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**SARATOGA CONVENTION & TOURISM BUREAU WELCOMES  
THE 2013 INCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. –

On Wednesday, March 20, the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau held their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Saratoga Springs City Center. In addition to highlighting the successes of 2012 and their initiatives for 2013, the Bureau honored several members rotating off of the Board of Directors and welcomed several others onto the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Those members rotating off of the Board after serving two consecutive three year terms were: EJ Harkins (Saratoga Eagle Sales and Service), Rita Cox (Saratoga Casino and Raceway), Charlie Wheeler (New York Racing Association), Michael Casey, (Skidmore College) and Ray O’Conor (Saratoga National Bank and Trust Company).

The membership then elected the following slate of members to serve on the Board of Directors for three year terms; Marcia White (SPAC), Tom Newkirk (Saratoga National Golf Club), Steve Wilcox, (Fingerpaint Marketing), Steve Porto, (Gavin Park) and Gail Cummings-Danson, (Skidmore College).

Elected to serve on the Executive Committee for 2013/2014 are; Chairman – Patrick Pipino (Ben & Jerry’s of Saratoga Springs), Immediate Past Chair - Eugene Quirk (Adirondack Trust Insurance), Chair Elect – Dan Fortier (Longfellows Hotel, Restaurant & Conference Center), Treasurer – Megan Hennessey (Courtyard by Marriott Saratoga Springs) & At-Large Officer – Thomas Newkirk (Saratoga National Golf Course).



Continuing to serve on the Board of Directors of the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau are;

Mr. Mark E. Baker - Saratoga Springs City Center  
Mr. Dennis Brobston - Saratoga Economic Development Corp.  
Mr. Shawn Goodway - The Saratoga Hilton  
Ms. Cynthia Hollowood - Holiday Inn Saratoga Springs  
Mr. Ron Ireland - Saratoga Golf and Polo Club  
Mr. Tim Smith - Gideon Putnam Resort  
Mr. Matt McCabe - Saratoga Guitar  
Mr. Michael O'Sullivan - The Saratogian  
Mr. Todd Shimkus - Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce

The Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau's Annual Report for 2012 can be found on the website at [www.discoversaratoga.org](http://www.discoversaratoga.org) and then click on "The SCTB" on the toolbar of the home page.

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Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau is a key economic development engine for this community, the mission of the Saratoga Convention & Tourism Bureau is to contribute a positive impact on the local economy by promoting and marketing Saratoga Springs and Saratoga County as a world-class destination for meetings, conventions and groups. For information on how to schedule or plan a meeting, conference or convention in Saratoga, visit the Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau's website at [www.discoversaratoga.org](http://www.discoversaratoga.org).