

## Happy New Year! 2009 Will Be Your Best Year!

### 2009 Annual Meeting

Wednesday

January 14, 2009

5pm-7pm

(Stay for Dinner!)

### Bentley's Restaurant

5586 Drake Road

This special networking event offers appetizers, cash bar and an optional order-from-the menu buy-your-own dinner afterward. Installation of officers and directors with special guest, Judge Kimberly Small, administering the oath of office. **Please RSVP**—especially if you plan to stay for dinner.

### West Bloomfield Township Vision: 2009 and

### Beyond

Wednesday, January 21, 2009

5pm-6:30pm

West Bloomfield Township  
Hall Boardroom

4550 Walnut Lake Road  
Meet newly elected Township Supervisor, Michele Economou Ureste, and other new officials for a State of the Township and Vision. A wonderful opportunity to be up close and personal with your government representatives. Time for networking, light snacks. Please RSVP.

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Farmington Hills

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## A Joyous Event—Holiday Party 2008!

The Chamber's Holiday Party '08 continued the tradition of being one of the best events in the Chamber program year! More than 100 people gathered to network, embrace good friends and make new friends. Fabulous food! A wonderful silent auction! Fantastic raffle items. And, the ever-popular Free Stuff table where everyone goes home with a holiday gift. Our sincere and heartfelt thanks goes to **Autumn Shaw and her colleagues at Courtyard By Marriott** for once again graciously hosting this lovely event. Thank you, Autumn, for the warm and inviting holiday environment, the delicious food and your generous spirit. For the second year in a row, **Courtyard By Marriott—Farmington Hills** has made our holiday party not only a great success, but THE party to attend every year. Thanks you so very much!



The West Bloomfield High School Jazz Band performed at the Holiday Party much to the delight of everyone in attendance. In appreciation for their beautiful performance, checks were presented by the Chamber and by Flagstar Bank to buy music stands. Representing organizations were, from left, Matt Blauvelt, Flagstar Bank; Dr. JoAnn Andrees, Superintendent of Schools; Allan Sefton, incoming Chamber President; and the Director of the Jazz Band, Joshua James.

Have news for the Chamber Update? Let us know!

### Would You Like To Host a Chamber Networking Event?

It offers an opportunity to bring business prospects and customers to your place of business, gives you visibility and offers a warm and welcoming environment for Chamber members and guests to mix and mingle. You offer a location and light refreshments. The Chamber will handle the rest! Call at 248-626-3636 or email at wbcc@sbcglobal.net if you want to host an event.

## Membership Updates

Please add new members to your roster **AND** to

### Welcome New Members

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Thanks to Allan Sefton, Judy Garver & Ann Corwell  
for referring this member!

### Thank You to Returning Members

**Jeffrey M. Leib, Attorney-at-Law**

*Who do you know who would benefit from  
Chamber Membership? Have them call us!*

#### Please Update Your Member Roster

**David Flaisher**

**5532 Dunmore**

**West Bloomfield, MI 48322**

**248-737-1832**

**Pearle Vision**

**SharonNauss**

**shnauss@wowway.com**

**West Bloomfield Township Police**

**Sgt. Tom Keilman**

**t\_keilman@wbpolice.org**

### Introducing! Our 2009 Board of Directors!

#### Officers

President:

**Allan Sefton**

Allan Sefton LLC

President Elect:

**Nabil Khoury**

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital

Vice President:

**Eric Glick**

Thay, Gross, Steinway & Bennett PC

Secretary:

**Matt Blauvelt**

Flagstar Bank

Treasurer:

**Janie Palmer**

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Immediate Past

**Judy Garver**

President:

Success 21

#### Directors

**Leslie Fleming**

DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital

**Sonya Kory**

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**John Breza**

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West Bloomfield Township Treasurer

**Lee Jaffke**

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## After Three Years, Reflections from Judy Garver

Dear Chamber Members,

My third term as President of the Board of Directors of the West Bloomfield Chamber is quickly drawing to a close. In some ways, I am ready to step down from that role of leadership. I will serve on at least one Chamber committee, and will continue coming to all the events that are put on in the coming years in addition to serving on the Board as Immediate Past President. Some pressure is coming off, but at the same time I am beginning to feel a sense of loss similar to when one's child leaves the nest. The West Bloomfield

