

BUSINESS MONTHLY



Chamber of Commerce

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

Thursday, January 19

Sponsored by Companion Baking

SPAZIO – WESTPORT



12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights
314-576-0400

11:15 am check-in & networking
11:45 am – 1:00 pm lunch & program



Businessperson of the Year Award
Volunteer of the Year Award
Community Service Award

See registration form in newsletter.

JANUARY 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
JANUARY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				

- Jan 2 Chamber office closed - New Year's Holiday
- Jan 3 **NOTE - NEW DAY**
Small Business Networking Group
Paragon Building at 12400 Olive Blvd (Behind TGI Fridays Strip Mall) – 5th Floor Conference Room
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Open to all members
(Contact Jeremy Hodess at 314-498-5953 for more information.)
- Jan 13 **Coffee Connection**
Committed to Health Chiropractic Center
13035 Olive Blvd., Ste. 216
8:00-9:00 a.m.
(registration form enclosed)
- Jan 19 **Membership Luncheon**
Spazio Westport
12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights
11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(information at left and registration form enclosed)
- Jan 25 **Young Professionals Group**
Place - to be determined
5:00 - 6:30 pm
For more information Contact Katie O'Dell at 314-991-2602
- Feb 24 **Chamber Auction**
Theme: African Safari
Orlando's Event and Conference Center
2050 Dorsett Village in Maryland Heights
5:30 - 9:00 p.m.
(registration form enclosed)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

2017 AWARDS DINNER
& AUCTION

Theme: African Safari

Friday, February 24th
Orlando's Event and Conference Centers
2050 Dorsett Village – Maryland Heights
5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Elegant Buffet Dinner and Open Bar

2017 Chamber Board of Directors

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HOLIDAY LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS



Rich Sames, left (incoming President) presents David Peterson (outgoing President) with plaque to commemorate his term.



David Peterson (right) presents Rich Sames with his ceremonial gavel.

2016 GIFT EXCHANGE



A view of the gift table laden with goodies.



The elves (Ambassadors) gather gifts to hand out during the meeting. From left - Karen Tjaden (Parc Provence), Steve Cook (American Family Insurance), Allen Burnett (Jefferson Bank and Trust Company), Larry Tessler (Tessler Promotions) and Dr. Paul Hyland (Committed to Health Chiropractic Center).

Thank you to the following members who provided raffle items for the December holiday luncheon:

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| American Family Insurance (Steve Cook) | First Community Credit Union (Tonya Woods) | RE/MAX Results (Yvonne Wesa) |
| Block Advisors (Jaime Davega) | Heartland Payment Systems (David Peterson) | Select Personnel (Kathy Franklin) |
| BMO Harris Bank (Rich Sames) | Jefferson Bank and Trust Company (Allen Burnett) | St. Louis Post-Dispatch (Norm Frain) |
| Brown Smith Wallace LLP (Natalie Mamrenko) | Joe Lang Travel (Joe Lang) | Tessler Promotions (Larry Tessler) |
| CMIT Solutions of Clayton (Mike Minkler) | McCarty Photography (Kevin McCarty) | The Bedroom Store (Ron Sharpe) |
| Committed to Health Chiropractic Center (Dr. Paul Hyland) | McCarty Photography (Tom McCarty) | Shelter Insurance (Christine Lieber) |
| Companion Baking (Siena Cargas) | Midland Language Center (Tatjana Markovic) | The Sheridan at Creve Coeur (Sue Klipsch-Kelley) |
| Creve Coeur Fire Protection District (Harvey Seigel) | Mutual of Omaha (Carol Sullivan) | St. Louis Ambush (Rachelle Quinn) |
| Creve Coeur Lion's Club (Bill Biele) | Parc Provence (Karen Tjaden) | UBS Financial Services Inc. (Eric Moyer) |
| Debra K. Schuster & Associates (Katie O'Dell) | Rapid Dry (Grant Erfert) | West County Civitan Club (Norma Pew) |
| Debra K. Schuster & Associates (Lisa O'Dell) | Ruzicka Group Services (Ted Ruzicka) | Wyne and Merritt PC (Bill Wyne) |

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING
BUSINESSES FOR RENEWING THEIR
MEMBERSHIPS IN DECEMBER:

2020 Exhibits

Tim Fischer
1241 Ambassador Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63132
314-269-8615
www.2020exhibits.com
*Exhibit Builder / Events & Conference
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LuLu Asian Kitchen

Jenny Lu
9626 Olive Blvd.
Olivette, MO 63132
314-274-7699
www.luluasiankitchen.com
Chinese Fast Casual Restaurant

MB Technology Solutions

Ryan Mortland
1001 Craig Road, Ste. 400
Creve Coeur, MO 63141
314-725-3584
www.contactmb.com
Information Technology Services

The Law Offices of Jay B. Umansky, P.C.

