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# CONNECTION

WOODSTOCK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE and INDUSTRY

## WELCOME SIGN-A-RAMA!

Woodstock SIGN-A-RAMA is one of the newest members of our business community. Owned and operated by Woodstock resident Russ Goerlitz, SIGN-A-RAMA can handle any and all of your signage needs. The shop has two employees along with Russ to handle the production and customer service and will be adding an Outside Salesperson to handle the growing business demand.

SIGN-A-RAMA is the largest full service sign company in the world. With over 900 locations worldwide they have access to a vast network of suppliers and resources. "The support from SIGN-A-RAMA and the network of stores has been excellent," said Russ. The shop produces everything from simple window signage and banners to fully custom digital imaging for vehicles. They also offer monument signs, channel letters, and trade show booth displays. "If you have an idea of what you want, we can help design and create it. We can custom make any type of sign for your business and include your logo for greater name recognition." SIGN-A-RAMA also provides personal attention for your company with service that is on time, every time. Russ states that "with just one stop, we can meet all of your signage needs, at a price that will keep you within your budget."



When asked why he chose to open his business in Woodstock, Russ replies "It's because I believe in this community." Russ is currently serving on the Woodstock District 200 Board of Education and is actively participating in the Chamber of Commerce and the Woodstock Morning Rotary. "I don't believe in joining a group just to get my name on a list or in a directory. You get back what you put in, and more. I'm finding that the more I attend meetings and events, the more I know what the community needs. And in turn, I am gaining valuable resources to help grow my business." Russ also stated that at his first All-Member Chamber meeting, he was connected with the Illinois Small Business Development Center at the Shah Center in McHenry. He has since begun working with them on business planning and learning what resources are available to small businesses in our area.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH '10

- 3/2 All Member Meeting
- 3/9 Northwest Herald Mixer
- 3/18 Chamber Board Meeting
- 3/25 Woodstock Christian School/Napoli Pizza Mixer

### APRIL '10

- 4/9 Legislative Breakfast
- 4/15 Chamber Board Meeting
- 4/28 Woodstock LeTip Mixer

### MAY '10

- 5/13 State of the Schools Breakfast
- 5/20 Chamber Board Meeting

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

## A LETTER FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

A few days back, I was sitting in my office having a conversation with an associate who served on the board of the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce some 15 years ago. Being a Woodstock resident and passionate about the community, the topic of the Chamber came up. As the discussion progressed, he asked me, "What is it that business owners want from their membership?" Initially it sounds like a basic question but one of utmost importance.

Let me share with you a few of my thoughts. I, as a member, feel that people want a cost effective opportunity to promote their products and services, network with local business owners/decision makers, while at the same time building relationships and recognition within the community that will ultimately lead to increased business. In all actuality, what we are really doing is stimulating the local economy by encouraging each other to frequent member businesses. As a result, the revenue stays local and the funds can be re-invested within Woodstock. At the end of the day, we all benefit.

It is a time of economic uncertainty and one that many of us, depending on your age, have never experienced. Now more than ever it is crucial to manage your marketing dollars, and I personally believe there is no better value than to invest in your local Chamber of Commerce. Like most business activities, whatever you're involved in, you get out of it what you put into it. Everybody is busy and there are multiple demands on our time. The next time there is a function, utilize a member of your staff and introduce them to the benefits of networking.

As always, get involved, join a committee, but most importantly, tell us what it is that you want out of your Chamber membership.



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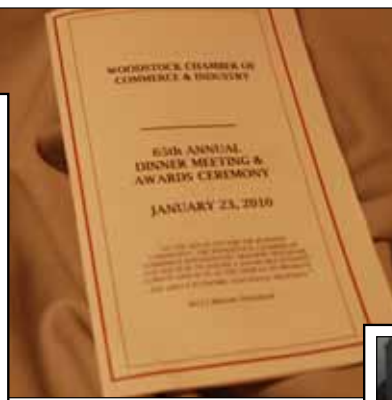
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# ANNUAL DINNER



# SOCIAL NETWORKING: THE RIGHT RESOURCE FOR YOU?

Lisa Kelly, Guest Columnist

There are 57,000 social networking sites on the internet. Does anyone else find that intimidating? The WCCI Communications Committee thought it would be fun and maybe informative to the membership to talk about this method of communication by exploring it further.

Social networking is building relationships among people who share interests and/or activities. Most are online. Although we probably have all heard of “Youtube,” “Google” and “Facebook”— the top three sites respectively — there are many, many more.

