

...Member Profile...



L to R: Elena Bush-Matuszewski, Edward M. Bush, Sr., Sidney Horvath, Susan Faraday, Arthur Faraday, Lorraine Bush, Colleen Wolfe, Edward M. Bush, Jr., James Horvath, Cheryl Horvath, Linda Bush & Michele Badner

Years in Business: Nearly 3

Owner: Edward Bush, Jr.

How is the whole family involved?: The whole family helps out in all phases of the business.

When did you decide to enter the hospitality/restaurant industry?: 2002, with the purchase of the Ramada. It felt like a good investment. We wanted to have a business in the Abingtons where we all grew up.

What award did Damon's just receive?: Damon's Grill Franchise of the Year

Why do you think you received the award?: First, The owner's presence. There is someone from the family on premise at all times making sure of customer satisfaction. Second, the restaurant is very clean. Third, good value.

How do you make a chain restaurant feel like a local place?: The attitude of our staff and management. We try to make all of our guests feel at home, feel comfortable, and most of all, feel cared for.

What's "hot" in the restaurant industry right now?: Our restaurant in particular is selling a lot of ribs and steaks. The proteins are big right now.

What does the future hold for Damon's?: Damon's is continuing to evolve and change with the needs of their customers. We are a young company with aggressive management that doesn't sit still. We will not become stagnant. Therefore Damon's should always have a place in this market as well as the rest of the country.

Active in the Abingtons.... Member News

Kidzazzle

Kidzazzle is excited to announce that in addition to childrens' clothes and shoes, they will be carrying womens clothes up to 2x from Lola, Flax, Tanello, Mycra-pac and more. Night appointments are available.

Home Instead Senior Care

Home Instead Senior Care, providing non-medical in-home care for older adults has moved. As the need for non-medical in-home care services continues to grow, the organization outgrew the previous location. Home Instead Senior Care is now located at 320 South State Street in Clarks Summit located directly across the street from Our Lady Of Snows church and next to Diane Augustine's Gift Shoppe. You can still contact Home Instead Senior Care at 570-586-3135 and www.homeinstead.com.

NEFCI

NEFCI welcomes two new staff members: financial planner **Kristofer Harrison**, who has both an MBA and a law degree from Temple University, and administrative assistant **Nicole Lown**, a former broker with Morgan Stanley. **Lynn Evans** is also excited to announce that she is now a Certified Wealth Consultant with The Heritage Institute, whose mission is to preserve the wealth of this country by following a process designed to allow it to remain in families through the third generation.

Community Bank & Trust

Community Bank & Trust announces a new service, CB&T Direct Remote Capture, which allows customers to deposit checks into their accounts at any time without having to leave the office. The service, which rolled out at the end of April, provides convenience and flexibility as well as immediate access to money. Direct Remote Capture uses scanned images of the front and back of checks to transmit the information to the bank and create an audit trail. A business need a computer that meets minimum specifications and a DSL or cable modem; Community Bank provides the scanner and software, as well as training and support. The service is offered free to businesses that maintain a required minimum balance.



Abington Journal

The Abington Journal, celebrating 60 years of delivering news this year published a new tabloid section on August 29, "Playbook." This preview to the local football season offers coverage of Abington Heights, Lackawanna Trail, Lakeland and Scranton Prep High Schools. Features include player and coach profiles, schedules, photos and more. Also, the paper's annual "Guide to the Abingtons" will publish on September 26, 2007. Contact mkelly@theabingtonjournal.com or call 570-585-1606 with questions.

Ambiance Wallcovering

Ambiance Wallcovering is now carrying the complete line of beautiful Company C area rugs as well as drapery material and window shades to compliment their lines of wallcoverings. Ambiance has over 200 wallpaper books in all styles and price ranges and a large selection of commercial wallcoverings for business or office space. Come in and browse at your leisure!

Caregivers America

Corinne Yanul, of Old Forge, has joined the Clarks Summit business as Director of Market Development. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Health Administration from the University of Scranton.

Happenings Magazine

Happenings Magazine is pleased to announce the addition of four new employees. Sam Falbo came to Happenings in December 2006 while Peter Salerno, Jane Preate and Carole Cader joined the Happenings team in the first quarter of 2007.



