



CLINTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS & BUILDING COMMUNITIES

CHAMBER NEWS

January/February 2012

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.

2012 Membership Changes

In an effort to create the 2012 budget for the Clinton County Chamber of Commerce, the Budget Committee of the Board of Directors evaluated the Chamber's accounts receivable, accounts payable, and expected rise in the costs to effectively to serve your business needs.

The Committee also reviewed the dues structure for the Chamber, which has not changed in six years. A review of other Chambers demonstrated that our dues fall *significantly* below the average amount of dues paid for by other local Chamber throughout the State of Michigan.

In order to continue to offer the programs and services to help your business grow, we will need to have an increase in Chamber dues effective immediately.

In an effort to help offset this added cost to you, the Board approved a "Member Incentive" plan through the Texas Hold'em events as a way to earn credit towards some of your member costs. If a member chooses to work at a Texas Hold'em event, that business shall receive a \$25 credit (not to

exceed \$100 in a year) towards membership opportunities such as lunch sponsorship, placemat advertising, newsletter inserts and other member programs.

We as a Board are hopeful that through these efforts, the Chamber will continue to thrive, and the members will take advantage of the opportunities the Chamber has to offer to assist in the growth and sustainability of our members' businesses. Texas Hold'em dates in 2012 are scheduled for:

April 16-18

May 24-27

Sep 21-23

Nov 15-18

Members will be informed of open shifts through emails and this newsletter. Open shifts for the April event include Mon, Apr 16: 5-9:30 pm and 9:30 pm to 2 am. Tue, Apr 17: 9:30 pm to 2 am and Wed, Apr 18: 5-9:30 pm and 9:30 pm to 2:00 am. If you would like to work one of these shifts, contact Brenda at the Chamber office immediately.

Business After Hours Changes...

In response to several requests from members, the Business After Hours is being changed. We will now hold them at area restaurants/taverns that sell alcoholic beverages - establishment will be asked to provide both hot & cold appetizers and beverages will be available for purchase. We will charge \$5 at the door (\$4 for restaurant/tavern and \$1 for Chamber).

We are looking for businesses to highlight at the After Hours. Here's what you need to do to be one of those businesses:

Send us an email asking to be a highlighted

business. If your business is selected by a committee of the Board, you will....

1. Select which location the After Hours will be held at (from a list provided by the Chamber).
2. Receive one free entry to the After Hours.
3. Have the opportunity to put out your business brochures at the After Hours

Our next BAH is scheduled for Tue, Feb 14 (4:30-6:00 pm), so we need to get planning that asap. If you would like to be a highlighted business for an upcoming After Hours, please contact the Chamber office immediately.

New Members

Please help us welcome our newest members to the Chamber of Commerce...

Blodgett Shell Foodmart

1105 S US 27, St Johns 48879
989-224-8765
nancyb@blodgettfoodmarts.com
Web: www.blodgettfoodmarts.com
Gas Station / Convenience Store

Clinton County DHS

Dan Carley
105 W Tolles Dri, St Johns 48879
989-224-5500 / Fax: 989-224-8717
Email: carleyd2@michigan.gov
Human Services

Golden EFX Hair & Body Salon

Michele Tack
709 S US 27, St Johns 48879
989-224-8600
Website: www.goldenefx.com
Hair Salon

New World Media Inc.

Jeff Lazaros
2627 Yallup Road, St Johns 48879
517-515-8334
Email: newworldmedia@charter.net
Advertising/Media

If any of our members ever need an application to pass along to a non-member, or if you think we should visit a particular business, please let us know. We are always excited to share Chamber information with everyone.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following businesses have renewed their membership in the last month...

Applebee Oil & Propane Co.
Big Boy of St. Johns
Clinton County Senior Center
Cloverdale Locksmith Service, LLC - Gold Star Member
Edward Jones Investments, Gary Lenneman - Silver Star Member
Fifth Third Bank - Gold Star Member
Firstbank St. Johns - Gold Star Member
First United Methodist Church

Keck Coleman Funeral Home
Main Street Café
The Meadows of St. Johns
Midstate Title Agency, LLC
Midwest Communications (WXTX) - Silver Star Member
St. Johns Dental Care
St. Johns Internal Medicine, PC
St. Johns Mini Storage
Shannon LW Schlegel, PLLC
Weichert Realtors Property Mart
Wentworth Insurance Agency

Don't forget you have payment options when you renew your membership. Consider charging your dues or utilizing the quarterly payment plan.



