



# GMACC News

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## Benefits of Your Chamber Membership:

- Network Opportunities
- Leads Groups
- Newsletter PR
- E-blast advertising
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Community Outreach Opportunities

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## A Word from Our President... Jeanne Felten

It's hard to believe we are now into another year of Chamber activities.

I'd like to thank those of you who have already renewed your memberships and encourage those who haven't to do so. The next year looks to be an exciting year for all of us. The board is still working on finalizing our Strategic Plan which has identified many opportunities to improve the value that we provide to you as members. We will again be hosting our Annual Golf Outing, Oktoberfest and Christmas Tree Lighting.

In addition to these activities we are adding some new ones as well. The first will be a Fay's BBQ drive through dinner in conjunction with the Village of

Montgomery's 175th Anniversary and Concert in the Park Series on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Read your e-blasts from the Chamber for more details on this event and other opportunities throughout the year.



Your board of directors is working hard to expand our offerings to you and we welcome any feedback that you might have. Our goal is to make this a chamber that you can look to for whatever needs you might have.

## Welcome New Members!

### Alden of Waterford

Gail Gauger 630-851-1880

### Rasmussen College

Ed Miranda 630-888-3500

### Genesis Community Church

Pastor, Jeffrey Barratt  
630-294-8575

### Fox Valley United Way

Denise Blettner 630-896-4636

### Buona Restaurant & Catering

John Gill 630-585-2333

Invite other businesses to join our Chamber. Just have them call 630-897-8137 for a Membership Application packet. It's that easy!

### Leger Chiro-Health & Wellness

Micki Brinkman 630-906-1700

### Sullivan Energy Group

Mark Sullivan 312-607-4421

## Annual Dinner Prompts Smiles and Pride



It was a lovely spring evening on May 6th as members gathered for our 4th Annual Chamber Dinner at the Open Range Southwest Grill.

The evening began with a general meet and greet and continued with entertainment provided by award winning, humorous business speaker and author, Conor Cunneen.



His presentation, "The Gift of GAB, How Goals Attitude and Behavior Provide a Top o' the Morning Customer Experience., was sprinkled with both humorous and thought provoking stories. And 3 lucky winners went home with a copy of Cunneen's book,

"Why Ireland Never Invaded America."

One of the more serious take-aways that members have been buzzing about ever since is a simple question: "What do I want my attitude to be?" Cunneen, maintains that by asking ourselves this question in key times of stress, and acting consistently with our intentions, we are able to take control of situations and foster positive outcomes. We're less likely to set off someone else's hot buttons, and prevent unnecessary escalation.

When your business dealings or personal life throw you a curve ball, "...do you really want to be angry or frustrated?

If not, then take a moment to ask yourself, "What do I want my attitude to be? Then act accordingly. Let us know how this works for you.

Following dinner, Village President, Marilyn Michelini,, spoke of upcoming events to celebrate Montgomery's 175th Anniversary, including a Farmer's Market from June—September, Concert in the Park series in June and July and a Cemetery Walk in October.

When asked by Member, Jennifer Jones Sinnott about the widening of the Orchard Road corridor, President Michelini indicated that would most likely be completed in 2012.

**Special thanks to Schaefer Greenhouses for donating centerpieces for our tables**



Next, Chamber President, Jeanne Felten, introduced three new Board Directors, Jeff Corirossi (NetComm Business Solutions), Lisa Gruhlke (Orchard Road Animal Hospital), and Mera Johnson (Village of Montgomery).

She also recognized our newest members as well as those who have attained notable business milestones: Ridgeline Consultants, Inc. for 5 years in business, Merlin 200,000 Mile Shop and Studio Avalon—10 years, Montgomery Boosters Association—15 years,

Brian Feltes Assoc's— 25 years, Superior Beverage and George's Family Restaurant— 40 years, Fox Valley Sewer Services—more than 50 years, Land Ice Co., - 90 years, Rush Copley Medical Center—124 years, Heitkotter, Inc.—126 years, Old Second National Bank—139 years!

(Make sure to let us know when your business was established so you can receive the recognition you deserve at next year's dinner. There's a place for that information on the current membership form.)

Annual membership certificates were also distributed at this event. (If you've renewed your membership but were unable to attend the dinner, expect your certificate in the mail within the next week.)

Special thanks to Schaefer Greenhouses for their donation of beautiful centerpieces for our tables and to all of our members in attendance who made this event a complete success!



