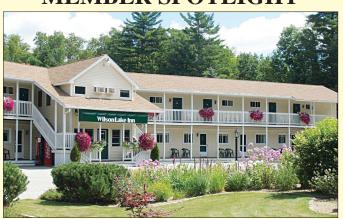
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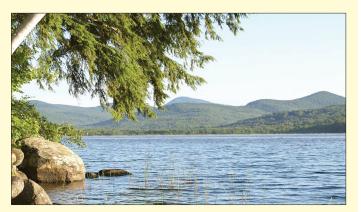
#### Wilson Lake Inn

Susan Atwood and Tom Whalen have owned Wilson Lake Inn for over 13 years. They enjoy meeting new people and creating relationships with visitors from all over the world including Australia, Japan, India and Andora.

Their warm and welcoming staff and commitment to being the best ensures that guests have an enjoyable and accommodating experience. During your stay at Wilson Lake Inn enjoy kayaking, canoeing, swimming and fishing just steps from your door on the beautiful Wilson Lake. Nearby you will find great golfing, hiking trails, restaurants and Mt. Blue State Park.

Each year Susan and Tom work on an upgrade or renovation project, working consistently to provide the best accommodations for their guests. In their free time they enjoy the scenic beauty of Wilson Lake and ballroom dancing as well as exploring and photographing Franklin County.

A peaceful, secluded setting awaits you at Wilson Lake Inn. Experience the scenic beauty which surrounds the inn which is centrally located in Maine's Western Lakes and Mountains Region on the shore of beautiful Wilson Lake. The inn is located at 183 Lake Road, Wilton and can be reached at 207-645-3721 or online www.wilsonlakeinn.com.



#### Collins Cakes & Bakes **Grand Opening**

Collins Cakes and Bakes celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony provided by the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, Collins Cakes and Bakes is a bakery serving fresh baked items, exquisite cakes and pastries, bread, bagels and more. Other offerings include Carrabassett Coffee, Thai ice cream and old fashioned candy. Visit Collins Cakes and Bakes at 285 Main St. in downtown Wilton or call 645-3331.



Left to right: Rep. Russell Black; Mike Blanchet, president of the board of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce; Denica Collins, owner of Collins Cakes & Bakes; and Penny Meservier, executive director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

#### Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Scholarship **Applications Now Available**

The 2017 Franklin County Chamber of Commerce David Robie Memorial Scholarship applications are now available. The Scholarship is in memory of the late David Robie and is to encourage continuing or higher education for Franklin County residents through financial assistance.

The Scholarships are open to any resident of Franklin County who has lived in the county for at least the prior 12 months. This scholarship will be awarded to a resident planning to, or currently attending an accredited, post-secondary school. This includes 2017 high school graduates, current full-time college students or other residents returning to school.

Applications are available at the Chamber office, on the Chamber's website at www.franklincountymaine.org (in the "Our Chamber" section, under the "Scholarship" link), or at the guidance offices of the five high schools located in Franklin

Applications and supporting materials are due into the Chamber no later than Friday, April 28 at 2 p.m. An application may also be requested through the Chamber by emailing Executive Director, Penny Meservier at director@ franklincountymaine.org or calling 778-4215.

For more information, contact: Franklin County Chamber of Commerce, 615 Wilton Road, Farmington, ME 04938 Phone: (207) 778-4215 • www.franklincountymaine.org • Executive Director, Penny Meservier at director@franklincountymaine.org

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## St. Patrick's Business After Hours hosted by Senior Planning Center

Senior Planning Center hosted March's Business After Hours for the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce on March 16. The staff of Senior Planning Center decorated



their office space with a St. Patrick's day theme. A beautiful arrangement of appetizers and refreshments were enjoyed by the guests along with live piano playing in the background.

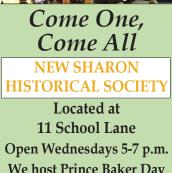
Senior Planning Center's founder/CEO, Tony Arruda, discussed the services the company provides for seniors. Mike Blanchet, Chamber Board President, acknowledged Senior Planning Center's community involvement and service to seniors which resulted in Senior Planning Center being recognized at the Chamber Annual Dinner as the 2016 Small Business of the Year. Crystal Wilde from Relay for Life discussed their upcoming event in Downtown Farmington on Friday, May 19 from 5-11 p.m. Relay for Life is looking for teams to take part in the event and corporate sponsors. Penny Meservier, Chamber executive director, proceeded to give an update on the 2017 scholarship applications which are now available. The applications and guidelines are available on the Chamber's website. The evening ended with the presentation of a door prize of a St. Patrick's Day-themed basket won by Crystal Wilde.

The next Business After Hours will take place on April 20th from 5-7 p.m. hosted by the Sun Media Group at the Franklin Journal office, 187 Wilton Road in Farmington. Plan to join us and bring a guest!



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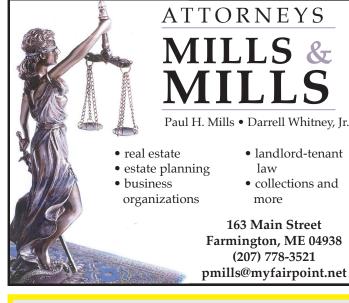
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