



Chamber Chatter

St. James Chamber of Commerce

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Phone: (573) 265-6649 – March, 2010

Deadline: March 20, 2010

Whether you wish to buy a brick, enjoy a great dinner, bid on a great bargain, or try your luck at winning an all expense paid trip to Alaska, your time to get in on the action is very limited!

On March 20, 2010, the St. James Community Foundation and St. James Chamber of Commerce **Progressive Dinner** will culminate several of the fundraisers being held for renovation of the Historic Depot. The evening schedule for the dinner includes a reception at the St. James Historic Depot, Dinner at Host Homes, and Coffee and Dessert at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Tickets for the Progressive Dinner are \$30.00 each and only a few remain to be sold at this printing. Tickets are available on line at www.stjameschamber.net.

Following coffee and dessert, an auction conducted by Sam Auxier will feature exclusive items including, but not limited to: Art work (Mary Lou Corn), Pool Party and Pool passes, Gift Basket (St. James Winery), Dinner for 8 (Jim & Sheran Ashby), 4 Big 12 Football Championship tickets (Hutcheson Ford), Spa Basket (BC Spa & Cosmetics), BBQ & Trimmings for 12 (Bob & Sharon Wilson), Lifetime Subscription to St. James Leader Journal (Leader Journal), Muck Boots (St. James Elevator), Art work (Gini Gaunt), 4 Box Seat Cardinal tickets (David Weinbaum), 20' Flagpole Kit (Leo Cardetti Flag & Flagpole), 2 Season Tickets (Ozark Actor's Theatre), Lifetime Subscription to Saint James Press (Saint James Press) 2 Tickets to the Muny (Marilyn Smallwood), Gift Package w/Massage (Ellis Health Centre), and a motorcycle (Ryan Shockley, Hutcheson Ford). Additional gift baskets featuring St. James merchants as well as weekend get-away packages are also in the works! (cont'd on page 2, column 1)



"Business of the Month" Selected



The St. James Chamber of Commerce would like to congratulate the Board of Education and employees of the St. James R-1 School District for its nomination and selection as March "Business of the Month."

The Vision Statement of the St. James R-1 School District reads "We strive to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment where all students will acquire the skills, knowledge, and competencies necessary for successful participation in our changing society." The staff has also adopted the mantra "Learning, Whatever it Takes" as a slogan to exemplify their intentions as educators. These are the goals that are set for the Board of Education, administrators, teachers and every other employee of the district. It is also the goal that the District hopes to achieve through cooperation with parents and the community. It is a worthy vision. States Joy Tucker, Superintendent of School, "We are proud that we have achieved 'Distinction in Performance' through the Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education several times. It is testimony that our vision is working."

The St. James R-1 School District is truly a "business" in this community. As an employer of more than 250 people, both full time and part time, they operate on an annual budget of more than \$15 million. The district is governed by a publicly-elected seven member Board of Education. They are responsible for the oversight of the budget and the policies and regulations that govern our public school. (cont'd on page 2, column 2)

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Following the auction, the Alaskan Expedition raffle ticket drawing will be held for an exclusive private retreat to beautiful Alaska. Winners will enjoy four days and three nights at the famous Agulowok Lodge in southwestern Alaska surrounded by the 1.7 million acre Wood-Tikchik State Park which is famous for its rainbow trout and sockeye salmon runs. **The trip includes round-trip airfare to Anchorage from the "Lower 48", transportation to the lodge from Anchorage, all fishing, food and drinks, and activities for the winner of the ticket chosen, one guest, and the individual who sold the winning ticket.** With a little flexibility, a four day/three night period in September 2010 can be arranged. The trip, valued at \$10,000, is possible due to the special contributions of the Family of Ford and Betty Lu Hughes. Cost of the Alaskan Expedition ticket is \$100. Tickets are available on line at www.stjameschamber.net.

March 20 will also mark the deadline for the first round of brick sales. The personalized engraved bricks, which will be laid at the Historic Depot, are offered in two sizes: 4 x 8" bricks with three lines of 12 characters are \$30. 8 x 8" bricks with five lines of 12 characters are \$50.

For further details on the fundraisers, please contact the Chamber office at 265-6649 or email: jennie@stjameschamber.net.

St. James Chamber of Commerce March Luncheon Scheduled

The March membership meeting will be held at the St. James R-1 School District board room on Tuesday, March 16, at 11:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be City representatives, Terry Gibson, David Watkins, Mag Roberts and Rodney Edwards. Terry and David will speak on recycling. Mag will speak on the 911 emergency sales tax initiative and Rodney will explain the General Obligation Bond for electrical improvements.

Please have your reservations in by Friday noon, March 12 (265-6649). Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00.

Wanted: Your Nomination

Each month, a "Business of the Month" is selected from our Business Chamber members. If you know of a business that you feel should be nominated for one reason or another, feel free to call or email the Chamber office with your nomination. Voting is done at the Chamber membership meetings each month.

