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### New On Our Staff



Maureen White has joined us as an office assistant. She is currently working Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

### Moving Forward

As we move further in the 21st century, think back to the persons who made the most difference in the way we live. The list would include visionaries such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Marie Curie or Andrew Carnegie—men and women who looked beyond their present to lead us into the future.

The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce's Executive Board, Directors, and membership are these 21st Century visionaries. The Chamber realizes that the way we now commu-

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### The Sash Is Passed



Patchogue's month long St. Patrick's celebration got underway on Feb. 25 with the ninth annual Ronan Tynan concert at the Patchogue Theatre. Nearly 900 people were on hand, an attendance increase over the last two years.

The next afternoon, at a packed BrickHouse Brewery, 2011 St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshals Sheila and Bob Morrow passed the sash to the 2012 leader, Peter Feehan. The parade kicks off at 2:00 PM on Sunday, Mar. 25.

Also, that afternoon, we had our traditional judging of soda bread prepared by local restaurants and bakeries. There were six contestants this year, and the winner was Swan Bakery. Also competing were BrickHouse Brewery, Harbor Crab, Public House 49, Two Morrows, and Village Idiot. There were more than a hundred ballots cast by those attending. Swan Bakery's entry, which was contestant number 1 (pictured), was a darker raisin bread.



The great Irish rock band, Bangers and Mash provided the afternoon's festive music.



## Save These Dates

**Through Wednesday, April 11**—Art Exhibit: Rome, Board Room Gallery, O'Connor Hall, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, Saturdays- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call for week-day viewing times. Free and open to the public, 631-687-1434, [www.sjcny.edu/cfa](http://www.sjcny.edu/cfa).

**Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28**—Zumba lessons at Temple Beth El, 45 Oak Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$7.00 per class, 631-475-1882, [rosetbe.2@juno.com](mailto:rosetbe.2@juno.com).

**Thursday, March 8**—Cultural Presentation: Herstory, celebration of Women's History Month, Board Room, O'Connor Hall, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, 12:40 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, 631-687-4563, or email [kpariti@sjcny.edu](mailto:kpariti@sjcny.edu).

**March 8-11**—Film: Chico and Rita, animation about young piano player with big dreams and a beautiful singer with an extraordinary voice, Plaza Cinema & Media Arts Center, 20 Terry Street, Patchogue, March 8, 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m., March 11 at 2:30 p.m., \$10.00 includes free popcorn, 631-848-7288, [cdalglis@plazamac.org](mailto:cdalglis@plazamac.org).

**March 9-11 and April 2-4**—Painting Churches, Clare Rose Playhouse, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd., Patchogue, March 9 & 10 and April 2 & 3 at 8 p.m., March 11 & April 4 at 3 p.m., \$15.00, \$12.00 for seniors and students, 631-654-0199.

**Saturday, March 10**—Empowered You! Simple & powerful steps to a healthier, happier, & relaxed and empowered you, South Medical PC, 87 South Ocean Ave., Patchogue, 11 a.m., free, 631-682-4085, [tildet@growingwithtruth.com](mailto:tildet@growingwithtruth.com).

**Saturday, March 10**—A Night of Heavy Mellow, live performance at Roast Coffee & Tea Trading Co., 41 East Main Street, Patchogue 7:30 p.m., 631-627-3966.

**Sunday, March 11**—Music On Main Street presents Artspace: The Musical, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$10.00, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Tuesday, March 13**—Lecture: "Catholic-Jewish Relations: 46 Years From Vatican II When Everything Changed-or Did It?" featuring Rabbi Gary Bretton-Granatoor, McGann Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, 7:30 p.m. Free and Open to the public, 631-687-2667 or visit [www.sjcny.edu](http://www.sjcny.edu).

**Wednesday, March 14**—Book Discussion: Zeitoun by Dave Eggers, Shea Conference Center, O'Connor Hall, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, 12:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, a lunch will be provided, 631-687-5100, [www.sjcny.edu/cfa](http://www.sjcny.edu/cfa).

