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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

5:00 pm to 5:45 pm

Cocktail Reception, Networking and Entertainment

5:45 pm

Buffet Dinner Served

6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Welcome Remarks

Brian Casaceli, Chair of the Board

Pledge of Allegiance and Veterans Recognition

The Power of Connection

Brian Casaceli, Chair of the Board

Craig Lizotte, Chair Elect

Stephanie Hirshon

Towma Rastad

6:45 to 7:00 pm

Guest Speakers



Michael McAuliffe,
Chairman & CEO
Middlesex Savings Bank



Priscila Sousa,
State Representative
6th Middlesex District

7:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Annual Business Meeting

Brian Casaceli, Chairman of the Board

Craig Lizotte, Chair Elect

Awards Presentation

Stephanie Hirshon, Towma Rastad, & Patty McElligott

7:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Networking

GUEST SPEAKERS

Michael McAuliffe, Chairman & CEO Middlesex Savings Bank



Mike has been Chairman and CEO of Middlesex Savings Bank since 2016. He joined the Bank in 2014 as Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Banking Officer after 28 years in commercial lending, primarily in the Massachusetts middle market. He has worked with hundreds of Massachusetts companies, both private and public, helping them achieve their short and long-term business goals. Prior to Middlesex, Mike spent 15 years at Citizens Bank and earlier in his career, held commercial banking positions with State Street Bank, Eastern Bank, and BayBank Boston. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and earned an MBA in Finance from Boston University's Graduate School of Management.

Mike is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for MetroWest, Board member of the Massachusetts Bankers Association and a Board member of the Natick Center Cultural District. He had previously been a long-time Advisory Board member of Lazarus House, an emergency shelter and food pantry in Lawrence, MA.

Priscila Sousa, State Representative 6th Middlesex District



Priscila Sousa is a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, representing the 6th Middlesex District. She assumed office on January 4, 2023.

She is a school leader, Immigrant, Small business owner, and 3x Boston Marathoner.

Priscila Sousa earned a B.A. from Simmons University in 2009. Sousa's career experience includes working as a sales manager with Vivint Solar, a legal secretary with the Wagner Law Group, and a legal assistant with Foglia & Associates P.C. She has volunteered with The Progeria Research Foundation and has served on the boards of Hoops and Homework, Amazing Things Arts Center, and Framingham FORCE.



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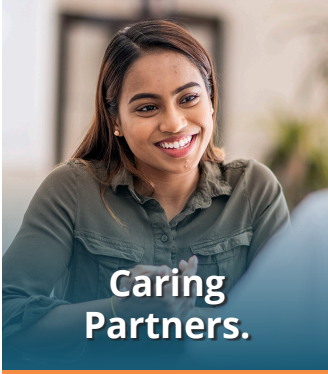
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Ashley Place, at JVF Solutions, for creating and designing tonight's Event Guide.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of our Board Members, Committee Members, Ambassadors, and Chamber Members who support our events and programming.

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