Business of the Month (cont'd from page 1, column 2)

Although they are not a business in the traditional sense of the word, they are still an entity that provides a service. They are always mindful that it is their job to provide an education to the more than 1700 children enrolled in grades K-12. Additionally, the school serves children aged 3-5 in early childhood special education, oversees the Parents as Teachers program for families of children birth through age 3, and the Mel Carnahan Family Learning Center which serves Phelps County families with young children. The district also partners with Boys & Girls Town of Missouri on several educational fronts including Title I and special education for students who are housed at that facility. Their borders go from the north almost to Vichy and south to the Dent County line; west to V highway and east to Rosati. It is a large physical area covering more than 217 square miles and serving a diverse population.

The public school of the 21st century is far different from the one-room school house of the past. The St. James R (Reorganized)-I School District began in the late 1800's with the original school building located on Maramec Street (it is now a private residence) and the original high school (originally built in the late 1800's) which is still in use today. Eventually, the one-room school houses, which served grades 1-8 and were scattered about the area, were closed and consolidated into town. With this consolidation, the original school building on Maramec became too small and the Lucy Wortham James Elementary building was constructed in 1957. Throughout the years, the original high school and the LW James Elementary building were added on to and remodeled several times to accommodate the growing student enrollment. In 2001, a bond issue was passed and the new St. James Middle School was built. It was the first new building in 50 years for the school. In 2010, the L.W. James Elementary School is going to get another face lift with new additions and some much needed remodeling.

A dynamic service organization, the School District must grow and improve in order to continue to serve its students. They are passionate about what they do and who they are. They are passionate about education and serving this community.

Please join us in honoring the School District at the monthly Chamber luncheon to be held at the St. James R-1 Board room on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, at 11:30 a.m. (Cost of the luncheon is \$12.00. Please RSVP to the Chamber office by Friday noon, March 12.)

Welcome New Members

The past month has been a busy one as new members complete the registration process necessary in time to be included in the 2010 Membership Directory. Welcome to The Mule Trading Post, Merle Music, Judy Cavender, Flag Springs Full Gospel Church, Morning Sun Gallery, and La Cabana Mexican Grill. The Mule Trading Post, owned by Carl and Zelma Smith, is located at Exit 189 of I-44 between Rolla and St. James. The Post offers a wide array of merchandise, from Route 66 memorabilia, swords, and statues to collectibles and antiques. Merle's Music is located at 304 North Bishop in Rolla. Merle's offers a wide selection of musical instruments as well as sound systems to fit any size of application. Marc and Debbie Burnett are offering antiques and collectibles, including furniture and artwork at their new business, Morning Sun Gallery located at 107 W. Springfield in St. James. Flag Springs Full Gospel Church is located at 17410 County Road 1060 with Pastor Allen Smith leading the congregation. They welcome guests to their worship services which are held Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. Youth AWANA are held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.



Chamber Coffee
& Ribbon-cutting
Scheduled

When Bruce and Deb Parton opened Our House Treasures this past year, they received a great deal of support and help from Deb's brother and sister-in-law, Marc and Debbie Burnett. As the Burnetts realized how much they were enjoying their participation in that business, they came to the decision to pursue a career change and open their own business, Morning Sun Gallery, LLC. Marc left his job in the transportation industry to "mind the store" while Debbie continues to work at the Walmart Distribution Center. The bright and cheery retail establishment offers clientele a wide array of merchandise including: antiques, collectibles, furniture, artwork, gift items, Tessa Long personalized jewelry, and Kris Ash Karma Naturals organic body products. The Burnetts are proud to feature several local artists in their merchandise and product lines.

Mark your calendars for the Morning Sun Gallery open house, coffee and ribbon-cutting on March 12 and 13. Open House will be held Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. A Chamber coffee will be held on Friday, March 12, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. with the ribbon-cutting at 4:30 p.m. The new business is located at 107 W. Springfield, St. James.

What's Happening in Your
Chamber & Community

March

- Mar. 1: Trout Opening
- Mar. 6: Maramec Vineyard Opening Trout Dinner
- Mar. 13: Kiwanis Pancake Day
- Mar. 16: Chamber Membership Luncheon – SJ R-1 Board Room – 11:30 a.m.
- Mar. 16: Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 noon
- Mar. 20: Progressive Dinner: Chamber Depot Committee/St. James Community Foundation

April

- Apr. 3: Maramec & Agriculture Museums open @ Maramec Spring Park
- April 10: City-Wide Garage Sale Weekend
- April 10: St. James Choir Boosters Annual Dinner
- April 17: City-Wide Clean-Up Week Kick-Off
- April 20: Chamber Membership Luncheon– Walmart DC – 11:30 a.m.
- Apr. 20: Ministerial Alliance monthly meeting @ 12 noon

Simply Irresistible... Etc Website!



Scorpio Consulting would like to extend an invitation to you to visit Simply Irresistible... Etc on the web. The new website offers you the ability to purchase our delicious treats online and have them shipped directly to your door. Please browse on over to <http://simplyirresistible.us> and check out our new site!

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