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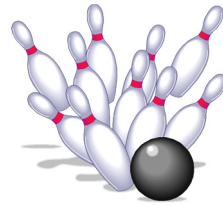
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December 2015 Business Exchange

Business Profile: Lucky Ewe Irish Goods

Lucky Ewe is a new store located at 2371 Whitney Ave, across from the Hamden Town Hall. The store offers a beautiful collection of Celtic inspired gifts, clothing, jewelry and crafts. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming with the lovely ladies of Lucky Ewe ready to greet and help you with all your shopping needs. From the whimsical and original to the traditional and sublime, the goods found at Lucky Ewe appeal to many. Whether of Irish descent or not, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The idea of Lucky Ewe came to owner and former Hamdenite Katie Regan some 2 years ago. As she came from a visit to Quinnipiac's Great Hunger Museum, and stopped off at her Irish borne father's grave, she had the idea of opening an Irish gift store. Since, her idea has transformed into a wonderful adventure. The past few months the ladies have been gathering the unique collection of gifts and goods that adorn the shelves of the

store. Katie has been back and forth between here and Ireland and has spent time working closely with each craftsman whom she provides goods from. During her last trip, she even met the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins! As she has worked to expand her own cultural understanding of Ireland's goods, she hopes to add to Hamden's Irish heritage.

Irish heritage comes in many tangible forms, many of which include the essentials of living. The products carried in store include a variety of unique imported and handmade Irish goods, including clothing, hand knits, jewelry, books, heraldics, perfume, musical instruments, specialty foods and teas, crystal, pottery, and one of a kind trinkets. The craftsmanship

from across the pond shines bright at Lucky Ewe. Lucky Ewe carries well over 30 Irish product lines such as Carriage Donn Knitwear, Hanna Hats, Branigan Weavers, ShanOre Jewelry, Irelands Eye Knitwear, Belleek, Emerald Crystal, Erin Knitware, Banshee Silver, Anu and Guinness products. The intangibles, of course, are yet another large portion to Lucky Ewe. In addition to the Celtic handmade and inspired goods, the store offers special services. Monthly, Katie plans on holding events such as Irish book club meetings and storytelling events – all of which will assist in creating a bond between store and customer, broadening their experience in Irish heritage.

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Welcome New Members! Shop Local this holiday!!!

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**November
Business After Hours
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the MidState Chamber at
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Business Profile: Lucky Ewe Irish Goods, continued

Lucky Ewe is not only a unique shopping experience but also a meeting place where the local community can come learn about and celebrate Irish history and culture. Lucky Ewe is striving to attract shoppers looking for great merchandise yet the wish for "ewe" is to enjoy an experience reminiscent of Ireland and all of her beauty.

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20th Annual Chamber Choice...A great night of celebration

Over 250 people came out to honor nine special honorees at the Annual Chamber Choice Awards on November 12th at Cascade. The evening began with a special fall-themed red carpet experience by MotoPhoto Hamden. Everyone took advantage of group shots with their families and business colleagues, it was like a high school prom! A big hit. Don't

forget, photos can be purchased by contacting Maureen at MotoPhoto directly. The Chamber is proud to celebrate the many recipients over the past twenty years...150 individuals and business have received this special award to give recognition for their contributions to the community. Congratulations once again to the 2015

Honorees. Thank you to all of our sponsors who made this event possible. What a night!



New Business Openings

The Chamber recently welcomed two new business to Hamden. Welcome Moon Rocks Gourmet Cookies and 203 Urgent Care. Marnie Esposito and her mom, opened a gourmet cookie café next to Ibiza Tapas on 1830 Dixwell Avenue. Stop by for a business



meeting...Wi-Fi, coffee, teas, cookies...what more do you need! 203 Urgent Care, located on 1700 Dixwell Avenue, is the newest urgent care center in Hamden. Formally in the location of Express Care Urgent Care, they provide quality physician care for the

entire family. They treat all non life-threatening conditions with adults and children aged 6 months plus. They are open 365 days a year with extended office hours.



Informational Session for Sicily 2016 planned for January 12

We are excited to announce the next Chamber destination...Sicily, Italy on October 1st through the 9th in 2016 with Central Holidays. This exciting 9 day, 7 night trip is all inclusive including hotels, meals, day trips and airfare all for just \$2,949. Want to learn

more? There will be an informational session on January 12th at 5:30pm at the Chamber Office with Representatives from Central Holidays to review this wonderful trip of a lifetime. Bring the family! RSVP your attendance to

hcc@hamdenchamber.com.



