



CHAMBER NEWS

October 2011

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Chamber Members, I am very excited and honored to be representing our Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Being born and raised here, I feel very strong about our communities, businesses, and future of Lawrence County. I truly believe we have a great place to call home! I believe it is my job to promote you and your business as well our towns in our County. Please feel free to contact me directly at rgard@lawrencecochamber.com or call the Chamber with any suggestions or concerns. I am here to serve you. Thank you all for your support. I know that together we can grow and do great things.

Basketball Capital Classic is right around the corner. I am working with an amazing committee on getting things started. We might be calling on you to volunteer some time. Any amount of volunteerism is greatly appreciated! If it weren't for volunteers, our events would not be successful.

The Annual Dinner planning is in full swing. The dinner will be held on Friday November 4th. It will be another Casino Royal! More details to come...

Rachel Gard

2011 Chamber Board of Directors

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Board of Director Nomination

I am holding off on sending out voting ballots for the November elections. I have only received a few nominations. Please, if you are interested in being a Board Member, fill out the attached form and fax or mail it in. My office will be accepting forms until noon on Friday October 14th. After that time I will send out voting ballots. We will announce New Board Members at our November Annual Dinner.

Nominations are accepted from all members in good standing. This includes the business, owner, manager, and/or employee. A Director will serve a three year term (2012 – 2014), unless filling a vacancy on the Board. All names submitted in writing will be placed on the ballot for the 2012 election. The new Directors will begin their terms January 1, 2012. Your Chamber needs dedicated and committed individuals who want to share their experiences to make Lawrence County a better place to live and work. Please see the attachment, the Nomination form.

New Chamber Members

The Chamber is honored to welcome Borowiak's IGA and Jim Fontanyi from Country Financial as the newest members of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. Borowiak's IGA owner Trevor Borowiak purchased his first IGA store in Grayville, IL in 1992 at the age of 24. Four years later, he purchased the Albion IGA store from his father. Over the next several years he continued to build his company by adding 5 more stores to his small chain. In 2003, Borowiak's IGA was honored as one of the IGA International Retailers of the Year. This award is given to 5 retailers out of approximately 5000 IGA retailers worldwide. Buying the Lawrenceville IGA makes 8 Borowiak's IGA stores in his company, with approximately 350 employees. Trevor and his wife Jackie have been married 22 years and they live in Albion with their 9 children.

Jim Fontanyi, COUNTRY Financial representative, has been serving clients in the Lawrence County area for COUNTRY for 10 years. He enjoys working with local community residents to help them achieve financial security no matter where they are starting from. Fontanyi is an active member of the Beulah United Methodist Church in Sumner. When he is not serving clients or his community, he enjoys spending time with his son, Dyer, and other family members and friends. Fontanyi has a great passion for cars, and also gardens and camps in his free time. Fontanyi is eager to become more involved in the community that he likes to call his "home."

Calendar of Events – October 2011

Oct. 7 Dine With a Doc. This month's speaker will be Dr. Renee Adams, OD. This FREE event for our seniors in the community will be held at the Lawrence County Senior Citizens Center located at 1705 12th Street Lawrenceville, IL from 11:30- 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided by the United Methodist Village. RSVP requested by calling 618-943-2177. For more information on the Dine With a Doc program visit www.dinewithadoc.com

Oct. 7 Quilt Show at Southern Meadows Estate located at 1616 Cedar Street Lawrenceville, IL from 10:00am- 4:00pm. Soup and sandwiches will be available for purchase. Monies raised will go to the United Methodist Village Auxiliary.

Oct. 8 "Sixth Annual" Red Hill Music Dulcimer Festival will be begin at 9:00 a.m., Sumner United Methodist Church, 400 S. Christy, Sumner. Free concert will begin at 3:00. Free will donations will be accepted. Contact Kathy Fatheree at 618-838-2150.

Oct. 8 Demolition Derby @ Lawrence County Fairgrounds. Pits open @ 4pm. Race @ 7pm.

Oct. 9 Lawrence County Senior Citizens will be holding a "Chicken Dinner" on Sunday, Oct. 9th from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Free will donation or \$6.00 for Carry Outs Location: 1705 12th Street Lawrenceville, IL.

Oct. 9 Lasata Wines will be hosting a Fall Festival from 2-5pm (central time). Musical entertainment by the band THREE. There will be a \$5.00 cover charge. Food will be sold by UP IN SMOKE BBQ! Lasata Wines asks you to join them for a "Post Harvest" afternoon!

Oct. 22 Spooktacular will be held at Lawrenceville City Park from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Costume contest, a trick or treat walk, hayrides, and more. For more information contact city hall at 618-943-2116.

Oct. 28 & 29 Lawrenceville Elks Haunted House. Monies raised go towards the DARE program. For more information contact Dee Jenninas at 618-945-7434

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Luncheons are held every third Wednesday of each month. Please contact the Chamber if you are interested in attending.

The next Chamber Luncheon is at Pizza Hut on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

CRAZYDAY RAFFLE

September CrazyDays Cash

Winners: Our Labor Day \$50.00 Winner Carleen McCord. Friday Winners for \$25 are IDC, Robert Ellison, Don Wagner, Kristina Siegle, and Alberta Hensley. Congratulations!



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Mission Statement

Your Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that represents the interests of business, commercial, professional and industrial men and women working together to help build the economy of the Lawrence County area.