

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chamber Connections-Every first and third Tuesday, second and fourth Wednesday and first and third Thursday of every month at 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at WCCCD Heinz C. Prechter Educational & Performing Arts Center, Room 8. Call (734) 284 6000 ext. 27 or Jim@swcrc.com to RSVP.

2015

11/19 – After Business, Ours. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Ray Hunter Florist, 16153 Eureka Rd., Southgate.

11/23 – Legislative Breakfast Forum: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Speaker: Michigan Treasurer, Nick Khouri.

12/3 – Salute to Government Officials. 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., 16333 Trenton Rd., Southgate, Fifth Floor. Presented by PNC Bank; hosted by Farbman Group; sponsored by Comcast, DTE Energy and MBT Downriver.

12/8 – Sip & Savor. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Champion's Sports Grill, 22112 Sibley Road, Brownstown. Hosted by Champion's Sports Grill and Casa Del Vino.

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1/8 – Morning Spark. 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Penelope's Venue, 12219 Dix Road, Southgate.

1/11 – Public Policy Roundtable: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Chamber office.

1/21 – After Business, Ours with Monroe County Chamber. 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Salute Special Events, 26123 E. Huron River Dr., Flat Rock.

1/25 – Legislative Forum – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch served at 11:30 a.m.), Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Speaker: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell – State of the District.

1/29 – Business to Business Expo and Conference. "A Day of Ideas for a Year of Solutions" 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Includes continental breakfast, mini-workshops, business resources, luncheon with keynote speaker.

1/29 – Winter Sparkle, Black Tie Event. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. followed by the complimentary Afterglow until midnight. Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate

2/1 – Public Policy Roundtable: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Chamber office.

2/5 – Morning Spark. 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Culver's, 14800 Racho Rd, Taylor

1/25 – Legislative Forum – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch served at 11:30 a.m.), Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Speaker: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell – State of the District.

2/21 – Alive@Five. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Location TBA.

2/22 – Legislative Forum – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (lunch served at 11:30 a.m.), Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort St., Southgate. Speaker: Congressman Gary Peters.



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Allen Park
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Southgate
Sumpter
Taylor
Trenton
Van Buren Twp.
Woodhaven
Wyandotte

November 1, 2015

Dear Chamber Members:

I apologize in advance for the length of this letter, but it contains very important information. Please read it in its entirety.

At their September meeting, the Chamber's Board of Directors approved a policy statement that requires cancellation of any member businesses who are more than 90 day delinquent in payment of their dues.

While the vast majority of our members pay their dues on time, we have a rather large list of members whose membership will be cancelled as of the November Board meeting unless they make arrangements to pay their 2015 dues. (Payment of 2015 dues does not exempt them from paying their 2016 dues when it becomes due.)

Our policy has been, and remains, to send dues invoices six weeks prior to the due date. Those who are unpaid as of two weeks after the due day receive a reminder invoice. At 30 days, we make an attempt to contact those members by phone. Beginning in mid-November, those who have not made arrangements to renew will be cancelled.

This may seem harsh, but in fairness to those many members who always pay on time, we will no longer allow those who haven't paid to benefit from Chamber membership.

If you are unsure whether you are up to date on your Chamber dues, you can find out by going the www.swcrc.com, choose the *Membership* tab, then *Members only* and *Member Login*. If you don't know your member number and password, call the office, and we will be happy to give you that information. If you find that your 2015 dues invoice is still open, you can go online and pay the invoice or call the office to make arrangements to do so. If you believe that our information is in error, please call us so we can get it corrected.

While you are in the database, please take a few moments to check the rest of your information. Everything we have on file for your business is in this record. Corrections made in the database are automatically updated on the website!

Finally, we send invoices by email unless a member requests to have his/her invoice sent via the U.S. Postal Service. If that is your preference, please give us a call, and we'll make sure your invoices are always sent by regular mail.

As always, it is our goal to make it as easy as possible for our members to maintain their membership. If you have a problem, talk to us. We're here to help.

Best Regards,

Sandy
Sandra Mull
President

P 734.284.6000 F 734.284.0198 info@swcrc.com www.swcrc.com
20904 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Welcome New Members for August 2015 thru November 2015

Blossoms Florist, Allen Park- (313) 389-5900

Camino Real Mexican Restaurant, Wyandotte (734) 258-8790

Casa Del Vino, Trenton (734) 692-3564

Champions Sports Grill, Brownstown (734) 284-7000

Dalton Flooring, Southgate 734-283-7030

DJ's Property Maintenance LLC, Trenton (734) 731-8885

Edward Nykiel, Attorney, Trenton (734) 775-5990

Family Gentle Dentists, Brownstown (734) 676-7122

Franks Café, Wyandotte 313-215-1631

Huron Valley Financial, Ann Arbor (734) 748-6081

Jet's Pizza Southgate, Southgate (734) 281-3844

Mansfield Oil Company - Northeast Region, Southgate (866) 542-1691

Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Taylor (734) 285-2707

Mighty Clean Carpet and Upholstery, Brownstown (313) 978-1500

Public Service Credit Union, Romulus (734) 641-8400

XG Security Services, LLC, Taylor (734) 245-4100

Sawgrass Systems, Grosse Ile (734) 502-5819

Telegration, Clawson (248) 284-6752

The Dental Clinic, Lincoln Park (313) 386-9660

Trans America Merchant Service, Dearborn (313) 492-6971

Wireless Vision/T-Mobile Partner, Wyandotte (734) 282-2000



Did you know. . .

