



Osawatomi Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Chat

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Welcome New & Renewing Chamber Members! JC's Retail Liquor-Renewal

Chamber's Annual Dinner



The dinner was held October 21st and had ninety-three attendees. Kay Minden and the OHS Food service staff provided the delicious meal, OHS Sub Debs sent five volunteers to help with serving, and Tom Burgoon put on an amazing magic show. Hanes Florist provided eighteen beautiful flower arrangements that served as center pieces and door prizes. Several awards were given.

Chamber Board President, Donna Darner, thanked board members Mark Fuchs and Bret Glendening for completing their three year terms. New Board Members Cami Akes and Pat Fagan were introduced and will begin their terms this month.

The Citizen of the Year Award went to a very deserving, Bill Butler. Gordon Schrader presented and spoke of the countless things Bill has been doing for our community, for many years. Along with the award, Bill will receive a free Chamber membership for 2011, and will have his name engraved on the plaque in Memorial Hall.

A special, Business Years of Service award was given to a very surprised Bob Weir. He owned and operated Weir Auto Parts for close to forty years. The business closed in December of 2009, and it is missed by many. Donna Darner worked closely with Paula Weir in order to get Bob to the dinner, while keeping the award a secret. The efforts paid off and he was truly surprised when his name was announced.

Louise Punshon won a bag chair and fleece throw donated by Cathy Leaver, American Family Insurance and Nice as New. Jim Fagan was the lucky recipient of the \$50 Mastercard donated by Great Southern Bank.

We appreciate all who attended, presented, worked, donated, and helped in the planning of this event.



Membership Renewals

It's that time of year again. We appreciate the support of our current membership and hope to have even more businesses and individuals join for the upcoming year. An invoice is attached, for your convenience. Completed paperwork can be e-mailed, sent, or dropped off at the Chamber Office.

Fees are the same as last year and an installment plan is available.

Library Adopt-a-Book Program

- Advertising Space at Moon's

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Spook Parade

The annual Spook Parade was held Friday October 29th. The Chamber and the YMCA teamed up this year to provide games and activities in the city auditorium, prior to the parade. The weather was perfect and many children and their families attended. Due to the generosity of many area businesses and organizations, we were able to give away 150 FREE goodie bags. The city let us use the auditorium for activities, and the city parking lot for trunk or treating. The police closed down Main Street to keep everyone safe during the event. The OHS Dazzlers helped with the games and led the parade. Moon's Hometown Market borrowed several vendor costumes so we could add some characters to the fun. Chester Cheetah, the Trix rabbit, Champs Chicken, a cow, and a lifesize banana were on hand for photo opportunities. The elementary schools helped with advertising by sending flyers home with the students. We appreciate everyone who donated, participated, and helped to make this event a success.

Osawatomi State Hospital Fountain Dedication

Close to thirty people attended the Fountain Dedication on October 19th, on the State Hospital Grounds. Refreshments were served and Superintendent Greg Valentine spoke of the individuals and their two year effort to refurbish the reflecting pool and fountain. Tired of seeing a historic landmark fall to disrepair, a small group of hospital employees took it upon themselves to try and save it. They took up a collection and found people to complete the much needed renovations. Their efforts paid off, and the fountain is once again operational and beautiful. It will be enjoyed by many for years to come. Thank you to all of those people involved in this tremendous effort.



Business Owners Group-Update

The second meeting of the Business Owner's Group took place on October 13th. There were close to 20 people in attendance. Plans for a Senior Citizen Discount Day were discussed. In addition, there was talk of having special senior shopping days twice a year.

The idea of using "come back" coupons as a way to get people back in the stores, after the Spook Parade, was brought up. The point was made that adults may not have time to stop and shop during the parade, but if store owners would hand them a coupon to come back at a later time, for a discount, it may generate some future business.

Ways to attract new business to town and keep people shopping at home, were discussed. The Chamber is in the planning stages of a broad, shop at home, campaign that would be long lasting and created for the purpose of supporting all of the businesses in our community, along with helping to attract new ones.

The Osawatomi Christmas Festival plans are underway. This year's lighting on Main Street may be on the new light posts. Watch your weekly updates for this year's schedule of events.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th, at Coach Light 8:00am. New people and fresh ideas are always welcome.

Yard of the Month Awards

October's winners were Curt and Michelle Backer, 715 Main Street, and Thadene Walker 210 Carr Avenue. We appreciate the amount of pride they have in their yards and homes. Watch for the next round of winners, next spring.

Through December, we will be taking nominations, from the membership, for the best Holiday light display. Winners will receive a certificate and have their names listed in the newsletters. Please submit your suggestions to the Chamber Office by phone 755-4114, e-mail, or in person.

