

A. V. Chamber News

January - February, 2015



A Message from our Chamber President

“Our Time to Shine” was the theme of the Annual Installation and Awards Banquet held in January. What exactly does this theme mean? Some definitions of SHINE are:

- ▶ Brightness caused by the emission or reflection of light
- ▶ Brilliance, splendor
- ▶ To perform extremely well

This is a declaration but more importantly a 2-part challenge . . . By declaring it is “Our Time to Shine” we’re challenging ourselves and each other to make it happen.

Challenge Part 1 - How can the Chamber help the Valley emit and reflect brightness?

We can act upon some of your suggestions made in the 2014 Year End Survey. This year, our April and October General Membership meetings will be held as breakfasts at the A.V. Country Club from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. instead of luncheons. Our July meeting will be a dinner/cook-out from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the DragonFly-In, where families are also invited. This will allow those who can’t get away from work during the lunch hour, to attend a membership meeting and have the opportunity to mix and mingle.

We will work to provide more business related topics at our General Membership meetings, such as Marketing How-to’s, Business Start-up pointers, and Handling Human Resource issues. We are also working to put together training workshops that address such topics as: Good Customer Service, How to Conduct an Interview, and How to Hire & Fire. We’d love to hear topic suggestions from you as well.

By providing some of these tools for our local businesses, we are hoping that will be one of the ways the Chamber helps the Valley to shine.

Challenge Part 2 – How can you as an individual and as a business help the Valley shine?

By being involved. Not just by attending community events, but perhaps you or someone in your business could offer to share your expertise by speaking at one of the General Membership meetings or by leading a workshop. Another way is by becoming a member of one of the Chamber’s committees. The committees and their Chairpersons are listed in this newsletter. Maybe you can find one that sparks your interest.

I once heard “One of life’s greatest accomplishments is to help someone else shine.” Let’s work together to help the Valley emit Brilliance and Splendor in 2015!

Welcome to our New 2015 Chamber Investors:

Brad Wooten Auto Body
First Bank, Bismarck, MO
Ironton License Office
Jim Scaggs
Iron County Commissioner
ICEP - Iron County Economic Partnership
Wampler Monuments
(formerly Excelsior Granite)

CONGRATULATIONS to the Award Winners at the Arcadia Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards Banquet held on January 24, 2015.



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD: Arcadia Academy
(sponsored by The Mountain Echo)

110% AWARD: John Minks
(sponsored by KREI/KTJJ)

TEEN OF THE YEAR AWARD: Michael A. Shy
(sponsored by Froggy 96)

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Tim Sappington
(sponsored by the Arcadia Valley Chamber of Commerce)

2015 CHAMBER OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OFFICERS:

Karen Seifert
President

Brian Parker
President Elect

Gail Woods
Secretary

Carol Kelsheimer
Treasurer

Karl Snider
Ex-Officio

BOARD:

Debbie Hamby
Tim Sappington
Allison Bryson
Hershel Shipman
Tom Merello
Rebekah Middleton
Darwin Rouse
Karen Sherrill

Jim Hisserich
Tom Hamilton
Board Members
Emeritus
Debbie Reynolds
Administrative Asst.

Arcadia Valley Chamber of Commerce 2015 Committee Opportunities

Christmas Parade & Events – Chair, Debbie Reynolds – avchamber@centurytel.net *Committee meetings TBD*

Provide leadership for putting on a Christmas Parade and other area activities to promote shopping locally.

Tourism – Chair, Tim Sappington – tim@fortdavidson.com

Committee meets 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am, 3rd Floor Conference Room of The Baptist Home
Their Mission is to promote the area as a unique tourism destination.

Sub-Committee – Mountain Music Festivals – Chair, Tom Merello – tommerello@hotmail.com

Currently providing leadership and coordination of Spring & Fall Mountain Music Festivals and Pickin' on the Square.

Fireworks & July 4th Festivities – Co-Chairs, Karen Seifert – karen.avchamber@yahoo.com & Hershel Shipman – hershel.shipman@gmail.com

Committee meeting Tuesday at 10:00 am, Ozarks Federal Conference Room (frequency TBD @ Feb. 24th meeting)

Provide leadership for raising the funds, organizing and putting on the July 4th celebration of Independence with fireworks and all related festivities.

Battle of Pilot Knob Reenactment – Co-Chair, Tim Sappington – tim@fortdavidson.com

Committee will begin meeting closer to next Reenactment date. Committee Co-Chair TBD

Provide leadership for raising the funds, planning and coordinating with Friends of Fort Davidson, and DNR for the Battle of Pilot Knob anniversary reenactments.

Annual Chamber Banquet – Co-Chair, Karen Seifert – karen.avchamber@yahoo.com

Committee Co-Chair & meetings TBD

Provide leadership in planning, organizing and executing annual awards banquet.

Bike Trail Committee – Chair, Darwin Rouse – OylerKatherine@hotmail.com

Committee meetings TBD

Provide leadership for Bike Trail Development and Implementation

Cell Phone Access – Co-Chairs, Brian Parker - office@bparkerlawoffices.com & Tom Merello – tommerello@hotmail.com

Committee meetings TBD

Provide leadership in establishing broader and better cell phone coverage for the Valley.

Community Spring Beautification Day/Weekend – Chair, Hershel Shipman - hershel.shipman@gmail.com

Committee meetings TBD

Provide leadership in coordinating the clean-up of the Arcadia Valley.

The above committees will be meeting on a regular schedule and meeting dates will be announced.

Participation is greatly encouraged and will be appreciated very much. Please join us!

JUST A REMINDER . . . A BREAKFAST MEETING

Join your fellow chamber members for breakfast on Wednesday, April 22nd from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at the Arcadia Valley Country Club. This will be the April General Membership meeting.



HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



2014 ARCADIA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INVESTORS

BUSINESSES

21 Car Wash
21 Express
A.V. United Methodist Church
ADKOl (A Different Kind of Image)
Amanda Shipman Insurance Agency
Ameren Missouri
American Family Insurance
Arcadia Academy
Arcadia Sporting Goods
Arcadia Valley Alumni Assoc.
Arcadia Valley Arts
Arcadia Valley Assembly of God
Arcadia Valley Cabins
Arcadia Valley Country Club
Arcadia Valley Elks Lodge #2330
Arcadia Valley Family Clinic
Arcadia Valley Kiwanis Club
Arcadia Valley Lions Club
Arcadia Valley Medical Center
Arcadia Valley R-11 Schools
Arcadia Valley Soap Co.
Arcadia Valley Stables
Attic Treasures
Auto Tire & Parts-NAPA
Aztecas Mexican Restaurant & Bar
Baylee Jo's Barbeque, L.L.C.
Bearcat Getaway Campground
Ben's Piano Studio
Bert's Corner Antiques & Gifts
Beyond Bling
Big Creek RV Park LLC
Black River Electric Coop.
Bryson Funeral Home
Buckley Accounting & Financial
Camp Penuel, Inc.
Capital Quarries
Casey's General Store
CenturyLink, Inc.
City of Arcadia
City of Ironton
City of Pilot Knob
Clark's RX
Cole Family Funeral Home
Congressman Jason Smith
Countryside Apartments
D & M Self Storage

Darrin Strange Auto Network, Inc.
Daylilies of the Valley
Diamonds & More Jewelers
Dockins Radio-TV Group
DragonFly-In Bed & Breakfast
Elders Construction Co., Inc.
First Baptist Church of Ironton
First State Community Bank
First State Insurance Agency
Fisher Furniture
Fort Davidson Motel
Generation's Home Health
Grant's Inn
Great Southern Bank
Green Thumb Plants
Hair Designs
High Valley Angus Ranch
Iron County Abstract Company
Iron County Circuit Clerk
Iron County Clerk
Iron County Collector
Iron County Commissioner, Southern
Iron County Farm Bureau
Iron County Health Center
Iron County Medical Center
Iron County People First-OVCS
Iron County Public Administrator
Iron County Recorder
Iron County Sheriff
Ironton Estates
Ironton Save-a-Lot
Jeff's Canoe Rentals, Inc.
Jostens
Kalynd Medley Photography
Koinania Cottages, LLC
KREI-KTJJ Radio Station
Laclede Gas Company
Law Offices of Brian Parker
Meadow Heights Church
Meadowbrook Residential Care
Mers Goodwill
Mineral Area College
Mona Hughes Whited, LLC
Nostalgic Place Bed & Breakfast
Ozark Regional Library
Ozarks Federal Savings & Loan Assn.

Parkland Health Mart Pharmacy
Plain & Fancy Bed & Breakfast
Politte Ready-Mix, LLC
Precision Equipment
Reed & Reed Lumber Co. Inc.
Ruble's Meat Market
Salvation Army of Iron County
SE Economic Development Agency
Seifert Building & Remodeling
SEMO Behavioral Health
SEMO Family Violence Council
Serenity HospiceCare
Shady Lane Cabins & Motel
Shepherd Mountain Inn
Show Me Shaved Ice
Spitzmiller Realty
Ste. Marie du Lac Catholic Church
Stephens Insurance Agency, Inc.
Steve Schulte, CPA
Steve's Gas & Liquor
Subway of Arcadia Valley
Sun Loan Company
Taum Sauk Traders
The Baptist Home
The Feed Store
The Franklin House
The Meadows
The Mountain Echo
Triedertech LLC
True Care Home Health Equipment
Valley Chiropractic Center
Walgreens #15820
Wood Notes

INDIVIDUALS

Joan Acquisto
Pat Boedefeld
Wilma Cofer
Jim & Toni Erpenbach
Jim Hisserich
Ron Hopkins
Carol Kelsheimr
L. Charles McHenry
Don Moses
Dorothy Owens
Judy Schaaf-Wheeler
Bill & Carolyn Sheehy
Ken & Sue Wooten

New members joining the AV Chamber of Commerce in 2014 are depicted in "red". We thank each and every member for your investment in our community.

Membership renewal statements were mailed in January and the 2015 membership investor fee is due at this time. If you have not received your renewal statement, please let us know. Please take a look at your statement to verify that the information listed is correct. Also, please check your information on the Chamber's website, www.arcadiavalley.biz and let us know if there are any changes that need to be made.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 25	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
February 28	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - Arcadia Academy
March 6	Piano Wars - Championship Round - Arcadia Academy
March 25	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
April 3	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - Arcadia Academy
April 22	AV Chamber Breakfast Meeting
April 25	Emergency Preparedness Fair
May 16	Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - Arcadia Academy
May 15-17	AV Spring Mountain Music Festival
May 16	AV Sports Complex Run/Walk
May 27	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
June 12 & 13	AV BBQ Cook-Off Battle
June 24	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
July 4	Annual Fireworks Display, Festival and Car Show
July 22	AV Chamber Dinner/Cook-Out at DragonFly-In
August 26	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
September 5	The Baptist Home Auction & Homecoming
September 23	AV Chamber Luncheon Meeting
September 25	The Baptist Home Charity Golf Tournament
October 16-18	AV Fall Mountain Music Festival
October 17	AVHS Fall Festival & Parade
October 28	AV Chamber Breakfast Meeting

SPECIAL NOTE:

If you are interested in promoting your business in the newsletter or if you have any items of interest, please contact

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