



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.

Bylaws Amendment Enclosed for Chamber Member Approval...

Inside this newsletter your Chamber Board of Directors are presenting you with a bylaws amendment that would change the election process for Chamber Board of Directors.

Under the current bylaws the process works like this: A nominating committee made up of Board members must come up with two (2) names to put on the ballot for every open position on the Board. Then through a ballot included in the July newsletter the membership selects the needed number of Board members and the remaining names on the ballot do not serve. What has happened several times in the past is those members that really want to serve don't get elected (sometimes by only 1 or 2 votes), yet those we had to talk into being on the ballot get elected.

Provisions in the bylaws can be amended by a simply

majority vote of members that respond to the amendment vote. The vehicle that is used for that vote is an amendment form enclosed in this newsletter. If approved, the Bylaws change would allow the Board to fill the open positions with members that have a true interest in serving.

We are asking you to vote Yes or No on the enclosed amendment form and return it to the Chamber office by Friday, July 27. If approved the change will go into affect immediately and the Board will fill positions on the Board that will begin their three year term on September 1 (at least 5 positions). Please note that as required by the current bylaws the official notice calling for interested members was included in the June Chamber newsletter. If you are interested in serving on the Board from September 2007 through August 2010, please let Brenda know by July 27.

2007 CHAMBER AWARDS

On the enclosure where you vote on the bylaws amendment you have the opportunity to nominate businesses or individuals for Chamber awards (you are welcome to nominate yourself). The awards that will be given out this year 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 if you are asked for a written narrative, it 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 27

The awards will be presented to the businesses & selected individuals at a special Chamber lunch on Thursday, October 18. The cost for this luncheon will be \$10 per person.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

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

Eastfield Oaks Apartments

Michelle Rosendale, Manager
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Email: hockey19@charter.net
Apartment Community

One Stop Wash-N-Lube

Patrick Feldpausch
PO Box 443, DeWitt 48820
517-669-8118 / Fax: 517-669-8414
Email: feldpausch.patrick@acd.net
Oil Change & Soft Cloth Wash

Pauli Ford Mercury

Brett Pauli
2380 S US 27, St Johns 48879
989-224-6711 / Fax: 989-224-8056
Email: brett.pauli@pauliford.com
Website: www.pauliford.com
New & Used Auto Sales & Service

Postal Connections

Mark & Cherie Smith
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989-224-0000 / Fax: 989-224-0001
Email: pca207@postalconnections.com
Website: www.postalconnection.com
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Pure Romance by LaShonda

LaShonda Ferguson
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lashondaferguson@pureromance.com
www.lashondaferguson.pureromance.com
In home party planning

Walgreens

Steven Barnes
1410 S US Hwy 27, St. Johns 48879
989-224-2052
Website: www.walgreens.com
Drug Store

See the enclosed flyer for
updated information about
the 2007 St. Johns Mint
Festival - the largest event in
Clinton County!

RENEWALS

Ag-Co, Inc.

Andy T's Farm Market

The Animal Lodge

At Home America

CJ's

Charter Communications

Chuck's Grill

**Clinton Area Care Center - Gold Star
Member**

Clinton Area Transit System

Clinton County Farm Bureau

Clinton County Sheriff's Office

Cockrum's Trailer Sales

The Country Store / The Garden Shop

**Daisydell Farm & Market - Silver Star
Member**

**The Emerald at Maple Creek - Silver
Star Member**

**Fortin & Chunko, PC - Silver Star
Member**

Gadzuks Properties LLC

Gill-Roy's Hardware

**Granger III & Associates - Gold Star
Member**

GreenStone Farm Credit Services

Heather's Dance Company

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

IBBF Enterprises LLC

K-13 Physical Therapy

Lansing Community College

Michigan Graphics & Signs

Mid-Michigan Equestrian Center

North Star Trader

Prestige Pines

Randy Strack Agency

RAVE

Rotary Club of St. Johns

St. Johns Area Skating Association

St. Johns Lions Club

St. Johns Lutheran Church

St. Johns Youth Baseball, Inc.

St. Peter Lutheran Church

Smith Janitorial Supply

Sparrow Hospice Services

Sundance Buick Pontiac GMC

Sunfire Wireless

Sunrise Cleaning & Construction

Trinity Engineering & Surveying

Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors

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 Serv
Hungry Howe's Pizza
Krogers
Little Caesars / RTC Foods
Mahle
Osgood Funeral Home
Ovid Healthcare Center
Physicians Health Plan of Mid-MI
Rademacher Construction, Inc
Searles Construction
ServiceMaster Clean
Sleep Inn of DeWitt
WalMart

Take a Break in July!

The Chamber will take a break from Business After Hours and Luncheons in July. We will pick things back up after the Mint Festival with a luncheon on August 16 & Golf Outing on August 29.

Member News

Downtown St. Johns is holding its annual Sidewalk Sales Day July 26-28 from 9 am - 9 pm on Thu & Fri and 9 am - 5 pm on Sat. They are looking for retail vendors interested in selling collectibles, home-based businesses, antiques, baked goods, arts & crafts, etc. The cost for all three days is \$25. Non-profit organizations and churches may participate at no cost. For more information contact event coordinator Bob Rehmann at 989-24-2139.

The Mid-Michigan Board of Health recently recognized smoke-free dining establishments in Clinton County. Chamber members recognized include the Elsie Pizza Place in Elsie

and Beaner's Gourmet Coffee, Big Boy, Burger King, Clinton Memorial Hospital Cafeteria, DaisyDell Farm & Market, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Kmart Café, Main Street Café, Mancino's Pizza & Grinders, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Sundae's and Wendy's in St. Johns.

The Clinton County Senior Center will be holding a picnic dinner on Thu, July 26 from 4:30-6:30 pm at their facility at 201 E Walker Street in St. Johns. The all-you-can-eat meal will be \$7 per person and take outs are available by calling 989-224-4257. They will also have an auction of items and gift certificates. Proceeds from the dinner go towards operating expenses at the center.

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 of 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!

August 29: Mint City Classic - Come Golf With Us!

The Chamber of Commerce is changing up the date of our annual golf outing. Because there are so many outings in June that we were conflicting with, we have changed the date to Wednesday, August 29. At 9 am the golfers will be teeing off at The Emerald at Maple Creek. Some shots will go straight, some will go far and some will even flop, but everyone is guaranteed to have a good time.

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 coffee & donuts in the morning, a free walking round of golf, a free hotdog at the turn, a door prize and a pulled pork sandwich buffet after the golf. 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. Sponsorships available include the

Hole-in-One (\$750), At the Turn (\$500), Continental Breakfast (\$150), Party Sponsor (\$100), Tee Sponsor (\$75), Door Prize or Goodie Bag Sponsor.

For those individuals needing a little extra help you can buy Mulligans for \$5 each. 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 one par-3 hole we will have a Hole-in-One contest. If no one gets the hole-in-one we will give out a \$25 Chamber Buck Gift Certificate to the man or woman that comes closest.

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 Monday, August 6 so appropriate signage can be developed.

Perk Up Clinton County: For the month of June the Coffee Sponsor at the Chamber will be **Auto Body Credit Union**. 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

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St. Johns
Mint Festival
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for a complete list
of daily events.

Just For the Fun Of It!

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well, just get up and dance.
- Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- Birthday's are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but hey, all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.
- It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt.