

Meetings

Financial Women International to host fund-raiser

The members of the Western New York Group of Financial Women International will host the 21st annual fund-raiser and special event to benefit Compass House, WHYME House Foundation and the FWI Scholarship Fund. This year's "Coming Together for WNY" fund-raiser will be held at the Ironworkers Hall, 196 Orchard Park Road, West Seneca from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10. Tickets cost \$20 (\$25 at the door), and there will be both a Chinese auction and a live auction featuring Sandy Beach as the auctioneer. Music will be supplied by the Stone Bridge Band, and the price of admission includes a buffet, beer, pop and a chance to win a \$500 cash door prize. Tickets may be purchased from any of the co-chairs: Ann at 848-7028, Christine at 888-4120, Lynn at 838-7776 or Naomi at 848-7896.

Landlord workshop now available

The Community Preservation Corporation and Rochester Housing Council are jointly sponsoring a free six-session program on the fundamentals of operating rental property in Erie County. The program will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays from Feb. 6 to March 13 at Daemen College, 4380 Main St., in Amherst. Topics discussed will range from rental applications and the screening process to acquisition and financing basics. Each of the classes covers a different aspect of operating rental property. For more information, call 853-0266.

Apartment Council plans manager program

The National Apartment Association has approved the Apartment Council of Western New York to conduct the Certified Apartment Manager program. The program will take place from 5:45 to 9:45 p.m. on the next 10 Tuesdays. For more information or to participate, call 633-0959.

Dentist offers educational program to schools during national dental month

Pediatric Dental Care, at 13 Hopkins Road, Williamsville, will be visiting schools during National Children's Dental Health Care Month to educate children on proper care of their teeth.

On Feb. 1, 1941, a one-day observance of "Children's Dental Health Day" was held in Ohio. In 1949, the American Dental Association held its first national observance of the day.

In 1955, it became a weeklong event, and in 1981, it was extended to a monthlong observance and named "National Children's Dental Health Care Month."

According to the U. S. Surgeon General's Executive Summary on Oral Health, released in May 2000, tooth decay is the single most common chronic disease in children.

The report also stresses the importance of oral health as a key part of total health. More than 50 percent of children between the ages of 5 and 9 have at least one cavity or filling, and that proportion increases to 78 percent among 17-year-olds.

To address this issue, Dr. Gregory George, of Pediatric Dental Care, developed an in-school education program that has been successfully implemented in schools nationwide.

He is the author of the "Look Mom ... No Cavities!" book and video. A natural product extension was the creation of the Dental Health Education Curriculum kit.

The kit was developed with the help of educators, a curriculum developer, school nurses and the American Dental Hygienist's

Association as a tool to educate children between the ages of 5 and 18 about the importance of good oral hygiene. The curriculum is the tool used by several states as their public health education tool for oral health education.

As a tribute to National Children's Dental Health Care Month, George's staff will be available on a limited basis to visit schools or organizations to implement a free oral health care education program.

The program has been designed for children in prekindergarten through third grade. Each child will receive educational materials and a Crest spin brush.

Call 633-6480 for information and space availability.



GROUNDBREAKING — Clarence Town Supervisor Kathy Hallock, left, Kathleen Kiesel Flemming, president and CEO, Len LoVullo, chairman of the board of directors and Lisa Wardynski, member of the board of directors were on hand during the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Waterford Village Bank, located at 8411 Main St.

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Allstate office opens in Williamsville

Allstate Insurance Company recently opened a new office in Williamsville, which is independently owned and operated by agent Karen Butterson.

Located at 982 Maple Road, the office hours are 9 a.m. — 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. — 1 p.m. on Saturday. Butterson's phone number is 636-8800.

The agency sells auto, property and life insurance, an array of financial services including mutual funds and annuities, as well as protection for boats, recreational vehicles and businesses.

"We're committed to helping Williamsville residents protect the things that are important to them, whether it's their car, life, home or business," said Butterson, who has owned an agency in the past and most recently worked as an independent broker.

South Towns Surgical Associates opens Amherst location on Youngs Road

In its 30th year in Western New York, South Towns Surgical Associates recently opened an Amherst location.

The office, at 1000 Youngs Road, Suite 105, offers general and vascular surgeries.

With an increasing need to serve patients in the Northtowns, South Towns Surgical Associates chose an Amherst location.

Four surgeons collaborate to serve their patients at the facility.

Dr. Julio Alvarez has developed a special interest in vascular and endoscopic surgery, endoscopic surgical techniques, colon surgery, cancer, thyroid surgery, and the VNUS Closure procedure for varicose veins, a minimally invasive procedure that treats varicose veins while causing little or no pain.

Also at the Amherst location is Dr. Jeffrey Steinig, who specializes in vascular surgery, thyroid surgery, breast surgery, and laparoscopic ventral hernia and inguinal hernia repair utilizing a new technique involving the Gore bioabsorbable plus, which results in quicker recuperation and less postoperative pain.

Dr. Daniel Patterson practices general surgery to include breast surgery, laparoscopic surgery (gallbladder, appendix, ventral hernia, etc.), thyroid surgery, HALS colon surgery (hand-assisted laparoscopic surgery) and a special interest in VNUS Closure.

The newest member, Dr. Kenneth Eckhart III, specializes in advanced laparoscopy and robotic surgery, especially for gastroesophageal reflux, solid-organ surgery such as adrenalectomies and splenectomies, both ventral and inguinal hernia repair, and laparoscopic colon surgery.

To contact the facility, call 204-5993. For information, visit www.stsurgery.com.

South Towns Surgical Associates is in Orchard Park.

Medaille College relocates Amherst Campus

Medaille College will move its Amherst campus to 30 Wilson Road in Williamsville. The 50,000-square-foot facility will house Medaille's School of Adult and Graduate Education, including the accelerated learning program, graduate programs and the Canadian education programs.

Currently Medaille College houses the Buffalo area adult and graduate programs in two different facilities on Essjay Road, as well as on the main campus in Buffalo. More than 1,200 students are enrolled in these programs at the different facilities. Medaille also operates a branch campus in Rochester which is unaffected by this transition.

"The Wilson Road facility presents a great opportunity for Medaille," said Richard K. Davis,

interim president. "While we have been able to grow our adult programs, the new Amherst campus allows us to move these programs into one location and create a better college setting for these students.

"With this lease we are committing to the long-term growth of these adult programs. We will be able to offer a college campus which is better equipped to meet their needs."

Classes are scheduled to move into the state-of-the-art facility by May 21; and although there will be construction within the building, Medaille plans to have the entire building operational by August of this year.

The 10-year lease for use of the facility was brokered by J.R. Militello Realty.