



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.

Chamber Member Survey: We want to know what you think!

On Wednesday, January 9 your Chamber Board of Directors will meet to evaluate the programs and activities of the Chamber and make plans for the coming year and beyond.

To assist them in their strategic planning we need your help. Enclosed in this newsletter is a survey. We ask that each of you complete and return the survey by Friday, January 4. Your input is important and valuable to the Board.

As an incentive to complete and return the survey by the 4th we will be doing a drawing. Anyone that gets their survey in by January 4 will be entered to win. The prize will be free entry to all Chamber luncheons and Business After Hours in 2008.

If you have comments about the Chamber that are not covered on the survey, please feel free to include a separate page. We look forward to hearing from you all soon!

Chamber Ambassador Positions Open...

Over the last couple of months we have lost several Chamber Ambassadors due to job changes, moving out of the area, etc.

We are therefore putting out a call to all Chamber Members to consider joining this important group.

One of the functions of the Ambassadors is to act as a greeter at Chamber Luncheons, Business After Hours and Good Morning Clinton County events. The Ambassadors also attend new business grand openings & ribbon cuttings

and they make visits with new businesses that don't have formal grand openings. Finally our Ambassadors help with our Potato Luncheons and Breakfast with Santa each year and help organize & run the June Chamber Luncheon annually.

Each Ambassador is required to wear the official uniform when on official duty. A name badge is provided.

If you are interested in joining this fun group of people, call or email us today at 989-224-7248

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Help us fill this section of the newsletter again next month. Refer Chamber membership to a non-member today!

Sponsorship Opportunities for Chamber members....

As a Chamber member you have an exclusive right over other businesses to sponsor events/activities/programs of the Chamber.

Last month we sent you a list of many of the opportunities available to you throughout the year such as coffee & lunch sponsorships, lunch placemats, Business After Hours, Good Morning Clinton County, etc.

Sponsorships are granted on a first come, first served basis, so if there is something your business wants to sponsor, complete and return your form today. If you need an additional copy of the list, please send an email to ccchamber@power-net.net and a list will be emailed to you right away.


OFFICE CLOSED

A reminder that the Chamber office will be closed from Monday, Dec 24, 2007 through Tue, January 1, 2008. If you need to get in touch with Brenda during the holiday break call our regular telephone number at 989-224-7248 and the answering service will reach me.

RENEWALS

DeWitt Charter Township	Hub Tire Center - Silver Star Mbr
Firstbank St. Johns - Gold Star Member	St. Joseph Catholic Church
Fitch Photographic Studio	Shannon L.W. Schlegel, Attorney at Law - Silver Star Member

Announcing our GOLD Star Members!

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	

Our SILVER Star Members!

BLT's Wearable Art	Laurels of Fulton
Bee's Motors	M&M Restaurant Supply
C&K Electric	Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc.
Daisy Dell Farm & Market	Les Miller & Sons Sand & Gravel
Dedyne-Budolz Insurance Agency	NuUnion Credit Union
Edward Jones Investment-Gary Lenneman	RSI Home Improvement / Wayne Door
The Emerald at Maple Creek	Schneider Concrete
Fortin & Chunko	Schwan's Home Service
George's Enterprises Trust	Shannon L.W. Schlegel, Attorney at Law
Gentner Family Denistry	Uncle Johns Cider Mill
Hub Tire Center	

Get Involved by Serving on a Chamber Committee...

If you would like to be more involved in the activities of the Chamber, then consider joining one of our many committees. We have openings on the following committees: An Event So Good It's Scary; Christmas Events; Community EXPO/Touch a Truck; Golf Outing, Membership Recruitment and St. Johns Mint Festival.

If you want more information about any of the committees mentioned above, please let us know. We can give you an idea of the number of times each committee meets and the time commitment needed to be a member of each committee.

