



January *NEWS* from Chamber President Wendy Kernan

And so, we have turned the page on yet another calendar year, a quick review of 2018 reminds us of the many stories that the Mt. Zion Chamber was a part of in our business community.

We had some of our traditional events such as our networking luncheons, annual banquet, expo & taste, adopt-a-highway, blue ribbon, and our Christmas Luncheon. Then we had some new events we tried this year such as a business breakfast at the Mt. Zion High School (which will allow us to increase our scholarship amount), the Prayer Breakfast we changed so we could do a 10% give back to the speaker's charity of choice, and we added a bi-monthly Members Spotlight.

So, what's in store for 2019: highlight our members through our FB page, monthly members spotlights, changing our website to make it more user friendly and up-to-date with both Chamber and community events, luncheon sponsorship opportunities just to name a few.

We want to celebrate your successes, along with better understanding your challenges. We want to know our members better and help you know each other. Together we will create the story of our community, a story to inspire visitors to come often, to consider calling Mt. Zion home. We are committed to working with the community and our members to highlight Mt. Zion and provide new opportunities for prosperity and growth.

Thank you for being a part of the Mt. Zion Chamber and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in 2019!

January 1st is the first page in a blank 365-page book; let's write a good one together.

Sincerely,

Your Chamber President

Wendy J Kernan

January 2019 Events

Luncheon

January 9th

Member Cost: \$15

Networking: 11:15 am

Luncheon: 11:45 a.m.-1:00 pm

RSVP by Noon Tuesday Jan. 8th

LOCATION:

Mt. Zion Fletcher Park

Recreation Center

**Luncheon Sponsor and
presentation by:**

First Mid Bank & Trust

Topic:

**Fraud in Your Business and
Ways to Prevent It**

Catered by

Crawford's Pizza

Exhibitor:

Unique Boutique Salon & Spa



Mark your Calendar

February 13th

Speaker & Topic:

Nicole Bateman:

**Update on the EDC, MIP, and
Limitless campaigns**

Exhibitor:

**DMH Health & Wellness &
Crossfit Enhance**

2019 Calendar of Events

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Business Expo & Taste - March 9, 2019

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet - April 18, 2019

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January Luncheon

First Mid Bank & Trust is our luncheon sponsor this month. They will be presenting the topic Fraud in Your Business and Ways to Prevent It. Our luncheon will be catered by Crawford's Pizza. Send in your RSVP by Tuesday, January 9th by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! Remember to tell me if you want prepaid luncheons for the whole year.

2019 Prepaid Luncheons

New Price -- If you want to get all your luncheons for the whole year at \$12 each instead of the full price of \$15 each, let me know if you want to enroll for the 2019 Prepaid Luncheons. Linda Harper will invoice you for \$144. The deadline to let Linda know is Monday, January 7, 2019. Email mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.



Member Spotlight



SCORE

The Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce loves its members and wants you to learn more about them by bringing you this week's member spotlight...SCORE Decatur! SCORE helps local entrepreneurs and small businesses with free, confidential mentoring, low-cost local workshops and expert on-line business resources. Have you ever thought of being a SCORE volunteer, not only do you use your knowledge and experience to help others succeed, you also support the business community thrive. Contact this Mt. Zion Chamber member, SCORE Decatur at decatur.score.org.

2019 Expo & Taste

The Mt. Zion Chamber Expo and Taste will be Saturday, March 9, 2019. 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 by about 2,000 attendees. Included in this newsletter are the following deadlines:

Sponsorships	Friday, January 25, 2019
Booth Contract	Friday, February 1, 2019 -- Early Bird Pricing
Taste Contract	Friday, February 8, 2019

Booths are going fast so get your spot soon!

MZCC College Scholarships

Each year the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce awards college scholarships. This year because of the combined business appreciation breakfast with the Mt. Zion School District we were able to increase the total amount of college scholarships from \$3,000 to \$3,500. If you have a high school graduate this year, share the scholarship application in this newsletter. If you need a PDF of it, let me know. The application, official transcripts, and other required documents need to be received by March 1, 2019. The scholarships are presented at our Annual Awards Banquet in April.

