



# Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – January, 2009

## January Membership Meeting Scheduled at Meramec Vineyards

There will be a membership luncheon on January 20 at 11:30 a.m. at Meramec Vineyards. Installation of 2009 officers will be held.

Cost of the luncheon will be \$10.00. Please make your luncheon reservations by noon Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Annual Dinner scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> has been postponed in order to better accommodate a potential guest speaker. Further information will be announced as soon as details are available.

## 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).

## Nominations Needed

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

## January "Business of the Month" Selected

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Matt's Steakhouse for being selected January "Business of the Month".

Matt and Cindy Sanders, owners of Matt's Steakhouse started in business with the Tenth Street Dinner House in Rolla, MO in 2003. As their customer clientele expanded, it was evident that the facility was not meeting their needs in terms of space. Matt and Cindy made the decision to build a larger facility and purchased a tract of land on I-44 between St. James and Rolla to build their dream facility. In the spring of 2007, they opened their beautiful new establishment, Matt's Steakhouse. As well as the open bar and large spacious dining area, the new facility includes five meeting and banquet rooms which may be reserved for private functions and can accommodate from 10 to 350 guests.

Matt and Cindy live in St. James and have five children: Tyler, age 11; Taryn, age 8; Colby, age 7; Caily, age 6; and Mason, age 2. The two oldest, Tyler and Taryn, both work part-time at the Steakhouse.

The Sanders are quick to credit their success to their loyal customers. Stated Sanders, "We are very proud to be a part of the community. We owe our success to you. Thanks again for a great year and hope to see you soon."

Please join Chamber members and guests at a coffee at Matt's Steakhouse on Friday, January 23 from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. to honor Matt's Steakhouse and the contributions the Sanders are making to our community.



December “Business of the Month”



Renee Ridling presents Pat Hofherr the December “Business of the Month” certificate as Chamber members and guests stand by. A Chamber coffee was held at St. James Winery on Friday, January 9 to honor the Winery for its contributions to the community.

What’s Happening in Your Chamber & Community

- Jan 15 Meramec Vineyards presents “Girls’ Night Out” – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
 Station 1 – Chocolate  
 Station 2 – Wine & Cheese Pairing  
 Station 3 – Appetizers w/demo of winning recipes  
 Station 4 – Chair Massage  
 Station 5 – Beauty – make over tips – Beauti-Control  
 For further information, call Meramec Winery at 265-7847
- Jan 17 “Cuts for Christ” – Free hair cuts all day. 100% of donations to the Caring Center Utilities Fund to help those with need this winter. Enjoy hot drinks and cookies and get a free haircut. Studio K - 330 West James Blvd. For further information, call Studio K at 265-8600
- Jan 20 SJ Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon – 11:30 a.m. – Meramec Winery - Installation of 2009 officers. For reservations and information, call the Chamber office at 265-6649.
- Jan 23 SJ Chamber coffee at Matt’s Steakhouse – 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

“Chamber Bucks” Available

The Chamber of Commerce office is now offering “Chamber Bucks” available for sale to anyone wishing to purchase them for gifts and have their gift dollars stay in the community. Recipients may purchase merchandise from any of the participating businesses listed on the “Buck”. Businesses are then reimbursed for the amount of the buck by the Chamber office. Those businesses currently accepting “Chamber Bucks” are:

- Absolute Electronics <> BeautiControl Spa
- Book Addict & Stained Glass
- Cardetti Homegas, Furniture & Appliances
- Country Mart <> Designs By Lisa
- Diana’s Diner <> Dragonflies & Dreams
- Electric Sun Tan Co. <> Ellis Health Centre
- Forest City Health Mart <> Grapevine
- Halo Candle Company <> Hutcheson Ford Sales
- Interstate Motorcycles
- Leo Cardetti Flag & Flagpole
- Meramec Vineyards
- Plaza Fashions & Merle Norman Cosmetics
- Shearmaster’s Salon <> Simply Irresistible
- Spurgeon’s 66 Service
- St. James Veterinary <> Studio K
- Sybills Restaurant & Gift Shop
- The Blue Beagle <> Troutt & Sons
- Wild West Guns & More
- Wilson Lumber & Rental

If you would like to participate in the “Chamber Bucks” program, call Jennie at the Chamber office (265-6649) for further information.

Go Green With Canvas Bags

The environmentally friendly canvas bags being sold by the Chamber can be purchased at the Chamber office or the Tourist Information Center. Only \$3.00 and useable over and over again to tote your things from place to place!

2009 Events Wanted!

We will soon be putting together a chamber calendar for 2009. If you know of dates that need to be listed on the events calendar, please notify the Chamber office at 265-6649 or email [jennie@stjameschamber.net](mailto:jennie@stjameschamber.net) .

<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                  Book Addict &amp; Stained Glass                  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                  Dragonflies 'n Dreams                  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.                  Gahr Line &amp; Cable                  Golden Living Center                  The Grapevine                  Grellner Sales                  Guaranteed Green                  Gunter's Buckit                  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                  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                  Shearwater'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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