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Linda Harper, Editor



March from

Chamber President Karen Jeffers

Happy March Everyone

March is now upon us and the promise of spring awaits around the corner. This has been a wild and crazy winter. I don't know about you, but I am ready for spring and all the delightful sights the season brings.

Spring is always an exciting time for the Chamber as we host two of our biggest events. March 10th is our 2018 Business EXPO & TASTE. This year is slated not to disappoint with a great variety of exhibitors, taste booths, fashion show, plus lots more. Speaking of more, we have some new events this year. First, we will be hosting a vendor reception on Friday, March 9th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres and bar service catered by Chamber member Angelo's. Each attendee will receive 2 complimentary drink tickets. Decatur Score is partnering with the Mt. Zion EDC to present a free one hour workshop titled "Simple Steps for Starting Your Business". The workshop will be from 10:00 -11:00 in the breakout meeting room at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. Lastly, we are again having the booth stamp game sponsored this year by Laura Jones of Vieweg Real Estate. This will be the 4th year for the game and it really provides the attendees an incentive to visit EACH and EVERY booth.

Our second big event is the Annual Banquet being held April 19th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. The banquet will be a buffet dinner prepared by Chamber member the Beach House. For the evening's entertainment we are excited to announce that we have secured two fabulous Chicago comedians, Erik Scott & Alex Dragicevich. Erik is a local boy who has made quite a name for himself in the Chicago comedy scene. It's sure to be a great show. We want to thank S.A. Lewis Construction and Land of Lincoln Credit Union for sponsoring the evening's entertainment. Tickets are \$40 each or a table of 8 for \$300. Trust me, you won't want to miss this evening of celebration, fellowship and great entertainment.

Our March luncheon will be held on the 14th at Richland Community College with the Bistro 537 catering. I encourage all of you to attend our luncheons. I can't think of a better way to network and promote your business than with your fellow chamber members. Please RSVP to Linda by Monday, March 12th.

I want to thank all of you for being members of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce. It's because of YOU that we have such a strong Chamber. I want to remind you that when you are looking to purchase a good or service, please look to your fellow Chamber member. I saw a saying recently that really sums up this message..." Small businesses are the heartbeat of your neighborhood, the spine of your local economy and the spirit of your town". Have a marvelous March everyone! With Warm Regards, March 2018 Events Luncheon

March 14th

Member Cost: \$15 Networking: 11:15 am Lunch: 11:45—1:00 pm RSVP by Noon Monday Jan. 8th

LOCATION:

RCC Schilling Center

Salon 1

SPEAKER:

Tricia Cordulack

TOPIC:

Carroll Innovative Learning Center

CATERED BY

Bistro 537

EXHIBITOR:

Brinkoetter Realtors



Mark Your Calendar

2018 Mt. Zion Expo & Taste Sat.. Mar. 10, 2018 9-2

LUNCH

April 11th Luncheon at the Fletcher Park in Mt. Zion Catered by: Beach House

Karen





Thank you to our 2018 Mt. Zion Expo & Taste Gold sponsors. Be sure to attend the Expo & Taste on March 10th.

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Volunteers are needed for the Expo for: Security, Friday Set up, Saturday Clean-up, and Publicity. Call or email the Chamber office to sign up 864-2526 or e-mail <u>mtzionilchamber@gmail.com</u>.

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

March Luncheon

The March luncheon speaker on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, is Tricia Cordulack. She will speak about the Carroll Center for Innovative Learning at Richland Community College. Tricia will also take us on a tour of the learning center.

Our luncheon in March will be at Richland Community College in Salon 1 of the Schilling Center at 11:15 a.m. It will be catered by Bistro 537and Brinkoetter Realtors will be the exhibitor.

RSVP to mtzionilchamber@gmail.com by Mon., Mar. 12, 2018.





Contact Linda Harper at <u>mtzionilchamber@gmail.com</u> if you can help with any of the following before, during, or after the Expo:

Before:

Packet preparation -- a few days before Expo

Work Chamber Registration Desk move in day, Friday, March 9th

Security -- keeping public out of exhibition hall before 9 a.m. on March 10th

During:

Work Chamber Registration Desk selling Taste tickets

Hand out free bags & maps

After:

Collect evaluations, Taste tickets from vendors, etc.

