

GOOD NEWS and announcements about our Members...

JANUARY

Registration is underway for winter classes at the **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center**. Classes are geared to all ages and experience levels and start as early as preschool. Classes start January 5 but one can still register for classes throughout the first week of classes ending January 9. Walk in registration is welcome. To register please phone (248) 644-0866 or www.BBArtCenter.org.

Biznet Internet Solutions is hosting a Social Media Training Event on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at Automation Alley from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Complimentary event, to register log on to www.biznetis.net.

Join **Snap Fitness Birmingham** on Tuesday, January 13 at 4 p.m. to celebrate: “Looking Fine in 2009” & Snap’s Six Month Anniversary. Joining Snap Fitness Birmingham is a great way to develop a regular exercise routine and a big step towards adopting a health conscious lifestyle. Snap Fitness is an energetic uplifting environment that's open 24/7. Snap Fitness - Birmingham 108 Willits, Birmingham (888) 388-5225.

OTHER NEWS & OFFERS

OPTIK Birmingham donated more than 300 pairs of never-worn kids’ and adult frames to communities in need. OPTIK Birmingham worked with Eatonia Williams of West Bloomfield to fulfill her vision and help people in need obtain eyeglasses. To donate or receive eyeglasses, contact Eatonia Williams at (313) 622-0282. OPTIK Birmingham is located 245 W. Maple Rd. Birmingham (248) 646-6699.

Dominick Tringali Architects is pleased to announce their partnership with DOW Chemical Company at the 2009 International Builders Show in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dominick Tringali, president and CEO of Dominick Tringali Architects will present at the DOW Theater three times during the week of the Builders Show on the topic of Mainstream Green Home Design. For more information visit www.BuildersShow.com.

Heartwear Designs of Birmingham has been featured in the December issue of Instore magazine. Instore is a national trade magazine for the jewelry industry and is designed to help jewelry retails improve their stores and businesses. Heartwear Designs is at 235 S. Old Woodward, is described in the magazine as clean, classic and contemporary.

220 & Edison’s launched a new Web site. Check out www.220restaurant.com and reserve your next business luncheon, family gathering or night on the town. Reservations (248) 645-2150 Parking: Pierce Street structure ~ 1st 2 hours are free.

The **International Academy** operated by the Bloomfield Hills Schools received great grades from *U.S. News & World Report* magazine. The school rated No. 6 on its just-released list of the best high schools in America. In 2003, *Newsweek* magazine rated it the best high school in America.

Australia 2000 Travel is banking on the new movie “Australia” to spark interest in travel to the Land Down Under. Australia 2000 Travel at 139 W Maple specializes in customizing luxury itineraries for the discerning traveler wishing to meet the locals while exploring charismatic Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti, Vietnam. Call (248) 647-4530 or visit www.australia2000travel.com.

Changing Places Moving & Storage in Waterford, hosted an event in the company’s warehouse to benefit Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County. Changing Places Moving plans to make this Habitat fundraiser an annual event at their warehouse as a fun and meaningful way to begin the holiday season each year. For more information visit www.changingplacesmovers.com.

Kid Equip will collect donations through February 2009 and will distribute them to local children through the winter season. Kid Equip is seeking pencils, crayons, rulers and notebooks. Chamber drop off locations include **Lisa’s Gift Wrappers, Allegra Print & Imaging, BIGGBY Coffee and PAETEC**.

Clavenna Vision Institute is giving the Gift of Sight! During this financial crisis, Clavenna Vision Institute wants to make sure that eye health is not neglected. All U.S. citizens or legal residents, age 65 and over, who have not seen an ophthalmologist in three or more years, may be eligible for the referral for a no cost eye exam and treatment by calling EyeCare America Seniors EyeCare Program toll-free helpline, 1-800-222-EYES (3937). Call Clavenna Vision Institute at (248) 646-3733.

Open a Business checking account with **mBank** and receive a \$50.00 gift certificate or open a Personal checking account and receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to your choice of one of the following downtown Birmingham businesses: Margot's Euro Spa, The Varsity Shop, 220 & Edison’s and Root and Sprout. Please contact Kim Robinson at (248) 290-5904 or krobinson@bankmbank.com for details.

Weir Manuel Realtors has achieved the coveted status of “MD Preferred Real Estate Provider” and the privilege of displaying the MD Preferred Services Medallion. This distinction, awarded to fewer than 100 Realtors nationally by US Medical Specialties, a national healthcare consulting firm, recognizes Weir Manuel Realtor’s experience and commitment to serving the unique needs and demands of today’s busy physician, officials said. Visit www.weirmanuel.com.

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