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PROFESSIONAL Women's CHAMBER

Tabletop Expo and Luncheon
January 16, 2013 - 11:30 a.m.
Max's Tavern

Welcome Reception for UMass Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy
January 30 - 4:30 p.m.
Basketball Hall of Fame

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed your holiday season and are back in the swing of things! We have had a busy couple of months here at the Chamber.

- The Springfield Chamber's Gaming Committee has been diligently reviewing the complex issues associated with a casino in Springfield and identifying the major concerns of the business community. The Springfield Chamber has issued its second position paper on this topic and has shared its concerns with the Mayor and the Gaming Commission so that they may be addressed as part of the application process.

- We are in the midst of the planning for Outlook 2013. We listened to your feedback from last year's program and expect this year to be bigger and better than ever. The dates of February 15 and 25 are being considered for the MassMutual Center - you won't want to miss it!

- The Massachusetts legislature is in back in session. House Speaker Robert DeLeo was re-elected speaker for his third term, and Senate President Therese Murray began her final two-year term as President as a result of term limits. We anticipate that the Legislature will address long-term transportation financing and unemployment insurance rates early in this session. We have already alerted our legislators

to freeze the 2013 UI tax rates at the 2012 levels. We will closely monitor both of these issues as well as others that concern our members and will represent you as the voice of Western Massachusetts businesses on Beacon Hill.

- Lastly, we would like to welcome back Nancy Creed to the ACCGS team as our new Vice President of Marketing and Communications. We recognize that communications with our members is critical and we are sure that she will bring new energy to our efforts to better communicate with you and our community at large - starting wiith this publication! e-Channels is an electronic extension of our print Chamber Channels and will be published on a bi-monthly basis. We hope you enjoy it! As always, we welcome your feedback.

Until next time, thank you for your investment in the Chamber and hope to see you at an upcoming event.

Outlook 2013

Coming soon! We are in the final stages of securing our keynote speaker, and I am sure you won't want to miss this one! Look for Outlook 2013 to be held February 15 or 25 at the MassMutual Center. More information to come! Tickets are now being sold! Tickets are $50 for ACCGS members, $75 for nonmembers. Contact Cecile Larose by email or at (413) 755-1313. This will be another sold-out event so register early!

Leadership 2013

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013 session of Leadership Institute, sponsored by MassMutual Financial Group and the Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation. This unique program is designed to create high energy and high involvement leadership. Download your brochure today for more information! Deadline for aplications is February 6.

Celebrating Our Members

This special supplement to e-Channels will continue the legacy of the printed Chamber Channels and highlight news about our members. We welcome your news. Simply send your press releases to:

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business @ breakfast
Making Chamber Connections

February 6 - 7:15 a.m.
Springfield Marriott

After 5 The Chamber

February 13 - 5 p.m.
La Quinta Inn and Suites
100 Congress Street, Springfield
Join us! It'll be the "inn" thing to do!

February 15 or 25
Outlook 2013
MassMutual Center

To register for any of these events, please contact Cecile Larose by email or at (413) 755 -1313

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Photo Gallery

- **Government Reception:** Over 200 people attended this premiere legislative event to meet socially with our local, state and federal officials. Special thanks to our sponsors Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Verizon, Baystate Health, Columbia Gas and Comcast for their sponsorship support, View our online photo gallery!

- **December Business@Breakfast:** Another sold-out crowd had a "ball" at the December Business@Breakfast! Special thanks to sponsors Freedom Credit Union, FutureWorks, FastSigns, Consolidated Health Plans, FIT Solutions and Doctor's Express. View our online photo gallery!

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