Andrew Babitz
12460 Olive Blvd., Ste. 118
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Attorneys

American Home Care - 1 year
Berger Memorial Chapel - 2 years
Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Select Properties - 1 year
Block Advisors - 5 years
Brookdale Creve Coeur - 16 years
De Smet Jesuit High School - 2 years
Hair Saloon For Men - 5 years
ImageNet Consulting - 1 year
Infinity Medical Center of Missouri - 6 years
Mayuri India Restaurant - 2 years
Mid County Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine - 1 year
Murphy Company - 26 years
Parkway School District - 14 years
Potbelly Sandwich Shop - 4 years
Ruzicka Group Services - 6 years
Serenity Home Hospice - 1 year
Shea Home Care, Inc. - 2 years
SmartMouth - 1 year
Sport Clips - 7 years
St. Louis Gyros - 2 years
Subway - 13 years
Yvonne Wesa with RE/MAX Results - 5 years

Guest Editorial

By Debra K. Schuster

Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, the kids found mom drinking eggnog with a mouse.
The stockings were hung upside down with great care, her dementia had worsened, she just wasn't "there".
The children – adults now, said "she's out of her head" She needs to live with one of us or in a facility instead.
She was always in charge, will the loss of her freedom make her heart shatter?
Did she know this day was coming? Will moving her matter?
Away to mom's safe they flew like a flash; unlocked the drawer and searched through her stash.
What mom wanted, they needed to know; she'd always been lively, they didn't think about a day she would go.
When what to their wondering eyes did appear, but neatly packaged documents prepared by Debra Schuster & Associates last year!
She was savvy and saved, her portfolio thick; Her documents assigned an agent in case she got sick.
Her children were grateful that when the time came, Mom's directives eliminated the painful guessing game.
Her Last Will and Testament divided her money, her home and all of the rest
Among all the people that Mom loved the best.
With Mom's documents in place, concerns melted away.
The only thing to do now was to live for today!

New Member Profiles



Midland Language Center

Tatjana Markovic
12370 Amber Creek Court
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: 314-548-2995
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Midland Language Center is a certified, woman-owned business that offers professional interpretation, translation, language instruction, consultation, and educational services for businesses and individuals. It carefully screens linguists/professionals who abide by industry and company standards to deliver quality services for a variety of world languages and company quality assurance programs. Contact Tatjana for all your language needs. "Midland Language Center – Your Message. Your Words. Our Expertise."



Shelter Insurance – Christine Lieber Agency, LLC

Christine Lieber
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Website: www.shelterinsurance.com/CA/agent/CLIEBERInsurance

Proudly serving Creve Coeur and surrounding areas, Christine Lieber is licensed in both Missouri and Illinois. As your Shelter agent, Christine will help you find the types of coverage you need to protect what matters most to you – your family, your home, your vehicles and more. Contact Christine Lieber to get the coverage you need at the right price and experience the outstanding service you expect.

Small Business Networking Group

Please note: The Small Business Networking Group will now be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month beginning January 3rd. It will still be held in the fifth floor conference room in the Paragon Building (located at 12400 Olive Blvd., behind TGI Fridays Strip Mall). Same time from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and still open to all members. For more information contact Jeremy Hodess at 314-498-5953.



DUBAL AMERICA RIBBON CUTTING



From left - DUBAL America executives Walid Hassan, Walid Alattar, Adel Abubakar, Abdul Mannan and Creve Mayor Barry Glantz

DUBAL America Inc. relocated its corporate headquarters to 3 CityPlace, Ste. 600 in Creve Coeur. An open house and ribbon cutting were held in its new offices. Guests were treated to elegant hors d'oeuvres while learning about the aluminum industry.

DUBAL America is the sole distributor of the aluminum products manufactured by DUBAL and Emirates Aluminum Company Limited PJSC ("EMAL") in North America. Since 1999, DUBAL America has actively sold its products directly to customers in the transportation, building and construction industries.

Based in Creve Coeur, DUBAL America provides seamless end-to-end service to all its customers in North America. From contract negotiation to production scheduling to supply chain management and delivery of goods, customers have immediate feedback on their orders and inquiries.

For more information about DUBAL America visit, www.dubalamerica.com or call Adel Abubakar at 314-596-9229.

