



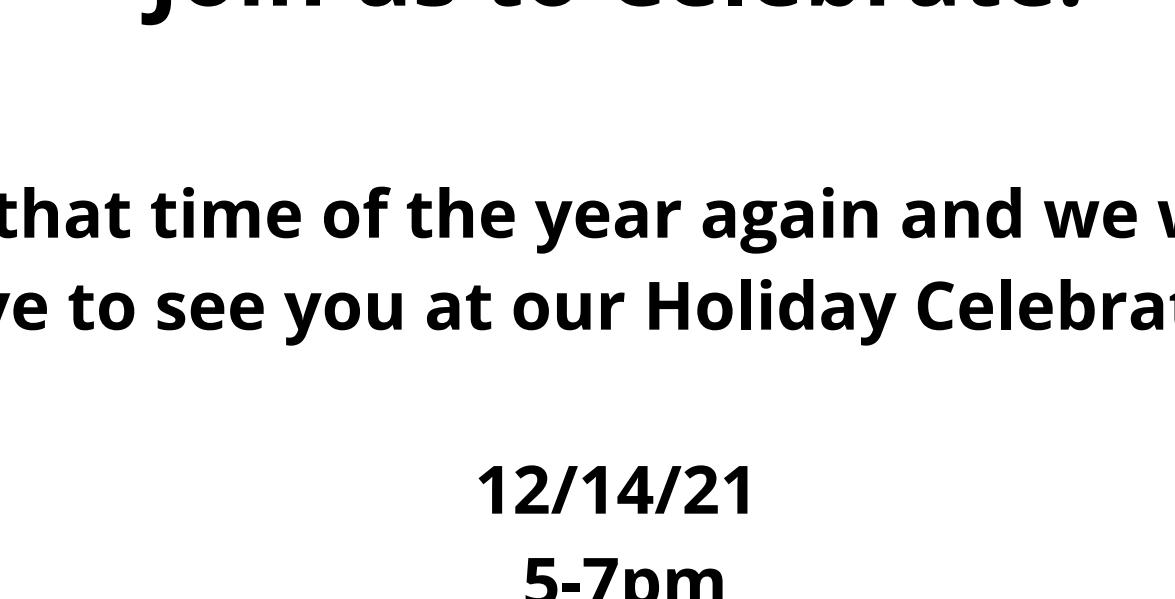
Hello Members,

As we head into the final days of December, we thought it was important to take time to congratulate, celebrate, and cogitate on the year. 2021 has been quite the year, and we'd be remiss if we didn't take this opportunity to thank everyone who's gone through it with us. Thank you to all of our members, all of our sponsors, and to everyone in our community. We would not have weathered this year without you all! We also want to thank our dedicated and hardworking Board of Directors, and in particular, our retiring board members: Past-President, Robert Stellello, Lynn Palmgren, and Marc Stopeck. Each of these board members has served for 6 (or more!) years, and we are so happy to have worked with them.

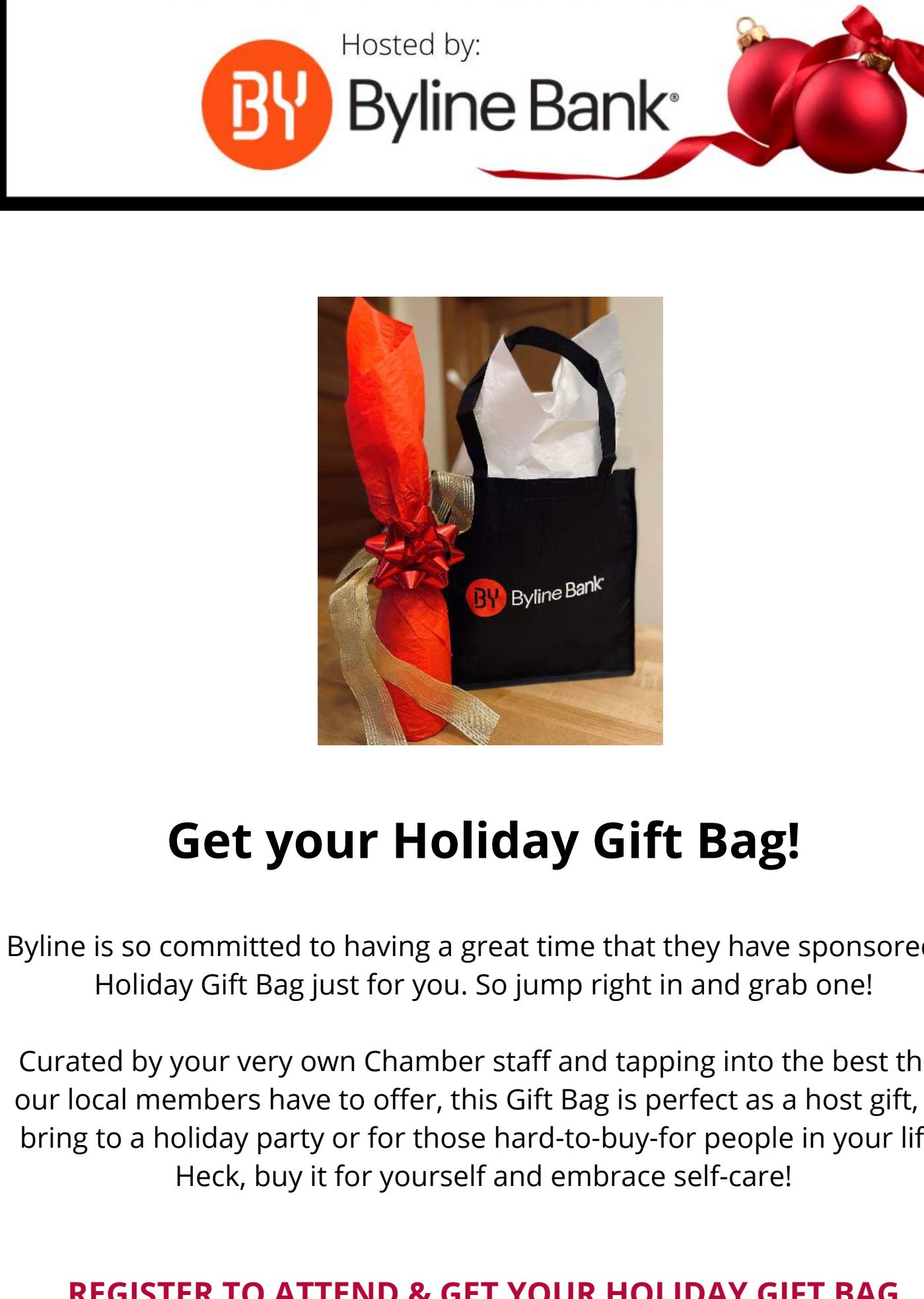
We are both looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Holiday BAH at Byline Bank, and to continuing to work alongside you, our members, in 2022.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Dr. Mary Ann Bender and Darien Marion-Burton
Board President and 2022 Board President



