GMACC NEWS

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Business After Hours Thursday 4/23/09 3-7 pm
Scott Eye Care & Brian Feltes & Associates, Inc.
2075 Wiesbrook Dr., Oswego

About the Chamber:

The Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (GMACC) is a volunteer driven organization committed to helping improve the economic viability of the greater Montgomery area.

We provide opportunities for members to promote their businesses, share ideas and to meet other business leaders. The relationships that are built in the chamber can mean *increased sales*, tips on new business opportunities and a voice in the growth and economic health of Montgomery.

The GMACC is also a member of the Illinois Chamber making additional information and services available to you.

Golf Anyone?
7/16/09
SAVE THE DATE!

Your 2009 Memberships are now due:

Renewals are due April 1, 2009 and will continue to be offered at $150.00. In today's tough economy, you can't afford to NOT network with the community in which you live and work.

Download Membership Application

COBRA Notices to Help Employers

The Department of Labor has issued model COBRA notices to help employers explain to former employees and their families how to receive the premium subsidy available to them under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These notices were created to help plans and employers comply with ARRA mandates requiring plans to notify certain current and former participants and beneficiaries about the reduction in premium costs. ***Read more>***

In the news

Rush-Copley officials Celebrate new building on Aurora Campus

2009 Chamber 3rd Annual Dinner Ralph's Place

Annual Dinner invitations were mailed the first week of April. If you haven't received a copy please see attached.

RSVP by 5/14/09.

2009 Scheduled Events

- **Chamber 3rd Annual Dinner - May 21**
  Ralph's Place, Bristol, IL
- **Chamber 10th Annual Golf Outing - July 16**
  Bliss Creek Golf Course, Sugar Grove, IL
- **Montgomery Fest - August 8 & 9,**
  Montgomery Park
- **Oktoberfest - October 2 & 3**
  Montgomery VFW
- **Montgomery Tree Lighting Ceremony - December 6**
  Village Hall

Welcome New Member
March 09

Candlewood Suites Hotel - Aurora
Lynn Meyers
2625 W Sullivan Rd.
Aurora, IL 60506
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Member Input Needed!

Chamber Member Information:

Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

In an effort to bring back the monthly membership meetings, I am asking for your input.

Would you prefer to attend a monthly meeting:

☐ In the morning 8:30-9:30am or _____am
Coffee/Danish/Donuts/Muffins in house?
☐ Yes ☐ No
Breakfast meeting at Restaurant?
(Individual would pay for breakfast as ordered)
☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ In the afternoon 12-1pm or _____pm
At a specific Restaurant/location?
(Incurring a cost/person for lunch TBD)
☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ In the evening 5-6pm or _____pm
At the Chamber office, no snack/beverage.

Would you prefer:

☐ A guest speaker at each meeting to be:
☐ Member ☐ Non-Member
Types of topics to be discussed?
_____
_____

☐ More a Business After Hours:
☐ Yes ☐ No

What types of events would you like to participate in, and/or see the Chamber host in 2009-2010?
Combining of neighboring community Chamber events?
☐ Yes ☐ No

_____

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Please fill out and fax/mail or email back to me at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Healthcare Costs Put US at Competitive Disadvantage

Rising healthcare costs are one of the top cost pressures facing U.S. businesses today. These costs not only inhibit job creation and growth, but according to the Business Roundtable's Health Care Value Comparability Study released March 12, costs and performance of the US healthcare system have put America's companies and workers at a significant competitive disadvantage in the global marketplace.

Employers know their costs and ability to provide health benefits affect their ability to compete and to simply keep the doors open. They know their competitors may have better tools to manage these costs, but may not know how to find their own solutions.

There is no single solution, but Illinois employers have an opportunity to learn about options at the Illinois Chamber's fourth annual employer healthcare conference on April 29. **Mark B. McClellan, MPA, MD, PhD** and Director of the Engelberg Center for Healthcare Reform at the Brookings Institution will discuss ways to provide practical solutions for access, quality and financing challenges facing the US healthcare system. Other speakers and panels will share their experiences in other innovative approaches to controlling costs while maintaining care.

Visit **www.ilchamber.org** to see the agenda and register.

The Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce is a proud member of:
The Illinois Chamber of Commerce www.ilchamber.org
Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives www.IACCE.org
Montgomery Economic Development Corporation www.montgomery-illinois.org
Sugar Grove Chamber of Commerce www.sugargrovechamber.org

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Chambers – Below is talking points about SB43 and targeted legislators to specifically reach out to. Thanks!

