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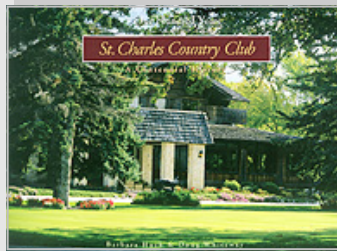
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THE 88TH ANNUAL CHARLEMAGNE AWARDS DINNER



The 88th Annual Charlemagne Awards

dinner will be held this year on February 5, 2010 beginning at six o'clock in the evening at the St. Charles Country Club in St. Charles.

Join us for the presentation of our 2009 awards...The Civic Image, Community Image, Community Development and the prestigious Charlemagne Award. The 2009 L.E.A.P. Award, Small Business of the Year, and Chairman's Award will also be announced.

Invitations will be sent out early in January. Information regarding price, main course and seating arrangements will be included in the invitation.

Last year's winners of the awards included:

Tory and Don Haines
Charlemagne Award

Diane Lauterer
Chairman's Award Winner

*The St. Charles
Country Club
1250 Country Club Road
St. Charles*

*February 5, 2010
6:00 pm*

Betsy Penny
L.E.A.P. Award

Martopia, Inc.
Tammy and Julio Hernandez
**Small Business of the Year
Award**

We look forward to this year's Dinner and the discovery of the 2009 Award winners! Look for your invitation in the mail starting the beginning of January, 2010. Reservation deadline will be January 22.

We look forward to a prosperous and eventful 2010! For all of this year's upcoming events, please go to the St. Charles Chamber website at www.stcharleschamber.com.

"One Stop, One City, Countless Opportunities!"

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January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 Office Closed
4	5	6 3 pm WBC Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	7	8
11 3:30 pm Legislative Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	12 3 pm BJA Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	13 8 - 9:30 am Business in Action Committee "Maximize Your Chamber-ship" Breakfast Prairie Landing Golf Club 2325 Longest Dr., West Chicago	14 8:30 am Membership Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	15
18	19 8- 10 am Legislative Committee Slate Legislative Breakfast Hilton Garden Inn 4070 E. Main St., STC	20 9 am Board Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	21 4:30 - 6 pm After Hours Claddagh Irish Pub 1702 Commons Dr., Geneva	22
25	26	27	28 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Women's Business Council "Conquering the Procrastination Plague" Luncheon Dunham Woods 33W333 Army Trail Rd., Wayne	29
				2010

Red – Event

Blue – New Addition

Black – Committee Meeting

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February

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
1	2	3	4	5
		3 pm WBC Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom		6 pm Charlemagne Awards Dinner St. Charles Country Club 1250 Country Club Rd., STC
8	9	10	11	12
3:30 pm Legislative Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	3 pm BLA Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom		8:30 am Membership Comm. Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	
15	16	17	18	19
		8:30 am Board Mtg. Chamber Boardroom	9 – 11 am Networking Extravaganza Chamber Boardroom	
22	23	24	25	26
			4:30 – 6:00 pm After Hours Delnor Hospital 296 Randall Rd., Geneva	
			11:30 am – 1:30 pm Women's Business Council "Everything I Know as a CEO I Learned as a Waitress" Luncheon Royal Fox Country Club 4405 Royal & Ancient Dr., STC	

2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MESSAGE

On Monday, October 19, at the City of St. Charles' City Council Meeting at 7 pm, the Corridor Improvement Commission (CIC) presented the Curbie Award to three businesses that have worked to maintain attractive landscaping and enhance the aesthetic appeal to preserve the charm and character of St. Charles as a captivating community.

The City of St. Charles would like to congratulate the following recipients of this year's Curbie Award:

Jim Webb Sr. & Sue Webb
Royal Builders and Royal Real Estate

Lee & Jane Norris
Norris Funeral Home

John Marshall
Cedar Crossing Offices

For the complete article on the event, go to the City of St. Charles' website at:
<http://stcharlesil.gov/news/program/view.asp?ID=154>

City of St. Charles.....www.stcharlesil.gov
Building First Street.....www.1ststreetstc.org
St. Charles Community Website.....www.st-charles.il.us

City Office Hours: M-F, 8 am - 4:30 pm

By Rosemary Canfield

Happy New Year! I hope you are all as excited as I am for 2010! Bringing in a new year is always filled with anticipation and hope that 2010 is loaded with great opportunities for our community and business owners.

