



# LAKESHORE CHAMBER

Your source for business and tourism information.

## Legislators to Address Manufacturers, Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs

To hear from your Representatives and Senator, attend the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce “Legislative Update” Meeting on Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. Representatives **Neal Nitz** and **John Proos**, as well as Senator **Ron Jelinek**, will be featured speakers. Rumor has it that U.S. Congressman Fred Upton may plan to attend, as well, provided he is in town. The “soup & salad” luncheon will be held at the Park Inn Conference Center in Stevensville. Advanced reservations are requested by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$10 per person. For questions and/or making reservations, please call the Chamber at 429-1170 or fax 429-8882. Remember...this is your opportunity to not only hear from your local representatives, but also voice your concerns and ask questions. Whether you have questions about Michigan’s economy, the Michigan Business Tax or tourism funding – they want to hear from you. They will listen.



### Tosi’s to Host Meeting

The Lakeshore Chamber’s Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at Tosi’s Restaurant in Stevensville. Mark your calendars now to reserve the night for this special event! Additional information to come. Watch for the details in the next edition of Lakeshore Chamber in addition to, the Chamber’s web site via [www.lakeshorechamber.org](http://www.lakeshorechamber.org).

### Annual Scholarship Change

For the past several years, the Lakeshore Chamber has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to a local High School Senior living in the Lakeshore School District and planning to attend Lake Michigan College. However, the Chamber would like to see more students apply for this scholarship going forward. So this past June, the Board of Directors voted to have Lake Michigan College administer the scholarship.

The Lakeshore Chamber is hopeful that by having LMC administer the scholarship, an increase in exposure will occur, thus more applicants. The scholarship will continue to be presented to a Lakeshore School District resident at a location yet to be determined.

### The Chamber Needs You

The Lakeshore Chamber’s By-Laws state that the Chamber can have up to 20 Directors on the Board. Currently, the Chamber has only 18 Directors. We need two more business owners and/or representatives that share in our goal to help everyone succeed in the Lakeshore community. This is a unique opportunity for you to be part of a group of community leaders, giving back to the community in which you live and work.

The Lakeshore Chamber is also looking for volunteers to serve as Chamber Ambassadors at special functions such as ribbon cutting ceremonies, grand openings, etc. Why become a Chamber Ambassador? It is a wonderful opportunity for you and your employer to be in the spotlight. By serving as an Ambassador, you are showing that you are part of the Lakeshore Chamber team -- infusing new life into the local economy and helping make our Chamber and its members successful!

If you would like more information about becoming a Lakeshore Chamber Director and/or a Chamber Ambassador, please call Diane Mensinger at 422-1779.

## Retired Membership Fee

In September, the Lakeshore Chamber's Board of Directors voted to offer a special membership fee to retired members in the amount of \$40. A retired member may not work for or own a business -- which could accrue benefits from the membership -- unless that business is also a member of the Lakeshore Chamber. If a retired member becomes employed by or acquires a business -- which could accrue benefits, but is not a member -- then the full membership fee (\$65) will apply.

In this event, the retired member may either give up individual membership or pay the difference between the retired fee and the full membership fee. If this occurs during the last three months of the calendar year, the full membership fee will apply beginning the next calendar year.

The Lakeshore Chamber provides this retiree level for the individual(s) to stay closely connected with the Chamber without the benefits of representing and marketing a specific business or organization.

## Cornerstone Tradeshow

The Lakeshore Chamber would like to thank all the members (and potential members) who stopped by the Chamber's booth at the Cornerstone Fall Trade Show.

The Lakeshore Chamber gave away four \$25 gift certificates to Lakeshore Chamber member businesses. These certificates were a huge hit this year. In addition, the Chamber held its Grand Prize drawing for a free one-year membership to the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to this year's Fall winner -- Kerry M. Wright II from Meredith & Kamp Realtors. We share with you their philosophy...



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## Annual ( ) of the Year Award

It's that time of year to help the Lakeshore Chamber fill-in the "blank" and begin thinking about nominations for the Annual Business Person of the Year Award. The award honors a business, organization or individual, that makes the Lakeshore Community a better place to live and work. Recipients are chosen through a nomination process. All nominations need be submitted by December 12<sup>th</sup>.

This prestigious award is presented at the Lakeshore Chamber's Annual Meeting. Last year's recipient was Gene de le Foret, President of Natures Way Landscaping. In an article that appeared in the January 23, 2008 edition of the Herald-Palladium newspaper, Mr. de le Foret stated, "I am honored to receive this award."



### Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Diane Mensinger – President  
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Griffin Ott – 2nd Vice President  
Paul Roy – Secretary  
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Diane Mensinger - Village of Baroda  
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- 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**



**NOMINATE BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR**

**2008**

The Chamber would like your input on choosing the  
2008 Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce

**Business / Organization / Person of the Year Award.**

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Please mail your nomination to:  
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P.O.Box 93  
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(Deadline is December 12<sup>th</sup>)

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as the Business / Organization / Person of the Year.