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LOCAL IMPACT, GLOBAL CHANGE



The Chamber will hold its Annual General Meeting on April 23rd, 2009 at the Fairmont Hamilton Princess. We are delighted to have Mick Fleming, President of the American Chamber of Commerce Executives (ACCE) as our guest speaker. Mr. Fleming will discuss the ways in which Local Business - led economic development organizations can serve as the stimulus for restoring prosperity to regions of the world.

Mick Fleming is a native of Buffalo and a graduate of Cornell University, his diverse career has included teaching, coaching, publishing, management, marketing and lobbying positions. Mr. Fleming serves the needs of 1500 chambers of commerce and related organizations. He and his staff provide information, professional development, certifications, publications, employee benefit plans, conferences, consulting and networking opportunities for community leaders.

Prior to joining the ACCE in 2001 he was chief executive of the Manufacturers Association of Central New York and spent 15 years in senior management, communications, economic development and government relations positions with the Business Council of New York State.

The Chamber is very excited that Mr. Fleming will be speaking to our members.

CELEBRITY LOCK-IN

On Friday March 13th, 2009, P.R.I.D.E (Parent Resource Institute for Drug Education) held its first Celebrity Lock - In fund-raising event. Your President Philip Barnett along with Kristi Grayston and Jonathan Brewin were amongst the many celebrities that were publicly arrested and transported to jail. They were put in jail for their lack of awareness on drug use and the impact it has in Bermuda. Each of the celebrities was sentenced to jail time accordingly and only by raising sufficient bail from family, friends, business associates etc. would they be able to "get out of jail".



Mr. Barnett's bail was originally set at \$2500.00 and the Chamber staff had him convinced that we were having trouble raising the money. In the beginning of our campaign this was true, however with the help of the members, Mr. Barnett's family, friends and employees we managed to raise \$6800.00. We asked that bail be set at \$6000.00 once we realized how much money we raised and when his bail was announced, Mr. Barnett almost lost his mind. While Mr. Barnett sat in jail trying to figure out how he was going to come up with his bail, your Chamber Treasurer Andrew Parsons tried to persuade the judge to lower the bail amount and in doing so, he was also thrown in jail. In the end, it was Mr. Barnett's "Dream Girls" (as the judge said) that came to the rescue and bailed him out.

The fund-raising event was extremely successful and P.R.I.D.E. raised approximately \$50,000.00. The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support of P.R.I.D.E. and the Chamber: **A.F. Smith, ABIR, ALAS Bermuda, Australia Japan Cable Ltd., Bermuda Executive Services, Bermuda Telephone Co., B.R.S. Ltd, Capital G, Container Ship Management, Euroba Management, Gosling's, Hog Penny Pub, IAS Ltd., J.B. Astwood & Son Ltd., Keytech Ltd., Latin Restaurant, Marshall Diel & Myers, Nephlia Capital, Pickled Onion, Precise Systems Integration Ltd., Roderick DeCouto Real Estate, Schrodgers, Ted Gauntlett Chartered Surveyor, Windcrest Management, Aaron Adderley, Andrew Parsons, Bruce Barritt, Buddy Rego, Courtland Boyle, Dennis Fagundo, Don Dunstan, Fiona Lines, John Barnett, Kenneth Hunt, Marius & Jane Dier, Michael Winfield, Paula Clarke, Peter Everson, Phyllis Virgil, Ranica James, Renee Bullock-Cann, Renee Robinson, Ronnie Viera, Scott Barnett, Stephen Todd, Susan Thompson, Tracy Tepper and Vicki Coelho.**



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2009 ABICEA Undergrad and Post-grad Scholarship Application forms are available to download from www.abic.bm. Deadline for completed applications is April 14th, 2009. For additional information about these scholarships, contact Fiona Lines at flines@bcc.bm.



SAVE THE DATE

- **Information Session: Getting Ready for Retirement** - Thursday, April 30th from 12:00 to 1:30pm.
Venue: Argus Financial.
For more information contact cstroble@bcc.bm.
- **Business Technology AGM** - Thursday, April 2nd from 8:30 - 10:00am.
Venue: Chamber of Commerce Boardroom. For more information contact flines@bcc.bm.
- **Chamber of Commerce AGM** - Thursday, April 23rd from 12:00 - 2:00pm.
Venue: Fairmont Hamilton Princess.
- **BEPRO Launch** - Thursday April 16th, 2009 **Time:** 5:30 pm **Venue:** Newstead.
For more information, please contact Fiona Lines at flines@bcc.bm

MEDIA TEK

WIRED WEDNESDAY!