Announcing our GOLD Star Members!



Citizens Bank
City of St. Johns
Clinton Area Care Center / Hazel Findlay & Clinton Commons
Clinton County Federal Credit Union
Cloverdale Locksmith Service, LLC
Consumers Energy Company
DRM International Learning Ctr & Geneses Home Healthcare
DayStarr Communications
Dynamite Inc.
Fifth Third Bank
Firstbank - St. Johns
The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC

Granger III and Associates
Hovey's Accounting & Tax Service
Hungry Howies
Lansing Community College
Leo's Bail Bonds
MACO Tool & Engineering
MAHLE Engine Components USA
Osgood Funeral Home
Pauli Ford
Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI
Shattuck Specialty Advertising
Sleep Inn
Sparrow Clinton Hospital
Walmart



Silver Star Members....

A1 Tanning
Bees Motors
Edward Jones Investments - Gary Lenneman
FC Mason Company
Ferrell's Tree Trimming & Removal, Inc
George's Enterprises Trust
Gentner Family Dentistry

Jet Speed Printing
Ken's Kar Kare & Towing, LLC
Koenigsknecht Dentistry
M&M Restaurant Supply
Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc.
Mckenzie Crosby Agency
Midwest Communications-WQTX
Ovid Healthcare
PKSA Karate

RSI Home Improvement/
Wayne Door
Sundance Buick GMC
Uncle John's Cider Mill
Welcome Home Assisted Living
Wendy's
Z92.5 The Castle



Member News...

The St. Johns Rotary Club will be hosting their annual Helping Hands Dinner on Sat, Feb 4 at Smith Hall (county fairgrounds) in St. Johns. The doors open at 5:30 pm with dinner starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets available for \$125. Over \$15,000 in cash & prizes given out. For more information, call Glenn Pung at 989-224-5861.

The Clinton County Senior Center will hold their Annual Chocolate Fantasy on Thursday, Feb 2 from 6-8 pm at their facility at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. More than 25 chocolate creations will be on hand to sample. Tickets are available for \$10 from any Board member, at the Chamber office or the Senior Center.

CACS Head Start, Miles for Smiles will be receiving 20% off all food sales (with a coupon) for Dine-in or Carry-out at Max & Erma's on Thursday, February 9th. To get a coupon, visit cacsheadstart.org or call Brenda Martinez at 800-585-9997, ext 132. All proceeds will benefit uninsured / underinsured Heat Start parents with emergency dental treatment.

The Safe Center (formally RAVE) will hold their Annual Dinner on Thursday, April 25, 2012. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 1259 E M21 in Owosso. Doors open at 5:30 with dinner to begin promptly at 6 pm. If you have any questions, call the Safe Center at 989-723-9716.

Chamber Luncheon

Date: Thursday, Feb 16
Cost: \$8
Location: CC RESA Bldg, 1013 S US 27 in St. Johns
Caterer: Several Businesses
Program: Annual Chamber Chili Challenge
Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

The luncheons are 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 EVENT TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE EVENT SO THE CATERER CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY!

Future 2012 Luncheons

Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17, Jun 21, Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15 and Dec 20.

Check this column monthly for information on these programs.

If you would like to have 5 minutes to speak about your business at a luncheon, consider sponsoring the placemats (\$25 cost and you provide 85 placemats) or being the Lunch sponsor (\$25 cost and you get a table in the lobby to display information).

Business Spotlight: Trebesh Business and Tax Advisors

Trebesh Business and Tax Advisors is a locally owned professional consulting firm operated by two CPA's with over 50 years of successful combined experience. Michael Trebesh, MBA emphasizes managerial/cost accounting and internal controls. Mary Jo Trebesh, who graduated number one in her Master of Tax graduate program specializes in tax planning and compliance.

