



# CLINTON COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS & BUILDING COMMUNITIES

## CHAMBER NEWS

May 2009

*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.*



### **Minty Here, I'm back to give you an update on the 2009 St. Johns Mint Festival**

Brenda & Liz asked me to write this column again this year because, well, I'm just so cute. I'm really excited about this year's festival. It's our 25th Anniversary and we are going to have lots of silver stars, beads & balloons all over the place. Our theme is "Silver Celebration".

**Because I am so cute, lots of places like to have me come & visit for a week so your customers can get information about the festival. I've had to resort to sending out stand-up likenesses of myself because my schedule is so full, but if you would like one of the stand-ups to be at your business this summer for a week call or email Brenda - she is keeping my social calendar. We also have a couple table top displays if space is a problem.**

I'm going to break in some new shoes in July so I'm ready to visit all the fun things during the weekend. Here's what I'm checking out, maybe I'll see you at one of these events:

- **Arts & Crafts:** Did you know they have a vendor that's going to be selling giant jelly beans this year? I'll probably be their first customer - they sound yummy..
- **Free Entertainment:** I can't wait to see Grease - but since it will be hot I won't be able to wear my leather jacket - and do I look cool in the jacket. But I'm going to be dancing when the Classics play all that 50's music Saturday night at the Performance Shell.
- **Kids World/Kids Day:** I'm going to bum some quarters off from Dennis LaForest (he & I are great buds you know) so I can go play games at Kids World. And Sunday, I hear they are going to have exotic animals. Wait, aren't I exotic? I mean really, how many bears have you seen with green fur?
- **Chocolate Mint Pudding Eating Contest:** I can't compete because my fur gets all sticky. Last year I wanted Chief Madden to enter but he didn't return my calls. Maybe if you all call him he will show up this year! I can't offer him money because I think that's considered a bribe. It will be on Sat, Aug 15 at 6 pm.
- **Senior Citizen Day:** Since I have so much respect for senior citizens, no joking around here. It will be on Fri,

Aug 14, 2-5 pm at the Main Pavilion in the Park. They will play Bingo & games and listen to some great music. Boy that was tough, I had a great granny joke!

- **Teen Dance:** I'm breaking into the place this year - I've been taking dance lessons and I want to strut my stuff. The dance (called Club 85) will be in Smith Hall on Fri night, Aug 14 starting at 7:30 pm. Do you think I should slick my hair back or wear it natural?
  - **Quilt Show:** I tried quilting but I just can't hold a small needle with my big paws. But I'm going to check things out because in addition to the big quilts they are having a special competition for "silver celebration" wall hangings. It will be in Smith Hall all weekend.
  - **New Vehicle Show:** I've saved money and have \$92.84. I wonder if that will get me a new car - I'll check with Brett Pauli from Pauli Ford (did you know they are the Premier Sponsor for the festival - thanks for helping out so much this year!)
  - **Sports Tournaments:** I am going to watch basketball, kickball, softball, tennis and even volleyball this year. I'd play myself (oh who am I kidding - I couldn't run around the bases if bees were chasing me).
  - **Downtown Events:** They have got a gaming tent this year, along with the classic car show. I bet I will need an ID to get in - do you think my video card will work?
  - **Mint Farm Tour:** Maybe they will let me drive the tractor this year. Probably not, I ran into a tree on my scooter last week - they will probably hear about that.
  - **Parade:** Of course I'm in the parade - I'm sure someone would start a letter writing campaign if I wasn't. Of course there will be others like Sabrina (our pretty Mint Queen) and Joann Martis (she helped start the festival all those years ago). You know what they say - be there or be square.
  - **Food:** Did you know you can eat all the food you want at a festival & not gain weight? Don't know who told me that, but I'm a believer. This year you can even have anniversary cake Friday night at the concert.
- Wow, I need a nap just thinking about all of the fun I'm going to have. Liz would swat me if I didn't remember to ask you to volunteer and Brenda said I should mention that she is still looking for sponsors. Call or email them today to let them know how you can help. Be seeing you around.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Welcome to our new members:**

**Billy Boy's Travel**

Daniel Batista, Website Manager  
 4499 W Irlo Bronson Memorial Hwy  
 Kissimmee, FL 34746  
 Phone: 407-396-4009  
 dannygreatestlandodiscounts.com  
 www.greatestlandodiscounts.com/  
 timeshare-resales.htm  
 Travel Agency / Timeshare Resales

