

CHAMBER CHATS

In and Out of the Office

Having a 4-day weekend was great! I hope your Christmas was a merry one. Mine was excellent - except for gaining 5 pounds. 🐾

Tuesday afternoon, the January newsletters were delivered - thanks Jon for the printing and delivery. 📧

Wednesday and Thursday; newsletters were folded, taped, delivered or mailed. Hopefully you have received yours by now. 📧

I am still updating the community calendar on our website. Meeting dates or special events will be gladly added. Just send the dates, times, place, etc. to the chamber office by snail mail or email. 📧

The Chamber is seeking hosts for Business

after Hours during 2012. Please contact the office with your selection. 📅

Next Tuesday is the General Membership dinner meeting. It is not too late to make reservations. On the agenda: passing the gavel; recognition of outgoing board members; business retention committee report; proposed sales tax referendum; and Whiteside Enterprise Zone manager, Betty Steinert. 🍷

Saturday is the deadline date to mail in your 2012 dues and qualify for the 5% discount. \$\$\$

**Celebrate Safely!!!
Happy New Year's !!!**

Some New Year's Resolutions

- Learn how to delegate and do more of it: Delegation is the key to a healthy work-life balance.
- Promote your business regularly and consistently: Take time to make a new marketing plan.
- Make business planning a weekly event: Planning keeps a healthy, growing business.
- Learn something new: Take a course - on line or through HCC
- Join a new business organization or networking group: Being part of a group revitalizes you.
- Give something back to your community: Nothing will seed and grow goodwill for you and your business better.
- Put time for you in your calendar: All work and no play is a recipe for mental and physical disaster.
- Set realistic goals: Goal setting is a valuable habit - it leads to success rather than distress.
- Don't make do; get a new one: Old equipment that is not working at peak makes it harder to work at a higher level of performance.
- Drop what's not working for you and move on: Not everything is going to be a top seller or not all sales methods work for everyone. Move on - Something better will turn up.
- Achieving a work-life balance is like maintaining a good relationship; you have to keep working on it.

Savanna Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement:

Our mission is to be the principal representative of area businesses to ensure a favorable business climate and to promote the economic development of the Savanna area.



COMING UP IN SAVANNA

5% Discount for dues 31
ENDS

General Membership Dinner Mtg. Jan 3

Hotel/Motel Mtg. 7 4

“One’s task is not to turn the world upside down, but to do what is necessary at the given place and with a due consideration of reality.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

150% Club

Miner, Gilroy & Meade CPA
Law-Jones Funeral Home
IL Inter. Trade Center
Granny O’Neil’s B & B
G. G’s. B & B
Riverport Railroad
Riverport Mortgage
Riverport Properties
Blue Appraisals
Savanna-Thomson State Bank
Stout’s Drug Store
THE National Bank
Riverside Dental
Carroll County Review

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