



This is your team!

Small, but mighty, the HM team in Augusta is firing on all cylinders. Now that our historic merger is complete, we will continue to stay ahead of the curve to remove obstacles before they become your problem.

Our team of five works every day to improve conditions for every member, from intimate B and Bs, to dining hotspots, to the largest branded properties across the state. You + Us = #HospitalityMaine.

Pictured above from left: Government Affairs Officer Greg Dugal, Event Manager Jennifer Sevon, Director of Operations Becky Jacobson, Director of Member Experience Kathleen Pierce and CEO Steve Hewins.

Talk to us! Let us know what's on your mind.

See you all at the Summit in Bangor Oct, 29 to 30th!

HM logo launch at Geary

Thanks to all who came out to [Geary Brewing](#) on Oct. 4! We sipped a few commemorative HM brews and rocked out to Nashville artists, courtesy of BMI. We also chowed down on terrific tacos from Taco Trio's mobile burrito cart. It is these partnerships that make us strong! Didn't make it to the bash? There are still a few sixers left at the brewery with our name on it. Take musician Danny Myrick's advice and "buy the shit out of it."



Left to right, Geary co-owner Alan Lapoint, Nashville musician Danny Myrick, Geary co-owner Robin Lapoint, musician Kendall Marvel, HM CEO Steve Hewins. Front row is Dan Spears of BMI.



Members Ramsey Lafayette, regional manager at Lafayette Hotels, Leeanne Hewey of Vacationland Inns, and Maureen LaSalle of SMCC unite over HM brews in the tasting room.

Members Brenda Darroch of Hay Creek Hotels and Jim Darroch of Backyard Farms grab a few HM cold ones for the road.

Member tribute: Tom Walsh of Ocean Properties

A leader in Maine hospitality is gone. Tom Walsh, founder of [Ocean Properties](#), which includes the Samoset Resort in Rockport and the Bar Harbor Regency, died peacefully Saturday surrounded by loved ones. He was 88.

"Tom Walsh was one of the last legendary hotel owners in the state of Maine," said HospitalityMaine's Greg Dugal, who worked for Walsh in 1999 as director of sales and marketing at the Samoset. "There are not a lot of hotel empire builders, like Tom, around anymore."

The Bangor native was remembered in news outlets across the state as a homegrown icon. [The Portland Press Herald](#) called Walsh "a self-made mogul whose first hotel in Brewer spawned an empire that stretches from Canada to Florida with additional properties in the Southwest."

"... While his last name may not be as synonymous with hospitality as Marriott or Hilton, Walsh's contributions to the industry and the community have been no less significant," the paper wrote. The [Bangor Daily News](#) quotes Maine's former governor John Baldacci, calling the hotelier a "very confident guy" who "didn't put on any airs."

From humble roots on the banks of the Penobscot, Walsh built hotels across North America -- from Key West, Florida to Montreal, Québec to Victoria, British Columbia and throughout the Southwest U.S, his obituary states.

To Dugal, Walsh was "a Maine success story," right up there with L.L. Bean. His [full obituary is here](#).

Merger in the news

Mainebiz broke the story on our merger and upcoming summit in a detailed spread last week. [Read about HM's plan to define the hospitality sector in Maine](#) as the "tip of the spear" in building a sustainable economic development strategy for the state. Our CEO Steve Hewins lays out our ambitious plan to tackle the toughest issues facing our industry and will reveal a "new approach to sourcing employees, and identifying the educational and career path in our industry for young people," at the summit.

Summit Countdown: Why you need to Register Now!

- We will release a University of Maine report that identifies fresh industry metrics that you need to know
- Learn a new approach to sourcing employees (breaking news)
- Go Green: Industry best sustainable practices
- * Beat Google, take back your bookings
- Winning ways to maximize hospitality profits while increasing customer satisfaction
- Rock out to the Nashville recording artists Striking Matches

- Experience Bangor in the fall (meet Paul Bunyan)

[Register Here](#)



MEMBERSHIP METER: See who has joined us this fall:

Welcome new members:

Boone's Fish House, Portland

Evenrood's in Bangor

Firehouse Subs in Biddeford

Lynam Insurance Agency, Bar Harbor

Silverchild Confectionaries, Portland

Hub Hospitality Insurance Services

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE: We now have one Facebook page:

[@HospitalityMaine](#)

Follow along and Share the Love!

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Maine Restaurant and Lodging EXPO March 27 in Portland •

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