## OUR NEXT BIG THING... GOLF OUTING! July 15



**Thursday, July 15**  
**Bliss Creek Golf Course, Sugar Grove**  
 Registration begins at 10:30 am / Shotgun Start at 11:30 am  
 Grilled Steak Dinner at 5:00 pm / Reception and Raffle Drawings at 6:00 pm

**Plans for our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing are well underway.** This event has served as a major source of income to support the Chamber's activities in our community. We are grateful to the wonderful sponsors, volunteers and golfers who've made this event successful in past years.

The Golf Committee requests your support for this year's outing. Would you consider being a sponsor, providing a raffle item, or sending a foursome to golf?

**Thanks to these early sponsors:**

- Brian Feltes & Assoc's — \$10,000 Hole in One Sponsor
- Randall Plaza Liquor — Beer Sponsor
- Oswego Community Bank—Lunch Sponsor
- The Mill Tavern, MEDC, Montgomery Chiropractic, Wolf & Company LLP — Hole Sponsors

**Will you be next??**

**Registration and sponsorship packets were sent out this week.**

If you don't have yours, contact the chamber office and we can send another one right out to you.

**Don't miss this once a year fun, food and camaraderie with fellow Chamber Members.**

**Not a golfer?** No worries.. Come for dinner (everyone raves about the grilled steak!) and raffle prizes.

*Sponsorship opportunities still available and raffle donations welcome!*

## Chamber Celebrates Montgomery's 175th with Fay's BBQ... July 22



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**Advance orders only**  
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**Thursday, July 22 - - - - 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Dine in OR Drive-thru pick-up at Montgomery Village Hall**

**Send me tickets for these meals:**

#: \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ pork chops (2 per meal)

#: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 chicken

#: \_\_\_\_\_ Combo (1 pork chop + 1/4 chicken)

**TOTAL # Meals \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$11 Each\*      ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

\* Includes: baked beans, applesauce, coleslaw, roll & butter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form and payment by July 15<sup>th</sup> to:**  
 "GMACC" 200 Webster, Montgomery, IL 60538  
 OR, purchase tickets at Village Hall – 200 N. River St. in Montgomery  
**Have questions? Call the Chamber office: 630-897-8137**

**ORDER FORM    CLIP WAY MAIL**



200 Webster Street  
Montgomery, IL 60538

**YOUR  
CHAMBER BOARD:**

**PRESIDENT:** **Jeanne Felten**  
(Old Second National Bank)

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
**Jennifer Jones Sinnott**  
(Brian Feltes & Assoc.'s.)

**TREASURER:**  
**Diane Warner**  
(Oswego Community Bank)

**SECRETARY:** **Lynn Schramer**  
(Bank of Montgomery)

**DIRECTORS:**  
**Matt Brolley**  
(Koziol Engineering )

**Jeff Corirossi**  
(NetComm Business Solutions )

**Lisa Gruhlke**  
(Orchard Road Animal Hospital)

**Mera Johnson**  
(Village of Montgomery)

**Mark McGee**  
( State Farm Insurance)

**Chief Tom Meyers Jr.**  
(Montgomery Fire Dept)

**Greg Siebert**  
(Proforma Awards,  
Print & Promotions)

**Jeff So**  
(Rush Copley Medical Center)

**CALENDAR:**

**MONTGOMERY CHAMBER KEY DATES:**



**July 15** — 11th Annual  
Summer Golf Outing



**July 22** — NEW: Fay's BBQ!!!  
(Chamber Fundraiser)



**August 14-15** — Montgomery Fest



**October 1-2** — Oktoberfest



**December 5** – Village Tree Lighting Ceremony



**Look for Event Sponsorship and participation information  
in the mail and via e-blast!**

**I really want to know...**

**Q:** Can I include a GMACC  
Logo on my website?  
— Submitted by Mark Sullivan,  
Sullivan Energy Group

**A:** We're creating a 2010  
member logo that you can  
use just for that purpose.  
As soon as it's available,  
we'll send it out to all our  
renewing members for  
2010. Thanks for the inspi-  
ration, Mark. And more  
value for our members!  
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- Do you have a question about your membership?
- Want to know something about your benefits?
- Have an idea you want to share with other chamber members but don't know how?

By all means call the Chamber office at 630-897-8137, or send an email to: gmacc@montgomery-illinois.org and we'll find an answer for you. We may even print it here!



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