

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
MARCH '07 – MARCH '08**

As your President, one of the most important items for me to improve were the By-Laws and with the help of a good committee, we completed a full rewrite of the By-Laws and will vote on them tonight.

Our membership stayed strong and our long time members continued their support. The office was updated to include desks for the BridgeWalk coordinator and our volunteers. Our new copier is in place and well used.

The Fuel Program which is a tremendous program, kept employees as part of the membership benefits. Insurance became available as a benefit in coordination with the state chamber, and Blue Cross/ Blue Shield. AVIS discounted rentals was also added to our member's benefits. Having free faxing and copying from the chamber office stayed a popular benefit for members.

Our office went "Green" this year thanks to Kathy Zeman's volunteer efforts we now have a green area in the office for recycling. We have low energy fluorescent bulbs, and our thermostat is turned down to 58 degrees at the close of each business day. In December, we published our first electronic mini newsletter to save paper and postage through email you will receive another one after tonight's event.

We held informational breakfasts, ribbon cuttings, Business After Hours and a holiday party. We worked hard to make the Bay Festival, BridgeFest, the Fall Festival, Witch Hunt and the First Annual Yard Sale all successes. We continued our work with the Downtown Business Group and helped with the beautification effort coordinating with them and the Bucksport Garden Club.

Our work has begun with the high school. A grant was written and submitted with the writing being completed by the school representatives and our Executive Director.

An important goal in 2008 is to replace our old computers, which we received years ago from the mill with new ones. We plan to go wireless and to have the ability to send print jobs to one area rather than having several printers requiring the purchase of numerous printer cartridges.

A special thanks to Cindi Kimball, our Executive Director and our volunteers along with the Board of Directors who keep the chamber headed in the right direction. A special thanks also to Bangor Daily News, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital with Bucksport Family Medicine, TD BankNorth and VERSO Paper for sponsoring tonight's awards dinner.

Thank you again for your continuing support.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tom Goodman