Sam Falbo

Peter Salerno

Jane Preate

Carole Cader

Do you have news about your business to share? Email Im Sauder1@msn.com.

SIDEWALK SALES...

The Abington SummerFest was held July 19-21 and featured Sidewalk Sales Days, children's fishing derby, South Abington Park Day and the opening of the Abington Farm Market. Highlights of the weekend included a chicken BBQ by the Chinchilla Hose Company, children's activities and fireworks! Thanks to all members who participated in or sponsored the event.



& SUMMERFEST!



Kaiser Photography

Kaiser Fine Photography is proud and excited to announce a new location. In May Kaiser Photography consolidated its two Justus and Carbondale studios to one beautiful studio in a 140 year old home on N. Church St. in Carbondale. The new location boasts 3700 square feet of portrait possibilities and a large yard with stone walls and trellises, and comes complete with a rich history.

Bright Happenings

Beverly Bright's, Bright Happenings takes the work out of your special events so you can relax and enjoy! Services include: theme development, on-site supervision, vendor coordination, food decorations, site location, and entertainment. To see some of the events that Beverly has done visit www.brighthappenings.com.



Everything Natural

Barry Kaplan, a partner in Everything Natural, has been selected to serve on a statewide task force to address the health effects of trans fats. The Clarks Summit businessman began his work with The Pennsylvania Department of Health in mid-August. Creation of the task force follows Kaplan's long-time efforts to improve public health by banning the use of trans fats in all Pennsylvania eateries. In April 2007, Everything Natural hosted a meeting to convene legislators, business owners, healthcare representatives, academic decision makers, consumers and other groups to talk about the health dangers of trans fats and examine alternatives.

Abington Travel

Our Ice Festival Winner is ready to leave for their Jamaica Vacations in September. Also, Abington Travel are focusing on groups in 2008. We are looking for "pied pipers", i.e. private persons with special interest or even a "following" that would be interested to travel with or escort groups. Contact us at 586-1666.



Speed Networking



Doreen Salt, Sue Chapin and Michelle McCormack making plans for the ABPA Speed Networking event held on Tuesday, September 25 at NewSeasons Assisted Living.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sat., Oct. 13: Fall Fun Day at the Farm Market, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., South Abington Park
Sat., Oct. 20: Scarecrow Making Party, begins at 2 p.m., South Abington Park
Sat., Oct. 27: Children's Halloween Parade, 2 p.m., Downtown Clarks Summit
Thurs., Nov. 15-Sun, Nov. 18: Holiday Open House, Downtown Clarks Summit

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A Message from the President



As we enter into the fall season, our thoughts turn to Thanksgiving, and to that end, I wish to thank everyone for their involvement over the past year. The ABPA has accomplished so much, from the great Festival of Ice, to the wonderful Sidewalk Sales Days, and we could not have done it without the great cooperation and involvement of our many members.

Thanks again to all of those businesses who were kind enough over the past year to sponsor our membership mixers. The mixers were a great success, and we have met some great new people as a result of the mixers.

If you would like to host a mixer at your business, please let us know and we will schedule a date that works for you.

The ABPA is YOUR organization and as such, it is up to each of us to make the most of our membership with the ABPA. Your active involvement will only strengthen our organization and we welcome your assistance on our projects, as well as your ideas. Without the active participation of the membership, we cannot grow as an organization.

Michelle McCormack

ABPA Officers 2007

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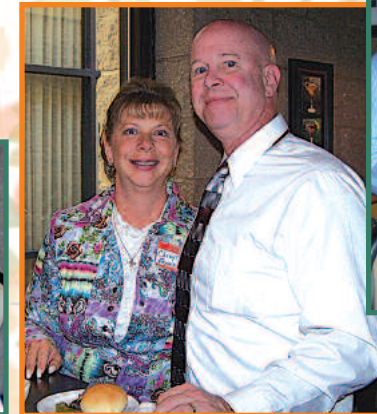
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MIXIN' IT UP!



The ABPA Fall Business After Hours Mixer was held at the Ramada Hotel on Thursday, September 13. Attendees enjoyed a great night of networking!



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