As a business owner myself, I understand the challenges we all face. We have to place trust in the grassroots endeavors of organizations like the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, and work together to find ways to cultivate the talents and skills of our membership in order to further grow the organization and benefit our business community.

*I am excited to be working with a great Board of Directors in 2010...We hope to see you get involved! The success of the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce lies within the many member volunteers and sponsors who provide continued support for our committees, events, businesses and St. Charles Chamber staff. In reflecting over the past years accomplishments by the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce, I found a common theme—**TEAM WORK**. Despite the changes in economy, The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce has grown to over 750+ members which represent a multitude of industries, business practices, services and support networks for our members. It is with these Talented individuals who provide Enthusiasm and Attentiveness to our Membership. I ask each to reflect on your goals for 2010. How are you going to bring your **TEAM** to the St. Charles Chamber?*

The St. Charles Chamber of Commerce offers several committees and event opportunities that you can get involved. The Women's Business Counsel, Business In Action, Legislative Committee and the LEADS Groups to list a few. The success of the St. Charles Chamber and each committee is counting on YOU to make a difference. Each committee has worked very hard in 2009 and the Chairs, Vice Chairs and members of each should be congratulated on these successes.

*Still not sure if you have time or talent for a committee? Well that's ok! The St. Charles of Commerce has something for everyone, so please consider sharing your talents in an event. Remember, it is **TEAM WORK** and as many before me have stated and I totally agree—"You get out of it, what you put into it". What do you want out of your membership with the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce? Get involved and you will see the benefit both professionally and personally.*

There is no time like the present to get involved and share the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce success and experience. Whether you are a new member or veteran, the time you contribute and the people you meet are priceless.

I look forward to working with each of you in 2010!

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Palatine, IL 60067
Phone: (630) 618-0572
Fax: (888) 283-1521
www.fdis-mws.com

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BEAUTY SALONS & DAY SPAS

Le Belle Donne Salon & Day Spa

Enkelejda Neritani
505 W. Main St.
St. Charles, IL 60174
Phone: (630) 513-5673

*Thank you to Linda Stuart for referring
Le Belle Donne Salon & Day Spa!*

Welcome!
Welcome!



Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet?

*How about cleaning up your information
on the
St. Charles Chamber Website???*

- Login to the **Member Login** on the Chamber Website! The Main Contact at your Business will have your login information. If they don't have it, have them call the Chamber and we can give it to them.
- **USER MANUAL:** It's on the left hand side column, near the bottom. Everything you've ever wanted to know about changing and adding information on your Chamber Website listing!
- **MEMBER INFO:** The module allows you to view, edit and add information that the Chamber staff use when working with your account.
- **WEBPAGE INFO:** This module is where you view, edit and add your Business Information that you want CONSUMERS to see when they view your Business Directory listing on the Chamber Website. You can also generate reports to see how many people viewed your listing and linked to your Business Website...."how to" is in the *User Manual!*
- **ADVERTISING:** This module contains selections that allow you to increase visibility by advertising specials with **HOT DEALS**, posting employment needs with **JOB POSTINGS**, and posting an event of your choosing through **EVENTS**. Once submitted, the Chamber staff approves the entry, and it's added to the **Events Calendar** on the Chamber Website.
- **MEMBER LIST:** This listing area has Member Labels and Lists that are updated monthly. This is where you will download contact information about your fellow members.

**So don't delay! Make the most of your Business Listing on the Chamber Website for the New Year!
Start Fresh in 2010!!**

BUSINESS IN ACTION COMMITTEE

“MAXIMIZE YOUR CHAMBER-SHIP”



Presented by: *Lori Hewitt*

Wednesday - January 13
8 - 9:30 am
Prairie Landing Golf Club
2325 Longest Drive
West Chicago
Members Only Cost \$20

Menu:

*Scrambled eggs, bacon and sausage,
assorted danishes, juice and coffee*

For Reservations: Email Debbie Treutler at
dtreutler@stcharleschamber.com
or call the Chamber at (630) 584-8384
Reservation Deadline: Thursday, January 7

Join us for this fun and informative session on how to better utilize your Chamber Membership!

Learn how to post your own FREE Hot Deals, Events, and Job Postings.

You will also be shown how to view your own business page in the Chamber Database.

- Update your employees' information
- Change your keywords for your website search engine
- Update your hours of business
- Update your website business description
- And so much more!