At a recent membership gathering sponsored by the Chamber, Chris Beebe of The Visionary Group, a marketing company based in Aurora, identified online social networking as a valuable business tool. However, she cautioned that you must find the right ones for your businesses and use them correctly.

“Don’t use it to push your product,” she cautioned. “They can shut you out very easily. “Instead use these sites that give you access to millions of people to build relationships,” she added. “Identify your target audience, find out what they want and give it to them”.

She used an example of a real estate broker who had a great interest in recreation facilities for dogs. He put that interest onto a free social networking site and developed rapport with people similarly interested. When they needed a realtor, those people called him because of the relationships developed with him online regarding his side interest.

She also cautioned that, although effective, staying current with the sites can take a lot of time and pull you down the proverbial “rabbit hole.” She suggested setting aside a certain amount of time you can afford to spend on these sites and sticking to it.

Several chamber members in attendance reported significant success using social networking sites. Jack Bechard, Family Service Counselor at McHenry County Memorial Park, uses “Facebook” and “Linked-In.” “They haven’t directly caused an increase in sales,” he said. “But they have allowed the (memorial) park exposure on the internet that it wouldn’t have had otherwise.

“I have built a personal and professional network,” he said. “And I have been able to connect with the broader community without sounding like a salesman.”

Kim Keefe of Re/Max Plaza said that she, too, had found the sites beneficial. “I’ve gotten lots of referrals just by being out there and accessible,” she said, adding that she finds the amount of time necessary to use the sites effectively “controllable.”

These sites were once the personal domain of high school and college students, which would bring into question how useful they would be in business. But demographics show that “Facebook” users in the 35 to 54 age bracket grew by 276% in 2009. And 72% of “Twitter” users are 18 to 49 years old.

Personally, I’m still having problems navigating the sites themselves, but that’s my dilemma. If you and your business can reach hundreds of millions of people at no direct cost, it is certainly worth a try.



## WILLY GIVES WOODSTOCK A BOOST

It seems that Woodstock Willie may have the inside edge over Punxatawney Phil. I, for one, am glad that an early spring could be headed to the Midwest. Or should I say, to Woodstock. While there are some who don't take much stock in the annual groundhog day predictions of early spring, or a longer winter, Woodstock has done a great job of distinguishing itself as a public relations success story for Woodstock Willie.

Whether Willie's prediction proves true or not, the Woodstock Chamber is ready for an early spring or six more weeks of winter. Over the next several months our Membership and Communication committees have several networking and marketing opportunities available to our members. They range from mixers and membership meetings to a legislative and state of the schools breakfast along with our annual state of the city luncheon. Additionally, the Chamber's new website will be making its debut along with the March 1 rollout of the Chamber Connection newsletter. I am hopeful that one of these will spark an interest that encourages you to take advantage of an opportunity to network, write an article about you and your business, or perhaps consider placing an ad. There are a lot of people working behind the scenes that are committed to bringing quality programs and enhanced membership benefits. As the Interim Executive Director, I am grateful to these hard working and dedicated individuals.

I have to admit that I do scan the business sections of the local newspapers on a regular basis to catch a glimpse of what my fellow chamber directors may have chosen as their topic of choice for their monthly article. In doing my research I have found that there is a common theme that resonates within these articles and whenever an opportunity presents itself where you can expound the praises of your Chamber, you need to utilize it. One of our newest members is Jack Bechaud of McHenry County Memorial Park. Jack is what I call the ultimate Chamber member. Not only does he participate in Chamber functions but he understands what it takes to maximize his Chamber membership. Jack is a person who loves his community; is committed to his profession; and is constantly striving to build business partnerships. His ability to "think outside the box" in terms of forging these relationships is exemplary. If the Chamber is doing the job it should be, then Jack is the prime example of its success. We give him the opportunities and he capitalizes on them as he evaluates how best they work for him and his company.

The next time you're at a Chamber event, I hope you will introduce yourself to Jack Bechaud and welcome him as one of our newest members. The Woodstock Chamber is here working for you and your success is our success. Please visit our website at [www.woodstockilchamber.com](http://www.woodstockilchamber.com) for a complete list of upcoming member events.



Shari Gray, Interim Executive Director

## UPCOMING EVENT



**Woodstock Christian School**  
Excellence in Christian Education - Jesus at the Center

### Woodstock Christian School Open House

Woodstock Christian School will host its first Open House as an independent school at 7pm on Thursday, March 18. The public is invited to attend and learn more about what Woodstock Christian has to offer area families and the community.

The school is located at 1201 Dean Street in Woodstock. For more information, contact the school at 815-338-1391 x14, or [deejoneswcs@yahoo.com](mailto:deejoneswcs@yahoo.com).



