



Chamber News

Clinton County Chamber of Commerce

Mission: The Clinton County Chamber of Commerce is a member driven organization dedicated to stimulating positive economic growth throughout Clinton County, fostering community leadership and involvement, reflecting positive moral values and acting as an advocate and unified voice for our membership.

February Luncheon Speaker to talk about Economic Development

We are excited to have as our speaker at the February 21 Chamber Luncheon John Czarnecki, Executive Director of the new Clinton County Economic Alliance.

The luncheon starts at 11:45 am, but you are always welcome to come as early at 11:30 am. The luncheon will end at 1:00 pm.

According to surveys and discussions with members, "Economic Development" is the hot topic, so we expect a sell out crowd. Please RSVP to the Chamber office by phone

(989-224-7248) or email (ccchamber@power-net.net) to let us know how many will be coming from your business.

The cost is \$7 for the lunch and we will have some special prizes to give out. So everyone has the opportunity to take advantage of networking before the business meeting/ speaker starts, I encourage no two people from the same business to sit at the same table.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Labels for 2008 Chamber Events Enclosed...

Enclosed in this newsletter is a set of colored labels for you to put on your calendar. Each label contains the date, name and time of a Chamber event in 2008.

If you do not plan to use the labels, pass them on to a co-worker and invite them to participate in the many Chamber activities.

We hope you use these labels as a reminder to attend these events & activities.

If you require additional sets of the labels for an additional calendar or other staff, please let us know and they will be provided to you.

BOOTH FEES SLASHED FOR MAY 3 COMMUNITY EXPO/TOUCH A TRUCK

On Saturday, May 3, 2008 the Chamber of Commerce will hold it's 6th Annual Community EXPO/Touch a Truck at the CC RESA Building in St. Johns from 9 am-3 pm. **Booth fees have been dramatically reduced to make it affordable for all businesses.**

Hundreds of people from the general public will be in attendance to talk to vendors and get information. The EXPO gives you the ultimate

opportunity to talk one-on-one with potential customers about your products and services.

Forms for booth space and sponsorship opportunities are enclosed. Take a few minutes to complete the forms so we can get you in the pre-event press releases as a participant and/or sponsor.

Call the Chamber today if you have questions.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Cloverdale Locksmith Service LLC

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989-307-1014 / Fax: 989-224-8595
Email: cloverdale@provide.net
Locksmith

New York Life Insurance Company

Carol Ward
800 W State Street, St. Johns
517-507-7093
Email: cward@ft.newyork.com
Insurance

Self Serve Lumber Company

Mark Miller
2500 N US Bus 127, St Johns
989-224-6330, Fax: 989-224-1946
Retail

RENEWALS

Amanda Schneider Marine
Applebee Oil and Propane
Bingham Township
Capital Regional Airport Authority
Century 21 Property Mart
Clinton Electronics / Radio Shack
Clinton Task Fore on Employment
Deano's Pizza
**Edward Jones Investments -
Gary Lenneman - Silver Star
Member
Fifth Third Bank - Gold Star
Member
First American Title
First United Methodist Church
Granger III and Associates-Gold**

Star Member

Great Lakes Home Health
Services, Inc.
Keck-Coleman Funeral Home
LandAmerica - Gold Star Member
Lyman & Sheets Insurance
Agency
Main Street Café & Pizza
Carl Schlegel, Inc.
**ServiceMaster Clean - Gold Star
Member**
Special Olympics
**St Johns Dental Care-Gold Star
Member**
St. Johns Mini Storage
Union Band
John Wieber, PC

April 3: Chamber Baked Potato/Salad Luncheon Fundraiser

On Thursday, April 3 the Chamber and the St. Johns Exchange Club will host a Baked Potato / Salad Fundraiser at the CC RESA Building from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

For only \$7 you can get all-you-can-eat salad, baked potatoes (cheese, chili, bacon, broccoli & more for fixings), beverages and desserts (pie or cake).

After the funds are split, the Chamber's proceeds are used to support community events that benefit Children (the crafts & games at the EXPO, Mint Festival and Christmas festival).

Advance tickets are available at the Chamber or from any Chamber Ambassador or Board member and any Exchange Club member. Take outs will be available that day.

Chamber Seeks Members for Mint Festival Committee....

If you would like to work with a fun group of people on a fun project, then you should volunteer to serve on the Mint Festival Committee. It's a working committee of chairs & co-chairs and we have about four (4) openings. Call Brenda today (989-224-7248) to find out what it entails.

Announcing our GOLD Star Members!

