

March to Business Growth With These Events!

Tuesday, March 10

9am-11am

**Business Seminar:
“How to Acquire New
Customers.”**

West Bloomfield

Township Public Library
4600 Walnut Lake Road
Comcast Business Class
and the Chamber Partner
to present an important
event for your business
success. This event is free
but you must pre-register
with Comcast at 248-233-
4783 or

Billiejo_pabst @ ca-
ble.comcast.com

Wednesday, March 18

8am-9:30am

**The Wren's Nest
Networking Event**

7405 W. Maple Road

Visit this charming bed &
breakfast nestled in West
Bloomfield, join us for
good food, lovely sur-
roundings and a very gra-
cious host-Irene Scheel. If
you attended the last
event here, you remem-
ber the homemade
breakfast buffet, the
stimulating conversation
and the great time. Join
us for a delightful event.
RSVP at westbloomfield-
chamber.com.

Thursday, April 23

4:30-7pm

**ComfortKeepers
Networking Event**

4115 Orchard Lake Road
Orchard Lake 48323

Thank you to our hosts,
Richard and Doug
Beamgard, for inviting us
to their business to learn
more about their in-home
care and companion busi-
ness. We'll also have light
refreshments, the oppor-
tunity to network, and mix
and mingle. A lovely way
to end the day. Please
RSVP by going to west-
bloomfieldchamber.com

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Awards Dinner- “The Future is Ours”

Under the theme of, “The Future is Ours,” the Chamber’s Annual Awards Dinner 2009 promises to be an elegant evening of networking, socializing, fine dining and recognizing individuals who are shaping the future of greater West Bloomfield business and the community-at-large. Award details will be announced soon, but categories include Business Person of the Year, Corporation, Developer and New Business. New this year-and, we believe, in the history of the Chamber-will be an award to a Young Entrepreneur. (See details at the end of this column.) Once again, we will go to Bentley’s Restaurant, 5586 Drake Road, for a sumptuous strolling buffet dinner, including a carving station, seafood station, salads and vegetarian fare, and a luscious dessert table. Prices will be the same as

last year-\$100 per person, \$125 with program book ad; \$1000 per table of eight with program book ad. We hope you’ll put this on your calendar now. Invite your friends, family and business associates. Attend this dinner and embrace the future to make it yours.

Seeking Young Entrepreneurs Who Have Achieved!

This year the Chamber has added a new award never before given-Young Entrepreneur. The awardee will be between 18 and 30 years of age; has demonstrated and impressive business achievements; and lives or works in greater West Bloomfield. We invite written nominations via email of 100 words or less describing why this rising star should receive this award.

**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

Thank You to Our New Members

Elite Dental Care PLLC

Leena M. Bahu, DDS
6765 Orchard Lake Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-851-6166-Phone
248-851-0012-Fax
lmbahu@hotmail.com
Elitedentalcaredds.com

Family & Cosmetic Dental Office
Thank you to Nabil Khoury, MD, for referring this member.

Patti's Parties

Patrice Phillips
2800 Baltane
West Bloomfield, MI 48323
248-626-4782-Phone
248-626-5362-Fax
pattimp@aol.com
Gravure Commercial Printing specializing in custom party, engagement and photo invitations.

Leeanne Lamarre Design & Class Act Concierge

Leeanne Lamarre
6689 Orchard Lake Road, #181
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-661-5456
Interior Makeovers and Taking Care of All Busy-work to Free Up Your Time

Peace of Mind Concierge

Sherri Reed-Trimble
PO Box 27352
Detroit, MI 48227

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New Members continued

Cesare Ragazzi Center for Hair

Michael Singer
6014 West Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-539-9690-Phone
michaealsinger@gmail.com
Hair Analysis; Healthy Hair Treatments , Therapies and Products; Non-surgical Hair Replacement

West Bloomfield Nursing Center

Sean Southers, NHA
6445 W. Maple Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322
248-661-1600-Phone
248-661-2276-Fax
ssouthers@beaumont-hospitals.com
Apremierlife.com
Assisted living, post-acute rehabilitation center and skilled care residence.

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West Bloomfield, MI 48323
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With Your Help, We'll Have a Great Year!

MARCH into Action!

As we usher in the month of March, our Greater West Bloomfield Chamber is running at full speed recruiting and retaining members, planning programs and events and working to make our Chamber the best it can be to meet your needs and help you grow your business. We want your help!

Volunteers Needed!

Our Chamber can't exist without your membership, your volunteer efforts, your ideas for improvement. As

you can see from our Calendar of Events on page one and this page, we have many exciting activities. We need YOU to make them successful. What can you do? First, attend our events. Show your support by showing up. Second, invite your friends and business associates. Share the benefits of our programs, our networking and our Chamber. Third, look at the events we have planned. Contact us to volunteer your time.