Luncheon Sponsorships

If your organization or business would like to be a luncheon sponsor for \$200 per luncheon, let Linda Harper know by emailing mtzionilchamber@gmail.com. The sponsorship fee will go into our advertising budget to help give back to our members. As a luncheon sponsor, your business or organization names will be announced as the sponsor in our newsletter, on our website, and during that month's luncheon. The month of January is already taken so let me know.

Business After Hours

One of the benefits of membership is that your business or organization can host a Business After Hours. It's a great way to familiarize more people with your establishment. There is no extra fee that you pay the MZCC. Attendees network and learn about your business. The host gives a short presentation and/or tour, provides a door prize, and hors d'oeuvres. The MZCC is scheduling February, May, September, or November now. Tuesday's or Thursday's are the best days. Let me know at least two weeks before you want to schedule your Business After Hours.



**Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce
2019 EXPO Contract**

**Show Date: March 9, 2019 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
MTZ Convention Center**

**Set Up Date: March 8, 2019 | 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Booth Space: 8' x 8'**

**Fee: Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or Early Bird Member \$200 per booth space, if registered by February 1, 2019.
After February 1, 2019 booth space will be allocated on a first-come first-serve basis at
Non-Member Price of \$400 or Member Price \$250.**

1. All contracts and checks must be received by February 1, 2019 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 8th 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 9th.
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, 2019.
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: Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. 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 _____ (110v)

Note: There is an added \$25 charge for booth electricity. (\$25.00)

Booth: Business _____ Taste _____ Electricity _____

(Early Bird Non-Member \$350 or \$200 Member per booth price.

After February 1, 2019, price for Non-Member \$400 or Member \$250 per booth.)

Mail to:

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

Mt. Zion, IL 62549



2019 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 9, 2019.

Setup is Saturday, March 9th from 9 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

- NO CHARGE for Booth – size 8x8
- Serve time: 11 a.m. to 2 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 2:30 p.m. that day**

If you would like to be part of the TASTE, please complete the attached reservation and return by mail: PO BOX 84, Mt. Zion, IL or email: admin@mtzchamber.org by **February 8, 2019.**

BOOTH RESERVATION

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

2019 College Scholarship Application

\$3,500 Total to be Awarded

Submit to:

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 84 Mt. Zion, IL 62549

Applications due no later than March 1, 2019

Criteria

- Must be in the current graduating class from Mt. Zion High School or if attending another high school must be the child of dues-paying Mt. Zion Chamber member. If home-schooled must provide proof of eligibility.
- Must provide acceptance letter from a post-secondary institution to pursue and associate or baccalaureate degree in a business-related field.
- Must enroll as a full-time college student (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).
- Must submit completed application, official high school transcripts, and other required documents to the Chamber by March 1, 2019.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (weighted scale) by the end of 7th semester.
- Must demonstrate service to the Macon County community.

Student

Data

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____
Street Address _____
City State Zip _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Post-

Secondary

Data

College/Technical School _____
Anticipated Enrollment Date _____
Declared Major _____

Description

of Service

-Describe the service you have performed (include extra-curricular activities, church community service, work experience, etc.) Please attach a separate page.

Essay

Describe the benefits of affiliations such as the Chamber of Commerce in promoting business and business professionals. Please submit separate page and keep to a minimum of 250 words.

Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors reserves the right to choose recipient(s) at its discretion,

and at times may choose to withhold the awarding of scholarships.

For more information: Call 217-864-2526 or email admin@mtzionchamber.org.



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2019 BANQUET

Saturday, February 2, 2019

at

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520 E. North St., Decatur, IL

Games/Raffles & Social Hour - 5 p.m.

Rib Eye Dinner - 7 p.m.