Talking Points on SB 43, Prevailing Wage Expansion in Enterprise Zones and TIF Districts

- This legislation has passed the Senate on a partisan roll call and is now in the House awaiting assignment to commit tee. Rep. John Fritchey (D-Chicago) is the lead sponsor
- The bill, as written, will require most businesses located within a TIF district or Enterprise Zone* to pay prevailing wage on construction and maintenance projects.
- The bill requires payment of prevailing wage even when the employer receives no assistance from the district or zone (i.e., the projects are 100% privately financed).
- The only employers exempted from the requirement are businesses that were located within the district or zone boundaries prior to establishment of the district or zone and smaller housing units. These exemptions would come under pressure in the next year or two, in the opinion of the Illinois Chamber.
- In the case of enterprise zones, the bill crosses a very dangerous line. Because most benefits in zones are tax exemptions, the state would be declaring that utilizing tax exemptions or credits should trigger prevailing wage. In effect, state policy will declare that private funds retained by an employer are in fact "public funds."
- This policy change will throw the entire tax code up for grabs. If the state were to declare exemptions in zones triggering prevailing wage, there is no philosophical reason it would not follow the same course with all other exemptions and credits in the tax code.
- Requiring prevailing wage for 100% privately funded projects, together with tying prevailing wage to the use of tax exemptions threatens the viability of TIFs and zones. At a time when Illinois has lost more than 120,000 jobs in the last six months, why would the legislature threaten to kill two vital economic development tools?
- The Illinois Chamber has offered a reasonable amendment to Labor and the Senate sponsor.
- The amendment would increase the amount of prevailing wage projects in many TIFs, even those that currently have an assistance threshold that triggers a prevailing wage requirement.

Everyone who cares about job creation should be pressing for an amendment to SB 43. All representatives should press Rep. Fritchey and organized labor for substantial changes to this bill.

*The bill currently applies only to a narrow set of enterprise zones associated with closed military facilities. This is likely an oversight by the proponents that is likely to be corrected.

Targeted House Dem Members
(All Republicans should also receive contacts)

Dan Beiser—Metro East
John Bradley—far Southern IL
Linda Chapa LaVia—Aurora
Marlow Colvin—S. Cook County
Will Davis—S. Cook County
Anthony DeLuca—S. Cook County
Lisa Dugan—Kankakee Area
Keith Farnham—Elgin Area
Bob Flider—Decatur Area
John Fritchey—North side Chicago; Sponsor
Careen Gordon—Grundy County
Betsy Hannig—Taylorville, S. Central IL
Tom Holbrook—Metro East
Chuck Jefferson—Rockford
Frank Mautino—LaSalle Area
Emily McCasey—Will County
Elaine Nekritz—N. Cook Suburbs
Dan Reitz—Metro East & South
Mark Walker—NW Cook Suburbs

ANNUAL DINNER

Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce

3rd

Annual Dinner

Join us for a retirement celebration dinner in honor of

Alice Sutcliff

Thursday, May 21, 2009

Cash Bar 6:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Ralph's Place

2245 Kennedy Road

Bristol, IL 60512

$35 per person

RSVP by 5/14/09

contact Trisha Wirth with any questions at

630.897.8137

You are welcome to pass this invitation onto others who know Alice and would also like to be included in this celebration.

You are cordially invited to join us for the

Scott Eye Care Community Appreciation Day & Trunk Show

*Join us for food, fun, and raffle prizes. Enjoy a 25% discount when you order a complete pair of glasses during this event.**

Representatives from Ed Hardy, Coach, Nike, and Shanghai Tang will be on hand to show their entire eyewear collections.
Learn about the newest technology in progressive no-line bifocals, customized for YOU — the Zeiss Individual Progressive.

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2009
Time: 3:00-7:00 PM

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Oswego, IL 60543
630-844-0908

*Restrictions apply. See optical staff member for details.

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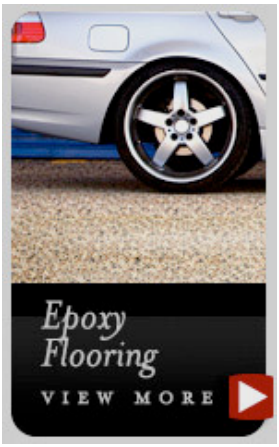

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1st ANNUAL SENIOR SERVICES ASSOCIATES "SWING FOR SENIORS" GOLF OUTING

Serving your loved ones today - and helping us to be there for you tomorrow

Monday, July 27, 2009

Registration: 11:30 A.M.
Shot Gun Start: 1:00 P.M.
Awards Banquet: 6:30 P.M.

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7671 Clubhouse Drive
Yorkville, IL 60560
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Questions: Mike Sullivan, 847-741-0404

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