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Linda Harper, Editor



## January from

Chamber President Karen Jeffers

# Happy New Year, Y'all!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday celebrating with family and friends. 2017 was a great year for the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce ,and I believe 2018 will be even better!

Don't forget to make your January luncheon reservation by Monday, January 8th. The luncheon will be Wednesday the 10th at the Fletcher Park Recreation Center Building. This month's speaker will be Kristen Jirouteck from the Central Illinois Community Blood Bank. I am sure she will bring an informative and interesting message to our group. The caterer will be Las Margaritas and our exhibitor is the Mt. Zion Kiwanis Club. On the subject of luncheons, I encourage all of you to take advantage of the 2018 luncheon pre-pay discount. It's \$150.00 a year, per person. Email Linda to receive an invoice. As a friendly reminder, as of January 2017 our luncheon fee was raised to \$15 at the door (\$12.50 for pre-pay).

I want to take this opportunity to welcome our two newest Ambassadors, Ellen Ritchie of Busey Bank and Sue Dukeman of S.A. Lewis Construction, Inc. Ellen and Sue have graciously accepted to fill these positions. I want to thank Matt Dilbeck and Noelle Yeakel for their excellent tenure as Ambassadors. We wish both of them much happiness and success in their new positions. Matt has accepted a job in Arizona and Noelle is with a new agency in Arcola, IL.

The EXPO & TASTE will be on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. It is one of the premier business expos in the area and an excellent venue for you to showcase your business. The deadline for "Early Bird" registration is fast approaching. Please have your contract and check to the Chamber office no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> in order to qualify for discount pricing.

Cheers to the New Year 2018. I wish all of you a very blessed year filled with health and happiness.

With Warm Regards, Karen

# January 2018 Events

# Luncheon

## **January 10th**

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:15 am

Lunch: 11:45—1:00 pm

RSVP by Noon Monday Jan. 8th

LOCATION:

**Fletcher Park** 

Mt. Zion

SPEAKER:

Krista Jiroutek, CICBC

**CATERED BY** 

Las Margaritas

**EXHIBITOR:** 

Mt. Zion Kiwanis







Mark your Calendar



January 9th Ribbon Cutting Red Barn Kitchen At 11:30 a.m.

Lunch.

February 14th Luncheon
Speaker:
Chef Dagan Stocks
at the
Red Barn Kitchen at the
Decatur Airport
Topic: Business Startups in
Decatur and Mt. Zion

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# January Luncheon



The January luncheon speaker on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, is Krista Jiroutek with Central Illinois Community Blood Center. She is the Recruitment Development Coordinator. She will educate us on the blood needs of Decatur. Did you know that CICBC provides all the blood to Decatur and surrounding areas?

Our luncheon will be in the meeting room at Fletcher Park in Mt. Zion at 11:15 a.m. It will be catered by Las Margaritas Mexican Restaurant and the Mt. Zion Kiwanis will be the exhibitor.

RSVP to <a href="mtzionilchamber@gmail.com">mtzionilchamber@gmail.com</a> by Mon., Jan. 8, 2018.

# **Prepaid Luncheons**

If you want to get all your luncheons for the whole year at \$12.50 each instead of the full price of \$15 each, let me know if you want to enroll for the 2018 Prepaid Luncheons. Linda Harper will invoice you for \$150. The deadline to let Linda know is Monday, January 8, 2018., which is the Monday before our January luncheon. Email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.