Move Chamber materials to Chamber Office



2018 Mt. Zion EXPO & TASTE

Mt. Zion Convention Center Saturday, March 10, 2018

Expo 9:00 - 2:00 Taste 11:00 - 1:00 Stage Show 11:00 - 1:00

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- How SCORE can help you build, grow and thrive your dreams!

For more information or to register, please contact:

Bethany Wetherholt bwetherholt@millikin.edu

Mt. Zion EXPO & TASTE

Saturday, March 10th 10am - 11am

Mt. Zion Convention Center Mt. Zion, IL

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2017 Outstanding Business of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted



It is time to nominate the **2017 Outstanding Business of the Year** by completing the application in this newsletter. All nominations must be received by April 1, 2018. This year's winner will be announced at the Annual Banquet on Thursday, April 19th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center.

Criteria to keep in mind: Service to the community, a positive economic impact on the community, attendance & service to the chamber and longevity in the community.

ELECTION

Mt. Zion Chamber Board of Directors— March 14th

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce, President Karen Jeffers appointed a Nominating Committee which has submitted the following list of eligible candidates to fill five (5) two-year vacancies that will exist at the close of May 31, 2018. Only one vote is allowed per membership and the member must be in good standing at the time of election.

Here are the five names that have been nominated for the term of June 1, 2018—May 31, 2020 Board of Directors:

Wendy Kernan—Town & Country Bank (second twoyear term)

Nikki Ruffner—Sav-Mor Pharmacy (second two-year term)

Jeff Chambers--Mansea Metal (first two-year term)

Dusty Corum- Heritage Health (first two-year term)

Ed Swope—From One Mother to Another (first twoyear term)

Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, April 19th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center. The event will kick-off with cocktails 5:30—6:30 and Hors d'oeuvres sponsored by Scott State Bank. There will be a new feature added to our banquet this year: Silent Auction Baskets (donated my chamber members) to bid on during cocktail time and up to the start of our evening program. Dinner will be catered by Chamber member The Beach House and the program will follow with traditional announcements of Business of the Year and Scholarship Awards. Land of Lincoln Credit Union and S. A Lewis Construction, Inc. are co-sponsoring Erik Scott and Alex Scott, our featured quick wit, comic entertainment. Tickets are will be available at the March 14th luncheon for \$40 each or table of 8 for \$300 or email Linda Harper at

<u>mtzionilchamber@gmail.com.</u>. All chamber members, employees and their guest are invited to join us.

Silent Auction Items Needed

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Everyone can join in.....

This year at the Annual Banquet we are going to have our Silent Auction Fundraiser. Get creative and have some fun by donating a "themed" basket or an item to help us raise money for future charitable giving. If you need helpful ideas or a pick-up of donated item contact Wendy Kernan at . wkernan@townandcountrybank.com.



Nomination for

Outstanding Business of the Year Award

2017

Let the Chamber of Commerce Board members know who the Business of the Year is and why this Business is a candidate to be nominated.

Criteria to keep in mind: Service to the community, a positive economic impact on the

community, attendance & service to the chamber and longevity in the community.

Any member whose dues are current can send in a nomination. Employees/contractors of a paid membership <u>cannot</u> nominate a business unless they are the designated contact person. Please, only one nomination per membership.

Nominations can be sent by email (admin@mtzchamber.org) or mailed (PO Box 84, Mt. Zion, II 62549) no later than April 1, 2018.

The nominating member must sign their name and the business they represent. The Board members will vote and the winner will be announced at our Annual Banquet on April 19, 2018 held at the Mt. Zion Convention Center.

Business Nomination:_____

Owner:_____

Reason:

Nominated by:_____ Date:_____

Your Business Name:



