

# Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce  
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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – May, 2008

## “Dinner in the Vineyards”

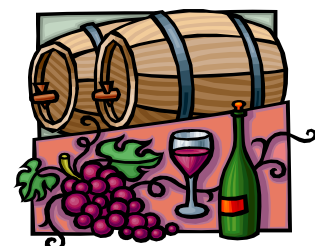
The St. James Chamber of Commerce will host “Dinner in the Vineyards” at the St. James Winery Pool House on May 20, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. The festivities will begin with a Wine & Cheese Reception sponsored by St. James Winery.

What does Tour of Missouri mean to St. James? Guest speakers will provide a short program which will focus not only on the race, but also on the impact it will have in bringing tourists and visitors into the community. How are we going to deal with such a large number of visitors at one time, and how can we put our best foot forward in meeting their needs while showcasing the community’s unique businesses and tourist attractions?

Relay for Life will also have a short presentation: “Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event that celebrates survivorship and raises money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. Relay participants are able to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and empower individuals and communities to fight back against a disease that takes so much.” -- Relay for Life American Cancer Society

The dinner menu, catered by Simply Irresistible, will include Fruit Kabobs, Turkey Enchiladas (smothered in cheese and a sour cream sauce and covered with lettuce and tomato), Tri-Color Tortilla Chips & Fresh Homemade Salsa, Mexican Fried Rice, Sopapilla with Ice Cream, and Iced Tea.

The public is invited to attend. Cost is \$15.00 per person and advanced tickets may be purchased by May 15, at the following locations: St. James Chamber of Commerce Office, 114 W. James Blvd., St. James; Golden Living Center, 415 Sidney Street, St. James; or Simply Irresistible, 124 North Jefferson Blvd., St. James.



RSVP by May 16 by calling the Chamber office at 265-6649 or emailing Jennie at [stjameschamber@centurytel.net](mailto:stjameschamber@centurytel.net).



## May “Business of the Month”

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate Forest City Family Practice for being selected “May Business of the Month”. Dr. Hugh Schuetz, D.O., ACOFP and Dr. Rachelle Gorrell, D.O., ACOFP are the attending physicians.

In 1996, Dr. Schuetz joined the staff at the Forest City Medical Clinic, which was then located on the Outer Road and owned by the Phelps County Regional Medical Center. The clinic was moved into the current facility in May of 1999, and Dr. Schuetz purchased the medical practice on January 1, 2001, and changed the name to Forest City Family Practice.

Between 1996 and 1998, Dr. Gorrell, in her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> years of medical school, spent time rotating through medical and surgical departments at PCRMC, other specialty practices in the area, along with rotations at FCFP at the clinic under the direction of Dr. Schuetz, who is Director of Medical Education. Dr. Gorrell did her residency in family practice at Wichita, Kansas, and returned to join Dr. Schuetz at the clinic in August of 2001.

The Family Practice is also considered a Rural Health Clinic with Medicare certification. It accepts all insurances and no insurance, and much of the practice is Medicare and Medicaid related. One of the requirements to be certified is that the clinic must have at least one Nurse Practitioner 50% of the time. The clinic currently has two full-time Nurse Practitioners on staff. Carol Teague, RN CS FNP, has been with the clinic for eleven years and Chris Durbin, RN CS FNP, has been with the clinic for six years.

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The clinic has six nurses on staff and six employees in business administration, including Dr. Schuetz's wife, Debbie.

Dr. Schuetz was raised in the Kirksville, Missouri area where his father was a physician in Kirksville. His brother also became a physician and is currently practicing in the state of Washington.

Dr. Gorrell is originally from the state of Kansas, but settled in the St. James area after meeting her husband, Robert, who is from Redbird. The couple have two children, Connor, age 7 and Logan, age 4.

Both physicians attended A. T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine.

[www.stjameschamber.net](http://www.stjameschamber.net)  
"Favorite Spots Filling UP!"

Several members have taken advantage of the reduced rates currently running on the website pages, while getting choice spots locked in for the future.

Advertising on an available spot of your choice will be \$10.00 per month per ad, payable yearly. This year, cost for the year will be based on the remainder of months left in the year (example: May 1 – Dec. 31 = \$80.00). The following year, advertisers will have buy back privileges on the space they have selected. Advertisers may have a duplicate ad of their first ad placed on "sub pages" for \$3.00 each per month (also with buy back privileges).

