



CUBA NEW YORK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 2009

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ATTENTION!

Important Health Insurance Changes!

BlueCross BlueShield and Independent Health have made many changes that go into effect March 1st. Among these changes, BCBS plans now have Mandatory Mail-in for maintenance prescription medications. **The 2008 Independent Health plans have been eliminated! If you are currently enrolled in one of these plans, you must choose another plan!** Members with BCBS plans do not need to do anything if you are staying with your current plan. Plan changes require new applications and underwriting paperwork. **Changes must be received by Bene-Care no later than February 12, 2009!**

Cuba Chamber of Commerce 41st Annual Awards Dinner

We look forward to seeing our members at this year's awards dinner as we recognize those who have made a difference in Cuba this past year. The dinner will take place on March 7th at Moonwinks. Please RSVP to the Chamber office. **Details can be found on the enclosed flyer.**

BlueCross BlueShield Mandatory Mail-In



Mandatory Mail-In goes into effect on March 1, 2009 for most BlueCross BlueShield health insurance plans. Please contact Bene-Care at (800) 333-1673 with questions about this change. If you have concerns about the change, please write to:
Alfonso O'Neil-White, President
BlueCross BlueShield of WNY
257 Genesee Street
Buffalo, NY 14202

4th Annual Antique Road Show

Join the Cuba Cheese Museum for the 4th Annual Antique Road Show fundraiser! Sunday, February 22, 2009, 1-4pm
Our Lady of the Angels-Carmody Hall
50 South Street, Cuba

\$15.00 per person—Call 585-968-2893

5th Annual Cuba Garlic Festival September 19 & 20, 2009



Vendor and Sponsor applications will be mailed soon! Call the Chamber office if you are interested in helping, or have any questions or suggestions.

February Calendar

- February 11—Wednesday**
Board Meeting
7:30 am, Community Bank
- February 11—Wednesday**
Business After Hours, 5-7pm
Honoring Cuba's Civic Organizations
Cuba Circulating Library
- February 12—Thursday**
Paperwork Submission Deadline
for health insurance changes.
- February 22—Sunday**
Cuba Cheese Museum's
4th Annual Antique Road Show
1 pm OLOA Carmody Hall, Cuba
- February 28—Saturday**
Collapsed Firefighter Benefit 1-6pm
Friendship Bingo Hall & Fire Hall
- Upcoming Events**
- March 1—Sunday**
3rd Annual Savor The Flavor
Cuba VFW, 12-3pm
- March 7—Saturday**
41st Annual Awards Dinner
Moonwinks, \$25 per person
Cash Bar 6pm, Dinner 7pm

The Chamber Would Like To Welcome Our Newest Members

Searl Group Inc.-Subway
Cuba-Houghton-Franklinville Locations

Bene-Care Agency, LLC
Rochester, NY

Chamber Office Hours

Our office hours at 22 Water St. (use the Cuba Cheese Museum entrance) are Monday-Friday from 10 am to 2 pm. Please stop in with any Chamber business.

For Corrections/Additions or items for our community board and website, please contact Jim Sherrard at the Chamber office or e-mail: chamber@cubanewyork.us

March Newsletter Deadline 2/27/09



COLLAPSED Firefighter Benefit

**For the Cuba & Friendship
Firemen who were injured in the
Friendship Main Street Fire**

**February 28, 2009 1-6pm
Friendship Bingo Hall & Fire Hall**

**Food - Raffle - 50/50 - Chinese
Auction - Music Provided
Contact Jason Butts to make
a donation. 585-610-6039**

Business After Hours



**Sponsored by
Cuba NY Chamber of Commerce**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009
5:00—7:00 PM
Cuba Circulating Library
Community Room**

**Hosted by
Cuba NY Chamber of Commerce**



**Honoring
Cuba's Civic Organizations**

*Help us as we recognize the volunteers who
make Cuba a better place for all!*

**~ Please Park Across The Street In The
First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot. ~**

**Join the Chamber of Commerce Directors
And other Members for this fun and
Unique networking opportunity!**

**Please RSVP to the Chamber office so
That we can plan accordingly. Thank you!
968-5654 or chamber@cubanewyork.us**

**To host a Business After Hours, contact
the Chamber of Commerce office.
Reserve your date for 2009 now!**



"United We Stand" Flag Pole Project

Efforts are continuing to raise the needed funds to complete this amazing project. We are currently over half way to our goal of \$40,000. The dream of raising a 150 foot flagpole in the heart of downtown Cuba is slowly becoming reality. We hope that you will join this community effort to show Cuba's patriotism and dedication to volunteerism. Contact us for details.



Allegany Business Center
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Want to start or expand your business? Need help?

Seats are still available for our spring business training course! This 10-week comprehensive course for entrepreneurs that covers all the aspects of starting a small business, including; legal, financial, taxes, bookkeeping, and human resource issues. Our next EAP class will start February 24th.

Included with class tuition is at least 15 hours of one-on-one technical assistance with one of our business counselors. We will follow up with you and your business for 5 years, and can provide further technical assistance at any time. We also offer our EAP clients use of our 10-station computer lab, loaded with the most popular business software, including Dreamweaver, for website creation. Use of the lab is free for EAP clients, and is available Mon-Thurs from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Additionally, we offer a number of business development seminars with preference given to EAP clients. In the past, we've run seminars on bookkeeping, website design, internet email strategies and eBay University. These seminars are offered to our clients at reduced rates, or, even for free.

ACDSI, our lending institution, offers low-interest loans to start-up or expanding businesses. These loans offer competitive rates and a relatively easy in-house application process. For more information, please visit our website at: www.alleganybusinesscenter.com, or call Jackie Greene 585-268-7605 x1710.



**CUBA NEW YORK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.**

41st ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Moonwinks Restaurant

Cash Bar—6:00 pm

Dinner—7:00 pm

Please join the Chamber of Commerce Directors and Members as we recognize those outstanding individuals and businesses that have contributed to the betterment of Cuba this past year. Awards include the Citizen of the Year, Community Service Award, New and Improved Businesses, Teacher and Students of the Year, and more.

The annual election of Chamber board members and officers will also take place during this event.

**The dinner is \$25.00 per person.
Reservations and payment should be made in
advance by contacting the Chamber at 968-5654,
chamber@cubanewyork.us, or by mail
to P.O. Box 233, Cuba, NY 14727**

We look forward to seeing you at this community event!