

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!

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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.

Passport to the Arts now available


The 2010/2011 **Passport to the Arts** - offering a 50% discount on admission to 48 Cape Cod theaters, museums, historical sites, and performances - was launched last night at the Spring Grant Awards Ceremony at Provincetown Art Association and Museum! Now in its seventh year, the Passport to the Arts has evolved from a small group of eight organizations to its current roster of 48 cultural organizations, representing the very best of the arts and culture of Cape Cod. The Passport is a beautifully designed, souvenir-quality booklet with information about each participating organization.

Passport holders will be able to receive a 50% discount on admission to select events at each participating venue once during the course of the year. Each member venue sets its own restrictions and rules of use, so Passport holders must call venues in advance to ensure availability. The Passport to the Arts, which is produced by the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, is available for purchase online at www.artsfoundation.org.

Upcoming Restaurant Weeks on Cape Cod

Cape Cod Restaurant Week's Spring 2010 edition is presented by Nantucket's own Triple Eight Distillery on May 17-23! During this week, participating local restaurants are each offering a special 3-course exhibition menu for your dining pleasure. The cost of dining from any of these special menus will be fixed at a low price of just \$25 or \$35 (tax & gratuity not included). [Click here](#) for more information and participating restaurants.

Sandwich Restaurant Week will be held May 16-21 at participating restaurants across Sandwich! Restaurant goers of all tastes and pocketbooks are invited to experience new summer menu creations being introduced this week, with savings of up to 25% off selected menu items at some restaurants and specially priced three course dinners at other venues. [Click here](#) for more information and for participating restaurants.

From May 21-27, enjoy the **Provincetown Spring Restaurant Week & Gallery Stroll!** The week will feature 3 course prix fixe dinners at \$25 or \$35. [Click here](#) for more