- As an employee of an SWCRC member business, you are a member, too.
- You are welcome to attend Chamber events and participate on committees.
- Best of all, you are entitled to participate in Chamber discount programs – including the great Office Depot discount program.



It's easy to shop online with the Office Depot Discount!

- Go to www.swcrc.com and click on the Office Depot link.
- Click on the "Create New User" button.
- Complete the information page, click "Create User" and start shopping.
- The next time you return to the Office Depot website, simply enter your username and password in the "Returning Customer" area to begin shopping.

Want to use the discount in an Office Depot store?

Just call the Chamber at 734.284.6000 or email info@swcrc.com and request an Office Depot discount card. We'll drop it in the mail the same day, or you can pick it up at our office.


Just show your card at checkout, then pay by cash, credit card or check as you normally would.

NOTE TO EMPLOYERS: We will be happy to give you cards that can be distributed to your employees. Just let us know how many you would like.

Office
Taking Care
of Business
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Legislative Forum Breakfast

Monday, November 23, 2015



Michigan State Treasurer Nick Khouri

Location:
Crystal Gardens
16703 Fort St.
Southgate

Breakfast Forum Time:
8:30 a.m. - Registration

Cost:
\$15 p/p or \$150/table

***MEET THE SPEAKER!**
Businesses that sponsor a Legislative Forum are invited to a Speaker's reception where they meet and have their photo taken with the guest speaker. Sponsors sit at the head table during the forum with the guest speaker and their names are announced in the opening remarks, as well as in the program and on a marquee sign at the event. To sponsor a Legislative Forum, call Mary Jarosz, Legislative Forum Coordinator, at 734-284-6000

Local high school students are invited to attend the Legislative Forum. To sponsor a high school students' table call the Chamber at 734-284-6000

Register at
www.swcrc.com or call
734-284-6000

Business to Business Expo & Conference

"A day of ideas for a year of solutions"
Friday, January 29, 2016
Crystal Gardens Banquet & Conference Center

*Conference & Expo - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Black Tie - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Afterglow - 9:00 p.m. to midnight*

Reservations for booths are currently being accepted. Contact Chamber at 734-284-6000, or info@swcrc.com to secure the booth location of your choice.

EXHIBITOR SPACE:

- 10x10 (Members: \$350, Non-member: \$450)
- 8 ft. skirted table and 2 chairs
- Company description in the special section published by the News-Herald Newspapers (circulation: 70,000 homes and businesses) as well as on their digital pages
- Company listing and link on SWCRC Web site
- Recognition in pre- and post-event promotions
- Complimentary admission to keynote luncheon (\$25 Value)
- 2 complimentary Black Tie Party tickets (\$130 - \$150 Value)

PLATINUM SPONSOR - \$2,500

- One 10x20 end booth with all exhibitors benefits
- Full page ad in event program book
- Logo in promotional pieces
- 8 complimentary Black Tie tickets

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,250

- One 10x10 booth with all exhibitors benefits
- Half page ad in event program book
- Name printed in promotional pieces
- 6 complimentary Black Tie tickets

SILVER SPONSOR - \$1,000

- One 10x10 booth with all exhibitors benefits
- Quarter page ad in event program book
- Name printed in promotional pieces
- 4 complimentary Black Tie tickets

BRONZE SPONSOR - \$750

- Same as Silver Sponsor but doesn't include a booth

BREAKFAST SPONSOR - \$500
LUNCHEON SPONSOR - \$1,000
KEYNOTE SPONSOR - \$2,500
BLACK TIE PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$5,000
AFTERGLOW PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$2,500

Name _____ Company _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone () _____ Fax () _____ E-mail _____

_____ PLATINUM SPONSOR (\$2,500) _____ GOLD SPONSOR (\$1,250) _____ SILVER SPONSOR (\$1,000) _____ BRONZE SPONSOR (\$750)
_____ BREAKFAST SPONSORSHIP (\$500) _____ LUNCH SPONSORSHIP (\$1,000) _____ KEYNOTE SPONSORSHIP (\$2,500)
_____ BLACK TIE PRESENTING SPONSOR (\$5,000) _____ AFTERGLOW PRESENTING SPONSOR (\$2,500)

Booth Reservation _____ 10x10 (Members \$350, Non-members \$450) _____ 10x20 (Members \$700, Non-members \$900)
_____ Larger space & premium locations (call Chamber office for pricing 734-284-6000, ext. 25)

