

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

Newsletter

January 2009

January Board Meeting and Election

The first Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Board meeting for the new year, will be held on Thursday, January 14th at noon at the Salem TCRC.

Guest speakers for that meeting will be from the 100 Acre Wood Rally Club. It will be during this board meeting that the membership present will vote on three new board members. There will be three vacancies as of February 1, 2009. The current President, Dustin Howard from Progressive Ozark Financial Group will complete his three year term, along with John McColloch of Salem R 80 Schools and Sherry Lea of Salem TCRC.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dustin, John and Sherry for the time, energy and effort that they have given to this organization.

Nominees for these board seats are,

Stacy Crocker	Wal-Mart Supercenter
George LaJoie	Air Evac
Willie Strader	Dent Co. Farm Bureau
Julia Warren	Progressive Ozark Bank
Melanie Wisdom	Salem R 80 Schools

Contact the Chamber office to RSVP for this meeting no later than January 9th.

Take this opportunity to exercise your right to vote for the nominees you think will best represent and support this community.

573-729-6900

E-Mail chamber@salemco.com

Your Contact Information

With the Start of a New Year

I would ask if you have had a recent change of address, or have made changes to your email address, to please email those changes to the office in order to keep your information with us up to date.

2009 Rally America

On the weekend of the 27th and 28th of February, Rally America will be in Salem. This is a National event, therefore resulting in our Motels, Hotels and Bed and Breakfasts being filled to capacity. There is a need for more rooms for some of the Rally organizers, drivers and team members to stay close to the start-finish line. They are willing to pay a modest fee in order to be able to do that. It is also a possibility that spectators coming in to the area will create a need for extra rooms.

Salem is the headquarters for this event, making it essential that Salem provide the accommodations needed for Rally America to continue their event here. This will in turn help our community by keeping our visitors either in, or close to the Salem area.

If you have a room that you would be willing to rent for two or three days, call the Chamber of Commerce at 573-729-6900 and we will get your contact information, including how many rooms, the location and rental price, to the proper person within Rally America, so that your room, or rooms, can be posted as being available for those dates. Rooms could be needed on Wednesday or Thursday through Saturday, February 28th.

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for handling any monetary exchanges in regards to deposits or money due to the renter.

The Chamber is also not responsible for any damages or loss in regards to these agreements.

Thank You

To those who donated to our Christmas Food Drive.

We were able to help a family of six who very much appreciated what your donations did to help make their Christmas a much happier one.

2008 Christmas Home Decorating Contest Winners are,

First Place

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Schafer
21 Westwood Drive

Second Place

Rick & Donna Phillips
P Highway

Third Place

Charlene Rogers
1001 E. Roosevelt

Thank you to everyone that participated!

2008 Christmas Parade Winners

The Chamber was once again proud of their
Annual Christmas Parade of Lights.

Prize Winners were,

US Foodservice &
The City of Salem Electric Dept.
Tied for First Place in the Commercial
Category.

The Girl Scouts took first place in the
non-commercial category

Round Pond Baptist Church took second
place in the non-commercial category.

Thank you to all who took time to participate
in the 2008 Christmas Parade.

2009 Membership Dues

I will be mailing invoices soon for your 2009 Chamber Membership Dues.

There has been no fee change since last year's dues.

0-25 Employees \$85.00

26-50 Employees \$175.00

Over 50 \$300.00

Banks & Large Industrial \$300.00

Associate Membership \$50.00 (Non-business, individuals, organizations,
no voting rights)

Membership dues are due February 1, 2009.

If you have any questions call the office at
573-729-6900

Salem Area Community Betterment Association

"Gift of Time" Awards Banquet

Thursday, February 19h, 2009 6:30 p.m.

The Commons

Catered by My Place Restaurant

The Salem Area Community Betterment Association will host their annual volunteer recognition dinner, honoring citizens and organizations, who significantly enhance the quality of this community.

Categories for these awards are as follows.

Arts and Culture

Community Enhancement

Education

Historic Preservation

Humanitarian

Youth (For Adult)

Youth (For Youth)

Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available beginning January 12th at the Salem TCRC, the Visitor's Center and from individual Salem Area Community Betterment Association Board Members

For more information call 573-729-7194

To Chamber Members from Dustin Howard, President,

To all Chamber members, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your 2008 President. It was truly enjoyable meeting and working with new and old faces alike. The Chamber is blessed with a great board and a wonderful Director. I personally want to thank Patty for keeping everything afloat; she did and does an excellent job. Through lots of hard work Patty, the board, countless volunteers and our great sponsors helped your Salem Area Chamber of Commerce have a great year. Thank you again to all who helped us achieve these results.

Sincerely
Dustin Howard, President
Salem Area chamber of Commerce

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January Calendar of Events

January 1 New Year's Day
January 14 Chamber Membership Meeting
January 19 Martin Luther King Day