

Monthly Newsletter

Notes from the Board

From the board meeting May 4th:

BIBA welcomes our new members Achber Studio, Drink Skinney, Lakes Region Spirit Magazine, My Coffee House, Northeast Tire Service, Prescott's Florist

The board reviewed the status of events coming up—working hard on the business expo...and Independents Week planning has begun. Letters to the members were reviewed and approved.

The board approved to fund Randy and David to attend the New England Local Business Forum Regional Gathering - The New England Evolution: Building your network and funding a staff through successful programs and working with our government agencies.

We had a great annual business meeting on May 16th!—A HUGE Thanks goes to all the candidates that were nominated for the board! Votes were tallied and those chosen were Kevin Sperl (Lakes Region Spirit), Chris McCarthy (The Insurance Outlet) and Ryan Robinson (Mainstay Technologies). A Special Thanks to those "retiring" board members—Pam Landry, Emily Gagnon and Jim French— their contributions to the organization were invaluable.

Our presenter was Noah Crane of the Muskrats! We are going to have some GREAT entertainment this summer with college level, wooden bat baseball team that is playing up at the Robbie Mills Sports Complex and that the first game in June 4th ! Everyone received one free pass to the upcoming games! However—they are still looking for host families—if interested—please contact Noah ASAP!!

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Quote of the month

Robert Frost: Most of the change we think we see in life is due to truths being in and out of favor.



**June 6th, 10:30 am-4:00pm
BIBA Business Expo**

Come see what our top notch local independent business can offer you—over and above anyone else!

Open to the Public— FREE!!

Food—Demonstrations—Door Prizes:
Gift Baskets, Gift Certificates, Bona Hard Wood Floor Kit, Solid Door Core, Zable Bracelet and Beads, 42" Casablanca Fan and more...

Help us advertise! We have posters available—and for those with signage—we would love to see any promo for the event posted!!

Events Coming UP....

July 5th-9th—Join us in celebrating AMIBA's Independence Week...As we honor national heritage and liberty—we also celebrate our local independent businesses who have given back to the community. Details to follow shortly!!

Also—looking for member to host July Meet-N-Greet!! Contact us today...

Comment SPOTLIGHT!

Help Americans Keep Their Jobs! One Light Bulb at a Time!

A physics teacher in high school, once told the students that while one grasshopper on the railroad tracks wouldn't slow a train very much, a billion of them would. With that thought in mind, read the following, obviously written by a good American.

Good idea ... one light bulb at a time

Check this out. I can verify this because I was in Lowes the other day for some reason and just for the heck of it I was looking at the hose attachments . They were all made in China . The next day I was in Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA. Start looking.

In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - even their job . So, after reading this email, I think this lady is on the right track. Let's get behind her!

My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is marked made in Mexico now. I do not buy it any more.

My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico ... now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at Kroger. I needed 60 W light bulbs and Bounce dryer sheets. I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I normally buy was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared the stats - they were the same except for the price. The GE bulbs were more money than the Everyday Value brand but the thing that surprised me the most was the fact that GE was made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - get ready for this - the USA in a company in Cleveland, Ohio!

So throw out the myth that you cannot find products you use every day that are made right here.

So on to another aisle - Bounce Dryer Sheets... yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada . The Everyday Value brand was less money and MADE IN THE USA! I did laundry yesterday and the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years and at almost half the price!

My challenge to you is to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA - the job you save may be your own or your neighbors!

Reminder—Next Board meeting is June 1st, 2010—Union Diner, 5:45pm. If any member has something for the board—please feel free to let any one of us know!! Members can attend!!!

Always check us out online for members, upcoming events—meeting dates, etc! www.bibanh.org

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