

Meetings

Buffalo to host a civil rights forum

The office of State Attorney General Andrew M. Cuomo has selected Buffalo as the first city to open a series of statewide forums on civil rights. The lawyers of the Office of the Attorney General will host the event from 6-7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12 at Erie Community College City Campus, Minnie Gillette Auditorium, 121 Ellicott St. Jenny Rivera, special deputy state attorney general for Civil Rights; Dianne Dixon, Civil Rights Bureau chief; and Martha Ngwashi, Intergovernmental Affairs Department, Buffalo Office, will speak on the topic. For more information, contact the Buffalo Regional Office at 716-853-8400 or visit www.oag.state.ny.us

Marsh to host workshop

Marsh's Academy of Risk will host a business workshop on workers' compensation from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 28 at the Jacobs Executive Development Center, 672 Delaware Ave in Buffalo, as part of its Academy of Risk Breakfast Series. The workshop will address key components that drive employer costs as well as methods for an employer to oversee a carrier's performance. Additionally, the recent New York Workers' Compensation Reform Bill will be discussed. The workshop is free and includes a continental breakfast. To register, please visit http://programs.regweb.com/marsh/AcademyofRisk_308 online.

BNI hosts weekly meeting

The BNI "Circle of Excellence" Chapter weekly meeting will take place at 7 a.m. on Friday, June 8 at Marinaccio's Steak and Seafood, 5877 Main St., Williamsville. The speaker will be Angelo Grande on "Maximizing Your Marketing & Sales Dollars". To inquire about visiting the group, contact Lynn Rybak at 656-9500 or e-mail lynn.rybak@verizon.net

Quality desserts at Ettaro's

by **LUCY RUSHANOVA**
Reporter

For freshness, quality and everyday reasonable prices, Ettaro's Italian Desserts is the place to go.

Conveniently located in Amherst, Ettaro's offers a variety of freshly baked mouthwatering Italian cookies, pastries, pies and cakes. The bakery specializes in catering for weddings, showers, business and social gatherings and holiday parties.

Owners John Ryan and Nicholas Ettaro opened their business in October 2006. The facility is a comfortable in-house pastry shop that has a mini ice cream parlor, with 15 flavors and items like Italian cream sodas and smoothies.

"We are an upscale yet very comfortable facility at reasonable prices," said Ryan.

With 17 varieties of Italian cookies, homemade cannoli with ricotta-filling, Tiramisu, chocolate fudge brownies and cheesecake squares, the bakery is sure to have something for everyone. Coffee lovers can indulge in several varieties of coffee including hot or iced lattes, espresso and cappuccino.

In addition to desserts, every Sunday is pasta day. From noon to 7 p.m., customers can enjoy pasta with homemade sauce, two meatballs and a slice of Italian garlic toast, all prepared fresh in the store for \$8.95.

The pasta cut is different each



Ettaro's Italian Dessert co-owners Nick Ettaro, left, and John Ryan are ready to serve sweets at their shop, 602 Grover Cleveland Highway. The business opened in October.

week and includes spaghetti, rigatoni and fettucini. Sausage can be substituted for meatballs. Ettaro's also has fresh chef salads with homemade balsamic vinaigrette, truly an authentic treat.

Need help finding a gift for that certain someone? Ettaro's offers an Italian cookie sampler box that includes all 17 varieties,

packaged in an upscale box with the company's logo.

Other sweets on the menu include their signature carrot cake, giant chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies, and large biscotti covered with dark chocolate. They also specialize in wedding cakes.

Everything sold at Ettaro's is

made on site with the freshest ingredients.

"We really focus on quality," said Ryan. "Our number one priority is customer satisfaction and customer service."

Ettaro's is located at 602 Grover Cleveland Highway. For more information, call 838-5202.

Law firm to focus on cases involving the trucking industry

Attorneys Donna L. Burden, Philip M. Gulisano and Jonathan S. Hickey have founded the law firm of Burden, Gulisano & Hickey, LLC, in Suite 320 of the Brisbane Building, 403 Main St., Buffalo.



Burden

Formerly of Hurwitz & Fine, P.C., all three trial attorneys will continue to defend personal injury cases across New York State, primarily in the areas of trucking/transportation negligence, product liability, premises liability,

labor land municipal law.

Burden of Amherst has 20 years of experience as a trucking law trial attorney. She is the chairwoman of the DRI Trucking Law Committee and is a member of the Trucking Industry Defense Association.

Gulisano of Amherst will defend personal injury cases, primarily in the areas of trucking and transportation law, product liability, construction/labor law and municipal law.



Gulisano

Hickey of Clarence will concentrate on defending personal injury cases in the areas of trucking and transportation negligence, labor law, premises liability and product liability. He also has experience as an appellate practitioner.



Hickey

Burden and Hickey graduated from the University at Buffalo Law School; Gulisano from the University of Akron Law School.

Gilman Ciocia sets June workshop schedule

Gilman Ciocia, a provider of federal, state and local tax planning and preparation services, has set its schedule of workshops taking place in Williamsville and Snyder in June.

Workshops are designed to help individuals stay current on matters that affect their financial future and provide attendees with key strategies for accumulating, preserving and transferring their personal wealth.

Attendees receive a free lunch or dinner during the presentation.

"The rapidly changing world in which we live makes it extremely important for all individuals to pay attention to their money now more than ever,"

said Michael Ryan, president and chief executive officer of Gilman Ciocia. "Through our unique and engaging workshops, our tax and financial planning experts are providing participants with the tools to keep more of their hard-earned money, to pay fewer taxes, and to demonstrate proven strategies for maintaining and increasing personal wealth."

The schedule is as follows: 6 p.m. Thursday, June 7 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 at the Sonoma Grill, 5010 Main St., near Kensington Avenue, Snyder; and 6 p.m. Monday, June 11 at the Eagle House Restaurant, 5578 Main St., Williamsville.

To register, call 1-800-tax-team or visit www.gilcio.com.

Business News

PRWeek ranked Travers Collins & Company 120th in its list of top-grossing public relations firms in the United States, making it the highest-ranking Buffalo-based firm. PRWeek's annual list ranks companies in regard to U.S. revenue, defined as fee income plus mark-up on billable items. Travers Collins & Company, 726 Exchange St., is owned by Williamsville residents Robert N. Travers and William M. Collins.

Sisters Hospital Foundation board members elected directors and officers for the 2007-08 term, which includes Williamsville resident Joseph Zdarsky, chairman and partner at Zdarsky, Sawicki & Agostinelli. Elected to three-year terms as new directors were Dr. Paul Anain, Sisters Hospital medical staff member, and Owen Sullivan, Lawley Benefits Group, both of Williamsville.

Campanella Orthotics of Amherst recently donated \$15,000 in orthotics and prosthetics supplies for needy children in Juliaca, Peru with the Hope for Tomorrow Foundation. Also involved was Coco Brothers Orthotics and Pel Supply Company. Juliaca Mayor David Mamani Paricahua held a tribute to the donors.

AAA Western and Central New York of Williamsville has elected new officers to its board of directors for 2007: Michael J. Ryan, partner of the Cosgrove Law Firm and Gwen O. Arcara, president and principal of Executive Dimensions.