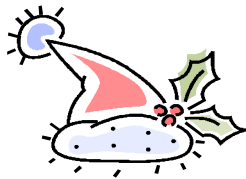


Chamber News

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Give Chamber Bucks for the Holidays!!

Shop the Twin Cities first, and help make the holidays greener for our local merchants! It's time to order your Chamber Bucks for holiday gift-giving. This year, as always, Chamber Bucks will be available in \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$50 denominations. They are the perfect gift for that person who is somewhat of an enigma on your holiday list. Chamber Bucks are great for your employees, your mail man, paper "boy", your housekeeper and baby sitter. Call the Chamber office today to place your order in plenty of time.



On September 6, The Chamber organized a City-Wide Yard Sale and boy the people were moving around town!! Many local residents, as well as several of the local retailers set up for the shoppers. A map was designed complete with addresses and a listing of items being sold at each location. The yard sale had over 30 participants hosting sales and 50 maps were purchased by shopper's intent on visiting the various sales. The yard sale was very well received by all who participated and we expect this event to grow and prosper in years to come.

Twin Cities Maps have arrived and are available at the Chamber Office!!

Featured *Business of the Month*

The Board of Directors of the Chamber recognizes one business each month for its contributions to the community & for the Chamber-at-large. The businesses recently awarded ***Business of the Month*** are listed in the articles that follow. Each winner has shown its commitment to the area as a business leader/community partner and has been recognized in the local newspaper and the Chamber newsletter, and has received the ***Business of the Month*** sign to display at the business for that month.

August

Alan Jones, DMD



Jones General Dentistry for a Century

In Fulton County there is a legacy that has endured and is worthy of recognition and celebration. It accounts for three generations of men who have cared for the citizens of our Twin Cities, and beyond, with unwavering dedication and steadfast consistency for the past 100 years. While the general dentistry practice of the Jones family has known various locations about town over the course of a century, it now rests at 309 Main Street in Fulton with Dr. Alan W. Jones. Alan and his wife Beth returned to Fulton in 1988 where he began practice in a clinic established by his grandfather, Dr. J. L. Jones and that continued with his father, Dr. J. L. Jones, Jr. Alan and Beth have three children: Shelby, age 16; Jack Henry, age 15; and Caroline, age 10. At least one of the children is already contemplating pursuing a career in dentistry in keeping with tradition. The family is deeply appreciative of, and feels a rich connection to, the wonderful heritage it shares with the people of the Twin Cities community. Congratulations as the August ***Business of the Month***.

September

Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold, PLLC



Since 1946, Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs has focused on accuracy, efficiency and quality for its clients. ATA, located at 305 Main St. in Fulton, offers a comprehensive array of tax, audit, accounting, consulting and wealth management services. ATA's mission is simple -- help every client achieve the highest level of success possible. That philosophy has made them one of the largest CPA firms in the Mid-South, and they were recently named the ninth largest CPA firm in the State of Tennessee by *Business TN Magazine*. Call Craig Atwill, CPA or Terry Kephart at 270.472.0045 to discuss your accounting needs and how Alexander Thompson Arnold CPAs can help you succeed.

Ribbon Cuttings



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CellPage

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503 Highland Drive
Fulton, KY
270-208-2333



FREE SEMINAR - *The Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with
UT-Martin REED Center presents -*

The Dynamics of Marketing Your Business

Focuses on distinct issues that affect how you market your business. Highly informative; includes activities you can integrate into your marketing plan immediately! Learn the foundation for building a comprehensive marketing plan for your business.

Thursday, November 13, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Location: Harvey Vick Room in the back of South Fulton City Municipal Building

Instructor: Jamie Frakes, TSBDC

Register online at www.utm.edu/reed or by calling the REED Center at 731-587-7333 or the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce at 731-479-7029.

Welcome

New Chamber Members!!

Evans Total Care, LLC

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Los Pinos

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Prepaid Legal Services, Inc

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If you have news or events you would like to include in the monthly newsletter, please email to chamberofcomm240@bellsouth.net or drop it by the chamber office.

