



# Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – February, 2009

## February Membership Meeting Scheduled at Sybill's Restaurant

The February membership luncheon will be held on February 17 at 11:30 a.m. at Sybill's Restaurant. Kelly Martin, MoDot, will be the guest speaker. She will speak on Safety Belt laws.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$12.00. Please make your luncheon reservations by noon Friday, February 13.

## Tour of Missouri Will Kick-off 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Grape & Fall Festival

For the second straight year, St. James will be a start community for Tour of Missouri. This year plans are being made to incorporate the Stage 4 Start into the first day of activities of the Grape and Fall Festival which will be held September 10 – 12, 2009.

A majority of the committee directors from last year's start have once again volunteered to be a member of the Local Organizing Committee which will coordinate the Tour of Missouri activities. With the advantage of knowing what worked and what didn't work last year, the committee will strive to have another successful Tour of Missouri in St. James. "Spirit Award" here we come again!

## Annual Dinner Planned

The SJ Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner is scheduled for March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at Matt's Steakhouse. Invitations will be mailed in the next few days and complete details will be forthcoming. Dr. Jon Hagler, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture will be the keynote speaker for the event. Cost will be \$25.00 each. Tickets will be available for purchase at the Chamber office. Reservations are requested prior to March 10.

## Nominations Needed

Voting for March "Business of the Month" will be done at the February membership luncheon. If you would like to nominate a business for March "Business of the Month", please contact Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649) or email her at [jennie@stjameschamber.net](mailto:jennie@stjameschamber.net).

## "Business of the Month" Selected



The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Designs by Lisa for being selected February "Business of the Month".

In 1971, Lisa Plemmons started working after school and weekends with her mother, Ethel Plemmons at Plemmons Flowers. Little did she know at that time, that her part-time job would bring so much joy and satisfaction that she would choose to make a life-time career of it. Lisa worked for her mother until her illness and death in 1982.

Lisa then managed the shop for her father until his death in 1997. At that time, Lisa and her husband Mike Gan reopened the shop at the same location, 107 E. Springfield Street, under her name as Designs by Lisa.

Designs by Lisa offers its customers fresh flowers, plants, silk arrangements and assorted gift items. Lisa's mother-in-law, Wanda Moreland, helps her on a daily basis, answering phone calls and making deliveries.

Lisa summed up her career choice by saying, "God and our loyal customers are what keep us going and to see a smile on someone's face when they receive flowers is so rewarding. Thank you to our customers and friends."

Designs by Lisa is open from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – noon. Phone: (573) 265-4444.

The Chamber will host a coffee at Designs by Lisa on Tuesday, February 24, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please stop by and congratulate Lisa for having her business selected as February "Business of the Month."

**Matt's Steakhouse Receives January  
"Business of the Month" Award**



Dominic Deluca, Chamber President presents Matt Sanders with the January "Business of the Month" certificate as Chamber members and guests stand by. A Chamber coffee was held at Matt's Steakhouse on Friday, January 23 to honor the Steakhouse for its contributions to the community.

**"Golden" Trivia Night Scheduled  
As Fundraiser**

Golden Living Center will host "Golden" Trivia Night at the St. James VFW on Friday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. The fun and games will raise money for the Golden Age Center, St. James' senior citizens' center.

Up to 10 people may play on a team at \$10.00 per person. Teams can register by contacting Renee Ridling or Tracy Rosenow at Golden Living Center – 265-8921. If you would like to play, but don't have a team, teams will be formed at the event. Additional proceeds will be raised with a silent auction.

Bring your own snacks. No beverages allowed in the door. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Silent auction items and door prizes are needed and all items donated will be tax deductible. ALL PROCEEDS will go to Golden Age Center.

**New Member Welcome**

Welcome to Sandra Stegeman, owner of P.S. Enterprises, of Union, Missouri. P.S. Enterprises sells advertising promotional items and wearables. For more information on the many items and services offered by Sandra's company, visit her website at [www.psenderprisesonline.com](http://www.psenderprisesonline.com).

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

- Feb. 03 C of C Board Meeting @ Town & Country Bank – 6:00 p.m.**
- Feb. 03 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Feb. 13 Meramec Vineyards Chocolate Buffet Valentine Dinner – Contact Meramec Winery – 265-7847**
- Feb. 14 Meramec Vineyards Chocolate Buffet Valentine Dinner – Contact Meramec Winery – 265-7847**
- Feb. 15 USA Tours - Downstream Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Feb. 16 USA Tours - Downstream Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Feb. 17 C of C Membership Luncheon – Sybill's Restaurant – 11:30 a.m. Speaker: MoDot – Kelly Martin**
- Feb. 17 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Feb. 24 C of C Coffee @ Designs by Lisa – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**
- Feb. 27 "Golden" Trivia Night – Fundraiser for Golden Age Center SJ senior citizens' center – hosted by Golden Living Center @ SJ VFW – 6:00 p.m. Contact Renee Ridling or Tracy Rosenow – 265-8921**
- Feb. 27 Meramec Vineyards Wine Class – Contact Meramec Winery – 265-7847**
- Feb. 28 Trout Dinner – Sports Club**
- Mar. 01 Opening Trout Day @ Meramec Spring Park**
- Mar. 03 C of C Board Meeting @ Town & Country Bank – 6:00 p.m.**
- Mar. 03 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 07 Meramec Vineyards Annual Gourmet Trout Dinner – Contact Meramec Vineyards – 265-7847**
- Mar. 12 USA Tours – Historic Daniel Boone Home – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 13 C of C Annual Dinner @ Matt's Steakhouse – 6:00 p.m. – Speaker: Dr. Jon Hagler**
- Mar. 15 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 16 USA Tours – Meskwaki Bingo Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 17 USA Tours – Isle of Capri Casino – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 26 USA Tours – Spirit of the Dance Branson – Contact Robin Cornman – 573-364-2391**
- Mar. 28 Meramec Vineyards Wine Class – Contact Meramec Vineyards – 265-7847**