Small Business Season!



Take a Break with Us

We know that owning or working in a business has been particularly hard this past year and we are guessing that you could use some TLC!

Join us as we launch our **NEW Chamber program** aimed at taking care of you, our small business community. Welcome to our monthly Meditation Mondays! All it takes is half an hour (that's only 30 mins!) for us to help you put your to-do list aside, empty your head of all the chatter and truly look after yourself.

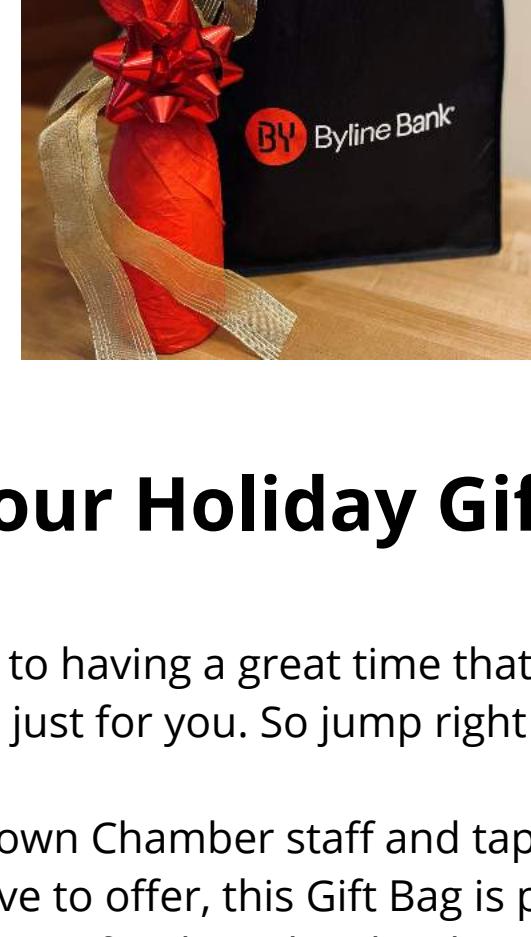
Who will lead the meditation?
We are thrilled to partner with the **Kadampa Meditation Center** in Oak Park to bring you this monthly meditation. The fabulous Kelsang Chogo will lead the meditation and talk you through every step. You don't need to do anything but show up and breath!

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Join us to Celebrate!

It's that time of the year again and we would love to see you at our Holiday Celebration!

**12/14/21
5-7pm**



Get your Holiday Gift Bag!

Byline is so committed to having a great time that they have sponsored a Holiday Gift Bag just for you. So jump right in and grab one!

Curated by your very own Chamber staff and tapping into the best that our local members have to offer, this Gift Bag is perfect as a host gift, to bring to a holiday party or for those hard-to-buy-for people in your life! Heck, buy it for yourself and embrace the gift of self-care!

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Thursday, December 16, 8:30-9:30am - Young Professionals Holiday Meetup

This month - we're adapting our annual white elephant gift exchange to go online and to support a local charity! Our partner is **Hephzibah Children's Association**. For more than a century, Hephzibah has stayed focused on helping children and families in need. Through their programs, Hephzibah helps children to thrive and families to flourish, now and in the future. If you'd like to learn more, head over here!