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1514 E Clay St	2bdr/1bth/wood floors/original claw foot tub/rehab ready	Low \$10's	6174477
231 S 19th St	NEW PRICE! PRE-INSPECTED! 2bdr/1bth/1car/original woodwork	Low \$20's	6174834
825 S 21st St	2bdr/1bth/1-car garage/brick/fireplace/hardwood floors/corner lot	Mid \$30's	6171608
5 Virginia Dr, Lovington	NEW PRICE! 2(3)bdrs/1.5bth/1car garage/.28 acre lot/fixer-upper	Upper \$30's	6175421
3664 N Dove Dr	3bdr/1.5bth/2car garage/spacious family room/NE bi-level/deck	Upper \$40's	6172868
7455 W Wood St	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/1car gar./.90 ac/Sangamon Valley Schools	Mid \$50's	6175485
300 S East St, Moweaqua	NEW PRICE! 2bdr/1bth/1car garage/roof 2016/corner lot/Central A&M	Upper \$50's	6175602
679 N Moffet Ave	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/1.5car garage/updated bathrooms, paint, roof	Low \$60's	6174270
32 Sickles Dr	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/1.5car garage/hardwood floors/ South Shores	Low \$60's	6172409
511 N Ridge Lane	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/2bth/1car garage/charming ranch/hardwood floors	Upper \$60's	6180447
559 W Prairie Ave	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/1.5car garage/historic westend Tudor/hardwd flrs	s Low \$70's	6173963
2315 W Forest Ave	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/1bth/2.5car garage/blonde brick/full basement	Upper \$80's	6175450
4101 Park Lane	3bdr/3bth/2car garage/bi-level/ready for your HGTV skills!	Mid \$90's	6174651
12 Lake Grove Club	NEW PRICE! 2bdr/1bth/2car garage/lake cottage/updated/fireplace/dock	Upper \$90's	6155231
1725 S Fairview Ave	COMMERCIAL! Office space!/.84 acre/Formerly veterinarian's office	Low \$100's	6175256
414 W Karen Dr	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/full basement/updated roof/lge yrd	l Mid \$100's	6180469
4003 E Kresin Ct	NEW LISTING! 3bdr/1bth/2car garage/Mt Z schls/HWA Gold Warranty	Upper \$100's	6180552
129 S Putnam St, Moweau	ua 3bdr/1.5bth/2car garage/updated roof/corner lot/Central A&M Schools	Low \$110's	6163910
925 Dee Lee Lane, Mt Zie	on 3bdr/2.5bth/2car garage/great layout!/large yard/Mt Z schools	Upper \$110's	6180097
2461 S 34th St	4bdr/2bth/1car garage/.46 acre treed lot/loads of updates!/near lake	Upper \$110's	6175016
4486 Lawson Dr	4bdr/2.5bth/2car garage/hickory cabinets/updates!/home warranty	Upper \$120's	6175597
4729 Wisteria Ct	NEW PRICE! 3bdr/2bth/2car garage/lge fam room/Maroa-Forsyth Schls	Upper \$130's	6174832
1425 Meadowview Dr	3bdr/2bth/2car gar/energy efficient/open layout/split bdr design/W-L Schls	Upper \$140's	6172013
4726 Wisteria Ct	4bdr/2.5bth/2-car garage/updates/PRE-INSPECTED!/north end bi-level	Low \$150's	6173475
2683 Forrest Green Dr	3bdr/2full&2half bth/2car garage/3,527 TSF/spacious rms/gorgeous kit.	Low \$180's	6180305
5150 Birch Church Rd,	Oreana 2-story/4bdr/3bth/2car gar/hardwood floors/A-O schls/warranty	Upper \$180's	6170882
1920 Shore Oak Dr	3bdr/2.5bth/gorgeous remodeled contemporary/lake neighborhd/Mt Z sch.	Mid \$220's	6175680
2 Forest Knolls Est	NEW PRICE! 5bdr/4bth/2car garage/lake front/3,000+ SF/decks/dock	Lower \$250's	6173774
339 Cale Ct, Forsyth	3bdr/2bth/2.5car garage/ranch/full basement/by park/M-F schools	Upper \$250's	6174707



Decatur SCORE and the Mt. Zion EDC to host a FREE Workshop "Simple Steps for Starting Your Small Business"

Decatur, IL — Decatur SCORE (www.decatur.score.org), mentors to America's small business, in partnership with the Mt. Zion EDC will host a FREE one-hour workshop to aid start-up entrepreneurs. SCORE is committed to creating 1 million small businesses by 2020 and the Decatur SCORE/ Mt. Zion EDC "Simple Steps for Starting Your Business" Workshop helps aspiring entrepreneurs know what it really means to start a small business.

"Lots of people have good business ideas – but don't know the next step toward turning their dream into a reality" says Becky Hamilton, Decatur SCORE Chapter Volunteer and Mt. Zion EDC President. This workshop will share common myths about business ownership, how to tackle the maze of business start-up details and learn of resources available in your start-up endeavor.

