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Happy Spring and welcome to the first newsletter of 2019!

It has been a very busy start to the year and the first quarter has shown tremendous promise and excitement for the future of our chamber. I'm pleased to announce that the 2019 budget, by-laws, Board of Directors and Executive Committee have been approved and we are now set to go against our objectives.

At its core, our organization is the engine that fosters the health and business vitality the region we proudly represent, thereby providing the energy necessary to advance common objectives. MRCC needs our member businesses to grow, and businesses need the chamber to grow—It really is a symbiotic relationship in the truest sense.

So rather than debating with a new prospect over why they should join, we will inspire them on why they can't afford not to. This will be a rallying theme for 2019 and beyond.... that will require everyone associated with volunteering their time and efforts to uphold and embrace the positive energy and inspiring attitude in our new culture.

We are actively building our platforms that will maximize our membership value and serve the region community that we serve. Government Affairs, School to Business Partnership, Young Professionals, Workforce Development and Business Solutions are all gearing up for strong value additions on top of dynamic new networking ideas.

All of this activity partnered with a strong web and social media campaign and event calendar should make for a very exciting 2019!

You have my full commitment to work diligently on helping our businesses to succeed, increase job opportunities and develop diverse segments while building a strong culture based on kindness and fellowship.

The door to the Chamber is always open to your comments and suggestions. Looking forward to working with you in the months ahead!

Onward and Upward! **Robert Schlacter, President and CEO**rschlacter@marlboroughchamber.org

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chandratallman@gmail.com chandratallman.com **Kelley Borer-Miller**, Crossroads School, is helping us bring life back to our Young Professionals Group to add value to our members. The Young Professionals Group will host events throughout the year to provide networking opportunities and professional development for young professionals, ages 21-40. Keep your eye out for exciting updates, rebranding, and events... including a Martini Party to kick things off later this spring!

If you would like to get involved, please complete this doodle poll to help us select the date for our first informational meeting.

governmentaffairs

Government Affairs is getting ready for spring and here to help our members grow their businesses.

Save the Date, Thursday, May 9th 7:30 a.m. Find out about Opportunity Zones and if they are right for you?

Opportunity Zones Seminar | April 25th | 3-5 p.m.

We are also partnering with the Marlborough Economic Development corporation on another seminar. More details to follow.

Online "Ask the Expert?" Watch the Marlborough Regional Chamber website for our new member benefit of Ask the Expert? We will be providing an expert each month to help you with your business challenges.

Monthly Meeting Each month the Government Affairs committee reviews legislation, checks in with city officials and helps find solutions for our members. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8 a.m. in the conference room of the Marlborough Regional Chamber of Commerce. Please join us.

Thank you,

Emily Greenwood, Chair Government Affairs

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After School Business Comittee News

MARLBOROUGH – The School to Business Committee met on Wednesday March 6th, 2019 to discuss the future direction of the committee. Though it is still a work in progress, the committee agreed upon a new name for the committee; **The School to Business Partnership**. We also began work on the formulation of a mission statement and to focus on some objectives for the 2019-2020 school year. The draft of the mission statement and objectives which were discussed are detailed below.

The School Business Partnership

The mission of the School Business Partnership is to develop and implement dynamic partnerships between public and private schools and local businesses and community organizations, for the purpose of enhancing the quality education in our region to assist students in becoming more competitive in the global economy. The School Business Partnership will foster a climate of active involvement, quality interaction, and mutual respect between schools, businesses and the community.

Some of the objectives that were touched on:

- Intern/externships
- Job shadowing opportunities
- Drug Awareness Platform i.e., opioids, vaping, alcohol
- Create and expand job/service opportunities for Students
- Bringing the students of our City and our service area together as one student body through inter-school collaborations
- Leadership and Job Skills Training/Development
- Volunteer and mentorship opportunities within the schools for businesses to fulfill their corporate social responsibility goals







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