

GOOD NEWS and announcements about our Members...

JULY

Big Rock Chophouse will host a special wine tasting event featuring Chakana Winery from Mendoza, Argentina. The event is Wednesday, July 23, 2008 from 7 – 9 p.m. Event is \$50 per guest and includes hors' d'oeuvres tax, gratuity and valet parking. Reservations are required. Please contact Jessica Schwebs at (248) 647-7774 or e-mail jschwebs@bigrockchophouse.com.

AAA Member Appreciation Day, Friday, July 25, 2008 at 34802 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Celebration includes refreshments, Disney Booths and safety display. Also, Disney Cruise Line Deluxe 3-Night Cruise, September 24 – 27, 2008 from \$389 per person. For details and reservation information, contact (248) 433-8200.

You're invited to Celebrate the **6th Anniversary of The Corner Bar**. Friday, July 25, 2008 at 9 p.m. Call (248) 647-2958 for details. The Corner Bar is located at 100 Townsend Street, Birmingham.

July wine dinner at **Big Rock Chophouse** will feature Darioush Winery from Napa, California on Thursday, July 31, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. with an hors d'oeuvres reception. Event is \$150 per guest and includes tax, gratuity and valet parking. Please contact Jessica Schwebs at (248) 647-7774 or via e-mail at jschwebs@bigrockchophouse.com.

AUGUST

Detroit Small Business Regional Forum Wednesday, August 6, 2008 at Crain's Detroit Business Conference Room 5A, 1155 Gratiot Ave., Detroit 48207. Join Michigan's Small Business Advocate Chris Holman and share your ideas for improving the business climate for Michigan's entrepreneurs. Discuss challenges, opportunities and resources needed all while networking with other business owners. RSVP to Joanne Tyes Briseno at (517) 243-9609.

OPTIK Birmingham – Purchase your officially licensed 2008 Woodward Dream Cruise sunglasses at OPTIK Birmingham, 245 W. Maple, Birmingham. Sunglasses are printed with the Dream Cruise logo and are available in a variety of colors for children and adults. \$12 each or two for \$20. Save the date, the Woodward Dream Cruise is August 16, 2008. Call (248) 646-6699 or www.optikbirmingham.com.



Get a Quote for a Cause. Stop by **Nationwide Insurance/The Reich Agency** now thru August 31, 2008 and Nationwide will donate \$10 for each quote to the fight against cancer. Make a difference today! Call Betsy Reich at (248) 874-1100.

OTHER NEWS & OFFERS

Autumn is just around the corner and the kids will be going back to school. If your business has an **Office Depot** account, you can extend the discounts on office and school supplies to your employees at no cost to you. Here's a link to sign up your business. http://www.detroitchamber.com/products/Office_Depot_partners.asp?id=83.

Cruise into **Birmingham Bloomfield Credit Union** and get the same great rate on new or used 2006-2009 model year vehicles. Apply today for a 60 MONTHS – Rates as low as 4.99%. PLUS: You'll receive a \$100 GAS CARD when you close on your BBCU vehicle loan. Promotion ends September 15, 2008. Call (248) 647-5958 for details.

The **Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center** recently announced additions to their Board of Directors, William Tomanek of National City Bank in Bloomfield Hills and Robert Chiaravalli of Strategic Labor & Human Resources, LLC. of West Bloomfield.

Lisa Gleeson of **Lisa's Gift Wrappers** is helping companies and individuals learn to navigate the global economy. Her seminar titled "Navigating International Business Etiquette" provides insightful tips on how to build relationships and business by being cultural savvy. Gleeson has consulted for companies including OnStar and Cadillac. For information, please contact Lisa Gleeson at (248) 547-9094.

A Special Offer for members of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber. Visit **Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go** to buy one sandwich and receive a 2nd at half price! Or, add two side dishes to your single entrée purchase for FREE! Located at 525 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, call (248) 593-0364 or visit www.auntolives.com. Just mention you're a Chamber Member to receive the special offer.

Numerico, P.C., accountants and consultants is making available its award winning E-Newsletter. "I'm going to strongly recommend that our members subscribe" said Danielle Workman, Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber's Membership Manager. "This E-Newsletter provides great advice and addresses issues important to every business owner." The first 25 subscribers will be awarded a \$10 gift card to BIGGBY Coffee. The newsletter can be accessed at www.numerico.com/16.htm.

Etcetera is coming to Birmingham and Bloomfield! Etcetera's exquisite collections are presented by highly trained personal shopping consultants in a private appointment setting. Etcetera is looking for a wardrobe consultant to host quarterly trunk shows. Visit www.etcetera.com or contact Susan Pridmore at (248) 890-6100.

Congratulations to Nancy Weiss, City of Birmingham Clerk, she was awarded **Clerk of the Year!** On behalf of the Chamber, we appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Plan your next meeting, conference or training session at the **Birmingham Conference Center** this summer and receive a 10% discount on a Monday or Friday function date. Call (248) 203-3670 with a time and date, and a Sales Professional will handle the details.

Share your good news! Send us news about promotions, new products, awards, specials, any news you would like to share with fellow Chamber members. Drop a couple of lines (maximum 50 words) to Andrea Foglietta at andrea@bbcc.com.