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## **Mardi Gras Card Exchange Slated**

**SCRANTON, PA, January 21, 2008**—Local business owners who are interested in growing their businesses are encouraged to attend the premiere networking event of the winter of 2008.

Volunteers from the Great Business Card Exchange committee of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce announced that the Mardi Gras Card Exchange is Fat Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The event is from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Clarion Hotel, 300 Meadow Avenue in Scranton. The Clarion Hotel is the event sponsor. More than 500 members of the Chamber are expected to network at the event.

Businesses that are not members of the Chamber are invited to attend one event and network with members. Networking is one of many Chamber membership benefits that can help a business grow.

“Business card exchanges are a tremendous way to meet new clients,” stated Austin J. Burke, president of the Chamber. “We are pleased that we are able to organize an event where local businesses can thrive by doing business with each other.”

Complimentary beer, wine, and soda will be available, as well as complimentary hors d’oeuvres. The event is free to attend, but attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for United Neighborhood Center. To register for the card exchange and other upcoming Chamber events, visit the secure online registration form at [www.scrantonchamber.com](http://www.scrantonchamber.com). Deadline for registration is Friday, February 1. For more information, log on to [www.scrantonchamber.com](http://www.scrantonchamber.com) or contact Mari Potis at 570.342.7711 or at [mpotis@scrantonchamber.com](mailto:mpotis@scrantonchamber.com).

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