Business Spotlight

Donna and Viola's Shirts and Etc. was host to the October 26th Coffee. Twenty people were in attendance to welcome them to their new location. Donna began her home based business, with her mother, Viola, back in 1996.

What originally started as helping her mother out with her hobby has steadily expanded into a profitable business. They decided to move and try their business downtown, in order to be more convenient and visible to their customers. They offer embroidery, screenprinting, digitizing, heat transfers and their newest addition, direct to garment printing.

Steve explained that the direct to garment printing machine takes photographs or images and prints them directly onto fabrics. Photos can be applied to shirts, tote bags, mouse pads, etc. They hope that word will spread about this newest service, and that customers will want to use it, especially with the Holiday season just around the corner.

Stop in and see them. Their hours are 9:00am – 5:30pm Monday through Friday, and 10:00am – 3:00pm on Saturdays.

Donna and Steve gave away three door prizes. Gary French won a Trojan hat, Linda Crouch received a long-sleeved Trojan t-shirt, and Cathy Leaver received a pink bling hat.

Photos in this issue courtesy of Jeff Gulley, Osawatomi Journal

Networking Events in 2010

Osawatomi Library

will host a special monthly Coffee
Friday, November 5th, 9:00- 10:00 am

Please plan to attend and see the newly completed Phase 1 of the renovations. Refreshments will be served. Bring your business card to be entered in the drawing for a door prize.

Plum Creek Treasures

432 Main Street

will host the monthly Coffee
Tuesday, November 9th, 9:00 am

Refreshments will be served. Bring your business card to be entered in the door prize drawing.

These coffees provide a time to network and a venue to promote your business to other Chamber Members. So, if you are interested in hosting an event, please call the Chamber at 913-755-4114.

The Exhibitors Basic Class was held on October 27th, at the high school. There were nine attendees. Instructor, Marlys K. Arnold, has built her career teaching businesses how to get the most impact, with the least amount of money, at Trade Shows. Her simple steps will guide any organization through the preparation, set up, and staffing of a well organized, dynamic booth. Everyone in attendance received a copy of her book, Build a Better trade Show Image. If you would like your own copy, they can be purchased through Janet McRae for \$24.95 each. 294-4045

Chamber Advertising at Moon's Hometown Market

The Chamber in partnership with Pat's Signs, produces a monthly sign that is placed at Moon's Hometown Market. The sign has a list of upcoming Chamber Member events and provides 4 slots for monthly advertising by Chamber Members. The cost for advertising is \$40 per month with \$20 going to the Chamber of Commerce and \$20 going to Pat's Signs for the construction of the sign.

The sign provides information to the community about Chamber Member events and is a great way to advertise your business at a high traffic location. If you are interested in advertising, please call the Chamber Office at 913-755-4114. Make sure to reserve you spot on the sign today!

Adopt a Book – Grow a Library

For a \$10 donation you will be adopting a book from the collection at the Osawatome Public Library. Donations may be made in your own name, in memory of a loved one or in honor of an individual organization. A label will be placed in a book (genre of your choosing) which has the potential of being shared across Kansas through our Interlibrary Loan Program!

We are embarking on Phase II of our plan to grow our library and offer even more comprehensive services and programs.. We are reaching out to the community for your support in our endeavor to build a more resourceful library. Your donations can help make our vision a reality. All donations are tax deductible. Thank You.

Donation Form

____ An engraved Wood Book Spine \$125. Name to be imprinted.

____ A new book with name plate \$25: In memory or honor of

____ Adopt a book from our collection \$10: In memory or honor of

Please use these funds as needed: \$250 ___ \$150 ___ \$100 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ other ___

I wish additional information about naming a room or purchasing needed equipment _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please bring or mail donations to the Attn: Elizabeth Trigg, Osawatome Library Expansion Fund, 527 Brown, Osawatome KS 66064.

Calendar of Events in Osawatomie

November

- 5 - Chamber Coffee at the Library- 9:00 – 10:00am
- 9 - Chamber Coffee at Plum Creek Treasures, 9:00am
- 10 – Business Owners Meeting- 8:00am at Coach Light
City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
- 18 - City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall, 7:00pm
- 23 – Chamber Board Meeting- 8:00am
- 25 - Thanksgiving
- 26 - 27 Osawatomie Christmas Festival, schedule TBA

December

- 2 – 3M’s Class at First Option Bank 10:00am
- 4 - Christmas at the Adair Cabin 7:00-9:00pm
- 8 - Business Owners Meeting- 8:00am at Coach Light
- 9 – City Council Meeting at Memorial Hall 7:00pm
- 11 – Osawatomie Old Stone Church Vespers Service 7:00pm
- 14 – Chamber Coffee, location TBA
- 25 – Christmas
- 28 - Chamber Board Meeting, 8:00am

January - To Be Announced