******* ...As the Prez Says... *******

Change...as a noun, as a verb...

Good, bad, indifferent...it's always going to occur.

As yet another calendar year draws to a close (they really go quickly after 50, don't they?), change is all around us. A different President will take oath in just two-months; the Congressional mix has changed; the U.S. and global economies have become terribly frail...oh well, we can all sit here in our twin cities and the world will move on, right?

WRONG!

If there has ever been a "right" time necessary for change in our business community, it is NOW! Fulton and South Fulton both have new mayors and new commissions. The people who have filled the various offices as new for 2009 have all said with their campaign promises they have plans to improve the welfare of the citizens of Fulton and South Fulton. But how? When?

The business and industry leaders – certainly ALL members of the Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce – can help such improvement occur, but only if open minds will come together with our new local government leaders and create dialogue for CHANGE. The time for sitting on one's hands or pointing fingers or saying "Little old me can't affect the kinds of changes that are needed" has drawn to a close.

What are "we" going to do to stop the downward spiral of the business, industry and local government economy here? Not a 'Buy 1/Get 1 Free Sale' at a local store; not a fancy new homepage on an internet site; not some new committee who meets two or three times a year to get very little done – it is going to take dramatic change if we are to ever see growth in the Twin Cities again.

A viable, action-oriented Marketing/Business Plan for Economic Growth with a detailed line-item budget is a must for the Twin Cities – not just for the City of Fulton nor just the City of South Fulton, not just for Ferry-Morse Seed Company, not just for a local retail business owner. People, committees, organizations all need to have a defined, designated role in such a plan, and accountability is a must. Grants must be written and applied for with a hunger to receive funding, and with follow-up until the actual dollars are allocated to this community for the countless projects we need in place to rebuild the Twin Cities. And that is just one of the many ways to help create the impetus for rebirth.

The proverbial "tip of the iceberg" from above must come to a close for now. Time for me to go to my paying job. However, I hope this last column of mine provokes thought and concern among some of you as to where to go from here. Neither I nor any one single person has the answers...maybe not even the right questions. It is up to each of us as one together to create the positive change necessary...no one else is going to do it – "they" haven't yet, "they" never will.

Not only does another calendar year draw to an end, my term as president expires for another to take charge of the Chamber at the end of January in less than 3-months. This second time around for me in this position has gone too fast – way too fast. So much I did not get done. But, for what the Chamber board has accomplished this past year, we owe tremendous gratitude and acknowledgement to Thea. Folks, she's the Real Deal! Support her, and feed her with your thoughts and ideas. *(continued on next page)*

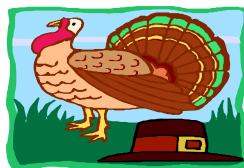
As Thea has always told me, and as she has proven to me, the board, and to the membership is that she is a “Do – er”. All organizations need good thinkers and planners, but – too often – there is no one to get anything done! Believe me, Thea gets things done...for you! Remember, she works for you. But also remember that she is a one-person, do-everything, Chamber office; take a mere couple of hours or so once a month or two to stop by the office to give her a little assistance. Your Chamber can only be as good as you make it.

Also, thank you to each of the current board members for what I hope will be perceived as a step in the right direction for a more active Chamber leadership. I know your new Twin Cities Chamber of Commerce President in 2009 will certainly strive to create positive Change.

Thanks,
Mike Tate, Chamber President

Calender of Events

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| Nov 8
Times Vary | Christmas Open House in the Twin Cities
<i>Gifts Galore, Friends of the Library at Pontotoc Building, Ivy Depot, Leader Store, and L A Jewelry & Pawn</i> |
| Nov 13
6-8 pm | The Dynamics of Marketing your Business
Harvey Vick Room in South Fulton City Municipal Building |
| Nov 17
Noon | Chamber Board Meeting
Chamber office |
| Nov 20 | Economic Development Session - Youth Leadership
Hosted by Fulton County - Hickman County EDP |
| Nov 27 | Thanksgiving Day |



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