When: Wednesday, April 29th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Venue: Brown - Brangman Building, Ground Floor (red building at the junction of Reid & King St.)

Come and check out Media Tek's new training facility!

Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres to be served

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If you have any questions or suggestions for our newsletter, please contact Carrie Stroble (Editor) at:
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CALLING ALL EMERGING PROFESSIONALS

A team of dedicated young professionals living and working in Bermuda, answered the Chamber's call to form a new group representing and serving all of Bermuda's emerging professionals. Volunteering their time and expertise, they have met weekly since the beginning of February 2009 to lay the foundations of this organization.

This new organization is set to launch on Thursday, April 16th, 2009 at Newstead. If you are or know of anyone who is an emerging professional looking to connect with others and wishing to develop professionally, socially and civically, please contact Fiona Lines at flines@bcc.bm to receive an invitation.

Watch this space next month for a formal introduction to this new group and the team behind the scenes.

VIC AT DANGELINI'S



After a two year sabbatical the Chamber is getting back into the visitor information industry and will operate a new VIC for Hamilton from the site of the previous Visitors Service Bureau office. The new VIC will operate in conjunction with a new cafe which will share the space with VIC.

We are excited to launch this new venture and encourage our members to take advantage of the location and enjoy the new cafe. The VIC and cafe will open in April.



CORPORATE HOSPITALITY FOR TALL SHIPS

The Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge is coming to Bermuda and the ships will be in Hamilton from June 11th - 15th. When the larger ships are in port, they offer an exciting opportunity for local businesses and organizations to host events on board for clients and other guests. You can host a cocktail reception, dinner, meetings, have a family day etc. If you are interested or require more information please contact starla@selectsitesgroup.com

The following evenings and day sails are still available: Class A ships, on the evening of Saturday, June 13th, Class B ships on the evenings of 11th and 13th and day sails, on Class B ships on the 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th.



ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

The Chamber of Commerce is renting out wall space for advertising! The Chamber rents out its boardroom to approximately 5000 members and non members from various businesses and organizations for meetings, seminars and sessions. We would like to give our members the opportunity to advertise to those businesses and individuals who utilize the Chamber's boardroom. The space is limited, so you must sign up quickly. The size of your ad must be 32x40, the Chamber will take care of the framing and installation. All you need to do is design your ad and drop it off at the Chamber office. The cost for advertising is \$1000.00 for 12 months. If you are interested in advertising your business, please contact Carrie Stroble at cstroble@bcc.bm.

2009 ANNUAL GAAP/GAAS & IFRS SEMINAR

Emergence is inviting you to their 2009 Update Seminar. This is the second event Emergence has hosted in conjunction with the CGA in their commitment to servicing the information and educational requirements of the professional accountants who make Bermuda their home. Their team has worked hard to ensure a varied program for professional development, networking opportunities, and fun!

The event is being held at the Bermuda Underwater Exploration Institute (BUEI) on April 16th and 17th 2009. For more details regarding this seminar, please contact Selina DeSilva of Emergence Bermuda by phone (441) 295-0913, or by email sdesilva@emergencecorp.com.



ARGUS HEALTH FAIR

The Argus Group is pleased to host the fifth annual Argus Health Fair in partnership with Bermuda Hospitals Board and the Department of Health. This year's community health fair will be held on Tuesday, April 7 from 10:30am until 4pm at the Number Six Shed in Hamilton. The event takes place on World Health Day during Bermuda's Public Health Week. Admission is free.

Thirty of Bermuda's health-related charities, organizations and professionals will be on hand to answer questions and provide health and wellness information to the public. Details will be available on coping with diabetes, heart disease, obesity and cancer. Visitors to the health fair can learn their risk of osteoporosis with free bone-density screenings and also see first-hand at the skin-analyzer booth, the dramatic effects that the sun has on the skin.