

## People in the News

### Eastern Bank Names Paul D. Spiess to Board of Directors

BOSTON – Eastern Bank, a full-service commercial bank headquartered in Boston, announced today that it has added Paul D. Spiess to its Board of Directors.

Spiess, former Chairman of Centrix Bank & Trust's Board of Directors, was elected to Eastern Bank's Board shortly after Centrix merged into Eastern in late October.

"Eastern Bank is very pleased to add Paul to our Board," said Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard E. Holbrook. "Paul's extensive business and philanthropic efforts throughout New England will serve us, and our newly expanded customer base, very well."

Spiess, of Amherst, NH, spent 25 years working in the banking and financial services industry, most recently as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of CFX Bank in Keene, NH. He also founded and served as President of Colonial Mortgage, Inc., of Amherst, NH, from 1983 to 1993.

During the early 2000s, Spiess served as a state legislator in Concord and as co-chair of the Citizens Health Initiative. He currently serves on a variety of boards, including: President of the Souhegan Valley Interfaith Housing Corpo-



Paul Spiess

ration, board member of the New Hampshire Healthcare Cost and Utilization Review Board, and as a Director and Vice-Chair of SHARE Outreach, Inc. of Milford, NH.

Spiess graduated from Marblehead High School (1967), earned his undergraduate degree from Colby College (1971) and an MBA in Finance from Boston University (1977).

### Nancy Pomerleau Named Realtor Emeritus

AMHERST – At a recent meeting of the National Association of Realtors annual conference, Nancy Pomerleau was named Realtor Emeritus by a vote of the National Directors.

This honor is bestowed on an active Realtor who has been a member of the association for a minimum of 40 years.

Pomerleau has served in numerous local state and national positions including President of the Local and State Boards, New England Regional Vice President, Chairman of the National MLS Committee and National Committee Liaison of Industry and Structure.

She was also honored as State and Local Realtor of the Year and a lifetime membership of the NH Honor Society and a consistent Top Producer.

Nancy is committed to her profession and community in which she works and lives. Hard work, experience and dedication have been the foundation of her career. Devotion to her industry and community has given her the respect of her peers and continued support of her clients and customers. She has worked hard to change the standards of the industry and has



Nancy Pomerleau

a reputation for being focused and determined. Committed to continuing education within the real estate industry, Nancy realizes that accurate, up-to-date information is invaluable. Her clients trust her to deliver the facts and to answer all their questions in an ever changing real estate industry.

Nancy is presently a Broker with Berkshire Hathaway Verani Realty in Amherst, NH., serving Southern NH communities



Patrick Hunt receives his MS Shining Star Award from National MS Society Trustee Ken Jones of Amherst

### Nashua Man Honored by National MS Society

AMHERST – The National MS Society has honored Nashua businessman Patrick Hunt for his long-time support in helping to raise funds for MS research and services.

Hunt is the Service Manager at Goodale's Bike Shop in Nashua and for the past six years has been providing bike mechanic services for the National MS Society's Bike MS: New Hampshire Seacoast Escape.

Seacoast Escape is an annual bike ride that takes its riders across the scenic, less-traveled roads of New Hampshire, as well as its beautiful

seaside villages. Hunt volunteered to make sure that every cyclist was prepared and ready for their 25 or 60 mile journeys.

Hunt was honored recently at the Society's annual MS Shining Stars dinner in Concord, where he was awarded the MS Society's Bike MS Volunteer Award.

This year's Bike MS: New Hampshire Seacoast Escape will take place on August 22, 2015. For more information or to register, go to [www.bikeMSgne.org](http://www.bikeMSgne.org)

## Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce Presents 2015 Tech Fair

AMHERST – What's new, what is worth your time and what is not in apps, devices, & hardware. The Fair will begin on Thursday, January 22, 8:15-11:45 AM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Amherst with a welcome and keynote speech by Stephanie Murphy of Richoh Americas on Information Mobility: Knowing what technology and trends are driving business growth and staying on top of them; realizing the critical value of proper information management to boost productivity and protect sensitive data; and understanding how your changing workforce is working today, and changing right along with them.

Over the past 20 years, Keynote Speaker Stephanie Murphy has focused on Business Development for various clients in New England. Starting out in Direct

Marketing and moving toward Software and Hardware solutions, always working for leaders in their respective industries, Stephanie brings more than 20 years of industry expertise in software and systems management solutions as well as marketing solutions to help with driving business initiatives. Stephanie develops discussions around her customer's business challenges, always bringing into mind how the emerging trends are impacting customer's ability to maximize Productivity, maintain information Security and or enable Information Mobility. Currently representing Richoh USA, as a Field Marketing Business Partner, Stephanie excels at being able to help customers with these three key areas of focus, and it all starts with a business conversation.

Three sessions will follow with three presentations running concurrently. Sessions Include:

- Understanding Technology Landscape for Small Businesses by Mike Radice of ChartaCloud
- Super Easy-to-Follow Tips for Better Local SEO by John Kutyla of Pixate Creative
- Creating SMART Offices by Mike Bonetti of Home Theater & Beyond
- Basics of Computer Upkeep by Derek Pollitt of Pollitt Enterprises
- What's New In Mobile Credit Card Processing by Joel Breton of MJM Associates
- Social Selling & Buyer 2.0 by Stephanie Murphy of Richoh America

- What Your Body Language Says About You – Technicalities That Make Your Photo by Walter Schneckner of C1M Photography
- Email Marketing for Success by Joanne Randall of Leap Year Marketing
- Tips and Best Practices for Using Quickbooks by Sheri-Lynn Fournier of Fournier Accounting & Bookkeeping Services

All are welcome. The Tech Fair will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3 Craftsman Lane in Amherst (behind Joey's Diner on Rt. 101A). \$10 pp. includes meeting materials, 3 sessions and a light breakfast. Free admission to students with a student ID. For more information, visit [www.souhegan.net](http://www.souhegan.net) or telephone 673-4360.



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Many New Hampshire ski areas are celebrating Learn to Ski & Snowboard month this January by offering a \$29 lift, lesson and rentals beginner package for downhill skiing and riding, and a \$19 trail pass, lesson and rentals beginner package at cross-country ski areas. Taking a lesson your

first time on skis or a snowboard can make all the difference in the world in terms of having a great experience, and our Learn to Ski & Snowboard month special is a great and affordable way to try a new sport. For details visit: [www.skinh.com](http://www.skinh.com), or visit each area's website included below.

### Participating Alpine Areas:

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- Cannon Mountain**  
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603-356-5543  
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Lyme Center, NH  
603-795-2143  
[skiway.dartmouth.edu](http://skiway.dartmouth.edu)
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### Granite Gorge Ski Area

- Keene, NH  
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- Gorham, NH  
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- New Ipswich, NH  
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