Special Thanks to Those Who Stepped Forward

We're very happy that a number

of members have stepped forward to volunteer their time for event leadership, including Pamela Dover for the Comcast Business Workshop, Irene Scheel, for the Wren's Nest Networking; Judy Garver for the Rotary Networking ; Richard and Doug Beamgard for the ComfortKeepers Networking, Lee Jaffke , Wendy Strip and Marge Schwartz for the OCN Networking; Steve Tapper, Carla Schwartz and Wendy Strip for the Awards Dinner; and Judy Garver, Tony Lauri and Lee Jaffke for Grub Crawl. Thanks to all of you for your leadership.



Allan Sefton, President, Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and Owner, Allan Sefton, LLC

Calendar of Upcoming Events At a Glance-See Page 1 for March Events

April 28-5:30-7pm
Networking Event & Introduction to the Rotary Club of West Bloomfield

Weir Manuel Real Estate
 7285 Orchard Lake Road
 Enjoy refreshments and high-level networking as you mingle with members of the W. Bloomfield Rotary Club who will explain the mission and projects of this international service organization. RSVP online!

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!

You can RSVP online!

May 12-6:30-8:30 pm
Awards Dinner

Bentley's Restaurant
 5586 Drake Road

Honoring Influential Community Leaders AND Young Entrepreneur of the Year! Watch for your invitation. Make your reservation early for this elegant strolling dinner, open bar, scintillating networking and awards.

You can RSVP online.

September 15, 2009 is
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.

Thank You to Returning Members

- Alex Miller**
- Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital**
- Melaleuca**
- Orchard Lake Community Church**
- Synergy Health PC**
- Wesley Berry Flowers**
- Whole Foods Market**

Members Are Having Events And You're Invited!

Gala Grand Opening –Cesare Ragazzi Center for Hair-6014 W. Maple Road, (Maple Park Complex.) FREE! But, you must rsvp at 248-539-9690.



Pets & Bets-Where Everybody Wins! A fundraiser for no-kill animal shelters. Saturday , April 25, day-long events concluding with a gala dinner, dancing and casino. Go to petsandbets.org for info and tickets!

Around West Bloomfield...

...Members, Friends & Events

Chamber President, Allan Sefton, and Executive Director, Ann Corwell, represented the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce at a special presentation and news conference hosted by Congressman Gary Peters. The event was held to discuss the Economic Stimulus Plan signed by President Barack Obama. Our chamber was the only business organization present, along with representatives from organized labor, education, municipal government and the unemployed. Allan was interviewed by print, television and radio. Ann was featured on Fox News. We don't know if the legislation will stimulate our economy, but the

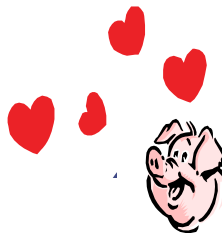
Beaumont Hospitals and Orchard Mall team up to sponsor "Diet Secrets," Wednesday, March 11, 12:30pm. at Orchard Mall Center Court, 6445 Orchard Lake Rd. This no cost, educational talk is part of the Wednesday Wellness Orchard Mall Speaker Series. Silvia Veri, RD, nutritional supervisor, Beaumont's Weight Control Center will share everyday secrets people can use to shed unwanted extra pounds. Call 248-551-9001 for information.

Valentines Day was aglow at Bentley's Restaurant with candles, fine food, special desserts AND West Bloomfield Chamber members, including Judy Garver, Chef Besh, Val Coradi, Lee Jaffke and Chris Martin



The Greater West Bloomfield Public Interest Group (PIG) held its inaugural fundraiser in February. PIG is a non-partisan organization that serves to empower residents by presenting opportunities to meet, understand and explore issues and challenges facing the community on a local, county and state level. Among those attending the event were, from left, Elaine Franklin, committee member; Township Supervisor, Michele Economou Urste; Ruth Fuller, Committee member; Steven Kaplan, Township Trustee; State Representative, Lisa Brown and Dr. Joanne Andrees, Superintendent, West Bloomfield Schools.

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Cooking with Jeremy! Chef, Jeremy Grandon, **Jeremy Restaurant & Bar**, offers cooking classes in his charming restaurant or in your home! In the restaurant, learn how to Make Junk Food Good-on March 16. All classes at 6:30pm cost \$65 per person-tasting and wine included! Or, invite friends for a private cooking class in your home, you choose the date, time and class topic! 248-681-2124 1978 Cass Lake Rd, Keego Harbor 48320

CoachMeFit announces Pilates Mat classes beginning in March. A great way to train your core muscles for improvement in balance, tone and posture. All levels welcome. Call 248-788-4727 or email Catherine@coachme-fit.com to sign up or for details. 5564 Drake Road, W. Bloomfield

Do you have news about your business activities? Call or email the Chamber today at 248-626-3636 or email 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.



