

Dear Lisa,
From the CEO's Desk:

- Congratulations to the winners of this year's Cape Cod Chamber Business Excellence Awards, which were conveyed at this year's SBA Recovery Expo hosted by Coastal Community Capital. Read the full story below!
- This week's SBA Recovery Expo featured the regional and state organizations who offer counseling and access to capital for small business. We are posting a list of these agencies and others on www.eCapeChamber.com for handy reference.
- We are still registering travelers for our trip to China. The group is going to be a fun and dynamic bunch to travel with, so please consider joining us! For more information, you are invited to stop by the Chamber office on Monday, May 10th at 4:30 p.m. to see photos of the sites (and hotel rooms), hear more about this exciting adventure and to have your questions answered! To save a seat, just let me know at wendy@capecodchamber.org.
- We have been in meetings this week with the Cape Cod Commission staff as the annual report for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is prepared for the EDA. A convening of the business community and economic entities in the region is set for May 12th at Spaulding Rehab Hospital of the Cape & Islands at 8 a.m. to review last year's achievements and discuss next year's projects. Two examples of projects in the strategy that have been significantly moved along by this process are the OpenCape broadband initiative and the Cape Cod Fisheries Trust (to help fishermen purchase permits.)
- The License Plate marketing committee is planning a summer customer appreciation promotion that is looking like a lot of fun. Stay tuned for details!
- The coaches & mentors conducted a debriefing of the Entrepreneurs' Weekend and discussed ways to improve the experience for EW3. Eight teams presented business plan ideas that were shaped and finalized during the weekend and presented "venture capital pitch style" to our panel of judges. [Click here](#) to see more details of this year's event.
- We are so proud of Siobhan Magnus for her magnificent run on American Idol. She has certainly launched a career in show biz! WQRC is offering fans a way to leave a voice message for Siobhan by calling 508-771-1224 ext. 124. Call over the weekend and they will compile the good wishes of Cape Codders to share with our rising star, Siobhan Magnus!

Wendy K. Northcross, IOM, CCE

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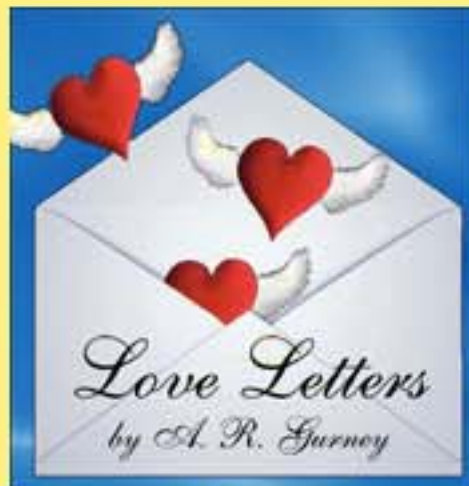
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Cape Cod Chamber Annual Meeting


The Board of Directors of the Cape Cod Chamber invite you to the **89th Annual Meeting** on **Wednesday, June 9th**, with the theme "One if by Land, Two if by Sea!" Join us for a lively sunset cruise to Provincetown aboard **Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises**. The boat will leave Barnstable Harbor promptly at 5:45 p.m. (please arrive to register between 5-5:30 p.m.), and there will be plenty of fun & delicious food on board, as well as the induction of new directors. After arriving at Provincetown's MacMillan Wharf, **Art's Dune Tours** will

provide transportation to the **Pilgrim Monument**, for tours and a toast to the Monument's upcoming 100th anniversary on August 5, 2010. We will depart Provincetown at 8 p.m. and return to Barnstable Harbor at approximately 9 p.m.

The cost to attend the Annual Meeting is \$50 for members, \$65 non-members for both Land & Sea. The cost to attend just the Provincetown celebration (Land, not Sea) is \$15 members, \$25 non-members. [Click here](#) to register online now! The Annual Meeting is sponsored by Comcast Business Class and co-sponsored by Hyannis Whale Watcher Cruises, Art's Dune Tours and Provincetown Chamber of Commerce.

Cotuit Center for the Arts presents "Love Letters"


Cotuit Center for the Arts and Director Melinda Gallant will bring to the Center's intimate stage three one-time command performances of the popular play "**Love Letters**" on **April 30th, May 1st and May 2nd** as a benefit for the American Cancer Society and the Center. The play will be performed by three different Cape Cod celebrity couples: Cape Cod Chamber CEO **Wendy Northcross** and **Van Northcross**, Marketing & Community Relations Director for Cape Cod Healthcare will perform tonight at 8 p.m. Tomorrow, **Maggie Van Sciver**, President of the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, and **William Zammer**, President of Cape Cod Restaurants, Inc. and local philanthropist, will

perform at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 2nd will feature well known NPR celebrity **Mindy Todd** and **Senator Robert O'Leary** of the Massachusetts State Senate at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for the show only, or \$50 for the show and a cocktail reception with the stars following each performance. Sponsored by South Cape Village and Cape Cod Five. To purchase tickets, visit www.cotuitcenterforthearts.org or call the Box Office at 508-428-0669.

Regional Life Sciences Forum

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center invites you to a **Regional Life Sciences Forum** at 11:30 a.m. on **May 14th** at UMASS Dartmouth's Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Center in Fall River. Join leaders from Southeastern Massachusetts, the SouthCoast and the Cape & Islands to learn about the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center's programs and how to access these resources. In these challenging economic times, this will be an important conversation among Massachusetts' companies, economic development officials and academic institutions that are preparing the workforce of the future for jobs in the life sciences. RSVP to arodricks@masslifesciences.com! The forum is co-hosted by Representative Michael J. Rodrigues.