



March 2010

Chamber Newsletter

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Chamber Officers

President-Josh Gronewold

Athens State Bank

Vice Pres- Dan Williams

Treetop Productions

Treasurer-Crystal Sathoff

National Bank of Petersburg

Directors

Ron Sanert

Sanert Auction Service

John Stiltz

Branson House B&B

Jan Tabor-Ulrich

Administrator-Menard

Convalescent Center

Judy Loving

Loving Creations and the

Shops on 6th

Betty Winchester

Estep and Associates

Mercantile

Ashley Sperry

Subway

Ty Turek

State Farm Ins

Secretary

Jacque Barbee.

March Meeting

The Annual Meeting and Dinner was held March 8 at the Plaid Rooster. The Chamber had 41 members in attendance and the election of new officers was first on the agenda.

Josh Gronewold of Athens State Bank was elected as the new president and Dan Williams of Treetop Productions was elected vice president and Crystal Sathoff was elected treasurer. Ty Turek of State Farm Insurance and Ashley Sperry were elected as directors.

Dan Williams of Treetop Productions presented a short video of the Harvest Fest and Mayor John Stiltz gave a "State of the City" report. Mayor Stiltz gave an update about things the city is working on and the lengthy process of most endeavors.

The next regular meeting of the Chamber will be held April 8th at 7:45 am at the Senior Citizens Center. Please plan to attend.

Small Business Administration Event

On April 7, 2010, 2p-5p, the SBA will be hosting an event at the Crowned Plaza in Springfield. During the event, SBA will describe how loan program funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act allows them to reach more small businesses that need help. Individuals will also learn of loan program available to small businesses from federal, state and community agencies. If you are interested in starting a small business or in expanding a current small business, this is a great opportunity for you to meet with local SBA lending institutions. Make sure you bring your plan.

Experts from the Small Business Administration, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, Sangamon County Illinois Ventures for Community Action, Illinois Small Business Development Center, Lincoln Land Community College and SCORE will be there for you to meet one-on-one.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Suzanne Shear with the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Lincoln Land Community College at 217-544-7232 or email at Suzanne.shear@llcc.edu

There is no fee to attend!

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What do you expect from the Chamber?

When the 2010 membership forms were mailed this year, the Chamber wanted your opinion on the Chamber and what you expected from us. The Chamber received a few responses with the majority wanting advertising and promoting of your business and of Petersburg. Some of you requested that we encourage the community to "buy local".

Promotion of your business is one of many of the Chambers goals. One way the Chamber promotes your business is through the Chamber Corner every week and with the monthly newsletters, but the Chamber needs your help.

Every week the Chamber Corner advertises upcoming events and activities in Petersburg and Menard County and would like to be able to promote 1-2 businesses per week. All you have to do to be a "business of the week" is to send the Chamber a blurb about your business. Once the Chamber has your information it will be featured in the Chamber Corner and the Monthly Newsletter. It's that simple and just one more way the Chamber can help.

April Foolishness

April Foolishness will be held April 24 from 8a-1p. Once again the Chamber will be hosting the event and are encouraging all businesses that are having "Sidewalk Sales" that day to please let the Chamber know, so that your sale may be advertised along with all of the other sales that are being held that day. There are several households having sales as well as vendors renting out spots on the Courthouse parking lot.

2010 Census

Please be sure to fill out your 2010 Census. It really does take 10 minutes or less. Census results help decide the amount of government money our community gets. Your answers are confidential and the Census Bureau will only use them for statistical purposes. Your answers cannot be obtained by law enforcement or tax collection or with the Freedom of Information Act. For more information check out the website at www.census.gov/2010census

Chamber Information

Hours of operation: Monday –Thursday 9a-1p

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Chamber Businesses

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses for re-joining the Chamber for 2010.

Ace Hardware, Adamski & Conti, Armstrong Disposal, Athens State Bank, Blane Real Estate Branson House Bed and Breakfast, Casey's General Store, Central Illinois Community Blood Center, City of Petersburg, Country Financial, Estep & Associates, Gillmore Café, Greibhaus Instruments, Hill Prairie Winery, Kent's IGA, Lake Petersburg Association, Leos Pizza, Loving Creations & the Shops on 6th, Menard Convalescent Center, Menard County Abstract Company, Menard Electric Cooperative, Menard County Housing Authority, Menard Medical Associates, National Bank, New Salem Center, New Salem Lincoln League, Nikles of Petersburg, Ogden Ins., Ozella Construction, Petefish, Skiles & Co Bank, Petersburg Chiropractic, Petersburg Monument Company, Petersburg Pharmacy, Inc, Petersburg Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc, Petersburg Veterinary Clinic, Plaid Rooster Café, Potters Drugs, Quantum Solutions, The Real Estate Group, River Bank Lodge, The Rose Cottage, Sanert Auction Services, Charles K Smith, Attorney, State Farm Insurance, Stevens Implement Company, Stier Trolley Express, Stonebake, Sunny Acres Nursing Home, Terror on the Square, Theatre in the Park, Triple Creek Farm, Too Crazy Ladies, Treetop Productions, Subway, Petersburg Rotary Club, Earl and Genevieve Pillsbury, Larry and Janet Thompson

Welcome to our NEW members Country Kids Licensed Daycare, Athens, American Cancer Society, Area Disposal

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Athens State Bank -100 year anniversary
 Armstrong Disposal 34 years June 2010
 Adamski and Conti -20 year anniversary as a Law Firm
 The Rose Cottage-10 years
 State Farm Insurance-20 Years April 1st

IF you would like an anniversary or special date recognized, please let me now.

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Dates of Interest

Murder Mystery Dinner	March 26
Easter Egg Hunt	March 27
PORTA/Greenview Spring Break	April 2-9
Athens Spring Break	April 1-9
Chamber Monthly Meeting	April 8
Blood Drive	April 8
April Foolishness	April 24
PORTA Prom/Athens Prom	April 24
Murder Mystery Dinner	April 30
Chamber Monthly Meeting	May 13
6th Annual Wine/Music Festival	May 30-31
Memorial Day-office closed	May 31
Blood Drive	June 3
Menard Electric Meeting of Members	June 5
Chamber Monthly Meeting	June 10
Theatre in the Park Performances	June 4-6/10-13/25-26
Murder Mystery Dinner	June 25

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