There will be plenty of great information and many raffle prizes

So start the year off right and learn how to

Maximize your Chamber-ship!

Please note: You must have a reservation - we cannot accept walk-ins! If you have a reservation and are unable to attend, you will be billed for your breakfast.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

“STATE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST”



Tuesday - January 19, 2010
8 - 10:30 am
Hilton Garden Inn
4070 E. Main Street
St. Charles
Cost: \$20

Representatives Harry R. Ramey, Jr. and Timothy L. Schmitz and Senators Chris Lauzen and John J. Millner will be discussing items of interest and the interaction between their individual Districts.

This is a Member Only event!
Reservations are required by Wednesday, January 13
You must have a reservation, as walk-ins cannot be accepted

Menu:

*Scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese,
hickory smoked bacon, breakfast potatoes,
breakfast pastries, chilled fruit juices and coffee*

You can easily make a reservation by emailing Debbie Treutler at dtreutler@stcharleschamber.com or by calling the Chamber at (630) 584-8384. If you have a reservation, and are unable to attend the event, please call before the January 13 deadline, or you will be billed for your breakfast.

AFTER HOURS CLADDAGH IRISH PUB



Thursday
January 21
4:30 - 6 pm

Claddagh Irish Pub
1702 Commons Drive
Geneva

Come join us for the first After-Hours of the New Year at Claddagh Irish Pub! Our goal is to re-create the rich traditions of the great pubs of Ireland here in America. We present an authentic “pub house” experience to our guests based on the “craic” of Ireland – a fun, friendly and exuberant atmosphere. We take great pride in providing our guests with excellent quality products and service. It is our ambition to create an exceptional experience every time you visit!

Try our NEW Menu and Daily Appetizer, Food & Drink Specials!

WOMEN’S BUSINESS COUNCIL “CONQUERING THE PROCRASTINATION PLAGUE”



“Conquering the Procrastination Plague”

Presented by: Lori Radun

- MEMBERS ONLY -

Thursday - January 28, 2010

11:15 am - 1:30 pm

Cost is \$25 - Paid in Advance

**Dunham Woods Riding Club
33W333 Army Trail Road - Wayne**

Raffle Contribution? Contact Lydia Smith at (630) 377-4178

**Menu: House salad with balsamic dressing, bread and butter, stuffed ballotine of chicken with cranberries, green beans, mashed potatoes, and vanilla bean cheesecake with raspberry sauce for dessert*

**A vegetarian meal is always available, but you must order at time of registration.*

Procrastination, although common and natural at times, can interfere with our personal and professional success. Lori Radun will discuss the six main reasons why we procrastinate, in addition to helping you understand some of the deeper issues at play in our lives. Engage in fun and revealing exercises, and learn concrete strategies for overcoming this self-sabotaging behavior.

This is a great topic to kick start a successful new year!

To make a Reservation, email Debbie Treutler at dtreutler@stcharleschamber.com or Call the Chamber at (630) 584-8384
Reservation deadline is Friday, January 22, 2010 - You must have a Reservation - No walk-ins will be accepted!

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH



ST. CHARLES ANNOUNCES FIVE NEW BUSINESSES COMING TO FIRST STREET DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Prasino is a restaurant emphasizing organic food that serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. In addition to healthy dining, Prasino will feature a juice bar allowing patrons to get a quick beverage. Website: www.eatgreenlivewell.com.

Wok 'n Fire is an Asian restaurant, serving an extensive menu inspired by cuisine from Japan, Thailand, Korea, Malaysia, and Vietnam. Website: www.woknfire.com or Phone: (630) 444-3580.

An **Aveda Salon** will be opening its doors on First Street, providing a wide array of Aveda hair care products in addition to hair styling services. Website: www.aveda.com.

Boudoir is an upscale, French-themed nail salon and day spa unique to First Street.

Brix Wine and Cheese will be re-locating from downstate Quincy to be exclusively within First Street. In addition to fine wines and cheeses, Brix also offers gourmet chocolates. Website: www.brixwineandcheese.net.

These businesses will all be located within the already-constructed Plaza Building located at the northwest corner of First Street and Illinois Avenue in downtown St. Charles.

Retailers interested in locating within the First Street Redevelopment should contact Summers Commercial Realty at (630) 232-7555. Businesses interested in locating elsewhere within St. Charles should contact the City's Economic Development Department at (630) 443-4093.