



CLINTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHAMBER NEWS

July 2008

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.

A Little “Birdy” Says It’s Time to Sign Up “Fore” the Chamber of Commerce “MINT CITY GOLF CLASSIC”



On Wednesday, September 3 the Chamber of Commerce will hold it’s annual Mint City Golf Classic at the Emerald of Maple Creek.

The cost for a 4-person team is \$260 (that’s just \$65 per person). Along with the golf and cart each golfer will receive continental breakfast, dinner after golf and a door prize. We will also have several contests throughout the course that all golfers are eligible for.

In addition to golfing, businesses have the opportunity to be a sponsor. Sponsorship is a great way to get your business name out there for everyone to see. The advertising sponsorships that are available include the Hole-in-One (\$500 with a foursome, or \$300 just for the sponsorship), Continental Breakfast (\$150), Double Tee Sponsor (get your name at two holes) (\$125 - save \$25!), Contest Sponsor (\$100), Tee Sponsor (\$75), Door Prize or Goodie Bag Sponsor. **Our Dinner Sponsor will once**

again be Clinton Memorial Hospital with Firstbank-St. Johns taking care of the “At the Turn” snacks. Look for information about the Hospital and Firstbank on a hole throughout the day.

For those individuals needing a little extra help you can buy Mulligans for \$5 each or \$15 for your team. You’ll have a chance to win back some of your money at the Vegas Betting Par 3 Holes and in the 50/25/25 drawing.

On each par-3 we will have a Hole-in-One contest. Watch for the signs and markers on the course announcing the contests, rules & requirements.



To register your team, fill out the enclosed golf registration form and return it to the Chamber. We need to have all sponsors confirmed by Mon, Aug 11 so appropriate signage can be developed.

2008 Chamber Awards

Enclosed in the newsletter is a form that gives you the opportunity to nominate businesses or individuals for Chamber awards (you can nominate yourself). The awards that will be given out in 2008 include:

**Outstanding Small Member Business
William Patton Lifetime Achievement Award
Ambassador of the Year**

**Outstanding Large Member Business
Community Volunteer of the Year**

The criteria for each award is included on the form. Please note that the written narrative is required. Your nomination will not be considered complete unless all the required information is received. All nominations and support materials are due at the Chamber office by Friday, July 25

The awards will be presented at a special Chamber lunch on Thursday, October 18. The cost for this luncheon will be \$10 per person. Award recipients will be informed in advance so they can invite special guests & employees to the luncheon.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

If you see any of these new Chamber members, please welcome them:

Beauticontrol, Tanya Thelen
 5501 W Jason Road, St Johns 48879
 517-204-5706
 Email: tanyathe@aol.com
 www.beutipage.com/tanyathelen
 At-Home Space Escapes for Women

Quality Auto Co. Inc., Rick Thelen
 10678 W M21, Fowler 48835
 989-593-3731 / Fax: 989-593-2249
 Web: www.qasales.com
 Auto Sales

Sealcoat Direct, Dustin Hnetyuka
 877-231-7587 Fax: 989-414-2742
 Email: dustin@sealcoatdirect.com
 Web: www.sealcoatdirect.com
 Asphalt

WIN \$500

It's not too late to get entered into the drawing to win \$500 in October.

All you need to do is recruit a new member, write your name at the top of the application and wait to see if your name is drawn.

Any business (home based or store front) with an interest in the Chamber is eligible to join. First year dues for home based businesses are \$50, while store front dues for the first year are \$150.

Enclosed is a referral application and a brochure that describes the benefits of membership. Please put your name at the top of the application and pass it, along with the brochure on to a non-member and encourage them to join. Call 989-224-7248 with questions.

RENEWALS

Thank you to the following businesses that have renewed their membership in the Chamber:

- Andy T's Farm Market LLC
- BLT's Wearable Art - Silver Star Member
- Clinton County Right to Life
- Consumers Energy - Gold Star Member**
- Ferrall's Tree Trimming & Removal, Inc.
- Legend Manufacturing
- M&M Restaurant Supply - Silver Star Member**

- Pinnacles Associates
- Rotary Glass of St. Johns
- Smith Family Funeral Homes
- Sparrow Hospice/Clinton Home Health
- St. Johns Lions Club
- St. Johns RV
- St. Johns Youth Baseball
- St. Peter Lutheran Church & School
- Sunfire Wireless
- Sunrise Cleaning & Construction Services

Announcing our GOLD Star Members!



- Bel Mechanical**
- Citizens Bank**
- City of St. Johns**
- Clinton Area Care Center**
- Clinton County Federal Credit Union**
- Clinton Memorial Hospital**
- Consumers Energy Company**
- Dynamite Inc.**
- Fifth Third Bank**
- Firstbank - St. Johns**
- The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC**
- Granger III and Associates**
- Hovey's Accounting & Tax Service**
- Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs**
- Krogers**
- LandAmerica**
- MAHLE Engine Components USA**
- Osgood Funeral Home**
- Ovid Healthcare Center**
- Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI**
- Prestige Pines**
- RTC Foods, Little Caesars, Inc.**
- St. Johns Dental Care-Mark Connelly**
- St. Johns Florist & Greenhouse**
- St. Johns Motel**
- Searles Construction**
- ServiceMaster Absolute Home & Restoration Center**
- Sleep Inn of DeWitt**
- WalMart**

Announcing our Silver Star Members!



