

**Meetings**

**BNI to hold meeting on networking**

The next weekly meeting of the BNI Enterprise chapter of Business Network International will be held from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Friday, July 11, at The Fairdale Banquet Center, 672 Wehrle Drive, Cheektowaga. Featured presenter John Slaughter, BNI director, will explain "The Benefits Of Word Of Mouth Networking" For more information, call Dave Raczyk at 894-5794.

**Hospice sets nursing open house**

Registered nurses and nursing graduates and students are invited to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care for a "Working with Hope Nursing Open House," from either 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, at the Hospice Mitchell Campus, 225 Como Park Boulevard, Cheektowaga. On-site job interviews, tours and refreshments will be available. The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care is considered one of the nation's largest and most innovative programs. Recognized in 2008 as one of the best places to work in Western New York by Business First, the center offers its employees competitive salaries and benefits in what officials say is a friendly, professional and flexible work environment. For more information call the center's job hotline at 989-2026 or e-mail jobs@palliativecare.org. Those interested can apply for positions at Hospice's secure Web site, www.hospicebuffalo.com.

**FBI Buffalo, InfraGard plan free seminar**

The FBI Buffalo and InfraGard will hold a free seminar on business security from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, in K 100 of the North Campus of Erie Community College, 6205 Main St., Williamsville. The workshop, titled "Computer Security is Good Business," is designed to help small businesses learn about computer security. Reserve a spot by calling Teresa at 843-5268 or by sending an e-mail to bctf@fbi.gov.

**New children's consignment shop open in village**

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*Intern*

Kids Around the Corner, a new children's clothing consignment shop in the village of Williamsville, offers a collection of styles and name brands, said Moira Pitaressi, owner of the shop.

The shop, open since May 17, features an average discount of 60 to 70 percent on clothing, she said.

"I have a lot of name brands," said Pitaressi, adding that she is picky about what she accepts. Some of the items still have tags on them, she said.

Pitaressi said her shop also provides a play area for children to visit while parents shop.

The store is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Pitaressi opened the shop in the village because she believed the village is a great place to run a business, she said.

"I live in the village, and I love the village," she said.

"I thought it'd be fun to do," Pitaressi added. She had been working and putting her children in day care, she said. Owning her own shop allowed her to bring her children to work with her.

The shop is located at 6 Los Robles.

For information, call 633-1210. Kids Around the Corner accepts MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

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**Verbena opens at 930 Maple Road**

Verbena has opened in the former Daffodil's building, which closed in September 2006.

Verbena reflects the time, talents and commitment of owner Bill Goodhue, who is also the driving force behind saving another landmark dinner house, The Stillwater, in downtown Buffalo, which was once home to Lord Chumley's.

The other key player in the creation of Verbena is Scott Donhauser, who is executive chef. He has created the new menu, which specializes in light Mediterranean cuisine, and oversaw the many months of renovation that the restaurant required prior to re-

opening. Donhauser is a veteran chef who also worked for several years at Daffodil's.

Along with a swordfish chop and filet mignon, Verbena offers numerous other dinner specialties, including the rack of lamb that this location was famous for. There is also a separate menu for the newly created Grille Room.

The name "Verbena" is of Spanish origin and means a "nightly celebration."

Verbena restaurant is located at 930 Maple Road in Amherst and at www.Verbenadining.com, and is open for dinner seven nights a week.

For more information or reservations, call 580-3125.

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**Lifetime Health Medical Group** has opened its pharmacies to the public. The town's location is at Amherst Health Center, 1185 Sweet Home Road. For information about services and each location's hours, visit <http://www.lifetimehealth.org>. All local insurances are accepted, including BlueCross BlueShield of Western New York, Independent Health, Univera Healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid.

**People in the News**



**Wands**

**Ann Wands** of Amherst has joined the physician team at Lifetime Health Medical Group at the Amherst Health Center, and is accepting new patients. She completed her residency in family medicine at the Hinsdale Hospital Family Medicine Center in Illinois. Wands is board-certified in family medicine.