**Wednesday, March 14**—Crowne Plaza Grand Reopening, 730 North Ocean Avenue, Holtsville, complimentary passed hors d'oeuvres, free giveaways, 5:00-9:00 p.m., RSVP by March 12, 631-758-2900.

**Thursday, March 15**—Give Yourself the Gift of Time, learn 3 strategies for time management, Brookhaven Town Women's Services, Brookhaven Town Hall Auditorium, 2nd floor, One Independence Hill, Farmingville, 7:30 p.m., \$1.00 at the door, 631-698-2074.

**Saturday, March 17**—St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt, begins and ends at Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, participants who return to the Chamber office with the correct answers will be included in a chance to win \$500.00, 15 North Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 631-207-1000, [info@patchoguechamber.com](mailto:info@patchoguechamber.com).

**Saturday, March 17**—St. Patrick's Day Dinner, live music, United Methodist Church of Patchogue, 10 Church St., 5:00 p.m., 631-475-0381.

**March 17-18**—Children's film: The Secret of Kells, PlazaMac Cinema, 20 Terry Street, Patchogue, 2:30 p.m., families with children \$7.00, general public \$10.00, [www.plazamac.org](http://www.plazamac.org).

**Wednesday, March 21**—Patchogue-Medford Youth & Community Services 3rd Annual Fashion Show, Villa Lombardi's, 877 Main Street, Holbrook, 6-10 p.m., adult \$75.00, child \$35.00, 631-758-4100.

**Thursday, March 22**—Musical Performance: Transformations: A Concert! D'Ecclesiis Auditorium, O'Connor Hall, St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public, 631-687-1434, [www.sjcny.edu/cfa](http://www.sjcny.edu/cfa).

**March 22-25**—Film: Pina, with special guest, dancer Melanie Lien Palm, March 22-24 at 7:30 p.m., March 25 at 2:30 p.m., PlazaMac Cinema, 20 Terry Street, Patchogue, \$13.00, \$10.00 with valid student ID, [www.plazamac.org](http://www.plazamac.org).

**Friday, March 23**—Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of Swirls and Twirls Yogurt Shop, 394 Sunrise Highway, Patchogue, in the Waldbaum's Shopping Center across the street from St. Joseph's College, ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m., grand opening celebration 11 a.m.-12 midnight, 50% of proceeds to benefit Patchogue-Medford PTA Council, Co-owner, Joe Sala, invites everyone to stop by on grand opening day for "the ultimate healthy indulgence" for ½ on grand opening day, 516-541-9400, [www.swirlsandtwirlsusa.com](http://www.swirlsandtwirlsusa.com).

**March 23-24**—Weekend of Spring Breakthrough Services, World Outreach Church of God, Guest speakers Pastor Frank Dupree & Pastor Sal Termini, 249 Washington Avenue, Patchogue, 23rd 7:30 p.m., 24th 7:00 p.m., 25th 6:30 p.m., 631-447-2924, world-outreach@verizon.net.

**Saturday, March 24**—The Passion of Joan of Arc, the silent movie,

Congregational Church of Patchogue, 95 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., \$10.00 suggested donation, 631-475-1235.

**Sunday, March 25**—St. Patrick Parade, Main Street, Patchogue, 2 p.m. May the Road Rise to Meet Ye 4 Miller leads the parade at 1:55 p.m. For info or to register for the parade or for the race, call Patchogue Village Parks & Recreation 631-475-4302.

**Sunday, March 25**—Paumanok Animal Hospital Annual Open House, 639 Route 112, Patchogue, 1:00 p.m., free, 631-475-1312, [www.paumanokvethospital.com](http://www.paumanokvethospital.com).