This FREE one-hour workshop will be presented 10 am – 11 am during the Mt. Zion EXPO & TASTE Saturday, March 10th at the Mt. Zion Convention Center, Mt. Zion, IL.

Since 1964, SCORE has helped more than 10 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through mentoring and business workshops. More than 11,000 volunteer business counselors in over 300 chapters serve their communities through entrepreneurial education dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses.

For more information about starting or operating a small business, call 217-424-6296 or visit Decatur SCORE online at www.decatur.score.org.





Yoga for Beginners. This 6 week class will help you gain yoga skills by learning a safe way to approach and access yoga postures. It is a very instructive class with lots of guidance.

Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:15pm Spring Session: March 13th through April 19th

Fee: \$60.00 per session Held at Fletcher Park Recreation Center Wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat, towel and water with you to class.

Register at Mt. Zion Village Hall 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway, Mt. Zion, IL 62549 217/864-5424





Mt. Zion Chamber of Commerce Members,

The Village of Mt. Zion will be hosting our 1st Annual Mt. Zion Summer Kickoff on May 24th and 25th, 2018 to kickoff Memorial Day weekend. This event is for the community to come out and have fun, while listening to great music!

We are so excited to bring in multiple bands and artists such as "Imagine That Band" and "Randy McAllister" out to Fletcher Park! There will also be great food and inflatables for the kids.

Because we are bringing talent in from out of town, we are in need of sponsors for this event. Each Sponsorship Level comes with tons of recognition and complimentary VIP, food and drink passes! Attached to this letter are our Sponsorship Levels, along with their value. All we need you to do is fill out the Sponsorship Form, send the form and your donation to the Village of Mt. Zion, and email me a PDF or JPEG attachment of your organization's logo (t_lynch@mtzion.com).

All donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to:

Village of Mt. Zion 1400 Mt. Zion Parkway Mt. Zion, IL 62549

On behalf of the Village of Mt. Zion, thank you for your continued support! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,

Tiffanie Lynch Mt. Zion Convention Center Event Coordinator t_lynch@mtzion.com 217-864-5424



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Level of Support	Bronze Sponsor	Silver Sponsor	Gold Sponsor	Platinum Sponsor
Value	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,500
Corporate Logo on Event Banner and Additional Promo Materials	<	<	<	<
Corporate Logo on Website and Facebook Page	<	<	<	~
Organization Recognition at Event	Visual	Visual	Visual and Verbal	Visual and Verbal
Complimentary VIP Passes	5 passes	10 passes	15 passes	20 passes
Complimentary Food Passes	5 passes	10 passes	15 passes	20 passes
Complimentary Drink Passes *pass holder must be at least 21 years of age*	5 passes	10 passes	15 passes	20 passes
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ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Non-monetary donations are greatly appreciated and are essential to the success of the event. Contact our Event Coordinator, Tiffanie, to design a customized sponsorship arrangement for your organization!



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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Mt. Zion's Summer Kickoff 5.24.18 and 5.25.18 at Fletcher Park

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All donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to:

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Thank you for your continued support!!

Don't forget to email your Business Logo to Tiffanie Lynch at t_lynch@mtzion.com



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Movie Night in the Park!

We are looking for sponsors for the Friday night movies in Fletcher Park. You pick the night and the movie. Your sponsorship of \$350.00 pays for the rights to show the movie. Your business will be advertised as sponsor of the movie in the summer brochure and you will have a radio tag with the commercials the week of the showing. Pass out candy, have a table of information about your business, play a game with the children in attendance, it's your night.

We need a sponsor for July and August Movie nights.

Please contact Judy at 864-5424 or email j roessler@mtzion.com

Texting, Snapping, Ohmy! & Cyberbullying

Trying to keep up with the evolving world of technology? Want to learn how to keep your children safe online?

> Mt. Zion SADD is proud to welcome Detective Rich Wistocki

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS <u>FREE ADULT ONLY</u> EVENT AT: Mt. Zion High School Auditorium 305 S. Henderson, Mt. Zion Sunday, February 25th at 6 PM

Det. Wistocki is an expert in the field of internet safety whose involvement in high profile cases and key legislation makes him one of the most sought-after speakers in this critical area. He can be found giving a recent TedX presentation if you wish to preview the presentation topic.

Don't miss this great opportunity to bring your questions and concerns to Det. Wistocki in an informal setting. For more information, contact Katie Boltz at <u>boltzk@mtzschools.org</u>.