Tickets - \$55 Membership (Early Bird - \$50)
\$20 Spouse (Early Bird - \$15) and \$10 Child

**EARLY BIRD
TICKET ORDER DEADLINE
January 19, 2019**

For Ticket & Sponsor Information:

Jim Cleveland.....217.433.1144

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For more information about our properties, call Jim 217-433-1144

Address	Details	Price	MLS #
1514 E Clay St	2bdr/1bth/wood floors/original claw foot tub/rehab ready	Under \$10's	6174477
Lot 2 E Greenhill Rd	NEW LISTING! 1.45 timbered ac. building lot/100' road frontage/near lake	Under \$20's	6184287
1690 W Cushing St	Ranch 2bdr/1bth/near northwest/replacement windows/CFD	Mid \$20's	6182989
787 W Cushing St	Income! Bungalow w/2 apartment 1bdr/1bth & 2bdr/2bth/CFD	Upper \$20's	6182911
270 E Mueller Ct	.65 acre treed building lot in gated subdivision on Lake Decatur	Upper \$20's	6173066
1188 W Packard St	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/1bth/hardwood floors/ full basement/fenced yard	Mid \$30's	6184705
195 N Fairway Ave	2bdr/1bth/1car garage/ranch/.55 acre/fixer upper/far west end/W-L schls	Upper \$30's	6180818
775 S Oakland Ave	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/1bth/hardwood flrs/fireplace/fenced yard/west end	Mid \$40's	6184780
32 Sickles Dr	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth Cape Cod/1.5car garage/hardwd flrs/ So. Shores	Mid \$50's	6172409
361 N Oakland Ave	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/1bth/1-car garage/full basement/new HVAC	Upper \$50's	6184951
44 Isabella Dr	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/replacement windows/pool	Mid \$70's	6183327
269 N Ash St, Maroa	3bdr/1bth ranch/eat-in kitchen/family room/near M-F high school	Upper \$70's	6181946
2265 N McClellan Ave	NEW LISTING! 4bdr/2bth/2car garage/1car garage, workshop/metal roof	Mid \$80's	6184987
3869 Arthur Ct	NEW LISTING! 2bdr/2bth/hardwood floors/family room/half ac corner lot	Upper \$80's	6184501
1550 W William St	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/hardwood flrs/next to Fairview Park	Mid \$80's	6183837
2440 W Florian Ct	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2.5bth/1car garage/Cape Cod/Updated roof, HVAC	Mid \$80's	6184267
44 Brownlow Dr	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car gar/gorgeous updates!/lifetime waterproofing	Mid \$90's	6182826
205 W Roberts, Mt Zion	3bdr/1bth/oak kitchen cabinets/large yard/composite deck	Mid \$90's	6183880
5057 Thrush Ave	3bdr/2bth/sun room/new laminate flooring/large yard/near airport & lake	Upper \$90's	6183861
4741 Barbary Ct	3bdr/2bth ranch/2car garage/full basement/north/M-F schools	Mid \$110's	6182349
435 Scovill Ct	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth ranch, 2car garage/new flooring & paint/55+	Low \$140's	6183177
RR 1, Bingham(Ramsey area)	40 acre hunting or building site/timber, pasture, & pond!	Low \$200's	6183935
531 Park Place Ct, Forsyth	3bdr/2bth/2car garage/open layout ranch/50+ community/by park	Upper \$200's	6183510
2 Forest Knolls Est.	5 bdr/4bth/2car garage/3,000 SF/updates/ LAKEFRONT/huge deck/dock	Upper \$220's	6183559
45 N Country Club Rd	3bdr/2.5bth/LAKEFRONT/walk-out basement/great views/2,200 TSF/dock	Upper \$230's	6181843
207 Jack Ln, Forsyth	NEW LISTING! 4bdr/3bth/full, finished basement/upgrades/M-F schools	Mid \$270's	6184883
4045 Meadow Park Dr	NEW PRICE! 6bdr/6F&2H bath/4car garage/in-ground pool & pool house	Upper \$730's	6182827



