

UP TO THE MINUTES.....News from the ABA.....May 2006

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Dear ABA members and those who have yet to join:

With last weeks' passing of the MUST ordinance, Ardmore is primed to begin its most important growth. Already, there are signs of major building interest by longtime Ardmore stakeholders. If you've delayed your dues... send them in now to the above address and we'll keep you informed as these exciting new projects unfold.

2006 Membership Drive Update... welcome to *Bank of America*... a new ABA member and a Flag sponsor for our **Ardmore Swings! Golf Outing**.

Current Fund Balance: \$3,288.65 as reported by Chris Murray, Treasurer, ABA

Please note that this fund balance includes our partnership with The Ardmore Initiative for a donation to our local Fire and Police through the Ardmore Swings! sponsorship. We have also shared in the expense of the Kite installation about to be installed at Schaeffle Plaza (see Kite info below.)

SAVE THE DATES:

FRIDAY MAY 5: First Friday...the beginning of a monthly event

at MilkBoy.... Featuring Margaret Getty, Painter, Tamme, Handbag Designer, & Bill Devine, Crafts

Other First Friday participants include Shanti Wellness Center, Ego Salon, Merion Art & Repro, Aqua Hut Dive & Travel & Kings Collar Shirtmakers, partyland, Sun Catcher, Sneaky Pete's, KidzShooz, Fraj, Leisure Fitness. Let's get a theme going here!!!! Think about keeping your stores open and add to the street festivities. We will promote First Friday events to our business community, in the media & on our Bulletin Board & website. Email Christine at cvdt@aol.com with your events.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27: Ardmore will be hosting a Sunday **Bike Race** to benefit the Special Olympics. This event is being initiated by Human Zoom together with the ABA. It has the full support of our Police Department & we will be closing off a section of Lancaster Ave for the race. This will be a true community event & we encourage our local businesses to open their stores for this day, put out tables & share in the fun! Watch for more info on how you can participate.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: The Fourth Annual Ardmore Swings! Golf Outing sponsored by *Mahoney Realty*, will be held at *White Manor Country Club*. This is Ardmore's only fundraiser and all money, less event expenses, is returned to the Ardmore community. Information links for this event can be found at www.ardmore-pa.org, www.kingscollarshirtmakers.com, and www.aquahut.net. Give your company name exposure to over 100 new clients! Think about donating something for our goodie bag, consider a hole sponsorship, or join a foursome and help us raise money for our local fire company and police department. Call Nancy Gold at 610-642-9910 or Mike Coughlin at 610-896-8797 for more info.

Thursdays at Café San Pietro: Local Ardmore musician, Wally Smith is playing with his Jazz trio from 8-11pm. Stop by for great food & music!

ARDMORE ON THE MOVE:

New kid on the block: Welcome to Ego, a full service salon for men at the old Mad's Record location.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES (Worth Repeating): In our March memo, the ABA reported its relief that the Eminent Domain option had been taken off the table via a Board of Commissioners Resolution. We ask you again, **PLEASE TAKE THE YELLOW SIGNS DOWN!**

NEWS & KUDOS

From Bagels to Bankers....Ardmore welcomes Bryn Mawr Trust to the corner of Lancaster and Ardmore Avenue. Groundbreaking was held this week, and our signature corner will soon become the bank's beautiful new home.

Congratulations to **Giannini Jewelers**, celebrating 60 years of business in Ardmore!

Health Insurance tid-bit worth knowing: If you're over 65... or have family members you'd like to share this with: Contact Mike Miller at Humana at 610-873-7100 for affordable prescription drug coverage & Medicare Supplemental Insurance. **Nancy has** already checked the accuracy of this info and has found significant savings (almost \$1000) per year with this group.

