



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – April, 2009

“Business of the Month” Selected



The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Simply Irresistible, Etc. for being selected April “Business of the Month”.

When Lisa Ubben left hometown St. James to pursue a college education at East Central College in Union, she had no idea she would eventually be recruited by a National chain retailer to enter their Management Training Program. Following completion of the training program, Lisa continued to work for that National chain, Pier One Imports, for 12 years, working her way up to District Manager at Nashville, Tn. before deciding to take a break to raise a family.

When her first son, Braxton was just a year old, Lisa realized that the best place to raise a family was her old hometown St. James. After moving back to St. James, Lisa became a stay-at-home mom. A year after returning to St. James, Garrett was born, followed a year later by Avery.

Following a ten year break from work, Lisa knew she wanted to return to work, but she was not sure where. She began working at the Rock House and soon realized that the community exposure was rekindling her desire to start a venture which would reconnect her with the people of St. James.

A short time later, Lisa opened Simply Irresistible, Etc. Starting out with antiques, gift items, homemade fudge, and gourmet popcorn, Lisa has continued to nurture and grow the business as she seeks voids that need filled within the community. Jewelry is the newest merchandise to be included in her retail inventory. *(continued on page 2, column 1)*



Plans are in full swing to organize the first Sip 'n Savor St James event to be held on May 2, 2009. The Chamber hosted event is scheduled to bring in samplings from twelve area wineries and six craft breweries for those who wish to purchase tickets and participate. The wineries and craft breweries will be placed in St. James Chamber member businesses throughout the community. “Nibbles” will be provided at each tasting location and the first 400 participants will receive a canvas shopping bag with a logo wine glass. Tickets for the event are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at any of the participating wineries, Grellner Sales, the St. James Chamber of Commerce office, the St. James Tourist Information Center, or the Rolla Tourist Information Center.

Additional community activities will include an art show and sale featuring many local artists. Also, in areas throughout the community, meals will be available for purchase. A Beer and Wine Garden is scheduled from 6:00 p.m. – Midnight with Live Music during the evening hours. Admission to the Beer and Wine Garden will be \$5.00.

April Luncheon Planned

The Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon for April will be hosted by Walmart Distribution Center #6069. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 21, at 11:30 a.m. at the Distribution Center. Guest speaker for the luncheon will be a representative of Intercounty Electric.

Voting for May “Business of the Month” will be done at the luncheon. If you would like to nominate a business for May “Business of the Month”, please contact Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649) or email her at jennie@stjameschamber.net.

Reservations for the luncheon should be called in to the Chamber office at 265-6649 prior to Thursday afternoon, April 16, 2009.

April Business of the Month, (con't from page 1, column 1)

Daily lunch specials, iced coffees and lattes, homemade desserts, and soft serve ice cream are now all a part of her daily menus. In addition, she has ventured into catering and now dons a baker's hat as she adds custom ordered decorated cakes to her list of specialties. Through it all, she emphasizes that her accomplishments are possible only due to her dedicated staff.

Lisa is a strong advocate for the businesses of our community and small town living. She deeply appreciates her loyal customers and firmly believes that it is crucial that small town businesses have the support of the local community if they are to survive.

Simply Irresistible, Etc. is located at 124 North Jefferson in downtown St. James. Store hours are from 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30. Phone: (573) 899-2020.

The Chamber will host a coffee at Simply Irresistible, Etc. on Thursday, April 30, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please stop by and congratulate Lisa for having her business selected as April "Business of the Month."

**Welcome to our newest
Chamber Member!**

Sign Dimensions/Aero Graphix LLC – owned by Bryan and Karen Zang. The sign company also does printing, vehicle graphics, and banners. Located at 11820 CR 3080, Rolla, Mo. Phone (573) 368-3600.

**Young Professionals
Group to Form**

There is a new group that is in the formative stages that could be of benefit to any young professional or businessperson in the St. James/Rolla area. The Young Professionals Group originated from folks at the Rolla Chamber of Commerce as a group where professional under the age of 40 can go for networking opportunities, social functions, and eventually, volunteering opportunities that will benefit our region. This group is not just for young professionals in Rolla but it is intended to include people from St. James, Salem, Newburg and the immediate region. If you are young and looking for a place to meet and work with other young business men and women, call Dan Cavender at 573-364-8888 or Stevie Kearse at 573-364-3577. One of them will be glad to give you more information on the benefits this group could provide to you, as well as meeting information. The more individuals we have in our group the better. We will be looking forward to hearing from you!

**What's Happening in Your
Chamber & Community**

- Apr. 21 C of C Membership Meeting/Luncheon @ Walmart DC – Speaker: Intercountry Electric**
- Apr. 21 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Apr. 24 USA Tours – St. Charles/Ameristar – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Apr. 25 Citywide Cleanup**
- Apr. 26 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Apr. 27 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Apr. 30 C of C Coffee – Simply Irresistible, Etc. 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**
- Apr. 30 USA Tours – Mount Pleasant Winery Tour – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**

- May 02 C of C "Sip 'n Savor St. James" - Wine Event**
- May 05 C of C Board Meeting @ Town & Country Bank – 6:00 p.m.**
- May 05 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 14 USA Tours – Dixie Stampede Branson – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 16 St. James Community Foundation Special Donors Evening – Contact Candace Connell – 265-7013**
- May 17 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 18 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 19 C of C Members Meeting "Dinner in the Vineyards" @ St. James Winery Pool House – 5:30 p.m.**
- May 19 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 25 Chamber Office Closed**
- May 27 USA Tours – Stone Hill Winery – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- May 28 C of C Members Business After Hours @ Matt's Steakhouse – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**

Studio K Schedules Cuts For Christ

Studio K has once again scheduled a "Cuts For Christ" on Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. All hair cutting during that time period will be for donations. ALL proceeds will be given to the Buddy Pack Program through the St. James Caring Center. Studio K is located at 330 West James Blvd. Walk-ins or appointments are welcome. Refreshments provided. Phone 265-8600 for further information.



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