Chamber is a great organization. It represents more than 200 business people in the West Bloomfield community. During these past three years, it has been a pleasure to get to know our members and others connected to this evolving area. We have been watching new construction and development, seen roundabouts become a reality, our West Bloomfield Library again named one of the 100 best libraries in the country. The members and directors of our Chamber have devoted their time to help improve the business climate in our West Bloomfield community. We support each other's business efforts, and we make sure that we patronize Chamber member businesses. Yes,

working with my fellow Chamber members who have become my friends has brought great satisfaction into my life. In addition to the relationships with members, working with our Executive Director Ann Corwell has been very satisfying. It will also be a pleasure to see our web site up in the next few weeks. My thanks to everybody in the Chamber for making the last three years so satisfying. Lee Jaffke was a tremendous support during those three years as was the entire Executive Board. I wish our incoming President Allen Sefton good luck and much success in his term. I am handing the Chamber off to very capable hands,

Judy Garver, President



*Judy Garver, President, Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce ; Owner, Success 21*

**Read all of Judy's "Reflections" in an upcoming issue of the West Bloomfield Eccentric.**

### Calendar of Events At a Glance—It's 2009! Start Networking !

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#### Pearle Vision

#### Networking Event

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

5:30pm-7pm

6476 Orchard Lake Road  
This event is rescheduled to give us the opportunity to see this beautiful store, get updated on eyewear styles and meet the new store manager, Sharon Nauss. Great networking and light refreshments.

**Please RSVP.**

### Mark Your Calendar!

**Tuesday, September 15, 2009 is the date of next year's Grub Crawl.**

**Sponsorships and ticket reservations are available now!**

Plan to join us for this evening of restaurant hopping, fine and fun eating, and joining friends and neighbors. Once again, the Chamber will partner with the West Bloomfield Rotary Club to raise funds for Rotary programs in the community and Chamber business advocacy and growth programs.

**April 29, 2009-The County's Largest Networking Event Comes to West Bloomfield!** The popular Oakland Chamber Network Business Card Exchange will be hosted by YOUR Greater West Bloomfield Chamber at the Jewish Community Center! Deluxe appetizers. Cash bar. Special pre-event "Business Success Seminar" sponsored by the West Bloomfield Beacon! Volunteers needed. Plan to attend. Details to follow!

## Around West Bloomfield...

### ...Members, Friends & Events



**Judy Garver...A Chamber Gem...**It was three years ago that Judy Garver assumed leadership of the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. Now, she will assume responsibility as Immediate Past President. As Judy tells the story, she never intended to remain at the helm of leadership for three years—the longest serving president in the Chamber's history! But, circumstances called for stability and consistency, and Judy was willing to assume the challenges of steering the Chamber ship through rough waters into a more calm environment. Everyone with whom Judy has worked agrees she is characterized by her smile, her enthusiastic laugh, her positive outlook and her willingness to jump in and ensure everything gets done with excellence. While we're not losing Judy. (She'll still be on the Chamber Executive Committee and an active member), we will miss her as our President and leader. We want to take time now to salute Judy Garver for her commitment, dedication and continual optimism to ensure the strength and stability of our Chamber. Judy helped the Chamber sparkle...a reflection of the gem that is Judy Garver. You're the greatest, Judy! Thank you for your important contributions.

#### West Bloomfield's Annual United We Walk Event

will be "extra special this year," according to event co-chair, Sheryl Mitchell, because it marks the 15th year of the local observance and would have been Dr. Martin Luther King's 80th birthday. The event will take place Sunday, January 18, at West Bloomfield High School. The 2009 theme, "United we Live," will set the tone for the celebration which kicks off at 3pm, Jan. 18 with a walk on Orchard Lake Road. Members of the Tuskegee Airmen will give a keynote address at a program following the walk. The airmen also will lead students and adult discussions. Other organizations involved with the event include the West Bloomfield Clergy Association and Community Forum and the West Bloomfield School District. For information about the event, call 248-709-2492 or log onto [www.unitedwewalk.org](http://www.unitedwewalk.org)

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#### Nancy Kaufman, Kaufman Children's Center, featured in Jewish News Article