## Stacy Barden Published in Oncology Massage Newsletter

Harmony Falls, A Therapeutic Oasis is pleased to announce that Stacy Barden, BS, LMT was recently a contributing writer for the Society for Oncology Massage Newsletter. Ms. Barden, owner of Harmony Falls is a charter member of S4OM and an active member of the organizational membership committee for S4OM. The article "Practical Issues; Intake Forms," addresses the importance of collecting patient information and the various components of intake forms.

In early May 2010, Ms. Barden will be attending the 2nd Oncology Massage Healing Summit in Bloomington, Minnesota. The Summit is an opportunity for physicians, nurses, massage therapists, acupuncturists and many others who specialize in oncology to share in education and networking.

Since 1996, Harmony Falls has been providing therapeutic massage to Woodstock and the surrounding area. The licensed massage therapists at Harmony Falls have advanced education, training, and certification in the therapies of Oncology Massage, Manual Lymphatic Drainage, myofascial therapy, clinical, relaxation, pregnancy, geriatric, sports and hot/cold stone massage. Our motto is 'At Harmony Falls, We specialize in the care of you.'

Please visit [www.s4om.org](http://www.s4om.org) to learn more about oncology massage, [www.amtamassage.org](http://www.amtamassage.org) to learn more about massage therapy, [www.harmonyfalls.net](http://www.harmonyfalls.net) to learn more about Harmony Falls.

Please call Harmony Falls, 815-334-0842, if you have any questions or would like more information.

## McHenry County Memorial Park

For 71 years McHenry County Memorial Park has assisted thousands of families in making cemetery arrangements in advance and at the time of need. In this historic park, we offer land burial and mausoleum entombment. Recently added by our Veteran Sections is a monument section for those who prefer an alternative to flush mount mark-

ers. Flower gardens, statues and now benches throughout the park add tasteful character.

Whether it be our heated indoor mausoleum, scenic pond and landscaping, or the garden of eternal love (our only stand-up monument section in the park) McHenry County Memorial Park can craft a solution that works for you.

Our annual candlelight vigil memorial service brings the families of our communities together in a safe and inviting environment of fellowship, and is one of the many ways we reach out locally.

Stop by our park today to receive your new free comprehensive guide and record book to family estate planning. We are passionate about helping families – let us show you how.



## Fifth Third Bank Pledges Support

Fifth Third Bancorp has announced a donation of \$100,000 to aid the American Red Cross International Response Fund. The funds will go to assist Red Cross disaster relief efforts in Haiti, after reports of more than 3 million people have been affected by the devastating earthquake that hit the country January 12.

"The scenes of devastation have affected millions, and our 21,000 employees are looking for ways to help," said Kevin T. Kabat, Chairman, President and CEO of Fifth Third Bancorp. "We hope this donation will assist the people of Haiti during this time of immediate need."

To further assist in these relief efforts, Fifth Third Financial Centers in Northwest Illinois will donate \$25 to the American Red Cross for each new checking account opened (\$100 minimum). These funds will be distributed as part of the Fifth Third Bank Community Matters Program. Contact Tracey Gasparian – Manager – Woodstock Fifth Third Bank at 815-334-3040 for more information.

## WPBW Seeking Nominations for 2010 Woman of the Year

Nominations are being accepted for the 2010 Woman of the Year Award given out annually by the Woodstock Professional & Business Women organization.

The award, created in 1975, is given to a woman living or working in the greater Woodstock area whose leadership and creativity in cultural affairs, economic development, education, environmental efforts, human services or civic endeavors have contributed to enhancing the quality of life in the Woodstock community.

Nomination forms are available at City Hall, the Woodstock Public Library, the Woodstock Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Woodstock Opera House, and the following Woodstock banks: Amcore, American Community, Bank of America, Chase, Fifth Third Bank, Golden Eagle Community Bank, Harris and Home State Bank. Nomination forms are also available online at [www.wpbw.org/community](http://www.wpbw.org/community).

The Woman of the Year Award will be presented at a reception on Monday, April 19, 2010 at Stage Left Café at 6 pm. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 19, 2010. For information, call Shelly Eslick at 815-338-1580 or Do-reen Paluch at 815-334-1100.



## EPCON Unveils New Home Collection Designed to Baby Boomers Specs

Coming to Maples at the Sonatas

After surveying 6,000 male and female Boomers about their ideal next home, Epcor Communities is unveiling a new collection of three stand alone, single-story homes with private, outdoor courtyards and distinctive designs appealing to active adults of all ages.

