

## **TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

September 3, 2008

**Members Present:** Heather Bowie, Allstate of Nanuet  
Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group  
Lonna Panatelli, Friends of Tuxedo Park Library  
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps Carpentry  
Greg Stevens, Greg Stevens Inc  
Jean Grippo, Heartland Payment Systems  
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S  
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores  
Gina Blomkamp, Live Technology  
Don Blum, Shopper's Plus Print Services  
Dick Spiegel, SOS Fuels  
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management  
Rev. Betty McWhorter, St Mary's Episcopal Church  
David Dupont, Tuxedo Fire Department  
Claudia Depkin, Tuxedo Park Library  
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars  
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties

**Others Present:** Bob Ortmann & Dan Gladding (Tuxedo Park Library Trustees)

**Call to Order:** Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:43PM on Wednesday, September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 at the Tuxedo Park Library.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

**2009 Officer Nominations:** Dale stated that the Chamber's 2009 officer's election will be taking place in December at the Holiday Mixer. Greg Stevens has asked not to serve another term. Greg served for 6 years already. Bob Thompson has agreed to accept the nomination for Treasurer. Andy Berish seconded the nomination for Bob Thompson to serve as Treasurer. Bob Thompson nominated Dale Mottola as President and Gary Phelps seconded. Greg Stevens nominated Jerry Mottola as Vice-President and Dick Spiegel seconded. Greg Stevens then nominated Natalie Pearson as Secretary; Jerry Mottola seconded.

#### **Spotlight on Business: Tuxedo Park Library**

Claudia Depkin welcomed the Chamber to the Tuxedo Park Library. She demonstrated how to use the library's website at [www.tuxedoparklibrary.org](http://www.tuxedoparklibrary.org). The website is full of useful information such as local history and photos. There is even an area on the site

where you can research the data base that includes the NYS library. Claudia explained how one can even access digital materials and download books. All you need is a library card and pin # to access the feature. A portion of Amazon purchases that originate through the link on the Library's website supports Library programs. Lonna Panatelli, a member of the Friends of the Library board, welcomes new members to join. The Friends meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7PM. The group runs an annual book sale in June.

**Update -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing on September 4<sup>th</sup>:** The outing will be taking place tomorrow and Greg Stevens reported that there are 19 foursomes playing this year which is up from 16 in 2007 and 12 from 2006. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Dale. Clarkstown Jewelry has donated a 3-carat diamond bracelet worth \$2950.00. Fireplacekeeper.com has donated a gel fuel fireplace and the Hudson Valley Renegades has donated tickets to upcoming games. Tuxedo Ridge will be providing a conduit for accepting credit cards during the event.

**Update -- Chamber Paintball Challenge on September 10<sup>th</sup>:** Dale stated that it is a week from tonight and that she doesn't have firm RSVPs. The Ridge needs a count on attendees. Dale will be sending an email reminder to members. It's a great deal for \$25 which includes dinner, Dale remarked. The Chamber is up against the Florida Chamber.

**Update -- Family Fun Day on October 4<sup>th</sup>:** Dale said that Family Fun Day is approaching and the committee has decided to include more adult games, such as volleyball and horseshoes. There will be a chili cook off and apple pie bake off. The Chamber is sponsoring the caricature artist.

**Update -- Electronics Recycling Event:** Representatives from Tuxedo School District, Tuxedo Park School and the Tuxedo Chamber met with Rockland PC Users Group. The group refurbishes computers which are then made available to non-profit organizations, seniors and students. They are a not-for-profit organization. There are minimum specifications for donated computers; a concern is that a significant number of computers that would be collected would not meet the specifications. It was noted that the event may be considered in the spring in conjunction with Earth Day. Any research of computer disposal is welcomed; please contact Dale if you have any information.

**Other Business:** Betty McWhorter of St. Mary's invited Chamber members to attend 2 community events. St. Mary's will host a Rally Day on September 7<sup>th</sup> with a blessing of the backpacks. On September 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's will hold a 9/11/2001 memorial service at 7PM. For more info see their website at [www.stmarysintuxedo.org](http://www.stmarysintuxedo.org)

Dick Spiegel also mentioned that St. Mary's donated \$5000 to SOS Fuels to be used for fuel for the needy during the winter months. Betty also noted that the Sloatsburg Food Bank is low on donations and that any donations for the food pantry will be accepted at the St. Mary's.

Dale passed out postcards for Rock the Mountain Music Festival held at Tuxedo Ridge on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds of the concert are to benefit Spectrum for Living.

Dale also noted that a seat on the Town's ARB will expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>, and she recommended that a Chamber member consider applying for the position.

Dale also posed to the Chamber any suggestions for the Holiday Mixer. The Board suggested the date of December 10<sup>th</sup>. Some location suggestions were made for holding the event such as the Tuxedo Park School, Tuxedo Ridge, Sons of Italy, Eagle Valley Firehouse and Taverna Tuxedo.

**Adjournment: 6:52PM**

**Next regular meeting: October 1, 2008 at 5:30PM at the Sterling Forest State Park**