Total \$ _____ Method of payment _____ Check (make payable to SWCRC) _____ Visa _____ MasterCard
_____ Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____ Signature of card holder _____

Please return this form to: 20904 Northline Road Taylor, MI 48180
Phone: 734-284-6000, ext. 25 Fax: 734-284-0198 rich@swcrc.com

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber Board of Directors 2015 Slate of Nominees

In accordance with the by-laws of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber, this ballot is for your vote for the SWCRC Board of Directors. **VOTE TO APPROVE OR NOT APPROVE THE ENTIRE BALLOT BELOW - NOT FOR INDIVIDUAL BOARD NOMINEES.** The results of the election will be ratified at the November 19, 2015 Board of Directors meeting. All votes must be received in the Chamber office prior to that date. You may vote online at www.swcrc.com, by email to info@swcrc.com, by fax to 734.284.0198 or by mail to SWCRC, 20904 Northline Rd., Taylor MI 48180.

Directors serve two-year overlapping terms; therefore, one half of the Board is newly elected or re-elected each year. The term of each Director elected will be through December 2017. In addition, the Officers and Non-Officer members of the Executive Committee are elected each year. The term of each Executive Committee member is through December 2016.

Directors 1/16 - 12/17	Executive Committee 1/16 - 12/17
Bates, Al	Second Step Advertising
Beri, Jim	Wayne County RESA
Bovitz, Rob	Bovitz CPA, P.C.
D'Angelo, Ed	The Information Center
Fallot, Mary Jane	Mary Jane's Gifts
Hughes, Edith	Oakwood Southshore
Hurt, Kathy	ZEAL Credit Union
Kollias, Patricia	Telegraph Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram
Jones, Robert	AT&T
Levko, Dennis	J. S. Vig Construction
Lopez, Frank	Aztec Mfg.
Moran, Ron	Ghafari & Associates
O'Callaghan, Mike	Greater Detroit CVB
Pflum, Greg	BASF
Piszker, Louis	Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency
Priskorn, Betty	Oakwood Healthcare
Ruelle, Ronnie	PNC Bank
Twardesky, Anita	Riverside Kayak Connection
Williams, Rick	Comfort Keepers

I approve the ballot I do not approve the ballot

Join the Holiday Festivities!

Over 500 Business Professionals from all over the Southern Wayne County area will gather for an enjoyable evening of networking with their elected officials, business associates and friends.

48th Annual SALUTE TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Thursday, December 3, 2015 5:30 to 8 p.m.

16333 Trenton Road in Southgate (on the fifth floor)

Presented by:
PNC BANK

Hosted by:
FARBMAN GROUP

Sponsored by:
DTE ENERGY
MBT

Tickets:
\$30 per person
\$28 per person for 10 or more
\$26 per person for 20 or more
\$35 per person at the door

A 10% discount will be applied to ticket orders received on or before November 20, 2015 and purchased with a credit card by calling 734-284-6000 or register online at www.swcrc.com

Sleigh of Cheer Donated by Jerry's Food Market

Letter from the President

Dear Chamber Members:

Welcome to the fall issue of our quarterly Chamber Connections. As we were putting this edition together, we struggled to find space for everything that is happening at the Chamber over the next three months. You can tell by the number of event flyers in the newsletter.

The final Chamber event of 2015 is the annual Salute to Government Officials, which will be held at PNC Bank in Southgate as has been our tradition for many years. The Farbman Group, owners of the building, will host the event, and PNC Bank will be our presenting sponsor. As always, we will invite all the elected officials from the community level to the federal level and everyone in between. The fact is, however, there will be no official saluting going on. There's no program or speakers - just a great party to celebrate the holiday season with over 400 business people and elected officials, lots of great food and adult beverages. Regardless of your political leanings, you are guaranteed to have a great time at the Salute!

The first big event of 2016 is the second annual Business to Business Expo and Conference scheduled for Friday, January 29th. The first edition of this event was a huge success, and we expect this one to be even better. Check out the flyer in this newsletter for details on how you can promote your business at the Expo!

I hope you will take the time to read this issue of Chamber Connections and take the opportunity to get more involved in the Chamber and the Downriver community.

Best Regards

Sandy

Sandy Mull
President

"AFTER BUSINESS, OURS"

November 19, 2015
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Hosted By

Ray Hunter & Florist & Garden

Hungarian Rhapsody
EUROPEAN & AMERICAN FAMILY DINING
COCKTAILS - BANQUETS - CATERING

16153 Eureka Road, Southgate

Mini-Expo
Exhibitor tables are available for only \$45 each - members only. Contact Chamber Office at 734-284-6000 to make your reservation or register online at www.swcrc.com

"No charge for SWCRC or members to attend". Guests may attend two times before joining.

Attendees will get 15% off Christmas Decor

Food
Beverages
Door Prizes
Networking