

GOOD NEWS and announcements about our Members...

MARCH

International Academy students are learning how to dance like the stars! Over 100 students are enrolled in Ballroom and Latin dance classes at the **Fred Astaire Dance Studio**. On Monday, March 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. the students will be performing a routine in the school gymnasium. For more information, contact Jennifer Van Dusen at (248) 341-5941.

The Capital Grill - Grgich Hills Wine Dinner on Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6 p.m. Join Lisa Wilson, Managing Partner John Kelly and Guest Speaker Donn Danielson of Grgich Hills Estate in the Private Board and State Rooms. Make it a memorable evening and invite your top clients and closest friends. Reception followed by a five course dinner. All inclusive, \$195 per person. The Capital Grill - 2800 W. Big Beaver, Troy. Please RSVP to Lisa Wilson directly at (248) 672-5694 or lisa.wilson@tcgdine.com.

Schokolad Chocolate Factory's owner Doug Cale announces the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the gourmet chocolate café on March 13, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. (Ribbon Cutting at 5:15 p.m.). Please join us and be treated to two free truffles. **Schokolad** chocolates are made on-site, free of preservatives with fresh ingredients. **Schokolad Chocolate Factory** is located at 167 N. Old Woodward in Birmingham, just two doors north of Maple (248) 723-8008.

The **I-800-FLOWERS** Retail Store is located at 195 W Maple in downtown Birmingham reminds you that Easter Sunday is early this year...March 23rd! Be sure to order early for the best assortment of fresh and colorful centerpieces and fragrant **Easter Lily plants**. We also have a wide selection of Godiva Chocolate and unique and thoughtful cards and gifts! Call I-800 Flowers Retail Store at (248) 594-4441 to place your order today!

Budget Car and Truck Rental of Birmingham is offering the BBCC Membership a Member Only **10% off** Holiday and Spring Break Rental Package. As a Chamber member, you are entitled to a 10% discount of the total rental package excluding insurance, accessory, underage and additional driver additions to the rental contract. Offer is available until March 31, 2008. Call (248) 540-1217 for details and reservation arrangements. Happy spring travel planning to all the Chamber Members!

Simplify your Life! Let the **Birmingham Conference Center** make your meeting planning simple. Rooms are fully AV and Wi-fi equipped. A full computer lab is also available to meet your tech needs. Continuous food service is included and prepared by our Executive Chef. Plan your next meeting for March or April this year (minimum 10 people) and mention this special promotion to enter into a drawing for a gift certificate redeemable at **The Betty Brigade** (www.bettybrigade.com). The Betty Brigade helps simplify your personal life with concierge services including pet sitting, organizing, errands, event planning, and a host of other personal services. Contact Katrina Haynes at (248) 203-3689 khaynes@trainhere.com or Vicki Stamps at (248) 203-3688 vstamps@trainhere.com and relax – it's taken care of!

Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber members receive a **25% discount** on our facility rental fees when you host your meeting or corporate entertainment event at lovely, historic **Meadow Brook Hall & Gardens** before April 4, 2008. Please call us at (248) 364-6220 or email alneste2@oakland.edu to start planning your next unforgettable success.

Nicole Greer of **Krieger Associates Interiors, LLC** took **2nd place** in the 2008 Detroit Home Design Awards (Detroit Home Magazine) in the Baths 150 square feet or less category. She will be featured in the March 11, 2008 issue of Detroit Home. Visit Krieger Associates Interiors at www.kriegerarchdesign.com.

Oliver's Trendz has extended their **50% off sale** to include rings and hats. Handbags (except new arrivals and evening bags) and necklace sets are also still 50% off. Shop www.oliverstrendz.com or at 138 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham (248) 723-9833.

We Challenge You to Become One of "The Biggest Losers" of Oakland County! 12 Week Program, \$29 Entry Fee (Prizes awarded to the 3 biggest losers), Free Coaching, Nutritional Information & Metabolism Test. New classes forming at 2013 Hazel Street in the Birmingham Rail District. Call **Marla Byrd** to Pre-Register and reserve your contest spot at (248) 723-5490 or mbyrd122802@msn.com.

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar offers a prix fixe PRIME RIB DINNER on Sundays - 12 oz. prime rib served with a trio of sauces. Includes your choice of The Wedge, Fleming's or Caesar salads, one side dish and dessert. All for just \$33.95 Beverages, tax, & gratuity not included. Fleming's is located on 323 N. Old Woodward, Birmingham.

APRIL

The **American Cancer Society** announces the Relay for Life of Birmingham to be held June 28 – June 29, 2008, at Seaholm High School. Information about **Kick Off Meeting** is tentatively set for April 10, 2008. For more information regarding sponsorship, volunteering, or forming a team, please contact Kari DeCarlo at (248) 663-3423 or kari.decarlo@cancer.org.

On April 27, 2008, the **Metropolitan Consolidated Association of REALTORS® and Detroit Media Partnership** present **The Big Open House**, a region-wide open house designed to showcase the area's outstanding homes and neighborhoods. Business leaders are encouraged to participate by teaming with representatives in local municipalities to entice attendees to sample the area's fine restaurants, shops, etc. Visit thebigopenhouse.com and mcaronline.com or call (248) 879-5730 for more information.

OTHER NEWS & OFFERS

Hagopian World of Rugs continues to support the educational community and the cultural arts with the **19th Student Rug Design Competition**. Detroit's College for Creative Studies scholarship winners include; Lauren Moyer - first place and honorable mention, second place - Virginia Peckenpaugh, third place - Anh (Nicole) Phan. Hagopian is located on 850 S. Old Woodward in Birmingham (248) 646-7847.

The “**Jewelers of Birmingham**” announced the 2008 High School Jewelry Scholarship Competition, open to area Junior and Senior high school students. College scholarships will be awarded to the top three entries – judged on design, creativity and craftsmanship. Students from Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day, Groves, Seaholm, Berkley, Andover/Lahser, Southfield Lathrup and Troy High are invited to submit designs between March 17 and April 5, 2008. Applications are available at www.jewelersofbirmingham.com or any participating Birmingham jeweler. For more information call (248) 647-4414.

Lighthouse of Oakland County is seeking 15 committee members to oversee and 20 volunteer staff to run its new Poverty Simulation. The Poverty Simulation is an interactive program that will be open to the public. It’s designed to give a view of the problems financially-challenged people face and to dispel myths of the area poor. Committee members will meet once a month and volunteer staffers are needed to work for three hours once a month following a three-hour training session. For more information, contact Charlotte Jones at (248) 920-6000, ext. 2204, or cjones@lighthouseoakland.org.

The **PRstore** (www.prstore.com) has been ranked among Entrepreneur Magazine’s 500 top franchises for 2008, according to the publication’s January issue. “This recognition underscores the contribution PRstore is making in helping small businesses succeed in the Detroit market and throughout the country,” Linda Davis, owner of the Royal Oak PRstore. The Royal Oak **PRstore** is located at 32823 Woodward Ave., just south of I 4 Mile. Contact Linda Davis at (248) 549-3000 for more information.

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.