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Dates to mark in your calendar:

June 13, 2002, 5:30 – 7:30 pm: Member to Member Networking Event at the Nimrod Restaurant and Jazz Lounge, Dillingham Ave, Falmouth. RSVP by 6/10 to jessica@capecodchamber.org

June 18, 2002, 7:30 am – 2:30 pm: Splish Splash Bus Bath at Cape Cod Mall to benefit a scholarship fund for a local hospitality student – see more below

June 19, 2002, 7:30 am – 9:30 am: Our "Official Kick Off to the Summer Season" with the new executive director of the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism, Paul Sacco. Breakfast buffet at The Lighthouse Inn, West Dennis. Cost: \$20.00 PP. RSVP by 6/14/2002 to jessica@capecodchamber.org. Seating is limited to the first 200 people.

We received the following warning from MOTT: The Berkshire area inns are experiencing a situation with a con artist. He may travel to other regions in MA.

Please be on the lookout for one Mr. **Richard S. Katz** who has been traveling in the area for some time. He has defrauded Race Brook Lodge, Porches (\$5000! Bounced checks, fraudulent master card), Whistler Inn, Cranwell, Nejaimes, Zinc, and probably more. Lenox, Pittsfield, Stockbridge, and North Adams police departments are aware of him.

He's a smooth talker, appears very affluent, and makes promises he can't keep which he covers over with anger, and more promises.

MOTT suggests that anyone who finds themselves doing business with him to cease immediately and call their local police department!

Splish Splash Bus Bath

The Group Tour Committee of the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce will hold it's Third Annual FREE bus bath on Tuesday June 18, 2002 from 7:30 AM to 2:30 PM at the Cape Cod Mall.

Staff members of the Chamber along with members of the Motorcoach Industry will be manning the buckets and hoses.

We are looking for sponsors to help us raise funds for a scholarship fund for a local tourism student. For a donation of \$50.00 your business name will be displayed at the Splish Splash Bus Bath location. Please send you check payable to: Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 790, Hyannis MA 02601.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us all or part of the day.

Please contact Arthur R. Ratsy at 508-862-0700 ext.512 or e-mail arthur@capecodchamber.org

If you have time why not drop by the Mall on the 18th to watch the Motor coach Industry in action.

Economic Update

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the April 2002 Monthly Economic Update, an in-depth look at economic activity for that period in several categories.

<http://www.capecodchamber.org/biz/EU/EU4-02.pdf>

From **TRUE BLUE** - the Clean Beaches Council's monthly electronic newsletter : *** Is Your Summer Beach Destination Clean and Safe? ***

The Clean Beaches Council released its annual list of beaches which have been officially certified for public safety, cleanliness, and environmental quality. This year, beaches in Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, U.S. Virgin Islands, Virginia, and Wisconsin make the grade, according to the Council.

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Summer American Express Offers

We are now looking for any interested participants for the July 1st - October 31, 2002 timeframe. (End date could be earlier if participant cannot extend an offer for entire period).

Please note: We will be incorporating all participants who have previously signed up for Amex's "Discover the Northeast" promotion and listing them on massvacation.com. So, all those who are already part of Discover the Northeast need not duplicate their efforts -- they will be automatically listed.

As a reminder, participation is free -- it is open to all lodging, restaurants, retail and attractions in MA who accept the American Express card and feature a special offer (as detailed on the participation form). Participants get listed on both massvacation.com in the special offers section and on American Express' website Destinations at a Glance section. And, web visits to massvacation.com were over 90,000 visitors for April alone!

Overall, a great AND FREE way for Cape Cod Chamber members to get some additional exposure and business.

Participation forms are online at <http://www.capecodchamber.org/amex-summer.PDF> and are due June 21st!

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