**Stephanie Mack** of Eggertsville has joined the Bouvier Partnership as an associate in the litigation department. She is a recent graduate of UB's School of Law and will concentrate on civil litigation with a focus on personal injury lawsuits. She will also handle research and writing on various legal issues.



**Mack**



**Voelkl**

**Joseph Voelkl** of Williamsville, president and CEO of Buffalo Pharmacies, has been elected to the Hauptman-Woodward Medical Research Institute's Board of Directors. He serves as a trustee of Niagara Lutheran Health Systems and has volunteered on the Hospice Board, and the ECMC Foundation Board.

**Maurice Christian Doyle** has joined the firm HoganWillig, located in Amherst, which acquired the law offices of Donald H. Lischer, P.C. where he was an attorney. He joins the Real Estate Center where he will continue his focus on real property law and specifically foreclosures and litigated real property matters.



**Doyle**



**Ciprich**

**Paula Ciprich** of Eggertsville has been named secretary of National Fuel Gas Company. She will also continue to serve as general counsel. Ciprich joined National Fuel in 1988 as an attorney and was promoted to senior attorney in 1991. After other promotions, she was named assistant secretary and general counsel in 1997. She is the treasurer for the UB Law Alumni Association Inc.

**Jennifer L. Fay** has joined the Amherst-based law firm of Hogan-Willig. She will focus her practice in the family law and litigation departments. She is a 2007 graduate of the University at Buffalo Law School.

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**Waterford Village Bank sets meetings on capital campaign**

Waterford Village Bank, 8411 Main St., Clarence, has launched a summer capital campaign, according to Kathleen Kiesel Flemming, president and chief executive officer.

She said the capital raise is intended to assist the further growth of the bank and continue to service the banking needs of customers and area businesses.

The bank's campaign began on June 24, with shares going on a first-come, first-served basis. The price per share is \$12 with a minimum of \$10,008. Flemming and her staff already have raised nearly \$2 million in commitments. The bank plans to raise \$10 million by the campaign's end date, Sept. 30.

According to Flemming, the bank has more than \$65 million in assets.

Informational meetings for the campaign will take place at Brookfield Country Club from 6 to 7:30 p.m. July 8, 9, 15, 17, 23, 24, 29 and 30 and Aug. 6, 7 and 12; and from noon to 1 p.m. July 23, 24 and 29 and Aug. 5. A July 31 meeting will be held at Sonoma Grille from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There also will be meetings on Aug. 5 at the Glen Oak Golf Course from 7 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 6 to 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending any of the events should RSVP to 565-4764.

For more information on the bank, call 639-2000 or visit [www.waterfordvillagebank.com](http://www.waterfordvillagebank.com).

**Candace S. Johnson** of Amherst, a nationally recognized leader in translational research who has been actively involved in shaping Roswell Park as a premier cancer center, has been appointed deputy director of Roswell Park Cancer Institute. She will continue to serve as chair of the Department of Pharmacology & Therapeutics.

**ElderWood Health Care at Heathwood of Williamsville** has received the 2008 Innovative Practice Award for its customer service program, "Customer Focus Action Plan." The award, from the New York State Health Facilities Association, was presented during the association's annual convention in Bolton Landing, N.Y., on July 2.

**Employees and members of The Summit Federal Credit Union** have collected more than 165 pounds of food for the animals and monetary donations of \$800 for the Buffalo Zoo. Food items collected include 21 boxes of dog bones and 100 boxes of Cheerios. The monetary contribution for the new elephant house will also be presented, raised in part by the sale of "I Love Elephant" bracelets at the branch, and a corporate contribution from The Summit as well.

**Buffalo/Amherst Business and Professional Women** awarded two \$500 scholarships to Carrie Silliman and Amanda Buckley at their meeting held June 12. Silliman attends Canisius College for her MBA. She has a Master of Science degree from University at Buffalo and currently is a nurse practitioner at Roswell Park. Buckley attends Daemen College, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, with a focus on marketing.

**The Parachute Group** meets at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at the Harlem Road Community Center, 4255 Harlem Road, Community Room No. 1. Contact 276-1117 or [parachutegroup@msn.com](mailto:parachutegroup@msn.com).