



# Potterville Chamber of Businesses

Potterville, City of Helping Hands

Mission Statement: To build the bridges between the area businesses, local government, the schools, and churches, to create a very inviting place to live, educate and have fun.

April 2010

## THANK YOU!

I want to thank Riedy's Pizza for furnishing the lunch at the April meeting. Thanks Joe, as usual it was delicious. Also a special thank you to Nana's Gourmet Caramel Corn. For the past two meetings, they have been providing us with samples of their yummy caramel corn.

A special thanks to our guest speaker, Molly Day who informed us of the many programs American Cancer has to offer. In addition, she encourages any one who would like to participate in the Relay for Life of Charlotte to come and embrace this powerful tribute to survivors of cancers and the solemn memorial to those who lost their fight against cancer. This event will be June 25 at 1 pm and June 26 at 1 pm at the Charlotte High School Football Stadium. There is already a group in Potterville participating called the Potterville Pacers. You can join that group or start your own, everyone is welcomed to participate to help a worthwhile cause.

### POTTERVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF BUSINESS UPDATES:

Jeana Rohrs has graciously accepted replacing Lorraine as secretary. We are very sad that Lorraine left us. She is a high energy, bubbly, positive person and contributed to the chamber quite a bit. She was very supportive of Potterville and was an awesome representative for Hayes-Green-Beach hospital. We will miss you, Lorraine.

I don't know how many of you listen to Michigan afternoon talk radio but Potterville Chamber was the highlighted chamber of the week for talklansing.net. I was asked several questions about our community, of course they were interested in the newest barnburner we had. Also, I informed them of future events in Potterville like the Memorial Day parade and Gizzard Fest.

I also was contacted by the Detroit Regional Chamber and there is a new internship program. The goal is to retain the best and brightest of our region's college graduates. Potterville will have a link to this site. Our site will be customized free of charge and hopefully link new interns with jobs that could become careers.

The Chamber received a certificate of appreciation from the Potterville-Benton Twp. Emergency Services Association for our donation to the Christmas stockings.

We also received a thank you from Rita Joseph's family and the Potterville United Methodist Church for our donations in honor of Rita Joseph.

**CITY OF POTTERVILLE:** First off, Thursday, April 22 at Alliance Lake will be an Earth Day clean-up from 9 am with lunch at 12:30 -1:30 pm.



The demolition will start soon and hopefully redevelopment will follow. The Main Street renovations will begin this summer, too. There will be a Memorial Day parade with refreshments afterwards honoring the veterans.

**ALLIANCE LAKE:** Chris stated that the World Series for baseball U-12 will be held at Alliance Lake. Also Alliance Lake now has three new docks. Disc Golf has been a hit and many people are utilizing the course that goes around the lake.

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY:** LuAnn stated that due to the recent fire, one of the board members was concerned about "What if?" So reacting on that possibility, the library with the help of TIFFA will be putting all the old newspapers and historical papers on film and DVD.

On Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 from 9 am - 5 pm the Potterville-Benton Twp. Friends of the Library will be having a Used Book Sale at 2452 W. Vermontville Hwy. The Vermontville Syrup Festival is the same weekend and hopefully it will draw quite a bit of traffic.



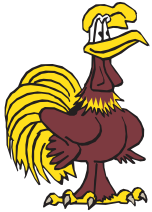
The library is also proud to offer a new service. You can download your best-selling and classics books 24/7 on the library's website, [www.pottervillelibrary.org](http://www.pottervillelibrary.org). This new service powered by OverDrive is free with your library card.

**EATON COUNTY UNITED WAY:** Suzanne is excited about the "Day of Action". Each community has projects that need to be done. It is the goal to engage volunteers to fulfill that goal. At date in the summer will be set for all communities.

**POTTERVILLE-BENTON TWP. FIRE DEPT.:** I haven't had a chance yet to meet the new fire chief but his name is Tim James of Vermontville. He retired from the Lansing fire department and is excited to be in Potterville.

**JOE'S POTTERVILLE INN:** Joe's had a Pirate Party on Thursday, April 15 from 8 - 11 pm. The debut of the new beer, Cockadoodlebrew is a hit!!!!

**GIZZARD FEST:** Joey said the next Gizzard Fest meeting will be Wednesday, April 21 at noon. There is a need of many volunteers for parade, security, chamber booth and more. Contact



Joey if you can help in any way, 927-7912. Also gearing up to have the largest chicken dance in the world on Gizzard Fest, so come join the excitement on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Mark you calendars and check out the website for updated times and events [www.gizzardfest.com](http://www.gizzardfest.com).



**POTTERVILLE SCHOOLS:** It happens! You get a really good superintendent and since you are a small school system, we tend to be a stepping stone for superintendents. Bill Eis will be leaving our school system for Gross Ile, mid- June.



On June 8, there will be a reception for Jerry Schneider from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. He is retiring after 27 years.

**THE COFFEE BEAN:** Patricia and Brian Sutton wanted to inform everyone that they have ice cream. So please stop by and enjoy an ice cream treat. The Sutton family is excited to be hosting the May chamber meeting. See you there.



*Yes, call us fair weather ribbon cutters waiting until the weather is nice. We have many new businesses and/or new owners and we will be doing ribbon cuttings after the May 5th chamber meeting at:*

**The Coffee Bean**  
**Lifford Archery**  
**Thomas S. Hirsbrunner, PLC**  
**Gary's Auto**  
**Northside Towing/Auto Value**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
 TO ATTEND  
 THE NEXT CHAMBER MEETING!**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010  
 at THE COFFEE BEAN  
 117 B Lansing Rd.  
 12 noon - 1 pm**

Please note the location change!!!

*Web Manager - JoAnne Romanek*

*Treasurer - Elizabeth Schallau*

*Secretary - Jeana Rohrs*

*Will Lemanski - Vice President*

*Jo Lehman - President*

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