**New Email Address**

The Chamber has changed their email address. Please delete the Chamber's past email address ([stjameschamber@centurytel.net](mailto:stjameschamber@centurytel.net)) from your address book and add the following new address to your address book: [jennie@stjameschamber.net](mailto:jennie@stjameschamber.net).

**Working Together - Our Membership:**

<p>AA Electric          Absolute Electronics          Aging Made Easy          Alex's Pizza Palace          Alfermann Gray &amp; Company          American Family Insurance          Ashby's Covenant Insurance, LLC          Award Source          Bauer, Donald          Baymont Inn's Suite          BeautiControl Spa          Boys-Girls Town          BPJ Insurance          Brown, Sue          Brummet, Jeff          Camp Brim Shire          Cardetti Homegas, Furn. &amp; Appliance          Celebrations Catering &amp; Rentals          Central Federal Savings &amp; Loan Assoc.          Century 21 First Choice          Century Signs          Centurytel          City of St. James          Coldwell Banker - The Baker Group          Columbia College          Connell Business Dev. Consulting          Copeland Bus Sales          Copeland, Ellis          Corn, Johanna          Corn, Mary Lou          Country Mart          Crutiques Bed &amp; Breakfast          Cuba Area Chamber          Delano Oil Company          Designs By Lisa          Diana's Diner          Didion-Orf Recycling          Donald Farm &amp; Lawn          Edward Jones          Electric Sun Tan Co.          Elgin Surveying          Ellis Health Centre          Emerson, Jo Ann          Etiquette for Today          Exodus Pest Pro Inc.          Fairground Auto Plaza          Farmers Insurance          FCNB Insurance          Fidelity Communications          Fine Line Cabinetry          Flooring Factory Outlet          Forest City Counseling, LLC          Forest City Family Practice</p>	<p>Forest City Pharmacy          Frazier, Vicki          Frisbee Mid-Missouri Realty, Inc.          Golden Living Center          The Grapevine          Grellner Sales          Halo Candle Company          HiStriker          Huffman Lawn &amp; Landscaping          Hunter, Aaron          Hutcheson Collision Center          Hutcheson Ford Sales          Integrity Business          Intercounty Electric          Interstate Motocycles          Investment Realty, Inc.          J. Rogers Architecture, Inc.          James Foundation          James-Gahr Mortuary          Jensen, Mickie          Jones Funeral Home          Justin Renaud Real Estate          Kean &amp; Company LLC          Kent Jewelry, LLC.          Key Sport Shop          Kingdom Kia          KMST Public Radio          Lacy, Charles William          Leo Cardetti Distributing          Lynch &amp; Sons Plumbing &amp; Electric          Matt's Steakhouse          May, Bob - Missouri State Representative          Meramec Vineyards          Midstate State Dirworks          Missouri Enterprise          Missouri Veterans Home          Money Management Group LLC          MRPC          Murdon Corporation          N.B. West Contracting Co.          Nappier Automotive          Oliver, Kathy          Ozark Actors Theatre          Ozarks Coca-Cola          P.S. Enterprises          Peaceful Bend Winery          Pepsi-Cola Bottling, Co.          Phelps Co. Regional Med. Ctr.          Phelps County Bank          Phelps-Pulaski Red Cross          Plaza Fashions          Poskin, Donald &amp; Betty          Reid Fleming Industrial, LLC</p>	<p>Ray, Randall          Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.          Results Radio KTTR          Rolla Area Chamber          Rolla Shooting Club          Ron Moreland Construction          Salon Luxe          Schmidt-Hardy Chevrolet          Scissor Shack          Scotts Printing          SDC Group Stack Design &amp; Consulting          Shearmaster's Salon          Sheffield, Mary          Shelter Insurance          Simply Irresistible          Sonic Drive In          Sooter, Clara          South Central Board of Realtors          Southside Motors          Spurgeon's 66 Service          St. James Caring Center          St. James Elevator          St. James Eye Care          St. James Golf Club          St. James Leader Journal          St. James R-1 Schools          St. James Veterinary          St. James Winery          St. Johns Health Clinic          State Farm Insurance          Stratmann, Larry          Studio K          Sybills Restaurant &amp; Gift Shop          Tacony Manufacturing          Tessaro, Robert and Mary          The Blue Beagle          Tom's Shoes          Town &amp; Country Bank          Troutt &amp; Sons          Underwood, Gene &amp; Gail          United Country Meramec Realty          University Book Store          University of Missouri          US Bank          USA Tours          Verkamp &amp; Malone, CPAs          Verkamp, Randy          Wal-Mart DC          Walker, Don &amp; Ruth          Watson, Cordell          Wiemann, John &amp; Susan          Wildwest Guns &amp; More          Williams Insulation          Wilson Lumber &amp; Rental          Wilson, Dennis          Wind Rush Farms</p>
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