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Friday, December 17, 12-12:30pm - Takeout Stakeout at Lou Malnati's

Come join your fellow Chamber members for our next Takeout Stakeout at **Lou Malnati's**! We'll convene at Lou Malnati's to pick up our takeout lunch choices, and get to see each other for a bit while we're at it in a socially-distanced meetup. Lunch is a flat \$16 including tax and tip. Choose your meal at registration. Hope to see you there!

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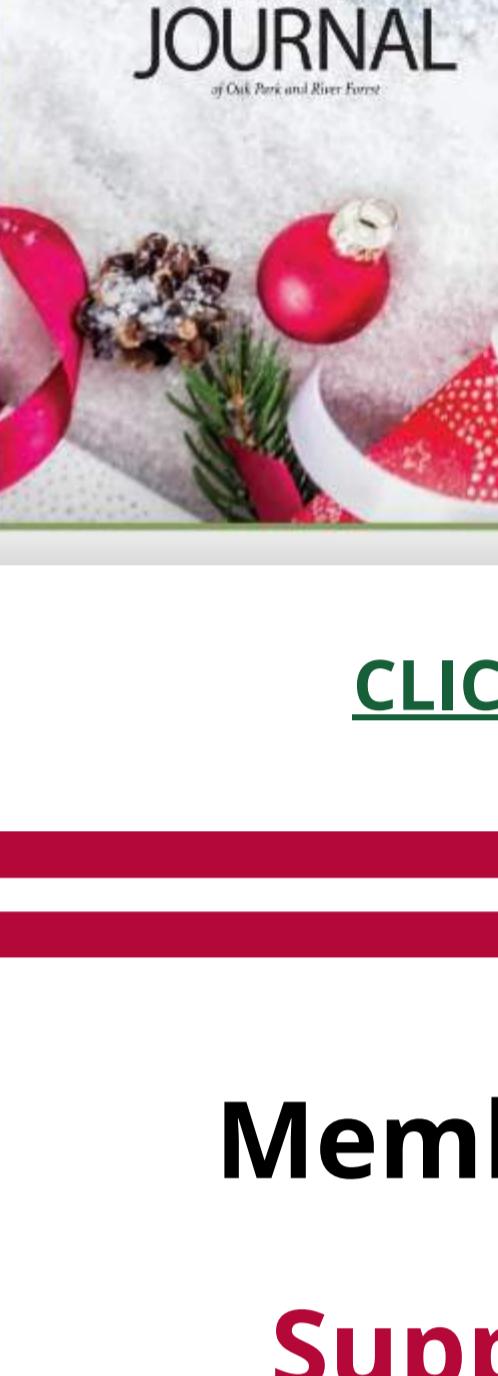
Thursday, January 6, 1-2pm - Nonprofit Affinity Group Virtual Meetup

Come join the Chamber's nonprofit affinity group for our monthly gathering. This month: Guest Expert - Jeffrey Schroeder of Sasseti, who is a well-known CPA and nonprofit auditor. Addresses: "Can I Do That?"

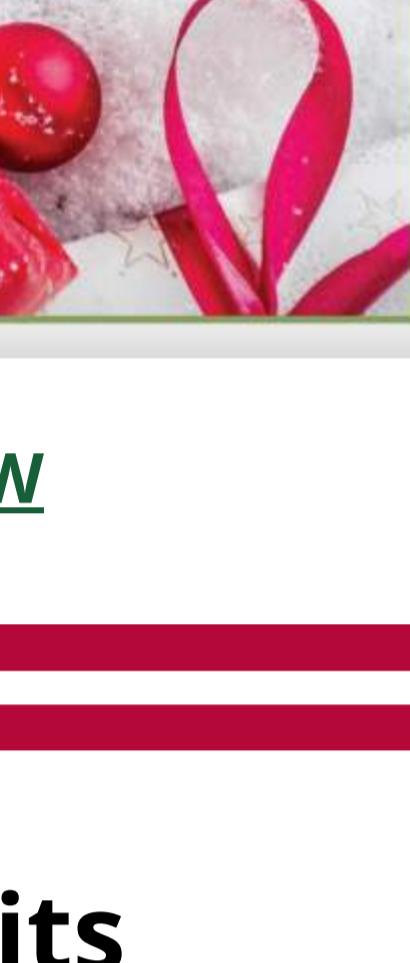
He'll share stories and guidance about what's legit among potential nonprofit activities with respect to regulations and best practices, to help nonprofit staff and board members know what's a great creative idea and what's going to lead to trouble.

Bring your questions, ideas, and observations for the discussion. Nonprofit peers are welcome. See you via Zoom!

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As always we will start our gathering with our regular guests from Riveredge Hospital with their *Mindful Ten* segment - nourish your soul and feel the **LOVE** of the group before we dive into the heart of the discussion.



Come along for a great meal and meet up with other fabulous women from our communities.

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