



# 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.*

### Mint City Golf Classic

Do you need a day of fun away from the office? Then you should register for the Chamber of Commerce's Mint City Golf Classic. It is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29 with a tee off at 9:00 am at the Emerald at Maple Creek north of St. Johns.



and at Hole 8 you will have a chance to win \$5000 if you get a hole in one.

If you are not a golfer but still want to have fun, sign up to be a Party Tee Sponsor. We'll provide all the decorations, a contest you can run and the prize to be awarded. You provide a small table, a volunteer to run the contest at the hole & have fun.

Teams of four will enjoy a continental breakfast starting at 8:00 am, many contests throughout the day, a hotdog at the turn and a pulled pork sandwich buffet after the golf. During the buffet we will give out door prizes and prizes for the contest winners.

The cost for the golf outing is only \$260 for a team of four. A registration form is enclosed (please note we now accept charge card payments so everything can be done through fax or email as long as you provide all the pertinent information.

On each of the par 3 holes you will have a chance to "bet" that you will land on the green,

Register today to get in on the fun!

### 2007 CHAMBER AWARDS

This is your final opportunity to nominate a business or individual for a Chamber award (you are welcome to nominate yourself). The awards that will be given out at the October 18 luncheon include:

- Outstanding Small Member Business**
- Outstanding Large Member Business**
- William Patton Lifetime Achievement Award**
- Community Volunteer of the Year**
- Ambassador of the Year**

The criteria for each award is included on the form. Please note that the written narrative (where requested) is required - your nomination will not be considered complete until the information is received. All nominations and support materials are due at the Chamber office by Monday, August 20.

The 10/18 luncheon where the awards will be presented will be \$10.

### Chamber Now Accepting Credit Card Payments

When you pay your dues or register for the golf outing you will now have a new payment option: charging it to your credit card.

The Chamber will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

You can help the Chamber avoid a higher processing percentage. When paying by credit card fill in all the required information - any field left blank will result in our percentage being higher.

WELCOME

**NEW MEMBERS**

**We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Chamber members**

**F.C. Mason Company**

Chris Turner, President  
200 E Railroad Street, St Johns 48879  
989-224-3291 / Fax: 989-224-2001  
Email: chris.turner@fcmason.com  
Website: www.fcmason.com  
Agricultural Supplies

**First Data Independent Sales**

Tom Harpootlian  
PO Box 320901, Flint MI 48532  
810-230-1900 / Fax: 810-230-1907  
Email: card.service@comcast.net  
Website: www.firstdata.com  
Credit Card Processing

**Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County**

Travis Downs  
5358 Round Lake Rd, Laingsburg 48848  
517-282-1926  
Email: G19T57@aol.com  
Housing Ministry

**Jays Construction**

John Rogers  
305 W Front St, Ovid 48866  
517-420-1505 / Fax: 989-834-1354  
jmr11578@aol.com  
Construction / Remodelers

**Mary Kay - Sue Carroll**

12710 Ospreys Way, DeWitt 48820  
517-669-8248 or 989-666-1522  
Email: susancarroll@marykay.com  
Website: www.marykay.com/susancarroll  
Skin Care & Cosmetic Products

**Schwan's Home Service, Inc.**

360 E Walker Street, St. Johns 48879  
989-224-7872  
Home Delivery

**RENEWALS**

American Legion Post #153	Kamp's Catering LLC
American Rentals Inc.	<b>M&amp;M Restaurant Supply - Silver Star Member</b>
<b>Bee's Motors - Silver Star Member</b>	Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc - Silver Star Member
Citizens Bank - Gold Star Member	St. Johns Professional Associates
City of St. Johns - Gold Star Member	Smith Family Funeral Homes
Consumers Energy - Gold Star Member	

**Announcing our GOLD Star Members!**



**A1 Tanning**  
**Bingham Township**  
**Century 21 Property Mart**  
**Citizens Bank**  
**City of St. Johns**  
**Clinton Area Care Center**  
**Clinton County Federal Credit Union**  
**Clinton County News**  
**Clinton Memorial Hospital**  
**Consumers Energy Company**  
**Dynamite Inc.**  
**Fifth Third Bank**  
**First American Title Ins Co.**  
**Firstbank - St. Johns**  
**The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC**

**Granger III and Associates**  
**Hovey's Accounting & Tax Service**  
**Hungry Howie's Pizza**  
**Krogers**  
**Little Caesars / RTC Foods**  
**Mahle**  
**Osgood Funeral Home**  
**Ovid Healthcare Center**  
**Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI**  
**Rademacher Construction, Inc**  
**St. Johns Florist & Greenhouse**  
**Searles Construction**  
**ServiceMaster Clean**  
**Sleep Inn of DeWitt**  
**WalMart**

**Our Silver Star Members**

BLT's Wearable Art	George's Enterprises Trust
Bee's Motors	Hub Tire Center
C&K Electric	Laurels of Fulton
Carpentry Inc. Builders	M&M Restaurant Supply
Clinton County Medical Center	Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc.
Daisy Dell Farm & Market	NuUnion Credit Union
Dedyne-Bubolz Insurance Agency	Les Miller & Sons Sand & Gravel
Edward Jones Investments - Gary Lenneman	RSI Home Improvement / Wayne Door
The Emerald at Maple Creek	Schneider Concrete, Inc.
Fortin, Chunko & Brouse, PC	Schwan's Home Service
	Uncle Johns Cider Mill

*Bylaws Amendment Passes...*

The Bylaws Amendment recently proposed to the membership of the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce passed by an overwhelming majority. This change, which takes effect immediately gives the Board of Directors the authority to place interested members of the Chamber on the Board of Directors to serve for a three year term. Throughout this voting process we have been asking for interested members to step forward. If you have not yet done so but are interested in serving a three-year term on the Board, please call Brenda immediately. The Board will elect new members at their September 12 Board Meeting with terms to run from Oct 2007-Sep 2010.

