



# TRADE WINDS

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## A Change in Plans ...

While you're waiting for the rookie pitchers to show at Spring training on Valentine's Day, make your lovely plans to join us on **Thursday, February 21, 2008**, at **Angelica's Restaurant**; seasonal adjustment hour at 6:00 p.m., eating at 6:45. We're going with a classic meat and potatoes meal for all the heavy hitters; *no crazy noodles!!*

Unless you live in Middleton, you as a business person may be unaware that there exists a Zoning Bylaw Study Committee. The industrious members, led by **Lynn Murphy**, *Attorney at Law*, have been toiling for some time looking at proposals to "new and improve" the Town's zoning bylaws and map. The issues raised are extremely important to the business community, for example signs, permitted uses, and set backs.

They now are about ready to have their coming out party. **Tim Houten**, *Attorney at Law*, and the Middleton Building Inspector will review the committee's work thus far for us and some of the proposed bylaw and map changes. Zoning issues, especially signs, usually are at the very top of on our member's list of concerns (although right now, the economy might be equal). ***So, if you're interested in signs you must be at this meeting of the Board of Trade!***

The cost of the dinner is \$25.00 per person, tax and tip included. Make your intentions known no later than **February 19, 2008** by contacting **Samantha Marra**, phone 978-423-7485 or email

## Throw-back Golf, Aug. 4th!

We're very pleased to announce the *MBOT 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament*, our biggest fund-raiser of the year, will be held once again at the gorgeous *Ferncroft Country Club* on **Monday, August 4, 2008.**

The good news gets even better, due to the support of the Ferncroft Country Club, we will be rolling back the cost to **90's prices**, priced for everyone to participate! From now, be sure to plan your vacations and appointments accordingly.

## Do Your Dues that is Now Due

Thank you to those who have sent along their \$60 dues payment, with electronic addresses too!

To those who have not been so prompt, here's another friendly reminder to complete the renewal/new member application form (if you need one let us know) and return it with the \$\$\$\$. It provides an opportunity to update your particulars, including cyber-wise. Only current members of the MBOT will be included in our website.

## So you can plan your life ...

Mark your calendars for a luncheon meeting on March 20, 2008. After that, we'll gather again on April 17, 2008 to break (or throw) bread with **Town Administrator Ira Singer**.

## Snowing Pennies!

Once again it's time to sign up for the Middleton PTO Penny Drive. From January 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the students of the Fuller Meadow School and Howe-Manning School will compete by classrooms, to collect the most pennies. Members have an option this year. You can choose to sponsor a class and match the funds collected by the children in that classroom, or just write a check for a flat \$100.00. The monies raised go toward otherwise unfunded enrichment programs and special events at both schools, this year Top Secret Science at Fuller Meadow and Prismatic Magic Laser Show at Howe-Manning.

Last year our membership matched about 50% of the rooms and raised over \$2,500! We have vowed to make it 100% of the rooms this year. For those who did not receive an email from **Diann Scaffidi** of *Pet Supply Closeouts*, with the sign-up list for the Drive, you may call Diann directly at 978-646-8900 or email her. There's more information at the MPTO website at [www.middletonpto.org](http://www.middletonpto.org).

## Free Benefit ...

As is our custom, the February meeting is an excellent time to introduce, as our guest, any Middleton business person(s), new or established, to the Middleton Board of Trade, who either might wish to join our group of luminaries or who we might want to coax to join.

If you bring a prospective new member guest to the meeting, **you get to attend**

*FREE too!*

## **Member Ticklers....**

Big brother Frank is spreading the word that **Michael DiMauro** is relocating his chiropractic practice into Middleton. He has purchased the facility and setting up *DiMauro Family & Sports Chiropractic* at 69 South Main Street, telephone 978-777-2737. Have we got his dues \$\$ yet?

The Middleton School Building Committee is progressing right along preparing for Annual Town Meeting. You can peruse its work, the various surveys and studies, at [www.tritownschoolunion.com/msbc.php](http://www.tritownschoolunion.com/msbc.php).

Do you wish to stop the nuisance of unwanted catalogs? The Mass. Office of Consumer Affairs suggests you do so at [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org).