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Ashland Business Association Announces Guest Speaker for Membership Dinner Gala, May 7

ASHLAND, MA—April 25, 2019— The Ashland Business Association (ABA) recently announced its guest speaker for its 2nd Annual Membership Dinner Gala on Tuesday, May 7.

Described as funny and engaging, **Jody Comins**, MSW, will provide practical tips for business professionals in her interactive presentation, “Listening and Being Heard in Every Day Conversation.” Comins draws on her background in social work and as a divorce and family mediator to teach skills that business professionals can use. In this fun and entertaining presentation, attendees will leave with an understanding of how their verbal and non-verbal cues have an impact on all of their interactions in business and beyond.

Comins is a social worker by training, a divorce and family mediator who practices in Framingham, and the diversity advisor for Polka Dot Powerhouse—Metrowest, a women’s connection company for friendships and business relationships.

The Annual Membership Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the VFW, 311 Pleasant St. An Italian buffet dinner will be catered by Marconi’s. The event will offer plenty of

opportunities to network in a relaxed setting. Potential new members are invited to attend and learn more about the Ashland business group, which has over 120 members.

The cost to attend is \$25/per person online, <https://ashlandbusinessassociation.com/events>, by May 4 and \$30/per person at the door.

Anyone who joins the ABA that night or by May 31 may deduct \$25 from their \$100 annual membership. Proceeds from a 50/50 raffle that night will benefit the Ashland Business Association scholarship program.

For more information, contact the ABA membership chair, Denise Loiselle, at dloiselle@needhambank.com, 508-259-5161.

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Jody Comins, a motivational speaker and family mediator from Framingham, is featured at the Ashland Business Association dinner on May 7. (Photo/courtesy Jody Comins)