

Meetings

Labor Dept. sets workshop for union officials

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards will sponsor a one-day workshop from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 at the Niagara Center, 130 Elmwood Ave., Buffalo. The program is designed to help union officials in Western New York meet their record-keeping and reporting requirements. The Labor Management Reporting and Disclosure Act establishes certain rights for union members and contains provisions to ensure union democracy and financial integrity. These include requirements for unions to maintain records used to prepare their annual reports filed with the government and requirements and procedures for filling those reports. To register for the workshop, fax the registration to 842-2901 or call 842-2900.

BNI to host training at Millennium Hotel

Business Network International of New York will host seminar event coordinator training from 3:45 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 1 at the Millennium Airport Hotel, 2040 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga. For more information, call 1-888-BNI-4WNY.

UB holds graduate diversity visit

The University at Buffalo will hold a Graduate School Diversity Visit at 9 a.m. Friday, June 22 at the school's Center for the Arts located on the North Campus. The event is designed to measurably enhance the inclusiveness and diversity of the graduate programs at the College. Students will be escorted by representatives from the department or school of their choice to view and tour the campus and to obtain detailed information regarding their graduate programs of interest. Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the visit. For more information call 645-5836.

Maureen's in the Village brightens Main Street

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There was a need for a flower shop on Main Street in the village, so Maureen's Buffalo Wholesale Flower Market put one there.

Opened in April, Maureen's in the Village, is the business' second location, which has its 20,000-square-foot warehouse in downtown Buffalo.

"A flower shop is part of a village. There is a bakery, clothing store, gift shop and a flower shop," owner Maureen Bartley said.

The full-service flower shop has been a goal of Bartley's. Since opening the downtown location nine years ago she has considered expanding — and the customers have asked for another location for years, she said. This past winter the decision was made to set up a satellite location.

"Mickey (McFarlane) the manager found the space, and we thought it was perfect," Bartley said. The shop is at 5461 Main St., at Los Robles Street.

She added the location is easier for many clients to get to instead of traveling downtown.

Maureen's in the Village caters to corporate parties, hospitals, birthdays and country clubs. During the wedding season the company handles between 15 and 20



Maureen's in the Village owner Maureen Bartley, left, Breanna Scaruto, head designer, center, and Mickey McFarlane, manager, opened shop six weeks ago in the heart of the village, 5461 Main St.

weddings a weekend, she said.

"We do a lot of parties ... any possible reason you would need a flower shop," Bartley said.

Also called a "bucket shop," wholesale warehouse florists allow customers to choose the flowers for their arrangements.

Breanna Scaruto, head designer at the Williamsville location, who has been with Maureen's for nine years, credited Bartley for learning the trade. She started when she was a student at City Honors.

McFarlane had met Bartley in 2000 when Maureen's handled the floral arrangements for the wedding of one of her children. Years later McFarlane moved back to Snyder after living in New Hampshire for 36 years.

A retired psychotherapist, she was looking for something fun and different to try and has been with Maureen's for four years.

"The village has been very receptive to us," she said.

Bartley agreed, adding there has been a lot of foot traffic past the

shop and customers stopping in.

By purchasing wholesale, Maureen's can buy direct and keep prices low, Bartley said.

"The prices at the village shop are the same low prices as downtown," she said. "And the quality is extremely high."

She added, flowers are brought in from around the world with a large selection of orchids and calla lilies.

In addition to the flowers, Maureen's has a wide variety of vases and pots. Customers can also select from a variety of ribbon and wrapping for their personalized arrangements. Pre-arranged bouquets are also available.

The bright green walls have become a type of trademark for the business and are complemented with an array for flower choices and the "extras" that make an arrangement personal for each customer.

Bartley has been in the floral business for more than 30 years with 17 years experience as a sales manager and buyer before opening Maureen's.

Maureen's in the Village is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For information, call 630-7008.

For information on Maureen's Buffalo Wholesale Flower Market, 441 Ellicott St., call 852-4600.

Research aimed to help arthritis sufferers

Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates, P.C. is taking part in an international research project in hopes of finding new ways to reduce pain from arthritis.

Partnering with the Cleveland Clinic, Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates is recruiting participants for what it calls The Precision Study. A total of 20,000 arthritis patients who either have, or are at risk for, heart disease are needed.

Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates is one of 1,000 sites in 15 countries contributing to the study.

The Precision Study will mea-

sure the long-term cardiovascular safety of three approved pain medications. Through this research, doctors will have the information they need to choose the most appropriate pain reliever for individuals with arthritis who have, or are at risk for, cardiovascular problems.

For more information or to sign up to participate, call Teresa Houston at Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates at 565-6652 or visit the Web site, www.arthritisheartstudy.com.

Buffalo Cardiology and Pulmonary Associates is located at 6460 Main St., at Limestone Drive, in Amherst.

National Fuel makes management changes

National Fuel Gas Company, with a location at 6363 Main St., Williamsville, made management changes in 2007.

Donna L. DeCarolus was named president and a member of the board of directors, for Horizon Power, Inc., and Horizon LFG, Inc.

Horizon LFG handles the purchase, processing, transportation and sale of landfill gas, and Horizon Power develops and owns independent electric generation facilities that are fueled by natural gas or landfill gas. Duane A. Wassum was named president of Highland Forest Resources Inc., the company's timber segment.

Joseph N. Del Vecchio was named assistant vice president of National Fuel Resources Inc., the company's energy marketing segment. Also named an assistant vice president was Getzville resident Ronald C. Kramer, of National Fuel Gas Supply Corp., the company's pipeline and storage segment.

Sarah J. Mugel was named general counsel of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, the company's utility segment.



EDUCATION EXPANSION — Medaille College held the ribbon-cutting for its new college's School of Adult and Graduate Education Center, 30 Wilson Road, Amherst, on May 14. From left to right are: President Richard T. Jurasek, Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bill Collins and Interim President Richard K. Davis, outside of the 50,000-square-foot facility. Jurasek will begin his presidency on June 1. Classes began this week in the building.

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Chamber sets after-hours event

The Amherst Chamber of Commerce has planned its next Business After House for 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, June 19 at Buffalo Wild Wings, 5431 Transit Road, between Klein and Maple roads, Amherst.

Business After Hours is a monthly, casual networking event sponsored by a chamber member and hosted by an Amherst restaurant or bar.

The event is free to chamber members and non-members pay \$25 to attend.

The reservation deadline is noon on June 19. Walk-ins will be charged \$5.

To register, call the chamber at 632-6905.