## What is the Value of a Volunteer?

The value of a volunteer has reached \$18.77 per hour according to Independent Sector (IS). This estimate can be used by organizations to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. The 2006 estimate increased from \$18.04 per hour in 2005.

"The true value of volunteer time is the vital role that they play in helping millions of charitable organizations and communities across the country," says Diana Aviv, president and CEO of Independent Sector. "Volunteering is about giving, contributing & helping others. The

new estimate helps put into perspective the enormous contributions provided by the nation's volunteers." IS calculates the hourly value of volunteer time based on the average hourly wage for all non-management, non-agriculture workers as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a 12 percent increase to estimate fringe benefits.

Go to [www.independentsector.org](http://www.independentsector.org) for more information about this topic. Choose "Giving and Volunteering" and then click on "Dollar value of volunteer time."

### 2007 Chamber Luncheons Thursday, August 16

Theme: Picnic  
Caterer: Diana's Catering  
Program: Networking  
Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

The August Picnic will be at the main pavilion in the St. Johns City Park

The luncheon cost is \$7 per person and is open to any employee of any Chamber member business.

PLEASE RSVP BY TUESDAY  
BEFORE EACH LUNCHEON!



## Be a Continental Breakfast Sponsor!

At the beginning of the year we started a morning networking event (just like a Business After Hours except in the morning). We started them out on a quarterly basis, but after only a couple of tries everyone agrees that attendance might increase if we do it every month on the same day of the month.

Therefore starting in September we will have them on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) from 7:30 - 8:30 am. The event will be called "Good Morning Clinton County".

We have the November host secured but we are

looking for businesses to host the September 26 and the October 31 (could be a costume event) events at your location. We work it one of two ways. Either the business provides the continental breakfast and beverages and there is no fee due to the Chamber, or the Chamber will provide the food and beverages and will charge the business a \$50 fee.

Like the Business After Hours it is only \$1 per person to attend the event.

If you would like to host the September 26 or October 31 Good Morning Clinton County, please let the Chamber office know today. We want to include notice of the locations in the September newsletter.

**Perk Up Clinton County:** For the month of August the Coffee Sponsor at the Chamber office will be Sparrow Home Care. Stop in the Chamber office for a cup of coffee and see what services they have to offer you!



#### 2006/07 Board of Directors

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

Dennis Koenigsknecht, C&K Electric  
Dave Kudwa, Trinity Engineering & Surveying Services  
Dennis LaForest, City of St. Johns  
Brenda Miller, St. Johns Florist & Greenhouse  
Larry Protasiewicz, Spicer Group  
Jeff Silm, Century 21 Property Mart  
Carol Smith, Smith Family Funeral Home

Bryon Taylor, Mahle  
Denise Uribe, Stevens Worldwide VanLines  
**Staff:**  
Brenda Terpening, Executive Director  
Liz Pearson, Office Manager  
**EMAIL:** [ccchamber@power-net.net](mailto:ccchamber@power-net.net)  
**Website:**  
[www.clintoncountychamber.org](http://www.clintoncountychamber.org)

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St. Johns, Michigan 48879  
Website: clintoncountychamber.org

Phone: 989-224-7248  
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St. Johns  
Mint Festival  
August 10-12!

Call 989-224-7248  
for a complete list  
of daily events.

## Chamber Benefit Checklist

Not sure if your business/organization is receiving all the benefits of Chamber membership? Take a look at the list below and place a check next to the programs and events in which you participate. I'm not going to tell you how many of these you should have checked - you will be able to see for yourself the opportunities you're missing!

- I attend monthly luncheons and Business After Hours to connect with other business leaders. (The next luncheon is Thursday, August 16).
- I have showcased my business (or plan to showcase by business) by hosting or co-hosting a Business After Hours or Good Morning Clinton County.
- The chamber knows my website address & I am taking advantage of the Chamber's free website link.
- I attend at least one of the Chamber workshops each year.
- I encourage my employees to attend Chamber functions and they do.
- My business accepts Chamber Bucks and/or I utilize them as gifts/awards for employees, family & friends.
- I have business cards or flyers at the Chamber office that are getting noticed by the general public.
- I let the public know about my business by participating in the Chamber Community EXPO in May.
- I'm going to have a team at the August 29 Chamber Golf Classic.
- I share news about my business with other members by emailing Brenda information for the member news section of this newsletter.
- I have included an insert in the Chamber newsletter or plan to include one before the end of the year.
- I utilize the Chamber's postal permit for my bulk mailings and save my business money.
- I update the Chamber staff when I have an email change so I can receive pertinent emails from them.
- Because I support my fellow members, I have nominated an individual or business for a Chamber award.
- I plan to participate in the October 31 An Event So Good It's Scary - a daytime trick-or-treating event that keeps young children in my community off the streets after dark.
- I plan to have an entry in the 2007 Festival of Trees. My tree will represent my business and will be viewed by the general public.
- I refer other businesses to join the Chamber so they too can receive all these opportunities.