Since its inception, Trebesh Business and Tax Advisors has assisted over 300 companies and individuals improve operating efficiencies and profitability. Over the years, Trebesh Business and Tax Advisors has been honored and recognized with several professional awards for professionalism in the development of business plans, marketing, tax compliance and planning, management, cost accounting and implementation of internal controls.

Michael and Mary Jo can be contacted at 989-224-4389 or miketrebesh@gmail.com.

Please note our former "Home and Business Show / Touch a Truck" is now the "Springtime Community Festival / Touch a Truck". It is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 from 9am-3pm in the CC RESA Building (across from McDonalds). An application to participate in the festival is enclosed with this application. Call us for more information.

2010/11 Board of Directors

Glenn Pung, Citizens Bank, President
Shannon Schlegel, Attorney at Law, Vice President
Karla Manzullo, Fifth Third Bank, Treasurer
Steve Bassette, Individual Member
Amy Bowen, CC Federal Credit Union
Ed Bruun, Sparrow Clinton Hospital
Bonnie Fyvie, St. Peter Lutheran Church

Dave Hudgens, Osgood Funeral Home,
Dennis Koenigsknecht, Keck Coleman
Funeral Home
Dennis LaForest, City of St. Johns
Brenda Miller, Postal Connections
Heidi Scranton, Hazel Findlay Manor

If you would like more information about being a Board member, call us today!

Staff:

Brenda Terpening, Executive Director
Liz Pearson, Office Manager

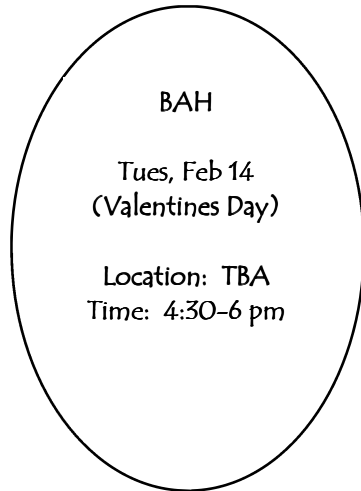
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Business Spotlight: Your Total Wellness Center “We Make Weight Loss Fun”

Your Total Wellness Center opened in 2007 at a small office in downtown St. Johns, where their main focus was on helping the community lose weight. In 2009, they had grown out of the small office and had to move to their new location at 1000 E Sturgis Street. At that time, they opened a fully functional Nutrition Club.

Since they started Your Total Wellness Center, they have helped the residents of Clinton County lose over 8,000 pounds. And now that they have the Nutrition Club, their clients can come in and purchase a membership which consists of a Healthy Smoothie, a cup of Herbal Green Tea (hot or cold), and a shot of Herbal Aloe which aids in digestion for about the same or less than it costs to eat at the local fast food establishments. This allows people to stay within their calorie budgets and lose the excess pounds that most Americans are carrying around. Anyone in the area can go in and make use of the Nutrition Club, you don't necessarily have to be in one of their Weight Loss Challenges to take advantage of their other services.

Other services they provide to the community are Nutritional Weight Loss Challenges, which are 10-week Nutrition classes where participants compete against others to win cash and prizes, similar to the “Biggest Loser” television show. They also do Wellness Evaluations to find out where your weaknesses are when it comes to your diet which includes Metabolism test which gives them numbers

that are specific only to you which includes body fat percentage, your goal weight, and your Resting Metabolism Rate. Once they have those numbers they can determine how many calories you need to successfully lose weight as well as how much protein your body needs each day to maintain your current muscle mass. And if you desire, they can assist you with a Personalized Weight Loss plan.



They have Personal Wellness Coaches that work with their clients one-on-one to assist you with your goals. All of their coaches have lost weight using the program they suggest to participants. Freeman Ward, owner of the Nutrition Club has lost over 134 pounds himself and knows the difficulty that most people have with weight issues. His assistant that works with him has lost 52 pounds as well. Both know the struggles of losing weight and keeping it off for good.

They hope you will come into Your Total Wellness Center and check them out. Your first Club Membership is on them! So if you know of someone struggling to shed those unwanted pounds or are having health issues due to poor eating habits, have them stop in at Your Total Wellness Center (behind Save A Lot). Questions, call 989-227-9355 or email totalwellness58@yahoo.com.