

GOOD NEWS and announcements about our Members...

FEBRUARY

Big Rock Chophouse will feature a palette-pleasing beer dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. on the Stone Terrace. The restaurant's popular brews will be featured during the four-course dinner. Tickets are \$75 per person. For a complete dinner menu or for reservations please visit www.bigrockchophouse.com or call (248) 647-7774.

This February, **Oakland Athletic Club** is running a "Healthy Heart Special." Start now and save for only \$59 a month! Call Terry today to sign up with a friend (248) 540-9596. It's a new year and a new YOU!

Weir Manuel will be presenting "Everything You Need to Know About Property Taxes". The seminars, conducted by Kelly Sweeney, owner and CEO of Weir Manuel. Seminars will be held the evenings on; February 23 at the Rochester Community House; February 24 in Birmingham and February 25 in West Bloomfield. Refreshments will be served. Attendees who pre-register will be given a personal property tax profile. Reserve a complimentary seat at (248) 644-6300.

State Senator John Pappageorge invites homeowners to "Property Tax Town Hall Forums." A panel of experts will be available to answer questions and provide expert information on why your property tax bill rises while your property value falls and what you need to know to appeal your property taxes - including step-by-step instructions. The events take place on Monday, February 23rd and Tuesday, February 24th and are open to the public. Complete details can be accessed at www.SenatorJohnPappageorge.com or by contacting 1-877-SEN-13TH (736-1384).

Join **The Community House** as they highlight Glenda Price, President Emeritus of Marygrove College, as part of the Influential Women Speaker Series. The event will take place on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. The cost to attend is \$15, which includes breakfast. To register or for more information call (248) 644-5832.

BABS – A full service hair salon and spa on 1077 South Worth Avenue Birmingham is offering \$15 off any new service of your choice! Also entitles you to 50% off any body waxing service. Offer expires 2/28/09. Call (248) 593-6993

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with the Birmingham Racquet Club will be hosting a Tennis Party to benefit the BBSO on Saturday, February 28th from 7 - 10 p.m. Tennis players of any age are welcome to attend. A pro from the club will form doubles teams and light refreshments will be served. For tickets call the BBSO office at (248) 645-2276 or visit their Web site at www.BBSO.org.

Bothered by bitter, burnt coffee? Overwhelmed by overpriced lunch options? Then you need to visit **Java Hutt Café** for our month-long Lucky 13 promotion. Thirteen lunch options all priced at \$4.95 each. Visit the Java Hutt Café in Birmingham through Friday, March 13th and enjoy our selection of sandwiches, salads and soups. Or create your own soup/salad or salad/sandwich combination for the same low price of \$4.95. Located at 207 S. Old Woodward, call (248) 593-1027 for more information.

Friday, February 27, 2009 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. Come and enjoy the Dick Purtan show! Live all day at Oakland Mall as 104.3 WOMC teams up with The Salvation Army to raise money for The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread Club.

MARCH

Business owners and entrepreneurs who need assistance are invited to attend seminars in March, 2009 offered by the **Oakland County Business Center**. Business Basics workshops are now offered in the evenings on alternating months. The workshops will cover topic such as How to Write a Business Plan, How to Increase Sales & Grow Your Business and How to Start a Business. Visit www.oakgov.com/peds/calendar for more information.

The Birmingham Conference Center is celebrating their 10 Year Anniversary! A ribbon cutting will take place on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 8 - 10 a.m. Enjoy complimentary continental breakfast and mix and mingle with school board officials. Visit www.trainhere.com for more information about the Birmingham Conference Center.

Recycled Post it Note pads with your Full Color Logo are a great Eco-friendly promotional item to hand out or include in mailing pieces. Keep your name in front of your prospects and customers! **Present Image** is offering 35% off to Chamber Members through March 31st. No charge for artwork or set up! Call Amy (248) 320- 6084 or Roberta (248) 770-7597 info@present-image.com.

OTHER NEWS & OFFERS

Congratulations to **SOZO I Pivotal** on the launch of XSP&. XSP& offers three hours of intense company soul-searching and one-on-one brand consulting. Help your company grow...or expand. Click on www.sozopivotal.com or call (248) 543-6696 for more information.

The Pink Rose Inspirational Foundation, Inc. is happy to announce the partnership with Restaurant.com to present DINING CARDS! For a list of the restaurants that are a part of this amazing deal, check out www.restaurant.com for a complete list in your area. Make sure and contact Nick at pinkroseinspiration@gmail.com or (248) 404-7221 to get your certificate today. Pink Rose Inspirational Foundation receives 40% of the proceeds.

