



January 2010

Chamber Newsletter

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Chamber Officers

President-Judy Loving
Vice Pres- Betty Winchester
Treasurer-Crystal Sathoff
Secretary-Jacque Barbee

Directors

Josh Gronewald
Dave Lanier
Dot Morgan
Ron Sanert
John Stiltz
Jan Tabor-Ulrich
Dan Williams
Terri Randle

Message from the President

As President of the Chamber of Commerce I am committed not only to serving the needs of the Petersburg Chamber, but also to finding the best strategies to promote the Petersburg area and to enhance its economic and cultural growth.

It's the Chambers goal to stimulate the local business climate. With economic forecasters spouting doom and gloom we need to work together more than ever to ensure Petersburg and surrounding areas work in unison.

Having your support not only helps sustain us financially, but allows the Chamber to achieve a number of common goals and objectives. We all need to work together to not only achieve the goals and interests of the Petersburg Chamber but those of the community and surrounding area.

It is my hope that you will continue your membership with the Chamber and return your membership application soon.

January Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce took place January 14th at 7:45am. We had almost a full house with all but 2 directors in attendance. We also had one guest, Ashley Sperry from Subway; she will be attending future meetings, Welcome Ashley.

The Annual Meeting was discussed with the dates and menu being finalized. Nominations for President, Vice-President and Treasurer were put on hold until February's meeting. The Directors also discussed some membership dues changes to accommodate charitable organizations and churches as well as home based businesses. The first meeting to plan for this years Harvest Fest is scheduled for February 4th at 7:45 am.

The Chamber would like to extend an invitation to all Chamber businesses and members to attend the monthly meetings. They are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:45a at the Senior Center.

April Foolishness and Harvest Fest

April 24th, 2010 will be the date of this years April Foolishness event. The Chamber will once again rent out spaces at the courthouse for \$20 for a 12x18 spot. The event will take place rain or shine and no refunds will be given. We will once again offer, for those who wish, to be put on our garage sale list for the Petersburg Observer at no cost to them.

The first planning meeting for this years Harvest Fest will take place February 4th at 7:45am at the Senior Citizen Center. If you or any of you staff would like to help plan the event, please have them attend this meeting. Harvest Fest will be held September 18th.

Annual Meeting and Dinner

You are invited to attend the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Monday March 8th at The Plaid Rooster Café. Social Hour will begin at 5:30p with dinner served at 6:30p. The price for the evening is \$15 per person. Your invitations will be mailed/emailed to you soon.

Menu for the evening: Baked Pork Chop, Twice baked potato w/stuffing, green beans, cranberry-pineapple salad, roll, choice of pie and drink.

Chamber Office Hours

The Chamber office is open Monday –Thursday from 9a-1p. You may call 632-7363 or email at petersburgchamber@sbcglobal.net

Employee Profile

Hello, my name is Jacque Barbee and I am the new secretary for your Chamber. I have lived in Petersburg since 1984. I have helped with the local *Relay for Life* for the past 3 years and have helped with organizing and set up of vendors at the *Ticket for the Cure* event the Menard County Health Department puts on every year. My hobbies include scrapbooking and reading. I have been married for 21 years (soon to be 22), to Tom Barbee, who has lived in Petersburg all his life. Tom works at the Illinois Air National Guard and has been with the military for 27 years. I have three children, Ryan 21, works at our local Dairy Queen, Stephen 18, works at R&H, and Kristina 17, is a junior at PORTA High and also works at Dairy Queen. I also have a dog named Chewie.

I started to work for the Chamber in August of 2009 and am still learning the job, so please bear with me. If you have any suggestions, ideas or advice please don't hesitate to call or email me at the office.

Business of the Week

All Chamber Businesses and Individuals that are members of the PCOC

The Chamber would like to thank the following businesses for re-joining the Chamber for 2010.

Armstrong Disposal, Athens State Bank, Branson House Bed and Breakfast, Casey's General Store, Central Illinois Community Blood Center, City of Petersburg, Country Financial, Hill Prairie Winery, Lake Petersburg Association, Menard County Abstract Company, Menard Electric Cooperative, Menard Medical Associates, New Salem Center, Nikles of Petersburg, Petefish, Skiles & Co. Bank, Petersburg Monument Company, Petersburg Pharmacy, Inc, Petersburg Plumbing and Heating Co., Inc, Petersburg Veterinary Clinic, Plaid Rooster Café, River Bank Lodge, Stevens Implement Company, Earl and Genevieve Pillsbury, Larry and Janet Thompson

Welcome to a NEW member Country Kids Licensed Daycare, Athens!

If you haven't received your application in the mail/email please call the Chamber office, so that an application may be sent to you.

632-7363 or petersburgchamber@sbcglobal.net

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Athens State Bank -100 year anniversary in 2010
 Armstrong Disposal 34 years June 2010

IF you would like an anniversary or special date recognized,
 please let me now.

Dates of Interest

Chamber Membership Drive	January 2010
Murder Mystery Dinner-The Winery	January 29
Harvest Fest Meeting	February 4
Chamber Meeting	February 11
Murder Mystery Dinner	February 26
Chamber Annual Dinner	March 8
Daylight Savings Time	March 14
April Foolishness	April 24
PORTA Prom	April 24
Menard Electric Annual Meeting	June 5

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