest speaker is Ron Deutsch who will be talking about the local [Mardi Gras](#); the mechanics of the celebration and how businesses & restaurants can get involved. Proceeds from the Mardi Gras fund raiser go to the Giving Circle and Saratoga Co. EOC. Festivities on April 24 include a parade on Beekman Street, a street festival from 11-4, music & bands in the Saratoga Downtowner Motel parking lot plus a Cajun Cooking contest with restaurants.

Following Ron is a special [Wine Tasting](#) by John Phillips, the Regional Sales Manager for Swedish Hill Vineyard. Swedish Hill is a family-owned vineyard, operated by Dick and Cindy Peterson. Swedish Hill is one of the largest wineries in the region.

This year they produced over 60,000 cases of award-winning wines and champagnes. Swedish Hill is recognized as one of the top award-winning wineries in New York State, having won state, national and international acclaim. They are located on Cayuga Lake, about 10 minutes outside Seneca Falls.

Special thanks to the Hampton Inn and Suites for hosting the general meeting and to Fran Dingeman for arranging it all.

*** We moved the DB General Meeting one week later in March to allow St. Patrick's Day revelers to party on the 17th.**

General Meeting

Wed., February 17, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Hampton Inn & Suites

25 Lake Avenue

Special Guest Speaker:*Ron Deutsch & Mardi Gras**PLUS***Special Wine Tasting***By John Phillips, of**Swedish Hill Vineyard***Inside this issue:**

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DBA Board of Directors Nominations

Mid-Term Elections are being held at the March 24, 2010 DBA General Meeting.

The DBA Board of Directors has mid-term elections at the March 24th DBA General Meeting.

The Board members that are up for election to another two year term are Scott Beale of Grey Gelding, Matt

D'Abate of Adirondack Trust Insurance, Christel MacLean of Circus Cafe, Paul O'Donnell of Celtic Treasures, Fran Dingeman from Star 101.3 and Rich Richbart of Spa Net. All have agreed to another two year term.

Board members continuing their terms for another year are Jasper Alexander of Hattie's, Joel Reed of Saratoga Arts Council, John DeMarco of Lyrical Ballad and Rick Marchant of Mannix Marketing.

Officers have another year as well, President Andy Brindisi of The Union Grille & Brindisi's Restaurant, Vice President Roger Goldsmith from Crafters Gallery, Treasurer Jeff Clark, Ameriprise Financial and Secretary Mike Sposili, Skidmore College.

DBA Membership Renewals & New Membership Drive

DBA Membership Renewal bills are going to be mailed on February 15. **The DBA Board voted not to increase your dues for the fifth year in a row**, and you will also still be offered the early payment discount. \$250 members will save \$20 (\$230) if payment is received before March 15.

\$195 members will save \$10 (\$185) if you pay before March 15.

Right now we have 240 members, a new record. Thank you in advance for your support and participation in the Downtown Business Association.

"Strolling Through Saratoga Springs" Map & Directory

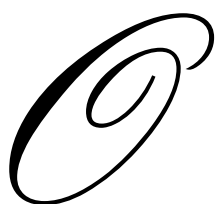
Please check your listing on the "Strolling Through Saratoga Springs map & directory or check it online at www.saratogadowntown.com, click on "Our Members." Please let Susan know if there are any changes in your listing at slfdesign@aol.com.

You must be paid in full by April 10 to be on the DBA Map & Directory for 2010-2011.

Important Dates

February 9-11.....Solutions for Success-New York 2010, City Center
February 12-14.....Dance Flurry, City Center and various downtown locations
February 15.....Empire State Baptist Conference, City Center
February 17.....DBA General meeting, Hampton Inn & Suites, 25 Lake Avenue
February 21.....The Enchanted Wedding, Saratoga's 2010 Bridal Expo, City Center
Feb. 26-28.....Saratoga Rotary Home & Garden Show, City Center
March 2.....DBA Board meeting, SCAC
March 5.....D.A. Collins Annual Safety Seminar, City Center
March 7-9.....NYS Reading Association Annual Conference, City Center
March 12-14.....Capital District Youth for Christ Annual Conference, City Center
March 16-17.....NYS Athletic Administrators Assoc. Annual Conference., City Center
March 18.....John Deere Landscape Conference, City Center
March 19-20.....NEACA Arms Fair, City Center
March 21-22.....NYS Recreation & Parks Society Conference, City Center
March 24.....DBA General Meeting, location TBA
March 27-28.....NE Woodworkers Assoc. Woodworkers Showcase, City Center
March 29-30.....Curtis Lumber Contractors Expo, City Center
March 31-April 1.....Adirondack North Country Association Wholesale Craft Show, City Center

Sympathy Card

 Our thoughts and prayers are with John Baker of Gaffney's Restaurant upon the passing of his beloved mother, Naomi.