2009 Chamber Signature Events: Volunteer!

Annual Dinner: Date May 12, Bentley's Restaurant-

Chair: Steven Tapper

Committee: Carla Schwartz, Wendy Strip

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:

Art in Bloom, Date TBD, Location TBD

Chair(s) Leslie Fleming, Barbara Vorenberg, Wendy Strip

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, Kelly Taylor

Committee: Clara Bohrer

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

Membership-Year-Round

Chair: Barbara Vorenberg, Pam Zajac

Committee: Judy Garver

Allan Sefton

John Breza

Holiday Party, Venue, Date, TBD

Chair(s): Eric Glick, Matt Blauvelt

Committee Opportunities: Registration Table; Raffle;

Silent Auction; Entertainment; Logistics; Sponsor Sales

Call the Chamber Office TODAY at 248-626-3636 with Questions or to Volunteer!

Busch's Market Offers Pharmacy Services



Dear business owners and managers,

On behalf of our new store management team in West Bloomfield, we would like to take the opportunity to let you know about the numerous services provided by our pharmacy staff. Our pharmacists, Chris Karpinen and Andrea Huettnner are available to assist you, your family, friends, and employees. The highlights of these services include the following:

Our Live Well, Be Well program which discounts over 300 medications:

\$4 thirty-day supplies on many generic maintenance medications and

\$10 ninety-day supplies on the same generic maintenance medications

\$2 wellness medications including common antibiotics

10% off pets' medications

Free blood pressure screening

Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations given on a walk-in basis by our certified pharmacists.

Medela Breast pump rentals and sales

FlavoRx flavoring for kids liquid medications

Online web refills at www.buschs.com

Convenient after-hours prescription drop box for when the pharmacy is closed

Our goal is to provide pharmacy services that go above and beyond other pharmacies. We give abundant one-on-one time to our patients in order to meet their needs. Also, if there are any community events that arise at which we might be able to provide service, please do not hesitate to contact us. Specifically, we can travel on-site to give immunizations and deliver prescriptions.

We can be contacted anytime at westbloomfieldpharmacist@buschs.com and our pharmacy hours are as follows:

Monday through Friday: 9am-7pm

Saturday: 9am-5pm

Sunday: 10am-3pm

33300 W. Fourteen Mile Road

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

248-539-4581

We look forward to working with you and assisting those in the community.

Best wishes,

Chris Karpinen, Andrea Huettnner, and the rest of our Busch's team



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It's official! The Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce has a beautiful new website!

Passwords: By now, you should have been contacted about your password to access member-only information. We hope you'll explore the site.

Online Payment: We hope you'll begin to pay for dues renewal and events on-line.

Advertising/Promotion: We hope you'll consider advertising on the site. Give us your web address so we can provide a link to your site. Don't have a web page? We can build one for you! Contact us for details.

This is Your Site: Stay in touch with our website. It will change often to give you news, events, member info and more. Tell us how we can make our site even better-more useful-for you. Is it user friendly? What other news and information can we provide? Please tell how we can make this the very best website for your business success.

Special, Heartfelt Thanks: This site has been in planning for a long time. Years ago, a committee lead by Clara Bohrer started the process and articulated the need for a new site. Judy Garver championed the website during her three years as president. Allan Sefton, Nabil Khoury and Lee Jaffke closed the deal by hiring Scott Brills, mSeven Media, to create this beautiful site. Thank you so much to all of you for your dedicated efforts.

Leonard Trunsky Gets Certified!

Leonard Trunsky, Founder, Crown Steel Rail Company, accepted his certificate of membership from Lee Jafke (on right), Chamber director, West Bloomfield Manager, **Weir Manuel Real Estate**, and Judy Garver, Chamber Immediate Past President, and Owner, **Success 21**.



Sunrise Assisted Living-Bloomfield Hills held the grand opening of its beautiful facility at 6790 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills. This lovely community offers living and care options, including assisted living, Alzheimer's Care and Hospice. 248-972-0800 sunriseseniorliving.com



Mongol Rally Needs Your Support!

What's a Mongol Rally? **Scott Brills, President, mSeven** web, e-commerce and design, describes it saying, "In the summer of 2009 two guys from metro Detroit will participate in a 10,000 mile charity rally from London to Ulan Bator, Mongolia. The goal of this rally is to raise money to assist underprivileged Mongolian families become self-sufficient through providing education, clean water, new farming methods and proper medical care." Scott's team is the only one representing the State of Michigan. For more information or to donate, visit www.MongolRallyGuys.com.



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