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**DINNER/MIXER SCHEDULE 2016**

**DEC 13 - FREDERICK'S - DINNER**

**JAN 10 - LAKESIDE - MIXER**

**FEB 14 - HUDDLE - DINNER**

**APRIL (tbd)- ALGONQUIN - MIXER**

**JUNE 13 - THE SHACK—DINNER**

**2016 Raffle Winners**

The winners of our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Raffle were drawn on Tuesday evening, September 13, at our Annual Dinner and Fundraiser. Congratulations to our winners:

**Grand Prize** – Three All Inclusive Nights at The Sagamore Resort – Estar H of Brooklyn, NY

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - \$900 in Gift Certificates from the following Bolton businesses: The Tavern at Blue Water Manor, The Algonquin, Frederick's Restaurant, The Huddle Kitchen & Bar, Lake George Steamboat Company, Chic's Marina, Happy Jack's, Serendipity Boutique, and The Sembrich – Kenny W of Iselin, NJ

Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and supported the Bolton Chamber!

**JOIN US for an OPEN HOUSE** at Bolton Chamber & Visitor Center, Tuesday, November 8, 2016 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. See our new center and network with other members. We are planning interior displays to enhance the experience of our visitors and look forward to your suggestions.

Happy fall season!

After some of the most gorgeous fall weather throughout September and most of October, we have now been introduced to cold temperatures and our first snowfall. Visitors took advantage of the gorgeous weather by frequenting our businesses, even well after Columbus Day weekend!

We enjoyed seeing so many people at our Annual Dinner and Fundraiser at The Sagamore Shelving Rock Terrace on Tuesday, September 13. The Sagamore provided sumptuous food and outstanding service. Andy Pratt provided another fun and successful evening with his music and role as our auctioneer. We thank everyone who attended and generously supported our event.

Elaine and the Chamber Board of Directors are busy planning for 2017. We are

- completing the annual 72 page Chamber booklet, which highlights all our members, activities and events in the Bolton area.
- solidifying our request for 2017 Occupancy Tax funds
- finalizing changes to our very popular four season brochure (first introduced in 2016) which highlights activities for each season and includes a map of hiking trails in Bolton
- planning for an Ice Festival to further enhance the experience of visitors to the phenomenally successful Sagamore Glacier Ice Bar & Lounge. This year the event will be held January 20-22 and January 27-29, 2017
- working through options for pictures / exhibits / displays inside the Visitor Center to showcase the beauty of our area and highlight many things to do and places to visit and more!

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we will have 3 **open Board positions** to fill for calendar year 2017. We look forward to some continuity on the Board but also welcome new members. If you have ideas for what more the Bolton Chamber can do for our members and community and have the time and energy to turn ideas into actions, **please call Elaine at the Chamber or talk to a Board member.** By working together, we can do more!

We look forward to seeing you at our **November 8 Open House at the Visitor Center** and our **December 13 Christmas dinner at Frederick's Restaurant.**

Heidi

The number of visitors in **Bolton on Columbus Day** weekend rivaled the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Businesses and Arts & Crafts vendors were busy throughout the weekend. Many visitors participated in our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Tasting Contest** to see whose chili was the best: Neuffer's Deli, The Huddle Kitchen and Bar, The Shack, Water's Edge Lakeside Deli, The Boathouse Restaurant or Stewart's. The winner was Water's Edge Lakeside Deli for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. They will be able to proudly display the "Wooden Spoon" award until next year's event. We would like to thank Joanie Waters for providing music outside of Serendipity Boutique on Saturday afternoon. We drew a winner from the returned voting ballots for a \$25 Gift Certificate to the business with the winning chili – Elaine C of Queensbury, NY will be able to enjoy more chili or other good food from Water's Edge Lakeside Deli in the coming year. Visitors love this fun event so we hope to have even more businesses participate next year!