



# BUSINESS SPEAKS

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## Richard F. Daines, M.D., FAC Guest Speaker at Chamber Annual Meeting

On April 29th the Chamber will hold its 42nd Annual Meeting/Luncheon at the Crystal Chandelier Restaurant (see attached flyer for information and registration).

We will be honoring three of our Chamber members at this year's meeting. Business of the Year-Valley Health Services; Business Person of the Year- Harley Ruppert, Newport Telephone Company; and Promotion Committee Award: Herkimer County Fair Association.

We will also have election of officers and Board members serving a three year term from April 2010 to 2013.



Our guest speaker for this event will be Richard F. Daines, M.D., FACP, 14<sup>th</sup> Commissioner of Health for New York State. Dr. Daines topic for the day will be "The Future of Healthcare in Rural NYS."

As Commissioner, Dr. Daines heads one of the nation's leading public health agencies with a budget of over \$50 billion. Under his leadership, the Department of Health administers the state's public health insurance programs, regulates hospitals and other health care facilities, conducts research in a premier biomedical laboratory, and supports public health prevention initiatives. During the past year he helped shape significant health care reforms that were adopted in the state budget, including increased access to health insurance coverage for the uninsured, greater emphasis on primary and preventive care, quality improvement initiatives, and investment in health information technology. Dr. Daines led the implementation of health care facility restructuring measures mandated by the State Legislature in connection with the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He is currently leading an effort to reform health care through more effective local health care planning.

Prior to becoming Commissioner, Dr. Daines was the President and CEO of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center from 1/1/02 until 1/07. Previous to joining the Hospital Center as Medical Director in 2000, Dr. Daines served as Senior Vice President for Professional Affairs and Medical Director at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

Dr. Daines received a Bachelor of History degree from Utah State University in 1974 and served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Bolivia from 1970 to 1972. He received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1978. He served a residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital and is Board Certified in Internal Medicine.



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## Administrative Professionals Day

April 21 4:30-7:00 pm

\$12 per person

A short 10 minutes from Herkimer at the



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\$100 Cash Early-Bird Drawing.

See insert for details

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- Supported by businesses, professional, and industrial firms, community members, organization, and utilities.
- A volunteer organization, supported by a professional staff.
- Working for the business community, and it can work for you—Access is Power!
- Always seeking to develop programs that will establish the area as an attractive place to live and do business.
- An investment that is 80% tax deductible as an ordinary business expense.

**Extra Membership Benefit-**If you bring in a new member or give us a lead and they join, both you and your new member will receive a free advertising insert (8 1/2" x 11") in the Chamber Newsletter