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Super 60

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield staged its annual Super 60 lunch on Oct. 28 at Chez Josef in Agawam. More than 700 guests celebrated the winners in the Growth and Revenue categories, and heard a keynote address from V-One Vodka creator Paul Kozub, above. At top right, Layla Taylor, a partner with the law firm Sullivan Hayes & Quinn, and Juan Campbell (right), vice president of Sales for Health New England, present George Sachs, president of Acme Metals, with his plaque. At center right, Joe Peters (center), president of Universal Plastics, receives his plaque from Campbell and Glenn Welch, executive vice president of Hampden Bank.



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Big Y Turns 75

More than 1,150 employees, business partners, family members, and dignitaries packed the MassMutual Center on Oct. 22 for Big Y's 75th Anniversary Gala. Speakers included Bishop Timothy McDonnell of the Springfield Diocese; Springfield Mayor Domenic Sarno; Kirk Smith, president and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Springfield; Christopher Flynn, president of the Mass. Food Assoc.; and Stan Sorkin, president of the Connecticut Food Assoc. Remarks were offered by a number of members of the D'Amour family, and entertainment was provided by the Floyd Patterson Band, Dan Kane and Friends, and Melissa Serra from Big Y's Marketing Department. Clockwise from below: a group of employees and guests gather for a photo outside the ballroom; CEO Donald D'Amour offers some remarks in front of the replica of the original Y Cash Market; President Charles D'Amour offers a toast; Pat and Don Shewshuk pose for a shot; and the sign outside the MassMutual Center tells the story.



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Rays of Hope

More than 21,000 walkers in both Springfield and Greenfield participated in this year's Rays of Hope – a Walk Toward a Cure for Breast Cancer on Oct. 23. For the first time, the event raised more than \$1 million, surpassing last year's \$950,000 total. Including this year, \$10.25 million has been raised since the walk's inception in 1994. At top, members of the walk team representing the Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 family camp club, one of about 650 teams taking part, an increase from about 500 last year. Above left, a display of tribute flags, signed over the years by cancer survivors and others in tribute to or in memory of loved ones or friends. Above right, this year's event also included the 2nd Annual Run Toward the Cure 8K in Springfield, which began 15 minutes before the walkers stepped off. At right, Rays of Hope founder Lucy Giuggio-Carvalho signs the 2011 tribute flag, which will be displayed at next year's walk.

