



Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

December 2008 Newsletter

The 2008 Annual Awards Banquet and Auction was a great success.
The 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award went to Hinton (Willie) Chafin.
The 2008 Citizen of the Year Award went to Elizabeth (Liz) Gruendel.
The Teen of the Year Award went to Katie Walden.

Also nominated for those awards were
Rebecca Mitchell and Bonnie Gray for Lifetime Achievement Award.
Becki Godi and Doug Walter for Citizen of the Year.
Alivia Elliott and Bethany Kellerman for Teen of the Year.

Floral Decorations were designed and donated by
The Beehive Floral and Gift Shop
And Designing Ideas Floral and Gift Shop
Meal was catered by My Place Restaurant

The Emcee for the evening was Bobby Thompson with Larry Edwards donating his time to serve as auctioneer for our very first live auction for this event. Thank you Larry for helping us with this event. We would also like to thank Darrell Skiles for agreeing to assist Larry with the auction.

Below are a listing of business who so graciously donated of their products and services for this event.

AccuBak Data Systems
Akers Ferry Canoe Rental
American Tool Works
Automated Business Systems
Bank of Salem
The Beehive Florist and Gift Shop
Branson Scenic Railway
Brinks Processing
Chilton Oil Company
City of Salem
Common Grounds
Country Mart
Crossroads Corner
Designing Ideas
Dickerson Park Zoo
Farmer's Insurance
Fidelity Communications
Godi Excavating
Grand Country Music Hall
Harold's
Heavin Motors
Holiday Inn Express
Jim Stafford Theatre
KSMO Radio
Mary Kay by Lana Greene
Memories and More
Meramec Caverns
MFA Coop Association

Missouri Botanical Garden
My Place Restaurant
100 Acre Wood Club Rally
Meredith Parsons
Phil Mart
Presley's Country Jubilee
Progressive Financial Group
Progressive Ozark Bank
Ragan's Bakery
Representative Jason Smith
Roadhouse
Roberts Judson Lumber Company
Salem Memorial District Hospital
Salem TCRC
Senator Frank Barnitz
Shanghai Circus
Sonic
Southwest Baptist University
Six Flags St. Louis
Studio Salon
The Discovery Center
The Great Passion Play
Titanic
US Foodservice Outlet
Vandivort Drug
Victor Plumbing
Wal-Mart Supercenter



“Home For the Holidays”

That is the theme for the 2008 Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

Parade begins at 5:30 p.m. on December 6th.

The Christmas Parade will follow the usual parade route from the old fairgrounds heading north on McArthur, then traveling down Fourth Street to the Dent County Courthouse.

There will be caroling on the courthouse square by the R 80 Upper Elementary Honors Choir directed by Julie Cartwright.

Immediately following the parade will be the official lighting of the Dent County Courthouse.

Come join the community in this evening of fun, as we kick off the 2008 Holiday Season.

There will be a first and second place parade entry winner for the commercial category as well as a first and second place parade entry winner for the non commercial category

Each first place winner receives \$100.00

Each second place winner receives \$50.00



“Trees and Trains”

The Ozark Natural and Cultural Resource Center has opened their annual “Trees and Trains” display. This amazing display of beautifully decorated Christmas Trees is an event that you won’t want to miss.

This year there are thirty five trees decorated by businesses and organizations throughout the community, as well as miniature train displays.

Hours for this display are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7th 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Display runs through December 24th.

This display is free to the public

Donations are accepted

Holiday Home Tour

*The Salem Memorial Hospital Auxiliary
Is proud to once again present a tour of
local homes that are decorated for the
Holidays. Homes to be toured are as follows,*

Ken Fiebelman

Randall and Sandra Greenwood

Jerry and Artie Schafer

Gene and Ann Tebeau

Craig and Lisa Jordison

Mike and Lindsey Pike

Trees and Trains Display at ONCRC

Tickets are \$6.00

*Available at Salem Hospital, Edward Jones,
Bank of Salem, Progressive Ozark Bank
Town and Country Bank, US Bank,
and Auxiliary members.*

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce will once again collect food for our second annual Christmas Food Drive. We are happy to accept food donations, monetary donations or gift card donations from businesses, organizations or individuals.

