



# LAKESHORE CHAMBER

Your source for business and tourism information.

## Chamber Offers Candidate Forum

Do you have questions on your mind that you'd like answered? The Lakeshore Chamber is giving you an opportunity to meet with the candidates in the running and pose your questions and concerns. A luncheon and candidate forum will be held on Monday, September 29 at 12 noon at the Park Inn Conference Center. Candidates for the 78th and 79th District for House of Representatives and the 6th District for the U.S. House of Representatives will be present.

Sharon Tyler



78th District

Judy Truesdell



John Proos



79th District

Jim Hahn



Fred Upton



6th District

Don Cooney



The lasagna buffet will be served beginning at 12 noon and the cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are due by September 23 and may be made by calling (269) 429-1170, faxing (269) 429-8882, or emailing [information@lakeshorechamber.org](mailto:information@lakeshorechamber.org). Reserve your seating today to this newsworthy event.

## New Member Spotlight

Welcome new Lakeshore Chamber members:

**Audra Johnson & Stacey Stubblefield, Hometown Deli and Catering** - serves homemade sandwiches and salads. They also provide both small and large catering services within the Lakeshore and surrounding communities. Hometown Deli and Catering is located at 8972 First Street in Baroda,

E-mail: [hometowndeliandcatering@yahoo.com](mailto:hometowndeliandcatering@yahoo.com)

Phone: 269-422-5800

**Nancy Adams, Chemical Bank Mortgage Loan Center** - located at 6 West Buffalo Street in New Buffalo, MI, this center is part of Chemical Bank which has 129 full-service banking offices and two loan production offices where they are able to provide a full range of quality financial services ranging from personal and corporate banking to trust and investment management services.

E-mail: [nancy.adams@chemicalbankmi.com](mailto:nancy.adams@chemicalbankmi.com)

Phone: 269-469-3363

**Advanced Irrigation** - company specializes in sprinkler installation and service. Whether you need winterizing, a trench less installation, repair or service on your sprinkler...call Advanced Irrigation today. Locally, Advanced Irrigation is located at 2063 N. US Hwy. 31 in Niles, MI.

E-mail: [advancedirrigation@att.net](mailto:advancedirrigation@att.net)

Phone: 269-683-6600

**Ruth Semones, Root Seller, LLC** - a Baroda based company supplying plants to local landscapers, as well as overseeing landscape installations from the tiny to the elaborate scale. They also offer plant sales at the salesyard which are difficult to locate otherwise. Hours are Friday 5-7pm, Saturday 9-2pm and Sunday 1-3pm. Other times need to be set by appointment.

Phone: 269-876-2852

## New Member Spotlight Continues

### Dr. Chad A. Sharkey, Sharkey-Ackerman

**Chiropractic** - a chiropractic office originally located on Red Arrow Highway, now located at 2560 S. Cleveland Avenue in St. Joseph, MI. Sharkey-Ackerman Chiropractic specializes in back pain, pediatrics, and sport injuries. Other doctors on staff include Dr. Vincent A. Ackerman and Dr. Kraig Kirkdorfer.

E-mail: [drsharkey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drsharkey@sbcglobal.net)

Phone: 269-982-1611

**Kathleen Kulis, Baroda Post Office** - a full-service post office providing all mailing services, stamp and passport application acceptance located at 1368 South Street in Baroda, MI.

E-mail: [kathleen.m.kulis@usps.gov](mailto:kathleen.m.kulis@usps.gov)

Phone: 269-422-1888

## New Board of Director Elected

Michelle Pingel of Metal Processors was elected to the Chamber Board of Directors on August 19. Michelle has been the Office Manager at Metal Processors for the past seven years. She hopes to bring a manufacturer's point of view to the Board. From all the Lakeshore Chamber members..."Welcome Michelle."

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies are a Hit

As part of your membership, the Lakeshore Chamber offers new members assistance with their ribbon cutting ceremonies. Ceremonies can be performed by themselves or as part of an Open House or Grand Opening. Ribbon cutting ceremonies provide you with a great networking and publicity opportunity.

Hometown Deli & Catering's Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (May 21, 2008)



Pictured left to right are Stacey Stubblefield and Audra Johnson, Owners, and Diane Mensinger, Village Clerk/Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce President.

Root Seller's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony (June 7, 2008)



Pictured left to right are Diane Mensinger, Village Clerk/Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce President, Ruth Semones, Root Seller Owner and Bob Getz, Baroda Village President.

### Board of Directors

Diane Mensinger – President  
Kristine Williams – 1st Vice President  
Griffin Ott – 2nd Vice President  
Paul Roy – Secretary  
Jamie Conrad – Treasurer  
Larry Wozniak – Past President

Nancy Adams - Chemical Bank  
Wendy Bedell - Net Designs LLC  
Jamie Conrad- Select Tool & Die  
Doug deBest - Michigan Community Blood Center  
Don Frank - Lakeshore Public Schools  
Sharon Geisler - Lincoln Charter Township  
Jessica Kehrer - 1st Source Bank  
Marilyn Lauer - CrownPointe Senior Living Community  
Diane Mensinger - Village of Baroda  
Griffin Ott - Ott Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Michelle Pingel – Metal Processors Inc.  
Kim Richardson - 1st Source Bank  
Paul Roy - Lincoln Township Public Library  
Bernice Tretheway - Retired Registrar of Deeds  
Amber Topp - United Federal Credit Union  
Kristine Williams - Chemical Bank Shoreline  
Bret Witkowski - Berrien County Treasurer  
Larry Wozniak - Park Inn

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## Barodafest Booth

The Lakeshore Chamber had a booth at the Barodafest 2008. A drawing was held for two free gift baskets of items donated by our members. There were also five "potential" chamber members who signed up for information. This is just another way that the Lakeshore Chamber is getting the word out...the chamber is active and continues to involve themselves in the Lakeshore community and abroad.