**Chant Landscape & Mowing**

Jeff & Carol Chant  
 5578 S Lowell Road, St Johns 48879  
 Phones: 517-719-1281 & 517-507-7093  
 Landscape & Lawn Care

**Victory Heating & Cooling**

Bradley Hurley  
 703 N US 27, St. Johns 48878  
 Phone: 989-224-7171  
 Email: bhurley@chartermi.net  
 Heating & Cooling/HVAC

Recruit a new member today & get your name entered into a drawing to win \$500 in October.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

**A-1 Tanning - Silver Star Member**

All Weather Seal  
 At Home America, Inc.  
 Bob's Glass Shack  
 Clinton County Farm Bureau  
 Dewey's Trading Post  
 Hoffer Construction

**Hungry Howie's Pizza - Gold Star Member**

Kentucky Fried Chicken  
 Pauli Ford Mercury  
 Jody W. Post  
 Relief After Violent Encounter (RAVE)  
 Sparrow Home Care & Hospice Services  
 St. Johns Ministerial Association  
 St. Johns Public Schools

Sundance Buick Pontiac GMC

**NEED AN ALTERNATIVE TO PAYING YOUR DUES ALL IN ONE PAYMENT?**

**CALL US TODAY ABOUT QUARTERLY OR SEMI-ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT OPTIONS!**

**Do we have your email and website listed correctly on our Chamber website?**

**Check out the chamber directory at [www.clintoncountychamber.org](http://www.clintoncountychamber.org) and send us an email if we need to update your listing.**

**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.  
 Firstbank - St. Johns  
 The Gallagher Law Firm, PLC**

**Granger III and Associates  
 Hovey's Accounting & Tax Service  
 Hungry Howie's Pizza & Subs  
 Lansing State Journal  
 MAHLE Engine Components USA  
 Osgood Funeral Home  
 Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI  
 Prestige Pines  
 St. Johns Florist & Greenhouse  
 Searles Construction**

**Our Silver Star Members!**



BLT's Wearable Art  
 Bee's Motors  
 C&K Electric  
 Dedyne-Bubolz Insurance Agency  
 Edward Jones Investment - Gary Lenneman  
 Fortin & Chunko PC  
 George's Enterprises Trust  
 Gentner Family Dentistry  
 M&M Restaurant Supply  
 Maco Tool & Engineering  
 Maple Rapids Lumber Mill, Inc.  
 RSI Home Improvement / Wayne Door  
 Shannon L.W. Schlegel, Attorney at Law  
 Schneider Concrete, Inc.  
 Sleep Inn  
 Wendy's

Silver star members are listed in the newsletter every other month. Gold star members are listed every month.

**Clinton County Senior Center to Host a Mexican Business After Hours on Tuesday, May 12!**



Put a little spice in your life by attending the May 12 Business After Hours at the Clinton County Senior Center, which is located at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. It will be held from 5-6:30 pm and the cost is only \$2.

They will be having a Mexican Buffet. You will have the chance to win prizes (including free lunch at the center once a month for a year) and you will get a great chance to network in a very relaxing atmosphere.

## Member Business & Individual Profiles

**Courtier Designs** is a home-based business owned by **Alex Courtier**. He has been serving the tri-county area since 2004. Alex is located in DeWitt township and he can be reached at 517-483-3535. Alex does vehicle lettering, vinyl graphics & sign production, banners, magnetic signs and non-electrical signs. He recently completed a bus for a tour. He offers discounted prices to Chamber members.

**Kathy Smith** is the Director of Marketing for **Sunrise Cleaning & Construction**. Sunrise provides emergency clean up after fires, floods, bio-hazard spills, homicides, etc. They provide full service restoration. They utilize Thermal Imaging for water detection and were the first company to have Esporta Washing Machines for soft content restoration. They are located in Lansing and serve a 40 mile radius. You can reach them at 517-351-4200. Their website is [www.sunrisecleaning.biz](http://www.sunrisecleaning.biz)

**Evie McNamara** has been a **Creative Memories** consultant for five years and serves customers in the St. Johns & Jackson areas. She teaches how to preserve photos in five ways: 1) digital, 2)cut & paste, 3)slide in, 4) quick kits and 5)wall prints. She does home workshops and has quick kits for those not creative and for those with a talented mind. She has a large inventory on hand. You can reach

Evie at 517-231-2436 or [evieandpaul@hotmail.com](mailto:evieandpaul@hotmail.com). Her website is [www.mycmsite.com/evalynmcmamara](http://www.mycmsite.com/evalynmcmamara).