Full Page Ads: Full page ads are available also. There is a one-time set up fee of \$100 for a full page ad and a monthly charge of \$10.00 per page, payable yearly.

There will be no additional fees for links and the ads can be linked to your website.

For more information on the ads, please feel free to call Jennie at (265-6649) or email her at [stjameschamber@centurytel.net](mailto:stjameschamber@centurytel.net).

Non-members will be given the opportunity to advertise once our membership has had time to respond. Fees for non-members will not be at the reduced rates.

**Salute to Veterans Air Show**  
**Saturday, May 24, 2008**  
**Columbia Regional Airport**



USA Tours will depart 8:00 a.m. from Goody's Parking Lot, Rolla, MO - \$22.00 per person. For further information, call (573) 341-8186

**What's Happening in Your Chamber**

This is just a brief summary to let you know about some of the activities and events being scheduled that involve your Chamber and community. If you would like to schedule or add an activity, call Jennie at the Chamber to make arrangements to do so. Details on functions will be publicized as plans are finalized.

- May 02 Beginning Day for St. James Farmers' Market - Every Friday & Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - Noon through October 11. (573) 265-3899**
- May 03 Meramec Town & Wine Country Bicycle Ride & Vineyard Walk (573) 265-7847**
- May 09 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Mark Moebeck - 7:00 p.m.**
- May 14 Health Fair - Missouri Veterans Home, St. James - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Free to Public and Vendors (573) 265-3271, ext. 257**
- May 16-17 - Plant & Bulb Sale @ Old City Hall - 8:00 - 4:00 p.m. (573) 265-6649**
- May 17 Kids' Free Fishing Day @ Maramec Spring Park**
- May 17 John F. Hodge High School Graduation**
- May 17 Band Night - Meramec Vineyards - New Age Outlaws - 7:00 p.m.**
- May 20 C of C Members' Meeting "Dinner in the Vineyards" – St. James Winery Pool House - 5:30 p.m. - (573) 265-6649**
- May 23 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Jimmy Love - 7:00 p.m.**
- May 24 St. James Pool Opens (573) 265-7124**
- May 24 Salute to Veterans Air Show – USA Tours – (573) 341-8186**
- May 29 C of C Members' Business After Hours - St. James Golf Course 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - (573) 265-6649**
- May 30 Mayor's Breakfast – City Hall – 8:00 a.m. – (573) 265-7013**
- Jun 01 Beautify St. James Garden Tour - (573) 265-3671**
- Jun 01 Summer Reading Program Begins – St. James Library**
- Jun 06 Route 66 Summerfest Cruise-in 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. – Tourist Information Center - (573) 265-3899**
- Jun 06 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Johnny Fox - 7:00 p.m.**
- Jun 07 St. James Area Community Foundation Event - All proceeds benefit various projects in St. James - Call Candace @ (573) 265-7013**
- Jun 07 - 08 Free Fishing Weekend @ Maramec Spring Park – (573) 265-7124**
- Jun 13 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Dennis Foster - 7:00 p.m.**
- Jun 17 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon-Political Forum - 11:30 a.m. (573) 265-6649**
- Jun 21 Band Night - Meramec Vineyards - Rebel Moon - 7:00 p.m.**
- Jun 26 C of C Members' Business After Hours - Meramec Winery – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (573) 265-6649**
- Jun 28 Wine Down Friday - Meramec Vineyards - Andy Read & Friends - 7:00 p.m.**
- Jun 30 St. James Sports Club 7th Annual Golf Tournament - 11:00 a.m. (636) 549-1552**
- Jul. 10, 11, 12 Three Day Sidewalk Sale - St. James Merchants – (573) 265-7272**
- Jul. 15 C of C Members' Meeting/Luncheon - Sybill's - 11:30 a.m. (573) 265-6649**
- Jul. 24 C of C Members' Business After Hours - TBA - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. (573) 265-6649**

**Nominations Needed**

For June "Business of the Month"

The Chamber is currently seeking nominations for June "Business of the Month". If you have a business you would like to nominate, please contact Jennie by noon Monday, May 19. Voting will be done at the May Members' meeting on May 20 at the "Dinner in the Vineyards".