The Side Bar by Joseph McDonagh - A monthly blog of random topics of local interest

And now, a tale of Dixwell. No, not the street. The fellow after whom the street is named, John Dixwell, who in history is usually listed as an afterthought to two more famous late 17th Century figures, Edward Whalley and William Goffe. All three were regicides, members of the British Parliament that, in 1649, presided over the trial of King Charles I, imposing the death penalty. Of the 59 who signed the death warrant, 41 were still alive when the monarchy (Charles II) was restored in 1660. Recognizing that they were now wanted men, Whalley, Goffe (Whalley's son-in-law), and Dixwell fled to the colonies, settling in Connecticut. While Dixwell more or less dropped out of sight (living under an alias, James Davids), Whalley and Goffe were mythologized, living on the run, for a short time even living in a cave. The cave came to be called Three Judges Cave, in New Haven. Though it's not clear that Dixwell ever joined the others in that cave.

So what did Goffe, Whalley, and Dixwell do, exactly, that made

them worthy of having streets named after them? Beheaded a king. Regicide is the act, but also the title given to the perpetrators of the act, and Goffe, Whalley, Dixwell, and their cohorts are among the more famous regicides in history. Louis XVI of France and Tsar Alexander are two other famous monarchs murdered, but they've good company. According to an article by Manuel Eisner in *The British Journal of Criminology*, 1,513 monarchs in 45 monarchies throughout Europe died a violent death or were the victims of regicide, from 600 to 1800 AD. It would seem it was somewhat unlucky to be a king or queen (let's not forget Mary Queen of Scots) during those 12 centuries. And, says Mr. Eisner, "the murder of the predecessor and the predecessor increases the risk of homicide for the current monarch." So if King Gibberish, who preceded you on the throne, was assassinated, make sure someone reliable is tasting your food.

Is it proper for us to have one of our two major streets named

after a regicide? And three of the major streets in New Haven? Don't get me wrong, being an Irishman, I'm shedding no tears over any British monarch who leaves the throne, no matter the circumstances. And it's true that Charles I wasn't exactly a competent ruler. But since Dixwell lived here under an alias, Davids, perhaps Dixwell Avenue should be renamed Davids Avenue?

We here in these former British colonies have eliminated monarchs. No bloodlines, not for us; no, we elect people solely based on their merits, not on their last names. Sometimes.

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Member/Community News:

VNA Community Healthcare
VNA Community Healthcare announced that it has been named a Top Agency of the 2015 HomeCare Elite, a recognition of the top performing home health agencies in the United States. The HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25% of Medicare certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice implementation, patient experience, quality improvement and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,718 agencies considered, 2,431 are elite.

Moon Rock Gourmet Cookies
Moon Rocks would like to launch a new program called Support Sundays. We will donate 10% of all

the sales from Support Sunday to a charity or even better a direct family in need. We would really like to concentrate the help in the Hamden/New Haven area. If you know of a non-profit who would like our support please let us know. They can come on that day and have a table with info if they would like to talk to folks about what they do for the community. Thanks and let us know!!! We are better together. Please share this post you never know who knows someone who needs help!!

AM1220 WQUN Senior Gift Run

This year AM1220 WQUN has once again teamed up with Miller Senior Center and VNA Healthcare Connecticut for a collection drive; the items needed are traditional stocking stuffers. Some ideas for donation are large puzzle books, unscented soaps, hand sanitizer, decks of cards, sugar free cough drops, non-electric heating pads,

book lights, flashlights, instant soup, and coco with mugs, all items should be **New and Unused**. As always lap blankets are greatly appreciated. We are not collecting money or checks. The 6th Annual Senior Gift Run "warmth" campaign begins on November 1st and runs through December 8th. A volunteer will pick the box up on December 8th. If your box fills up before then, please empty it and store the items for pickup in a secure location. On December 11th a luncheon is planned at Miller Senior Center where Santa himself will pass out gifts in yuletide bliss. You are more than welcome to stop in and see the joy on the faces of the seniors when they have the gifts bestowed on them. Any questions regarding The 6th Annual Senior Gift Run can be directed to Maria Phillips by phone 203.582.8286 or via email maria.phillips@quinnipiac.edu.



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