Member News

Habitat for Humanity of Clinton County had a ceremonial ground breaking on Saturday, December 8. Once all permits are secured building will begin. The address for the future home is 6734 S Meridian Rd, Laingsburg. HHCC is also pursuing the purchase of property in Waterford Township. For more information on helping out with either the future building or to help with the purchase of property, please call 989-227-1771 or write: Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 313, St. Johns, MI 48879.

The Clinton County Family Resource center is hosting their 6th Annual Kids Fair on Friday, February 29, 2008 from 6-8 pm. It will be held at the CC RESA Building at 1013 S US 27 in St. Johns. All newborns to 5th grade are invited to attend along with their parents or responsible adult. Every child will receive a book and a toy after they have completed the Make It/Take It activities at the various booths sponsored by several collaborative partners from the community. Last year they had over 200 children attend. They are in need of toys and children's books. If you can help, you can drop your donations off at the Chamber office or the CCFRC office, which is located at 4179 S

US 27. You can also contact them at 989-224-1173 and they will be happy to pick them up. Financial support will also be appreciated.

The Clinton County Senior Center is in need of several items for the center. They need Styrofoam plates (large and small) and bowls, toilet tissue, napkins, Kleenex, foil and Ziploc bags (snack size through gallon size). They could also use wrapped chocolate candy, cereal and personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste and shower gel for bingo prizes. You can drop donations off at the Senior Center at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns or at the Chamber office. You can also call Joanne Sullivan at 989-224-4257 and arrangements can be made to pick up items.

2008 Chamber Luncheons

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

The luncheon cost is \$7 per person and 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 BY TUESDAY THE WEEK OF THE LUNCHEON TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE LUNCHEON!

Chamber Holds Texas Hold'em

The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Holiday Inn West in Lansing on April 24-26. Money raised from the tournament will be put into maintaining and improving events of the St. Johns Mint Festival.

We will need 2-3 volunteers to be on-site at the tournament at all times. If you have an interest in assisting the Chamber at the tournament, please let us know.

Perk Up Clinton County: We are still looking for a coffee sponsor for the month of January. The cost is \$50 and you have the opportunity to put up a display with your name so people see your business first when they come into the Chamber. Call us at 989-224-7248 if interested.



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Jan 8:
Business After
Hours, sponsored by
Clinton Memorial
Hospital (4:30-6)

Jan 17
Chamber Luncheon
11:45 am-1:00 pm

DID YOU KNOW...

That **SUNFIRE WIRELESS** not only sells cell phones and accessories, they have the ability to transfer your phone book from one phone to another. They also offer Dish Network and soon will be offering mobile GPS systems. They sell American flags and 20' Telescoping Flag Poles and they donate all the profits from the flags and poles to the Clinton County Veterans Memorial, and the Andrew Nelson Memorial Scholarship Fund.

That **ALL OCCASIONS CLEANING** recycles and uses many products that are environmentally friendly. Also, for every cleaning they do a tree is planted through Americanforests.org.

That **DEDYNE-BUBOLZ INSURANCE AGENCY** was started in 1959 by Bob Dedyne and bought by George Bubolz in 2005. They have two locations (one in St. Johns and one in East Lansing) and over five major companies are available including Hastings and Pioneer. They not only offer home and auto insurance but health, life, farm and commercial. They can be found online at www.bubolz.com.

That **Joan Rudat** from **CENTURY 21 PROPERTY MART** helps people accomplish their dreams and goals through buying or selling a home. Last spring she offered any fellow chamber member who bought or sold their home through her a free one year home warranty - three people have received a valuable home warranty as a result.

That **HAZEL I. FINDLAY COUNTRY MANOR** offers long term care as well as short term rehab services. Their volunteers are one of their greatest assets. They provide countless hours to the facility. They have a quilt raffle every year to help raise money for the purchase of new equipment for the facility.

That **AUTO BODY CREDIT UNION** provides financial services to their members such as free checking accounts, competitive loan rates, certificates of deposit, investment services, free credit counseling, bill pay and on-line banking.

Look for more "DID YOU KNOW" facts in the January newsletter (send in yours today!)