The gift cards and cash donations are used by the Chamber director to purchase food items that will be delivered on the 23rd of December to local families in need. These families are chosen based on need and are located by the Chamber working in conjunction with local organizations such as the Salvation Army.

The need to reach out and help those in our community is greater than ever this year. Please help us make it possible for some families to be able to have an enjoyable day with plenty of food for their family.

Last year we were able to feed three families, while providing a Christmas tree and gifts to yet another family that would have otherwise not had them.

Please rest assured that we work very hard to use wisely and stretch every dollar that you donate, to buy the absolute most we can with the money we receive.

Each family we help is provided with food for a Christmas dinner, complete with turkey and all the trimmings, food for breakfast, snacks for kids such as hot chocolate and treats that they may not otherwise be able to afford.

Help us help others, again this year.

Missouri University of Science and Technology

There will be a meeting on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Bank of Salem courtesy room.

Recently the City of Salem was contacted by a professor with Missouri S&T to participate in various community projects with a Missouri S&T

Project Management Class. Discussion meetings were held in Salem to identify potential projects for the class and from that discussion ten student project teams were formed to develop project plans for various community projects in Salem.

Projects selected for the class to work on include:

Community Center/YMCA, Downtown Revitalization, Outdoor Pool Season Extension, Parking,

Hiking/Biking Trail, Cardiovascular Wellness Program Business Plan, Soccer Park Complex, Increasing Capacity of the Farmer's Market, Recycling Center and Highway 19 North Roadside Park Development.

The student project teams have developed formal presentations which will be shared with the Salem community Tuesday the 2nd of December in this meeting.

We hope that you can join us for the presentations.

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce December Membership Meeting

The December membership meeting will be held on December 10th at noon at the Salem TCRC. Please make sure to RSVP to the Chamber Director no later than Dec. 8th if you are planning to attend. There will be a lunch of turkey and dressing served and the cost is \$7.00 for that lunch.

Intercounty Electric will present the program for that meeting.

President of the Chamber will brief the members on the process for the upcoming election of three new board members to be elected at the January membership meeting. If anyone has a co-worker or employee that you would like to see serve on the Chamber Board please call the office or speak to one of the current Board Members so that a nomination form may be filled out.

The nominating committee that has been appointed by Dustin Howard for this year's election, is Philip Giacomelli, Sarah Hultine and Avalon Rogus

For more information on the nomination process or to nominate someone, call the Chamber office at 573-729-6900 or email Patty at chamber@salemco.com

New Chamber Member

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome
Gary Hibdon of Big Rock Candy Mountain Bar, Grill and Campground
HC1 Box 570
Jadwin, Mo. 65501

www.bigrockcandymtn.com

Christmas Decorating Contest

The Chamber is once again sponsoring a Christmas Decorating contest.

You may call or stop by the Chamber office to fill out a nomination form.

You may nominate your home or someone else's home. Deadline is December 18th.

Winners to be announced on the 19th.

First Place wins \$100.00

Second Place wins \$50.00

Third Place wins \$25.00

Director's Corner

The close of another year is right around the corner and what a year it has been. We have all had more than our share of stress, frustration and dollar stretching. As the Holiday Season approaches it is once again time for us as a community to reach out to those in need to help them have a happier holiday. Whether you donate to our food drive, give to the local food bank or help out by giving to the Salvation Army, don't forget the less fortunate this holiday season.

Thank you to all who have supported the Chamber through donations for our events and fundraisers throughout the past year. We truly do appreciate each and every one of you.

On behalf of the Chamber Board and myself, we wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

Patty Shults

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December Events Calendar

Christmas Fest by Candlelight	Dec. 5
Christmas Parade of Lights 5:30 p.m.	Dec. 6
Children's Old Fashioned Christmas	Dec. 6
Christmas Fest, Bonebrake	Dec. 6
Chamber Membership Luncheon @noon	Dec. 10
Cookie Walk at Bonebrake Ctr.	Dec. 13
Victorian Musical Christmas, Bonebrake	Dec. 13
Christmas Day	Dec. 25