

# Inside the Chamber

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So, here it is March 2005! At the risk of repeating myself, "Company's Coming!" Are you ready?

March 2006 will mark the official "kickoff" of the *Town of Wawarsing Bicentennial Celebration*. 200 days of events and celebrations. Wawarsing residents will return from near and far to take part in the festivities.

But are we ready to make them feel welcome? Are we ready to put our collective best foot forward?

Most of us spend days cleaning, shopping, and preparing for guests, whether it be for a day, a weekend, or a more extended visit. Our town's bicentennial should be no exception. We have one year to spruce up our homes and businesses, to roll out the welcome mat, and to prepare to make our guests feel welcome and as though they have returned home.

What can each of us do to make this a memorable time for all concerned? It's really quite simple. Look around your neighborhood, your community and do so through the eyes of a visitor. What do you see? Fresh paint? Well-maintained lawns and yards? Sidewalks free of litter? If not, we have 12 months to do something about it. Clean up our yards. Plant some flowers. Maybe get a group of neighbors together to adopt your street or road to keep it clear of litter.


Company's coming! Let's all do what we can to make them feel welcome.

*Mary F. Sheeley*

President

## Mother Blueberry Sighting

Mother Blueberry was seen having lunch at *Il Paradiso* on February 16<sup>th</sup>, a good sign for *Blueberry Festival 2005* scheduled for **August 27<sup>th</sup>**. This was only the third time Mother Blueberry had been allowed out of her home since being released from the hospital on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – each time having been trips to *Ellenville Hospital* for x-rays and to Dr. Caleb Medley, Jr. at *Catskill Orthopaedics*. The news was especially good this time. The external fixator will be surgically removed on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, which will allow for more mobility. To celebrate, Mother Blueberry was wheeled next door and treated to her favorite (non-blueberry) dish – stuffed mushrooms – by her son and daughter-in-law.

Anyone wishing to participate in the workings/ planning of *Blueberry Festival 2005* should leave a message for Mother Blueberry with Janet at the **Chamber Office 647-4620** or e-mail: [motherblueberry12428@yahoo.com](mailto:motherblueberry12428@yahoo.com). 

**The 2005 Board of Directors of the Chamber:**

<b>Mary F. Sheeley, EA, H&amp;R Block</b>	<b>President</b>
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<b>Holly Houghtaling, Sprague &amp; Killeen</b>	
<b>Allan Loucks, Loucks Funeral Home</b>	
<b>Lynn McDonald, Provident Bank</b>	

*"It is the purpose of the Chamber to promote economic development, tourism, community betterment, legislative action, and an interest in public affairs, with programs designed to make the community a better place in which to live and make a living." (Chamber Bylaws, Article II-1)*


## Meet Our Board Members:

A graduate of SUNY Binghamton, **Holly D. Houghtaling**, found employment as Controller with *Sprague & Killeen, Inc.*, a local insurance agency, in 1998. She became licensed as a New York State property & casualty agent in 2000 and in 2004 received her designation as a Certified Insurance Service Representative, CISR.

As Controller, Holly has handled the systems administrating, accounting and education/ licensing coordinator positions at the office and has more recently assisted in the commercial department. She feels this has been a wonderful experience. She has gained a greater understanding of the industry she has decided to work within and has been able to gain greater contact with people within the community.

Being raised locally by long standing members of the community, Holly knows the area has experienced its share of ups and downs. She has chosen to raise her family in the area because she believes it will flourish once again.

Holly has recently joined the board of the **Chamber of Commerce** because she has a genuine interest in the community, personally and professionally. She has history and roots with the community and holds high standards for the future. Holly is excited to have the opportunity to serve the community and hopes to aid in the continuing efforts to better our town.

*(Other Board members will be profiled in future issues.)* 

## Chamber Seeks Volunteers

The **Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce** needs volunteers to help staff our office during the busy months of April through October. What is required is knowledge of the Village and Town and environs, a friendly attitude, and a willingness to help your community.

Training is offered by the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP). RSVP also reimburses volunteers ten cents per mile, plus a meal reimbursement. Volunteers are insured for liability, auto liability and accident through RSVP as well.

Training takes place at the **Kelder Conference Center** located on the outside perimeter of the *Ulster County Community College* campus. Volunteers need only attend one meeting and no advance registration is required.

Training dates for 2005 are March 16<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and May 16<sup>th</sup>.

If you are interested, please call the **Chamber** office, or contact any member of the *Board of Directors*. 

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