Nancy Kaufman opened the Kaufman Children's Center for Speech, Language, Sensory Motor and Social Connection in 1989 to develop a new approach to treatment that is now used in many places throughout the United States. In the article, Nancy says, "I specialize in children who can't speak at all or have very unintelligible speech." This is called apraxia of speech. Nancy continues, "Speaking is a fine motor skill. Most consultants think of the meaning of speech rather than the mechanics of talking. " My method "is the only approach that looks at speech as a motor behavior and takes it down into component parts...then, builds it up again." Nancy created and markets the Kaufman Speech Praxis Test for Children and created brightly packaged materials to help overcome apraxia and other speech difficulties. Nancy 's master's degree in speech language pathology from Wayne State University and her 13 years experience with the Beaumont Hospital Speech and Language Pathology Program provide credibility and solid experience for success in her practice. For additional information, call Nancy at 248-737-3430 or email [info@kidspeech.com](mailto:info@kidspeech.com).

**The West Bloomfield Rotary Club** says Rotary and the United Nations have a special relationship since Rotary was one of the founders of the UN in 1943! In 1945, forty-nine Rotarians helped draft the UN Charter. Rotary was one of the original 42 non-governmental organizations invited to participate. If you want to make a difference, attend a Rotary meeting, Thursdays, 7:30am, Henry Ford OptiEyes.

**Do you have news about your business activities?** Call or email the Chamber today at 248-626-3636 or email [wbcc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wbcc@sbcglobal.net). We want to help your business grow, promote your activities and keep your name visible! We want to hear from you with information, news, discounts, events.



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Jewish Community Center  
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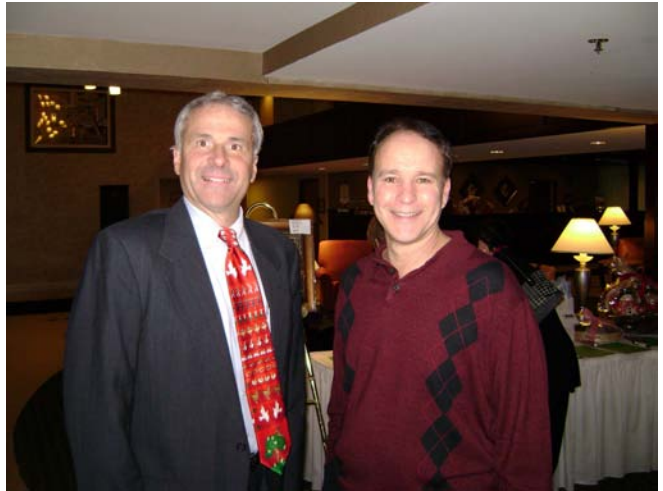
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## Holiday Party 2008: The Best Present is Being With You!



### Holiday Party 2008-Appreciating the Joy of Friendships!



**It's YOUR Chamber! Work With Us to Make It The Best It Can Be!**

**VOLUNTEER!!**

**Annual Dinner: Date May TBD, Bentley's Restaurant-**

**Chair: Steven Tapper**

**Committee: Opportunities:**

Invitations; Logistics;; Ticket Sales; Promotion; Silent Auction:

**Grub Crawl in Partnership with**

**W. Bloomfield Rotary Club, September 15, 2009**

**Co-Chair (with Tony Lauri, Rotary Representative):**

**Committee Opportunities:**

Ticket Sales; Sponsor Sales; Restaurant Solicitation;;

Promotion/Publicity:

**Holiday Party, Venue, Date, TBD**

**Chair(s):**

**Committee Opportunities:** Registration Table; Raffle;

Silent Auction; Entertainment; Logistics; Sponsor Sales

**Art in Bloom, DateTBD, Location TBD**

**Chair(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Opportunities:**

Promotion;; Logistics;; Ticket Sales; Program Book/Flyers;  
Sponsorship Sales; Silent Auction; 50/50 Raffle

**Business Expo, Date TBD, Orchard Mall**

**Chair(s): Carla Schwartz**

**Committee:**

Logistic; Booth Sales; Sponsor Sales; Food/Beverage  
Booths; Printing; Registration Table;

**Membership-Year-Round**

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee:**

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