Kite Project The Ardmore Initiative and Ardmore Business Association are proud to participate in Main Line Art Center' Kite Project Kites: Art Takes Flight. Up to 40 original one-of-a-kind kite inspired sculptures will fill the Main Line Community beginning April 2006 through October 15th. Standing 12 feet high and up to 6 feet wide these high flying creations are part of the commemorative celebrations going on throughout the Philadelphia region in honor of Benjamin Franklin's 300th birthday. We are pleased to join the Art Center and organizations all over the Philadelphia region, such as The Franklin Institute, The Academy of Natural Sciences and many

more, in commemorating the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin with these high flying creations. Our kite, aptly named *COOKING UP A STORM* is by Ava Blitz & will grace Schaufele Plaza. For more info about the Kite Project, contact Main Line Art Center at 610.525.0272 or **visit** www.mainlineart.org.

And finally..... **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF ARDMORE'S BEST OF MAIN LINE LIFE 2006 WINNERS!!!!!!!**
There's no area with as many winners.

Best Artistic Jewelry – Past*Present*Future
Best Bridal Gowns – Suky Rosan
Best Fashion Eyewear – Ardmore Eye Care
Best Furrier – Jacques Ferber
Best Mother of the Bride – Sabrina Ann
Best Wedding Accessories – My Best Friends Wedding
Best Young and Hip Clothing – Fraj
Best Specialty Shop – King's Collar Shirt Maker
Best Children's Athletic Footwear – Sneaky Pete's
Best Kid's Shoes – Kidz Shooz
Best Birthday Cake – Viking Bakery
Best Breakfast – IHOP
Best Cheesesteaks – Bella Italia
Best Farmer's Market – Ardmore Farmer's Market
Best Fresh Seafood Store – Hill's Main Line Seafood
Best Homemade Ice Cream – Cold Stone Creamery
Best Hoagie – Ardmore Style Pizza
Best Natural Food Store – All Natural Market
Best Stacked Sandwiches – Rittenhouse Deli
Best Pizza – Lucianos
Best Wings – Winger's
Best Business Lunch – Plate Restaurant and Bar
Best BYOB Bistro – Fellini's
Best Casual Italian – Café San Pietro
Best Coffee House – Milkboy Coffee
Best Fine Italian – Positano's
Best Pasta Dishes – Primavera Pizza Dishes
Best Pub/Bar – McCloskey's
Best Collectibles – Harry's Treasures
Best Do-it-Yourself Crafts – The Mud Room
Best Lighting – Rittenhouse Electric
Best Plants/Garden – Payne's Garden Center
Best Roses- Brill's Flowers
Best Consignment – Sylvia Berkow
Best Thrift Shop – Junior League Thrift Shop
Best Pool Service – Leslie's Swimming Pool Supplies
Best Barber Shop – Nick's Barber Shoppe
Best Recording Studio – Milkboy Recording
Best Signs/Banners – Signs by Tomorrow
Best Tire Service – Ardmore Tire Service
Best Art Supplies – Merion Art and Repro
Best Computer Services – Swain On Line
Best Fabric Store – Lonni Rossi
Best Innovative Business – Aqua Hut Dive and Travel
Best Music Store – Delaware Valley Music
Best Athletic Footwear – Sneaky Pete's
Best Exercise Equipment – Leisure fitness
Best Party Supplies – Partyland
Best Ski Shop – Buckman's Ski Shop
Best Tanning Salon – Sun Catcher
Best Travel Agency – Swain Travel
Best Used Book Store – Ardmore Paperback Book
Best Accountant – Christopher Murray
Best Bank Service – Sovereign
Best Tax Preparation – Christopher Murray
Best Optometrist – Dr. James Hall
Best Veterinarian – Ardmore Animal Hospital

REMEMBER: The ABA wants to help spread the word about your business! Please send us newsworthy events & activities & we'll let our business community know what you're up to. We are also starting an email database to communicate with our members in a timely, more effective fashion. Please email Christine at Christine@aquahut.net with your company name & email address & we'll add you to our growing list.