LULU ASIAN KITCHEN GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING



Holding scissors front row from left - Li Ming Lu, Jenny Lu, Julia Li and Olivette Mayor Ruth Springer. Surrounding ribbon cutters from left - Michael Sewell, Olivette Fire Chief Scott Avery, Larry Tessler, Council Member Gregory Carl, Rich Sames and Council Member Missy Waldman.

LuLu Asian Kitchen opened its fourth location within the metro area and its first stand-alone fast-casual restaurant. The cafeteria-style offerings include authentic foods such as Asian inspired burritos and quick-and-easy Chinese-style food like bourbon chicken.

The mother-daughter duo of Jenny Lu and Julia Li opened the restaurant at 9626 Olive Blvd. in Olivette. Their staff and family put in countless hours in order to make the new restaurant a reality. For delicious Asian food, stop by LuLu Asian Kitchen or call 314-274-7699.



Chamber of Commerce

Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce
Presents

African Safari

AWARDS DINNER & AUCTION

(Honoring Creve Coeur and Olivette Firefighters and Police Officers)

Friday, February 24, 2017

Orlando's Event and Conference Center

2050 Dorsett Village, Maryland Heights MO 63043

5:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner with Premium Open Bar

Reservations Due by February 17th

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Please reserve a Kilimanjaro Sponsorship for my company \$1,000
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, table of 8, preferred table placement, company name on table, program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website, two bottles of champagne at table and a two-minute commercial during event
- Please reserve a Serengeti Sponsorship for my company \$600
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, table of 8, preferred table placement, company name on table, program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website, one bottle of champagne at table
- Please reserve an Ivory Coast Photo Booth Sponsorship for my company (1 available)..... \$500
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, tickets for 6 people, name on program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website
- Please reserve a Madagascar DJ Sponsorship for my company (1 available)..... \$400
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, tickets for 4 people, name on program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website
- Please reserve a Cape Town Sponsorship for my company..... \$250
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, tickets for 2 people, name on program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website
- Please reserve a Congo Sponsorship for my company \$100
Sponsorship includes signage with sponsor's name, name on program cover and in newsletter and on chamber website

Contact Name _____

Company _____

Full Address _____

Telephone _____ e-mail _____ Fax _____

Please reserve _____ ticket(s) for the Auction (\$45 per person).....\$ _____

Please reserve _____ table(s) of 8 at a discounted price - \$350 (paid with one check).....\$ _____

Payment

- I will call the Chamber office with my credit card # (MC/Visa/Discover/AE accepted)
- I will mail a check.
- I need to be invoiced. Total _____

Donation

- I want to donate an auction item for the event. Item description _____ Value \$ _____

The Creve Coeur-Olivette Chamber of Commerce will submit a letter acknowledging all donations after the auction.

Donations are tax deductible as a normal business expense.

E-mail this form to ngray@cco-chamber.com; or fax to 314-569-3073 or by mail to:
CCO Chamber of Commerce, 10950 Olive Blvd., Suite 101, Creve Coeur MO 63141.

For questions, please contact the CCO Chamber office at 314-569-3536.



Chamber of Commerce

Annual Awards Luncheon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017

11:15 a.m. Registration & Networking
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch & Program



SPAZIO – WESTPORT



12031 Lackland Road, Maryland Heights
314-576-0400



Businessperson
of the Year



Volunteer of the Year



Community Service

PROGRAM

At the annual award's luncheon we will present awards to deserving individuals for their contributions in 2016 including: Businessperson of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Community Service. Attend the meeting and discover who will receive these prestigious awards!

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED BY JANUARY 16th

REGISTER ONLINE: www.ccochamber.com OR FAX: 314-569-3073

OR E-MAIL: ngray@cco chamber.com

Chamber office phone: 314-569-3536

No cancellations after January 16th

\$22 for members, non-members and guests with reservations. No-shows are billed \$22.

May pay by cash/check/Visa/MC/Discover

Name _____

Name _____

Company _____

Daytime phone _____ e-mail _____



CCO Coffee Connection

This free event gives you a chance to connect with others in an informal networking setting!

Bring lots of business cards and be prepared to share your business story!

Friday, January 13, 2017

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Light Breakfast Items & Networking

Committed to Health Chiropractic Center

13035 Olive Blvd., Ste. 216

314-542-2003 Phone at Committed to Health Chiropractic Center

NO CHARGE but kindly RSVP for food count

Phone: 314.569.3536 Fax: 314.569.3073

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Please RSVP by noon on January 11, 2017

REGISTER ONLINE: www.ccochamber.com or FAX: 314-569-3073

OR E-MAIL: ngray@cco chamber.com

Names of attendees _____

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