- BLT's Wearable Art
- Bee's Motors
- C&K Electric
- Daisy Dell Farm & Market
- Dedyne-Bubolz Insurance Agency
- Edward Jones Investment - Gary Lenneman
- Fortin Chunko & Brouse, PC
- George's Enterprises Trust
- Gentner Family Dentistry
- Hub Tire Center
- Laurels of Fulton
- M&M Restaurant Supply
- Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc
- O-ink
- RSI Home Improvement/Wayne Door
- Shannon L.W. Schlegel, Attorney at Law
- Schwan's Home Service
- Uncle Johns Cider Mill
- Welcome Wagon
- Z92.5 The Castle

The Chamber Office will be closed Friday, July 4, 2008!

Member News

The St. Johns Rotary Club, with support from community partners will be hosting the annual St. Johns fireworks on Friday, July 4. The festivities kick off with the group Flashback performing at the Performance Shell with fireworks to follow at dark. The Rotary Club is accepting donations for the fireworks and will also be selling raffle tickets.

The Jackson National Life Golf For Kids' Sake will be held on Monday, July 21, 2008 at Hawk Hallow Golf Course. Proceeds go directly to Big Brother Big Sister programs in Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Shiawassee counties. It includes a free driving range, hole-in-one contest, longest putt contest, and closest to the pin contest. Hole & Tee Sponsorships still available for \$250. You can also donate door prizes, place prizes, silent auction items or goodie bag giveaways. Register your foursome or sponsorship by calling Megan Bensette at (877) 483-7145 or

e-mail her at megan.bensette@bbbs.org.

Saturday morning Farmers Markets are now open in DeWitt & St. Johns. Stop by between 8:00 am until Noon to get fresh fruits & vegetables, plants, crafts and more.

The Clinton County Senior Center will be holding a Bake Sale on Saturday, July 12 at Krogers in St. Johns. They are in need of bakers, so if you are interested, call Brenda at 989-224-7248. They also need a couple Monday Lunch cooks too. Call Brenda as well.

DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE WITH MEMBERS?

Then email the Chamber at ccchamber@power-net.net and it will be included in weekly emails and/or this section of the newsletter. Don't miss out on this "Free" benefit.

2008 Chamber Luncheons...

August 21

Program: Picnic in the Park
Cost: \$7
Caterer: Hungry Howies
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

September 18: Networking
October 16: Awards
November 20: TBA
December 18: Chamber's Most Talented (start practicing so you can participate in this first ever Chamber contest)

July 8: BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

The next Business After Hours will be on Tuesday, July 8 at Chesme Capital Management in DeWitt from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please watch upcoming emails and this newsletter about exciting changes to the Business After Hours starting in September.

The next Good Morning Clinton County will be held on Wednesday, Jul 30 from 7:30-8:30 am. It will be held at the Chamber of Commerce office unless a business decides to hold it at their location.

Perk Up Clinton County:

For the month of July, our Coffee Sponsor at the Chamber office will be St. Johns Motel. Stop in, enjoy a cup of coffee and see what services they have to offer.



2007/08 Board of Directors

Bonnie Fyvie, St. Johns Reminder,
President
Dave Hudgens, Osgood Funeral Home,
Vice-President
David Rademacher, CPA, Treasurer
Earl Aungst, Past President
Granger III and Associates
Ed Bruun, Clinton Memorial Hospital

Kevin Dittrich, Hungry Howies Pizza
Nancy Johnson, Fifth Third Bank
Dennis Koenigsknecht, C&K Electric
Dennis LaForest, City of St. Johns
Jim Ortman, SJ Banquet & Conference Ctr
Brett Pauli, Pauli Ford
Kristine Ranger, The Learning Connection
Carol Smith, Smith Family Funeral Home
Bryon Taylor, MAHLE Engine Components

AJ Thelen, St. Johns Knights of Columbus
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July 8:

Business After
Hours to be held at
Chesme Capital
Management in
DeWitt
(4:30-6 pm)

Interested in being a Chamber Board Member?

At their meeting in September the Board of Directors of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce will elect new individuals to sit on the Board for a three year term that will run from October 2008 through September 2011.

As changed by the membership in 2007, the process to become a Chamber Board member is as follows:

1. Members with an interest inform the Executive Director by August 29, 2008.
2. The Executive Director provides the Board with a complete list of interested members in a mailing one week prior to their September meeting.
3. On September 10, 2008, the Board elects members, not to exceed the allotted 20, as stipulated in the Chamber's Bylaws.
4. Elected members are informed by September 15, 2008 and are encouraged to meet with the Executive Director prior to October 8.
5. Newly elected members attend their first Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, October 8 at 8:00 am in the CCRESA Building.
6. Elected Board members serve a three year term.

Get your Mint Festival parade application in today - deadline for initial line up is Jul 3!