## Just Girls Fitness, Inc dba Contours Express

The last issue of Chamber Newsletter mistakenly announced new members, Frank and Renee Schoenwitz, as owners of Just Girls Fitness, Inc. The company is actually doing business as Contours Express. We wanted to clarify this and apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

## Mark Twain Interpreter Visits Berrien County

The Berrien County Historical Association announces "An Evening with Mark Twain" on Thursday, October 16 beginning at 6:30pm at the LMC Mendel Center. Nationally recognized McAvoy Layne has spent over 20 years bringing legendary humorist and author, Mark Twain, to life. After 2,000 performances, Layne is acknowledged as one of the world's finest Twain interpreters. Proceeds from the event will benefit the History Center at Courthouse Square. To make reservations for An Evening with Mark Twain, please call the History Center at 269-471-1202 and tell them the Lakeshore Chamber sent you.



## Member2 Member Discount Program

The Member2Member Discount Program is going live. This unique program is exclusively for our chamber members as an added benefit not available to the general public. It will not only enhance your membership as a consumer to buy locally, but will also offer you, the business owner, promotional and advertising opportunities for your own business. Our list includes one member company, Park Inn, thus far.

<u>Company</u>	<u>Discount Offered</u>
Park Inn	20% discount on rooms reserved by a member for themselves, friends, or their family.

If your business enables you to take advantage of this opportunity, please consider adding your business name to the above listing. To add your business, please contact Karen Lemieux at [cheflemieux@hotmail.com](mailto:cheflemieux@hotmail.com).

## Around Our Town

The Lakeshore Chamber represents the areas of Stevensville and Baroda. This Fall, the Chamber encourages you to get out there and support the Activities, Beauty, Community (ABC's) of Lakeshore.



With September, brings school sports and what better way to celebrate with the family by taking in a local sporting event. Lakeshore Schools have several sporting events from tennis and volleyball to soccer and football. Check out the schools website at [www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us) for a detailed listing of scheduled events. Please note, Seniors (55+ years of age) can get a free pass to Lakeshore sporting events by visiting the Lakeshore High School.



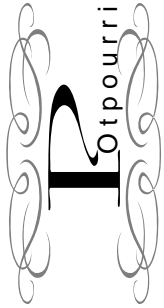
This Fall, wind down your day at the Bistro, located inside the Boulevard Inn, where they can offer you a wide variety of choices of wine by the glass from around the corner to around the world. The Bistro would like to introduce you to their "cruvinet" which is a wine service and storage service system providing you with a perfect glass of wine every time. There is no better setting than sipping wine on the deck or in the dining room up on the bluff in the Boulevard Inn where you can take in the magnificent views of Lake Michigan.



Got Community? Cornerstone Chamber does. On October 7 at Lake Michigan College – Grand Upton Hall in Benton Harbor, the chamber will host its Fall Trade Fair for members to showcase their products and services in professional booth space. This is a great opportunity for Business-To-Business and Business-To-Consumer networking. Come and be part of the Lakeshore Chamber involvement. Below is a photograph taken at the fair last year whereby a drawing is held for one-year free membership to our chamber.



Pictured above are Larry Wosniak and Diane Mensinger



**Wanted: Ambassadors**

The Lakeshore Chamber is looking for volunteers to serve as Ambassadors to represent the chamber at Grand Openings, festivals, special events, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Diane Mensinger (422-1779) or Kristine Williams (934-1066)

**Appreciation**

The Chamber would like to thank all the volunteers at CrownPointe Senior Living Community for helping in the folding and labeling of our newsletter.

**Cookbooks Are In**

The Discover Stevensville Festival committee has announced the availability of "Kitchen Keepsakes from Our Community" cookbooks. If you would like to order a cookbook, please contact Bev Gough at 429-4287.



**Mark Your Calendars**

September 23 RSVP due for luncheon / forum  
September 29 Luncheon / Candidate Forum

Visit [www.uwsm.org/calendar](http://www.uwsm.org/calendar) for a complete listing of events within the Lakeshore area.



**Lakeshore Chamber Membership Benefits**

- Increased Visibility in the Community
- Free Participation in Tourism & Visitor Welcome Packet
- Free Directory Listing & Receipt of Quarterly Newsletter
- Numerous Educational Opportunities
- Naming of Lakeshore Chamber Business of the Year Award
- Local Festival and Event Support
- Chamber Website Referrals and Promotion
- Special Event Advertising
- Networking at General Membership Meetings
- Bulk Mailing Permit Permission
- Inclusion in the New Member Spotlight
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies

**Membership Only \$65**



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