#### **2018 Calendar of Events**

Mt. Zion Chamber EXPO & TASTE - March 10, 2018

Mt. Zion Chamber Annual Banquet - April 19, 2018

Community Drive-up Chicken Dinner - May 10, 2018

Mt. Zion Community Prayer Breakfast - October 24, 2018

# 2018 Expo & Taste

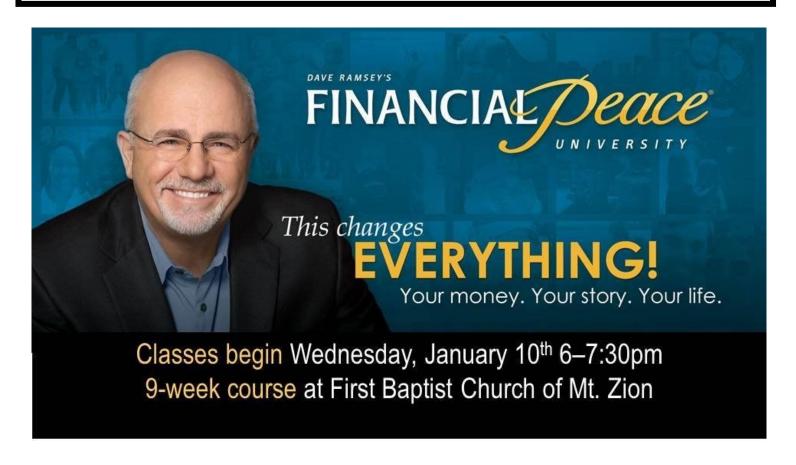
The Mt. Zion Chamber Expo and Taste will be Saturday, March 10, 2018. We hope you all will participate in this coming year's Expo & Taste. This event is held in the beautiful Mt. Zion Convention Center. It is very well attended each year. Included in this newsletter are the following deadlines:

**Sponsorships** Friday, January 26, 2018

**Booth Contract** Thursday, February 1, 2018 -- Early Bird Pricing

**Taste Contract** Friday, February 9, 2018

Spaces fill up quickly so get your spot soon.





# Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Expo and Taste March 10, 2018

## **Sponsorship Packages**

	Gold Sponsorship \$600	Silver Sponsorship \$350	Booth Space \$250/Early \$225
Booth space	Double (8X16) booth Electricity included	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25	8X8 booth Electricity available \$25
Sponsor Promotion	Promotional display  At Event  (no electricity)	Promotional display  At Event  (no electricity)	
Sponsor publicity	Sponsor name announced at Event	Sponsor name announced at Event	
Sponsor Inclusion	Sponsor name and logo on map handed out at the door.	Sponsor name printed on map handed out at the door.	
Sponsor inclusion in Pre-Expo event advertisement	Sponsor logo on Expo flyer, newspaper: MTZ Region News and Decatur H & R Logo on large banners Sponsor logo on Expo	Sponsor name on Expo flyer	
Early Bird Pricing			If registered and paid before January 26, 2018



#### Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce 2018 EXPO Contract

Show Date: March 10, 2018 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

MTZ Convention Center

Set Up Date: March 9, 2018 9 - 4 p.m.

Booth Space: 8' X 8'

Fee: \$225.00 per booth space, if registered and paid before February 1, 2018. After February 1, 2018 booth space will be allocated on a first come first serve basis at \$250.00. Each booth will be provided with one table and two chairs. There is a \$25 charge for electricity for booths requiring electricity. Gold Sponsorship includes electricity

- 1. All contracts and checks must be received by February 1, 2018 to retain a discounted booth space.
- 2. All exhibitors must restrict their exhibit to the business registered with the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. All multiple businesses that are Chamber members, must register each business they wish to exhibit.
- 3. Doors will be open Friday, March 9th at 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for set up. All exhibitors are to be set up by 4:00 p.m.
- 4. Exhibitors will unload in the front and park to the immediate north & east of the convention center.
- 5. Exhibitors will NOT remove their display before 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 10th.
- 6. Exhibitors will NOT sell any illegal items.
- 7. Exhibitors will remove all trash, paper, boxes, tape, etc. from their space.
- 8. Exhibitors will cooperate with all requests of show personnel.
- 9. Exhibitors MUST keep display within confines of their space and not go into the aisles.
- 10. The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce or the Mt. Zion Convention Center will not be held liable for any losses, damages or injuries sustained by exhibitors in any manner whatsoever.
- 11. No refunds or credits for cancellations for any reason after February 1, 2018.
- 12. Exhibitors will be supplied (1) table, (2) chairs, table cloth, pipe and drape on three sides. You must supply extension cords and display accessories. Wall booth spaces are for booths that need electrical outlets. Electrical Booth space will be available to those who pay the \$25.00 fee.
- 13. Door prizes can be announced during the Expo. It is suggested that you arrange for door prize and sign-ups and/or drawings at your booth.
- 14. All Chamber exhibitors must be a member in good standing at the time of the Expo.
- 15. For questions or special requests, please call the Chamber @ 864-2526.
- 16. Make checks payable to the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce and mail to: P.O. Box 84, Mt. Zion, IL 62549.

