



Chamber Chat

Helping The Community, One Business at a Time!

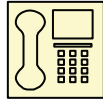
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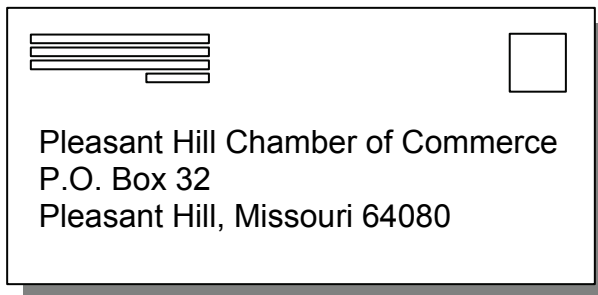
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Need to Contact Us?



Chamber Phone:
816-987-3595



From The Secretary's Desk

- If by chance you have forgotten to renew your membership, please do so as soon as possible.
- Sorry, but this will be the last news letter we are able to send out to non-current members.

Need to renew your membership or become a new member?

See application, page 5

March Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, March 16

Time: Noon

Location: Memorial Building
Downtown Pleasant Hill

Hosted By: Neighbor's Café'

Chamber membership not required to attend, so feel free to invite a guest.

March Business of the Month:

Due to agenda of last months meeting the selection of the March and April business of the Month candidates will appear in the April issue.

Upcoming Events:

Optimist Easter Egg Hunt, March 27

General Municipal Election, April 6

Big Show, April 17

Taste of Pleasant Hill, May 21

Notes:

Need to promote your business? Make sure potential customers know about you through the Welcome Bag which is handed out to new residents. Take items with your business info to any one of our three drop off points: The Pleasant Hill Bank, (north location), R&R Buttons or Music "N" Motion.

If you are interested in showcasing your business, RELAX because the BIG SHOW will be held this spring! Details will be forthcoming.

President's Corner

Thank you to everyone who helped with the February meeting during my absence. We still have several committee openings that we need to fill. Please contact a board member or sign up at the next Chamber meeting. Thank you in advance for your support of the Chamber's activities. If you have any suggestions for things that we need to do, any questions, concerns or comments, please don't hesitate to email me or give me a call at 816-987-2393.

Katie Griffin

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Fun Stuff:

A guy walked into the local welfare office to pick up his check. He marched straight up to the counter and said, 'Hi. You know, I just HATE drawing welfare. I'd really rather have a job.'

The social worker behind the counter said, 'Your timing is excellent. We just got a job opening from a very wealthy old man who wants a chauffeur and bodyguard for his beautiful daughter.

You'll have to drive around in his 2010 Mercedes-Benz CL, and he will supply all of your clothes. Because of the long hours meals will be provided. You'll also be expected to escort the daughter on her overseas holiday trips.

Also, as part of your job assignment, you will have to entertain the 21 year old daughter.

A two-bedroom loft type apartment with plasma TV, stereo, bar, etc. located above the garage will be designated for your sole use and the salary is \$200,000 a year.'

The guy, just plain wide-eyed, said, 'You're kidding me!' The social worker said, 'Yeah, well you started it.'

Pleasant Hill Chamber of Commerce Vision:

“Our vision is to promote our city as a place for thriving business, while helping provide the necessary leadership and information, that leads to a favorable economic environment and improved quality of life for our community!”

Thank you to our Chamber Hosts':

- ✓ January - No meeting UNLESS Spotlight Gala is held
- ✓ February - ICF Industries, Inc.
- ✓ March - Neighbor's Cafe
- ✓ April - City of Pleasant Hill
- ✓ May - Community Bank of Pleasant Hill
- ✓ June - Open (*Your Business?*)
- ✓ July - Open (*Your Business?*)
- ✓ August - Lion's Club
- ✓ September - Snider and Swopes Optometry
- ✓ October - Pleasant Hill Optimist Club
- ✓ November - Midwest Lumber
- ✓ December - Pleasant Hill Chiropractic

Your 2010 Board of Directors:

President - Katie Griffin
Vice President - Robert White
Treasurer - Becky Wilson
Secretary - Brenda Willcockson
Member at Large - Lori Swopes

Helpful Hints Needed

Do you have a specific problem others might be able to help with? Have you found a solution to a problem that others may gain from? Maybe you have an unusual or interesting story regarding something you and your business has encountered your willing to share with others. Write it up and submit it to the Secretary, (brenda.kmzu@earthlink.net or fax to 660-653-0134) to have it published in this newsletter!

SECRETARY SAYS

Many business people say that one of the main reasons for joining their Chamber of Commerce is for networking opportunities. Networking is all about making connections and connections are vital to business so this is a valid reason. But let's stop a minute and reflect on the indirect benefits of your Chamber. Do you seize the opportunity to meet and really get to know other people and look at the potential for personal growth as well as business growth?

There are so many facets of being a Chamber member. Are you utilizing the Chamber in all its capacity? What does networking really mean to you?



Members Speak Out

The Chamber had a fantastic program in February and we want to thank Ray McCarty from the Associated Industries of Missouri, Bob Krug of ICF Industries, and all of the people at ICF Industries who were able to give us a view of our state government and what it means for business. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough time to get to Cass County and an important election concerning our Cass County Roads. The issues are important, and the election is coming up. There were several pieces of literature about the expenses of maintaining county roads, what's needed, and how best to achieve it. Cass County spends about a million of our tax dollars on gravel alone every year, and this winter season has not been kind to Cass County or MODOT in their maintaining transportation and communication. As area business people, we need to pay attention to the transportation needs of our businesses, neighborhoods, cities, counties and state. I urge our Cass County members to learn about the issues facing our roads and bridges and cast an informed vote.

Robert White

**Pleasant Hill
Chamber of Commerce**

Membership Application

Renewal: _____

New Member: _____

Company Name:	# of Employees:
Contact Person:	Title:
Physical Address:	Mailing Address:
Phone:	Fax:
Email Address:	Website:
Business Category: (i.e Yellow Page Classification)	Years In Business:
Signature:	Date:

In order to serve you better, we'd like to know what Chamber benefits are most important to your business. Please rank the following categories, (*with 1 being the highest*), in order of importance to your business:

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| ___ Business Assistance & Advice | ___ Professional Development/Training | ___ Business News |
| ___ Marketing/Advertising Opportunities | ___ Networking/Generating New Business | ___ Member Discounts |
| ___ Directory Listings/Phone Referrals | ___ Community Involvement & Support | ___ Business Advocacy |
| ___ Other: _____ | | |

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues are Based on the number of employees

- 1 – 5 Employees \$80.00
- 6 – 10 Employees \$100.00
- 11 – 15 Employees \$150.00
- 16 – 24 Employees \$200.00
- 25 + Employees \$250.00

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