Archaeologist and University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Lecturer Kristian L.R. Pedersen will present a lecture on the history of the Vikings. This lecture is an opportunity to hear from a noted international archaeologist currently working on Viking Age sites in the British Isles. Pedersen's **Cranbrook Institute of Science** lecture will be his only lecture in the United States this year! Tickets are \$8 for Members and \$10 for Non-Members. Please call (248) 645-3210 or visit <http://science.cranbrook.edu> to register.

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Michigan's turbulent economic climate has *not* had a negative effect on **Core3 Solutions**. This Birmingham-based company continues to grow as one of Southeastern Michigan's premier IT providers for small and medium businesses with continued revenue growth and profitability for the past eleven years. Visit www.core3solutions.com to learn more!

The Junior League of Birmingham, Michigan, Inc. invites girls and their friends and family to the *American Girl Fashion Show*® on Friday, March 13 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 14 at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. at the Townsend Hotel. Premium tables are available for \$450, or \$45 per person. For tickets and more information, please call (248) 203-9841 or visit <http://www.jlweb.org/birmingham>.

Looking for a local sponsorship opportunity? Support the 28th Fine Art Festival in downtown Birmingham, Shain Park on Mother's Day weekend, please contact (248) 644-0866 ext 125 or sarahjacobs@bbartcenter.org. All proceeds go towards community & educational programming at the **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center**.

Your Chamber membership includes FREE enrollment in the **Office Depot** Discount Program. Signing up is easy! [Click here](#) for more info. Discounts at Office Depot: Web and in-store discounts, free next-day shipping (orders over \$50), no contract or extra fees, copy and printing services, tech depot supplies, promotional products and environmentally friendly products.

Avalon Salon and Spa is offering February Specials for first time clients, \$10 off haircut service or \$20 off cut and color service. Call to book your appointment today! (248) 258-4966 Avalon is located at 34657 Woodward Ave, Birmingham. Photographer Glenn Corcoran of

Cole Street Studio - As a way to thank service men and women for their commitment to the country, any active duty military personnel, National Guard, and those recently honorably discharged, can go in and have their photograph taken and receive an absolutely free 8x10 portrait of them in uniform. Family and friends can be in the portrait as well. Call Cole Street Studio located at 2135 Cole Street, Birmingham, MI 48009 at (248) 723-4808.

Caruso Caruso is offering the Great American Jean Swap through the end of the month. Bring is a gently worn pair of designer jeans, and receive a 20% discount on a new pair. All jeans collected will be donated to Oakland County Children's Village in Pontiac. Caruso Caruso is located at 166 W. Maple Rd. (248) 645-5151.

WA3 - Woodward Avenue Action Association's 2009 annual meeting and awards program, "Woodward...Simply the Best" will recognize individuals, businesses and organizations who have made significant contributions to the Woodward Corridor. Nominations are open to the public. To nominate a business, organization or person call (248) 288-2004.

Grand Openings and Ribbon Cuttings

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Ageless Remedies

From Right:

Danielle Wright, lead medical aesthetician, Ageless Remedies; Elena Martinovici, medical aesthetician, Ageless Remedies; Al Ayoub, co-owner, Ageless Remedies; Wendy Ayoub, co-owner, Ageless Remedies; Stuart Sherman, mayor, City of Birmingham; John Heiney, director, Birmingham Principal Shopping District; Andrea Foglietta, event and marketing manager, Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber



Kirk's Bar-B-Que

Front Right:

Scott Moore, commissioner, City of Birmingham; Rackeline Hoff, commissioner, City of Birmingham; Stuart Sherman, mayor, City of Birmingham; Steven Conyers, owner, Kirk's Bar-B-Que, Krista Conyers; owner, Kirk's Bar-B-Que; Ruth Clevers, Weir Manuel Realtors

Second row:

Carrie Zarotney, president, Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber; George Dilgard, commissioner, City of Birmingham; Jon Greenawalt, PMP Inc.



EmbroidMe

Front right:

Alicia Green, Aqua Advantage; Linda Hatfield, Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union; Craig Backus, owner, EmbroidMe; Gail Backus, owner, EmbroidMe; Jeffrey Dannewitz, client account specialist, EmbroidMe; Kate Keller, graphic designer, EmbroidMe; Stuart Sherman, mayor, City of Birmingham; Danielle Workman, membership manager, Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber; Jason Ribits, Birmingham Bloomfield Lifestyle



Clark Hill PLC

Front right: Stuart Sherman, Birmingham mayor pro-tem; Don Carney, Birmingham mayor; Dan Minkus, managing member Clark Hill PLC; Ada Kerwin, member Clark Hill PLC
 Second row right: Rackeline Hoff, Birmingham commissioner; John Ppageorge, state senator; Chuck Moss, state representative; Mahesh Nayak, member Clark Hill PLC; Dana Abrahams, member Clark Hill PLC; Carrie Zarotney, president, Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber are joined by the Birmingham staff of Clark Hill PLC

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