**Plumline Landscape & Design** is a family owned business that will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary in 2010. **Pete Motz** is the owner and he and his staff work throughout the tri-county area. Services include landscape design and construction, planting, brick patios, retaining walls, etc. Pete's design incorporate current trends such as utilizing ornamental grasses and water features. His own plant preferences change with time. Plumline's plants are acquired from National Nursery. According to Pete "Business is beginning to blossom". You can reach Pete at 989-224-7400.

**Postal Connections** offers services such as printing, copying, special design orders, business cards, brochures, postal flyers, mail box rental, key cutting, fax service avanti cards, premier house flags and computer rental. **Mark Smith**, owner of Postal Connections is a former Federal Mogul employee. He started this business 1 1/2 years ago. It is a franchise that has 100 stores throughout the country. They are open Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 6:00 pm and on Saturday's 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. They are located in South Gate Plaza (800 S US 27) in St. Johns and his number is 989-224-0000.

**2009**

### Chamber Luncheons

Thursday, 21  
Program: Bob Selig, Capital City Airport  
Cost: \$8  
Caterer: Burger King  
Placemat Sponsor: First United Methodist Church  
Location: CC RESA Building, 1013 S US 27 in St. Johns  
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

June 18, Aug 20, Sep17, Oct15, Nov 19 and Dec 17

Call us at 989-224-7248 if you would like to be a lunch sponsor!

### June 18 Luncheon

Every member should plan to attend this luncheon. We have an auction, contests, door prizes & lots of fun. Our theme is "Silver Celebration" in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the St. Johns Mint Festival. Hunt out an old festival shirt & wear it to the luncheon & get an extra door prize ticket.

### 2008/09 Board of Directors

Bonnie Fyvie, St. Johns Reminder, President  
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Kevin Dittrich, Hungry Howies Pizza  
Nancy Johnson, Fifth Third Bank

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Dennis LaForest, City of St. Johns  
Brett Pauli, Pauli Ford  
Glenn Pung, Citizens Bank  
Heidi Scranton, Hazel Findlay Manor  
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### Staff:

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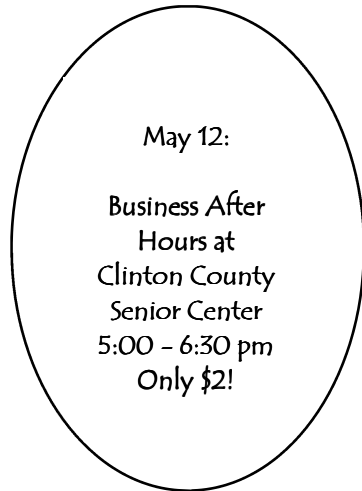
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## Business Trivia

**(A drawing from all the correct answers will be done Fri, May 15. Win \$25 in Chamber Bucks)**

1. What American industry introduced the 5-day, 40-hour work week?
  2. What do the initials S.O.S. stand for in the brand of steel-wool soap pads marketed under that name?
  3. What famous statesman sold 18 canvases to Hallmark cards for reproduction on greeting cards?
  4. What century-old product was originally promoted with the advertising slogan "You press the button - we do the rest"?
  5. What product was first introduced in 1906 as Bilbber Blubber?
  6. Joan Collins, Elizabeth Taylor and Cher all have marketed perfumes. Can you name their scents?
  7. In 1985 officials of a New York supermarket chain advertised for "part-time career associate scanning professionals." What job position were they trying to fill?
  8. In 1985 a Denver hotel published an ad offering guest a "Free Hotel Room" in large type. What was the catch in the fine print below?
  9. In 1933, how much did a night's stay in a double room cost at the famous Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City?
  10. What enduring advertising symbol was created by a Virginia schoolboy as part of a drawing competition held in 1916?
  11. How much money did the Virginia boy receive as the winning entry?
  12. All automaker Henry Ford's cars were black until 1925, when he introduced two new colors. What were they?
  13. What are the street lights in Hershey, Pennsylvania designed to look like?
  14. What product used Bobby Darin's 1958 hit song "Splish Splash" in its commercials?
  15. The first paid radio commercial ever aired promoted a cooperative apartment house in New York City in 1922. The ad cost \$100. How long did it last?
- Email (ccchamber@power-net.net) answers today!