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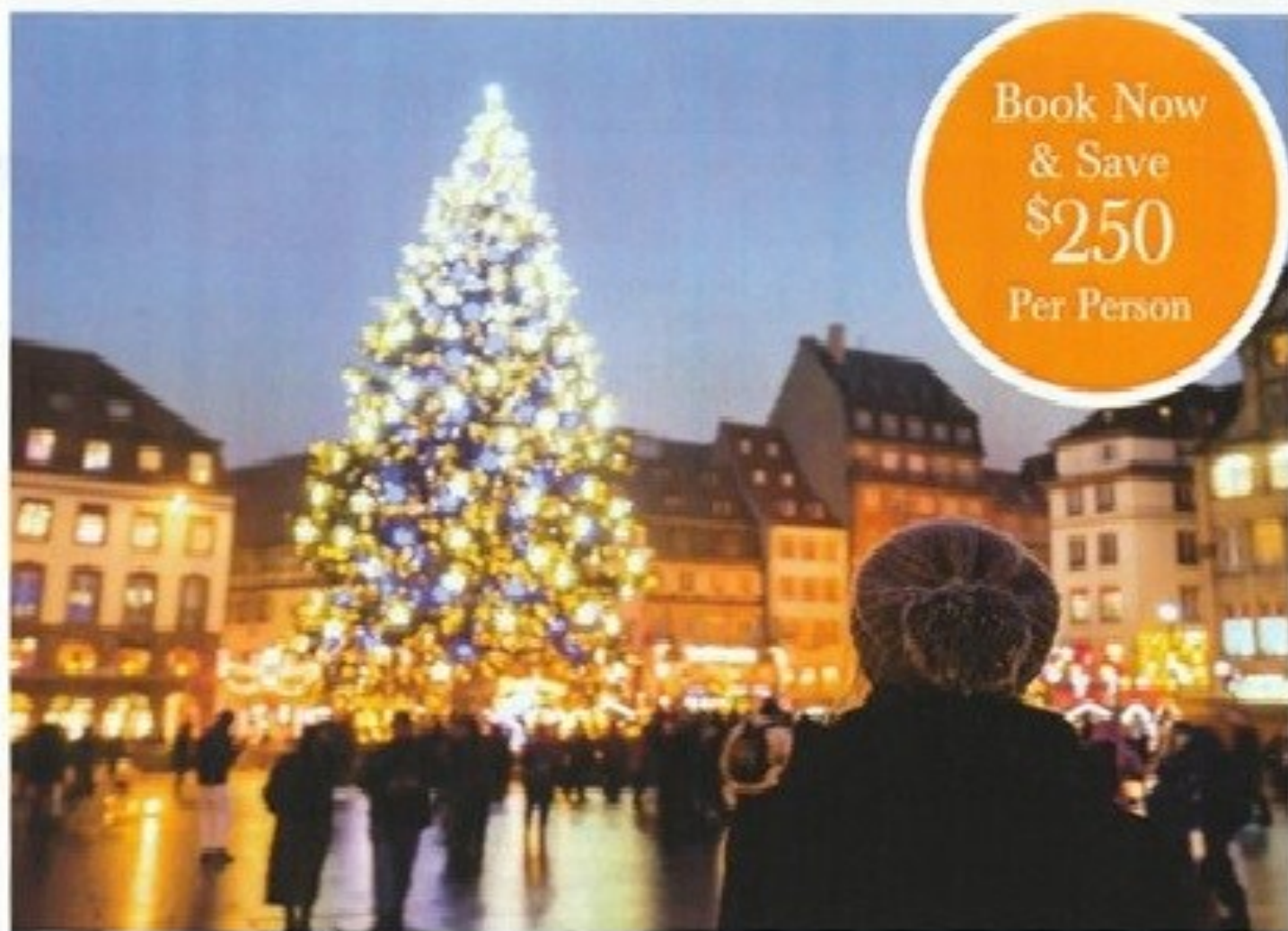
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