## Grape and Fall Festival Plans

### Underway!

Committee members of the Grape and Fall Festival are currently meeting to plan details to make the 75<sup>th</sup> Grape and Fall Festival one of the best yet! From exhibits of produce, flowers, needlework, crafts and artwork to judging 4-H and FFA livestock, participants of any age are welcome to become involved in the fun. Entertainment will include The Grape & Fall Festival Parade, Queen Pageant, Street Market, Demolition Derby, Bluegrass Band, Carnival and many more activities.

This year the sponsorship program, which was begun last year, has been expanded. For business owners wishing to promote their business, while supporting the Festival, the level of sponsorship ranges from \$250 to \$5,000 with added perks at each progressive level. This year each package will include a free ad spot for a full year on the recently developed Chamber website (value \$120).

Volunteers are needed and always welcome! Join your friends and neighbors in working to make the 75<sup>th</sup> Grape and Fall Festival one of the best yet!!

If you would like further information on the sponsorship program, or in becoming a volunteer, please call Jennie at the Chamber office, or email her at [stjameschamber@centurytel.net](mailto:stjameschamber@centurytel.net).

## Welcome

### To Our Newest Member

The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome Matt's Steakhouse as its newest member. Matt's is owned by Matt Sanders and is located on I-44 halfway between St. James and Rolla.



**Watch for the unveiling of the designated signs provided to the twelve host cities by MODOT.**

## Fifth Annual Garden Tour

*Hosted by  
Beautify St. James*

**Sunday, June 1, 2008  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Rain or Shine  
Refreshments at each garden**

**Garden Party  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Tourist Center**  
*Refreshments, fruits of the vine & Hor D'oeuvres,  
Silent auctions & garden shop items*

### Contact Information:

*Jean Crafton 265-3671  
Tourist Information Center 265-3899*

### Featured Gardens:

- Judy Cavender
- Mary Lou & Johanna Corn
- Jim DiPardo
- Ron & Liz Moreland
- David & Vickie Pitts
- Howard & Angie Smith

**Tickets:  
\$10.00**

**All proceeds will help plant the downtown planters, maintain the walking trail, and other beautification projects.**



Missouri Employer Committee  
Meramec Manufacturing Council

Twelve years ago the Meramec Manufacturing Council (MMC) evolved from the notion that if we united smaller local manufacturing companies we could develop customize training; join together to strengthen our goals and bring low-cost employer based educational seminars to all facilities in the area excluding no employers. Since that time our council has seen many changes but has steadfastly held to our quality standard. Quarterly we offer seminars and at least annually co-host an incredibly successful job fair.

The Missouri Employer Committee (MEC) supports efforts of the Meramec Manufacturing Council with organizing seminars and hosting the job fair. Any company would be welcome to join the MEC.

The Missouri Employer Committee (MEC) was established in 1986 to ensure the Division of Workforce Development and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations are responsive to business needs. The MEC is composed of a broad spectrum of employers representing both large and small businesses. This committee is linked through a state steering committee that carries the concerns of the local committees to the state for consideration.

The Missouri Employer Committee (MEC):

- Works with the Division of Workforce Development and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to encourage services tailored to the needs of employers;
- Provides low-cost educational seminars relating to business issues;
- Involves employers in a network of problem solving relationships;
- Keeps employers informed of changes in the employment law;
- Responds to the needs of each community.

There is no charge for membership in MEC. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like more information on MEC, please contact Ron Leonard with the Missouri Career Center at 364-7030 or contact Nancy Montgomery Human Resource Director with Tacony Manufacturing at 265-0500 ext 4310.

A representative from our councils would be more than willing to speak personally to companies interested in joining. Again, there is no membership fee for either organization.

Job Fair held on April 15<sup>th</sup> connected over 400 applicants and 31 employers at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cuba. Special thanks to Missouri Enterprise, Boys & Girls Town of Missouri, Westwind CDL Training, COPIC, Ron Leonard, Cheri Tune, ACE Mfg, Penmac, Vocational Rehabilitation, Tacony Manufacturing and Student Ambassadors from the Cuba High School.