**Sunday, March 25**—"Star Shine 2012" Talent Show for students grades 1-12, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:00 p.m., [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Thursday, March 29**—9th Annual Patchogue Garden Club "Think Spring" Luncheon featuring Guest Speaker Jody Garrett, CMA, Mediterranean Manor, 303 East Main Street, Patchogue, Doors open at 10:30 a.m., Tickets \$35, for more information, call Georgia 631-289-0867 or Arlene 631-730-7572.

**Sunday, April 1**—Temple Beth El of Patchogue 2012 Honoree of the Year Donna M. Boyle, Executive Director Patchogue Family YMCA, Testimonial Brunch, 45 Oak Street, Patchogue, 12 noon, \$54.00, 631-475-1882, [rosetbe.2@juno.com](mailto:rosetbe.2@juno.com).

**Sunday, April 1**—Atlantic Winds "European Favorites", Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 3:00 p.m., \$12 - \$15, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Sunday, April 1**—La Nueva presents "Pablo Montero in Concert", Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 8:00 p.m., \$42 - \$102, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).

**Wednesday, April 4**—Friendship Night 2012, "Balancing Your Life" hosted by the Patchogue Lioness Lions Club, Bellport Country Club, 20 S. Country Rd., Bellport, 6-10 p.m. \$40.00, Judie (631) 475-7216.

**Thursday, April 5**—Live in the Lobby: Delights of Nothing and Ghosts of Electricity, Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts, 71 East Main Street, Patchogue, 7:30 p.m., \$10, [www.patchoguetheatre.com](http://www.patchoguetheatre.com).



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**GRB Development, Inc.**,  
Michael Kelly, *Residential Development*,  
(The RiverWalk), 100 Rose Executive  
Blvd., East Yaphank, NY, 11967, 631-  
569-2733.

**Sheila's Wallpapering**, Sheila  
Rooney, 119 Clark St., Patchogue, NY  
11772, 631-289-1451.

**Stop 275 Restaurant**, Billy  
Gianacopoulos, 275 East Main St.,  
Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-334-0464.

**Swirls & Twirls**, Deborah  
Cosgrove, *Soft Yogurt*, 394 Sunrise Hgy.,  
Patchogue NY 11772, 631-661-0010.

**TruTax**, Anthony Izzo, *Real  
Estate Tax Reduction*, 144 Medford Ave.,  
Patchogue, NY 11772, 631-485-5585,  
trutaxreduction.com.

## Moving Forward (from Page 1)

nicate has changed, and has been permanently redefined. Social networks and texting are creating never-before-seen demands for instant information and gratification. To stay relevant, we are aware we must connect with our membership and community in real time, a mandate that has presented significant, yet exciting challenges.

In 2011, through creative financing and the bartering of services, The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce was able to leave our old website and obsolete computers behind. The office, consisting of two part timers and an Executive Director, is now able to manage its time more effectively, while offering our membership increased services, the enlightenment of events, and the awareness of relevant business news within the community.

Sadly, our telephone system remains antiquated, and is in desperate need of replacement. The ability for the phone system to interact with the computer system is a requirement. Technology such as clicking on a telephone number on the screen and the

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phone system automatically dialing the number would reduce wrong numbers and save valuable time. Additionally, if a member calls in, the phone number from the Caller-ID could be passed to the computer so the member's information is automatically displayed on the screen before the employee answers the phone. These simple, but essential tasks, cannot be accomplished with the system we now have. We are seeking a \$1000 grant for this purpose.

The Chamber office has always prided itself, on its ability to effectively communicate. Providing our staff with ready access to all the information they need, when they need it, is essential to increased productivity, enhanced internal and external communications as well as improved member and community satisfaction and loyalty. Our goal in 2012 is to increase our membership by 25%. The \$1000 grant would help Brookhaven's largest chamber, currently 400 members strong, to continue its momentum toward this goal and the future.

—Mindy Skura, President



Patchogue's newest restaurant, Stop 275, is open at 275 East Main St., just east of Rt. 112. Billy Gianacopoulos is the owner.

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**July 6 — July 20 — August 10 — August 17**