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Stand the Test of Time

On January 9th, The Chamber hosted it's 90th annual meeting. I'm still taken aback that our organization has stood the test of time for 90 years.

Last year, I remember looking at economic data to see the highs and lows over the 90-year period. There were many good economic times but there were also some devastating down times.

We all remember all too well the 2008-2010 Great Recession. Those were some tough times. But through it all, the Chamber continued to have a positive message and did the best we could on limited resources to promote our business members and the communities in our area.

Newly Elected Board Members

I want to welcome two new members to the Chamber Board - **Emily Cromwell** and **Peter Schroeter**.

Emily is employed by River Drive Cooperage and Millwork in Buxton. She has previous Chamber experience at the Southern Mid-Coast Chamber.

As a young entrepreneur, she brings another unique voice to the table and I look forward to working with her.

Peter, Esquire is employed at Shaheen & Gordon Law Firm in Saco. Peter and I used to be neighbors in Ferry Beach many moons ago. Peter specializes in Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

He has spoken before a Chamber group previously and his information was well received. I look forward to working with Peter and building off the energy that both of our new Board members will bring to the organization.

Farewell to Outstanding Board Members

In 2017, we said goodbye to three board members **Jonathan Bubier**, **Matt Haley**, and **Donald Furman**.

Jonathan, was employed at AIM Recycling in Arundel. He and his wife had an opportunity to move on to new employment in another state and so unfortunately, he had to resign part way through the year.

Matt is employed by Haley's Metal Shop in Biddeford. He and his wife welcomed their first child to their family and understandably, he resigned to balance his new duties as a Dad. The Chamber thanks them both for their time and support.

Donald served as the 2017 Board Chair. He is a partner/owner of Furman Gregory Law Firm in Biddeford. Donald was gracious enough to serve an extra year, so he could fulfill his duties as Chair.

The Chamber is thankful for his time and support and we wish him well.

To all our members, we wish you a healthy and prosperous New Year. We will continue to do all we can to provide value to your membership. Our best wishes to you all.