#### Return the bottom half with your payment

Business Name (Please Print)	Contact Person (Please Print)	Phone
Electricity: yes No (Note: <b>There is an added \$25 charge fo</b>		
Booth: Business Tas	ste Electricity	
(\$225/single for early or \$250/after I	February 1, 2017 ( <b>\$25.00</b> )	

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 84

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



# **2018 TASTE Contract**

Do not miss this opportunity to serve one of your delicious entrees to the crowd of local residents attending the EXPO & TASTE on Saturday, March 10,2018.

Setup is Friday, March 9th from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

NO CHARGE for Booth—size 8x8

Serve time: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Each booth provides a minimum of 200 single food servings for one ticket

Each booth provides necessary serving items (extension cords, napkins, plates, forks, etc.)

3,000 food tickets will be for sale day of the event

Tickets will be sold at the Mt. Zion Chamber Booth only in packs of 5 tickets for \$6

Vendors will be reimbursed \$.50 for each ticket turned in by 2:00 p.m. that day

If you would like to be part of the TASTE, please eservation and	
å e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	ail: admin@mtzchamber.org by February 9, 2018. SERVATION
Business Name:	
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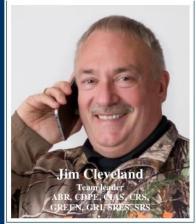




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#### Dear Sponsors,

The Village of Mt. Zion Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting a Valentine's Day event that will make a big SPLASH in our local community! It is the Valentine's Day Dueling Pianos and Dinner on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, for the benefit of a Splash Pad at Mt. Zion's Fletcher Park.

We are so excited to bring the Midwest Dueling Pianos to the Mt. Zion Convention Center located at 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway, Mt. Zion IL. This dynamic entertainment is designed for adults of all ages, and they provide an all request-driven show. The players know songs ranging from classic standards to television show theme songs. Their performance will WOW all guests, and what better way to advertise your business and show your support!

The evening of Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will begin at 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) with a delicious catered meal, followed by the humorous and talented Midwest Dueling Piano performance. Tickets are \$40.00 for singles and \$80.00 for couples. Reservations for a table of 10 can be made if tickets are purchased at one time. Sponsorship packages are tax deductible; for more information contact the Village of Mt. Zion at 864-5424.

# Sponsor Packages

**Table Top Sponsors:** Your company name and logo will be featured on our guest dining and show tables and in the event program for \$150.00

Stage Sponsors: Your company name and logo will be featured on the stage, on table tops, inclusion in the night's event program and four complimentary tickets for \$300.00

Big Splash Package: Table Top Sponsorship, and Stage Sponsorship, plus logo inclusion on all promotional materials including radio tags, inclusion in the night's event program, recognition during the event, and ten complimentary tickets (1 table) for \$650.00.

Logo and company name for Big Splash Sponsors are due by December 15, 2017 for inclusion on all the written materials.



## Mt. Zion Parks & Recreation Commission Presents:



# Valentine Dinner Fundraiser Featuring Midwest Dueling Pianos

### Saturday, February 10th, 2018

Doors open at 6:30 pm; Dinner at 7:00 pm; Music at 8:00 pm
Mt. Zion Convention Center - Mt. Zion, Illinois
Fee: \$40 for single/\$80 per couple
Fundraiser for the Splash Pad at Fletcher Park

You may purchase tickets at Village Hall or online at www.mtzion.com
Tickets are also available at Kenney's Ace Hardware
and Sav-Mor Pharmacy in Mt. Zion.

Tables of 10 are available for \$400; tickets must be purchased in one transaction

Questions? 217.864.5424

Tickets go on sale December 15, 2017

Ticket Sale ends February 5, 2018







## Our Lady of The Holy Spirit PSR/Youth Group

Will be hosting a Nelson's Dinner Fundraiser.

WHEN: January 24th

**DRIVE THUR PICK UP: 4-6pm** 

**LOCATION:** 400 Whitetail Circle, Mt. Zion

\$10.00 per plate

#### MENU:

- ½ Grilled Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
- Southern Style Green Beans
  - Dinner Roll

We will be selling tickets now through January 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be purchased and picked up at the following locations.

#### Our Lady of The Holy Spirit Catholic Church

400 Whitetail Circ, Mt. Zion

#### Kenny's Ace Hardware

2880 S Mount Zion Rd, Decatur

#### **Krave Frozen Yogurt**

1455 Village Parkway, Mt. Zion

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