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| A1 Tanning | Hovey's Accounting & Tax Service |
| Century 21 Property Mart | Hungry Howie's Pizza |
| Citizens Bank | Krogers |
| City of St. Johns | Little Caesars / RTC Foods |
| Clinton Area Care Center | MAHLE Engine Components USA |
| Clinton County Federal Credit Union | Osgood Funeral Home |
| Clinton County News | Ovid Healthcare Center |
| Clinton Memorial Hospital | Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI |
| Consumers Energy Company | Rademacher Construction, Inc |
| Dynamite Inc. | St. Johns Florist & Greenhouse |
| Fifth Third Bank | Searles Construction |
| First American Title Ins Co. | Sleep Inn of DeWitt |
| Firstbank - St. Johns | WalMart |
| The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC | |
| Granger III and Associates | |

Member News

The St. Johns Symphonic Orchestra is raising money for their Ireland Tour. Feb 2 at 7:30 pm in the SJ Middle School Auditoria the students will present a Pops Concert. Guest performer will be Dr. Ozgur Elgun from Turkey. Light refreshments will be served and you will be seated at tables with linen clothes and candles. Tickets are \$25. You can purchase tickets or make a financial contribution. Contact Rodney Page with any questions at pagerodn@msu.edu

Clinton County Area 28 Special Olympics will be hosting a district basketball tournament on March 1, 2008 from 9 am – 4 pm. It will be held at the St Johns Middle School & St Johns High School. It's free to get in. They encourage county residents to come & cheer on the teams. Area 28 Special Olympics is well accomplished in the field of basketball and are fun to watch.

Wendy's in St. Johns is doing a fund raiser for the "Andrew Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund" on Wed, Feb 6 from 4-8pm. They will donate 10% of their sales to the scholarship fund. Alan and Tami and most of the rest of the family will all be there to help get one step closer to reaching their scholarship fundraising goal!!!

The Clinton County Family Resource center is hosting their 6th Annual Kids Fair on Fri, Feb 29 from 6-8 pm. It will be held at the CC RESA Bldg at 1013 S US 27 in St. Johns. Newborns to 5th grade are invited along with their parents/responsible adult. Every child will receive a book & toy after they complete the Make It/Take It activities at booths sponsored by collaborative partners. They are in need of toys and children's books. If you can help with an in-kind or financial donation, call them at 224-1173

The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum is closed for the winter. They will re-open in April 2008.

The Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair is currently seeking event sponsors for their July 28-31, 2008 fair. To be listed in the Fair Book, sponsorships must be confirmed prior to March 15. Call Peg Schneider at 989-640-1029 for a complete list of the sponsorship opportunities available. The Clinton County 4-H & Youth Fair will be celebrating their 71st anniversary during the 2008 event.

The St. Johns Rotary Club's Helping Hands Dinner is scheduled for Sat, Feb 9 at 6:30 pm at Smith Hall in St. Johns. If

2008 Chamber Luncheons...

February 21

Program: Economic Development
Speaker: John Czarnecki,
Executive Director of the
Clinton County Economic Alliance
Cost: \$7
Caterer: TBA
Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

The luncheon is open to any employee of any Chamber member business.

You are also welcome to bring a non-member business associate with you but please...

RSVP TO THE CHAMBER BY TUESDAY THE WEEK OF THE LUNCHEON TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE LUNCHEON SO THE CATERER CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Future Luncheons

March 20
April 17
May 15
June 19
August 21
September 18
October 16
November 20
December 18

you still need a ticket (\$100 for 2 people), contact Sue Carroll at MAHLE at 989-224-2384. You need not be present to win.

Perk Up Clinton County: The sponsor of the coffee at the Chamber in February is Circle of Wellness Source. Stop by for a cup of coffee and pick up information about this business to see what they are all about. Call us at 989-224-7248 if you would like to sponsor a month.



2006/07 Board of Directors

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Feb 12:

Business After
Hours to be held at
Biggby Coffee in St.
Johns (4:30-6 pm)

DID YOU KNOW...

That **Arbonne International (Barbara Yaich)** offers over 300 botanically based products for all ages, men, women, teens and babies. Using healthy ingredients helps our bodies become healthier on the inside and out. Sample the difference Arbonne can make! It's incredible to have such an awesome alternative to skin care, vitamins, baby care, aromatherapy, acne system to name a few. Barb would personally love to introduce their products to you.

That with every oil change at **Masters Autowash and Quick Lube** you will receive a free vacuum, while you wait in the comfort of their waiting room snacking on fresh popcorn. You'll also receive \$3 off your next care wash—each wash uses 45 gallons of fresh water.

That **Ag-Co, Inc** sells a unique horse stall with a safe latch system. They have created their own thermal bucket to keep animals' water clean and insulated from harsh environments. They sell Cupolas that are made of Polyethylene that will not fade and are maintenance free. They also have many styles of weathervanes, garden stakes, weather stations and outdoor accessories to adorn your home.

That **Fitch Photographic Studio** moved to the country in 2004. They do all types of photography including seniors, children, weddings, families, sports and school pictures. They do custom picture framing and matting and photo restoration of old or damaged family photographs. They are open by appointment.

That **Always Charming** sells reasonably priced jewelry that you will be pleased to wear & give. They carry over 2,600 sterling silver charms and have been an authorized Pandora Jewelry retailer since 2004.

That **New York Life - Carol Ward, BA (Hons) Acs**, can offer you or any of your employees a 10% discount as well as additional marital discounts on Long Term Care Insurance through New York Life.

That **Mid-Michigan Equestrian Center** is a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic riding lessons to individuals with disabilities. They provide summer camps, clinics, rehab support and much more.

Send your "DID YOU KNOW" facts in today so you can be included in the March newsletter.