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Savanna Chamber of Commerce ... Feb 2017

Chamber News

The Chamber enjoyed our first dinner meeting of the year. Delicious food from New China Restaurant; informative talks from Merrie Sevey from Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce & Jake Ward from RIA Federal Credit Union all in a beautiful setting at the Savanna Museum & Cultural Center.

The Chamber board of directors met on Tuesday, January 24th. Treasurer, Amiee Schoenhaar gave the monthly financial report.

On the agenda: On March 2, the Chamber will host an informative meeting about the TIF District in the business community and how it will benefit the individual building/business owners. Reservations for the seminar are appreciated.

The board approved the expense of hanging our new sign and discussed the rural community grant from the USDA.

Pam will investigate the cost of insurance coverage for a 2 day event in May - an antique, arts & craft fair along Commerce Street.

Looking to the future, big focuses were discussed among being: streamlining the newsletter into digital format, speakers for the coming year, and seminars for those seeking employment.

The next meeting will be Business after Hours, now, held at 407 Main Street with Sander & Sun hosting it. Next board meeting will be held on February 21.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Brown

150% Club

*Miner, Gilroy & Meade CPA
G.G's. Guest House
Riverport Railroad
Riverport Transport Capital
Savanna-Thomson State Bank
Triumph Community Bank
Carroll County Review
Carol Wright
RIA Federal Credit Union
Consolidated Grain & Barge
Illinois International Trade Zone Center*

February After Hours

At

407 Main St
(College Street Creations.)

Hosted by Sander & Sun
Travel

On February 7, 2017
5 to 7 p.m.

Hope to see you at our First
After Hours of 2017

Chamber Mission Statement

Our mission is to be the principal representative of area businesses to ensure a favorable business climate and to promote the economic development of the Savanna area.

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Message from Chamber President

Happy New Year to everyone. As I finish my first year I wanted to take a moment to thank all our members, our board and Pam for all their hard work and dedication to helping promote and grow businesses in and around Savanna.

In 2016, the board completed a “re-branding” of the Chamber. This included an updated new logo, a new state of the art website, a new business center for chamber members and new signage for Main Street. All these things were done to help us look more professional, attract more tourists and businesses, and give back to our members.

The board met for the first time in 2017 this Tuesday. This year we will be dedicated to streamlining processes to save time and money, giving back to our members and community and attracting new businesses and customers to Savanna.

This will include taking our newsletter digital. Doing this will allow us to be more environmentally responsible and allow Pam to focus more time on recruiting new members and selling Savanna as a great place to do business.

We will also be focused on providing more job services for our area. This includes adding a page to our website to list job openings for our members.

On March 2nd we will have our first of many seminars sponsored by the Chamber. This one will bring Sharon Pepin in to meet with all business and building owners in the TIF district to explain in detail what it is, how it works and most importantly, how do you apply for the funds.

We will follow this up with seminars on resume writing, interviewing skills and filling out applications. We will be adding to these throughout the year as well.

If you as a member see a need for any other seminars or programs that would benefit you or our community, please do not hesitate to contact Pam at the Chamber office or myself directly.

Again, I appreciate the support all the support over the past year and look forward to achieving some pretty great things this year.

Chris Lain

Upcoming Events

The Savanna Museum & Cultural Center is hosting Valentine’s Day Dance on February 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Music and Vocals provided by Sweet Memories and Chuck Bregman. Lots of Music, Food and Dance with donations of \$5 per person.



West Carroll After Prom committee is holding a baked potato, pie & ice cream buffet during senior night on Feb 17. The buffet and basketball game is at West Carroll Middle School in Mount Carroll with serving from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Wanted your Input!!

Here is a chance to voice your 2¢ The board would like to discontinue mailing the newsletters. They are currently available on our website. The office would email a pdf copy to you upon your request. For those of you who advertise on the newsletter, first thank you. And second, your advertisement will be still send to all chamber members by email and it will appear on the Chamber’s website.

Please voice your opinion to the Chamber office at 815-273-2722 or email @ savchamber@grics.net.

Board Member Wanted!

Due to the recent resignation, the Board of Directors is looking for another member. Person must be a chamber member or employed by a chamber member. They should also be available to attend most board meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Attendance at most Business after Hours or seasonal dinner meeting is appreciated.

Please contact Chris or Pam for more information.

Dates to Remember

Please mark your calendar for the following events:

- Jan 3: Dinner meeting at Savanna Museum & Cultural Center
- Feb 7: After Hours @ Sander & Sun Travel, 321 Main St
- Mar 7: After Hours @ College Street Creations, 407 Main St
- Apr 4: 2nd Qtr. Dinner Meeting TBA
- Apr 26: Ladies Luncheon at Manny’s
- May 2: After Hours @ Palisades Golf Course
- Jun 6: After Hours ...TBA
- Aug 1: 3rd Qtr. Dinner Meeting ...TBA
- Sept 5: After Hours at RIA Federal Credit Union
- Oct 3: After Hours at TBA
- Nov 7: Annual Dinner meeting at Manny’s

Call the office to reserve your special 2017 date. Months available for After Hours are June and October. Dinner meeting sites for April and August.

Savanna Chamber of Commerce
2017 Slate of Officers/Board of Directors

President - Chris Lain (2017)
Savanna Marketplace
321 Main St, Savanna IL

Second Vice President - Gail Bowman
RI A Federal Credit Union
103 Third Street, Savanna, IL

Past President—Tony McCombie (2016)
Blue Appraisals/City of Savanna
318 Fourth St, Savanna IL

Treasurer –Amiee Schoenhaar,
Riverport Railroad
2226 Main St. Depot Park Savanna, IL

Samantha Ritchie (2020)
River Valley Designs
218 Main St., Savanna, IL

Manuela Sander
Sander & Sun Travel
419 Main St Savanna IL

Elizabeth Straight (2019)
College Street Creations
407 Main St Savanna IL

Tammy Spittler (2017)
1616 Pike Rd, Savanna IL

Pam Brown
Executive Director
313 Main St
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Feb 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 After Hours hosted by Sander & Sun Travel at 407 Main St	8	9	10	11
12 Valentine's Dance @ Museum 1-4	13	14 City Council Mtg. 7:30 p. m	15	16	17 Dinner at WCMS 5:30—8:30	18
19	20	21 Chamber Bd. Mtg. @ 7:30 a.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 City Council Mtg. 7:30 p.m.				