"We shared our survey findings with some top architectural firms and challenged them to reinvent our homes us-

ing only specifications defined by the users themselves”, said Phil Fankhauser, principal of Epcon Communities, the nation’s leading franchisor of single-story, active adult communities.

After 18 months and more than a million dollar investment in research, development and design, Epcon Communities is proud to announce the upcoming arrival of the new stand alone homes at Maples at the Sonatas in Woodstock, IL.

Epcon was able to combine beautiful natural light with courtyard views from almost every room while maintaining a very attractive price.

Epcon’s Maples at the Sonatas community features four attached homes and three new stand alone homes with pricing from \$169,990 to \$249,990, moderate price points Boomers specified in Epcon’s national study.

Maples at the Sonatas offers the amenities of condominium living requested by a majority of active adults. These include no exterior maintenance and a well-appointed community clubhouse, pool and fitness center.

To take a virtual tour of the new Epcon Classic Courtyard Collection, visit Maples at the Sonatas, 645 Handel Lane, Woodstock, IL 60098. Our team is available Monday 1pm – 5pm. Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment, Saturday from 10:00 – 5pm and on Sunday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. For more information call Jon Gertsmeier at 815-334-0340 or visit [www.epconcommunities.com](http://www.epconcommunities.com). Jon can also be emailed at [jgertsmeier@wilcoxdevelopment.com](mailto:jgertsmeier@wilcoxdevelopment.com).



### GARY LANG AUTO GROUP INTRODUCES “LEASE RETURN CENTER”

Many consumers who have leased vehicles in the past may now be facing a dilemma as the vehicle manufacturer no longer offers leases or their original dealer is out of business.

Because many people are facing this situation, the Gary Lang Auto Group created their new Lease Return Center. The Lease Return Center was designed to answer consumer questions, such as:

- Where do I bring my car?
- I want out of my lease, but it’s not quite expired, what can I do?
- Will I owe any money on my lease turn in?
- What other makes and models might be available to me that have current lease specials on them?
- I’m over my mileage, what do I do next?
- I really like my car, can I buy out my current lease? And so on and so forth.

Gary Lang created this service to help their current lease customers at lease end and to help all people who may be dealing with a lease return of any kind. It doesn’t matter if the consumer bought from Gary Lang or another dealer.

If someone currently leases one of the makes Gary Lang carries or if they have another make, they can take advantage of this new service. To access this service, consumers can fill out their information at:

[http://www.garylangdomestic.com/content/lease\\_return.aspx](http://www.garylangdomestic.com/content/lease_return.aspx)

They will then be contacted by one of the lease return specialists whose job it is to make this transaction easy and convenient.

Lease turn in time shouldn’t be stressful, but rather a time to reassess your current vehicle situation. The Lease Return Center was developed to assist consumers the perfect new vehicle to meet their needs and budget.

Gary Lang Auto Group is on Highway 31, between Crystal Lake and McHenry and has been serving McHenry County for over 27 years. The dealership group carries several makes, including Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Cadillac, Kia, Mitsubishi and Subaru. Website: <http://www.GaryLangAuto.com>.

### Edward Jones Ranked No. 2 by FORTUNE Magazine in its 11th Year on Best Companies to Work For List

*Ranks in the Top 10 for Eight Years*

The financial-services firm Edward Jones ranked No. 2 on FORTUNE magazine’s “100 Best Companies to Work For 2010” list in its 11th year on the prestigious list, according to Rick Taden and Russ Olsen, financial advisors in Woodstock. Edward Jones also ranked No. 1 for large-sized companies. The full list and related stories appear in the February 8 issue of FORTUNE, available on newsstands Jan. 25 and currently at [www.fortune.com/bestcompanies](http://www.fortune.com/bestcompanies).



Edward Jones’ 11 FORTUNE rankings include top 10 finishes for eight years and consecutive No. 1 rankings in 2002 and 2003. This is the firm’s second consecutive year in the No. 2 spot.

In naming Edward Jones to the list, FORTUNE editors said: “The investment adviser weathered the recession without closing one of its 12,615 offices or laying off a single employee. Salaries were frozen, but profit sharing continued.”

“This honor is especially gratifying in the face of the adversity and challenges the financial-services industry has faced the last two years,” said James D. Weddle, managing partner. “But we were able to stay focused on the long-term because we are a partnership and we know who we are and what we do. We had no layoffs. We had to make some difficult decisions in terms of cutting back expenses, which we did successfully. But when you respect the people who work here, you take care of them - not just in the good times, but in the difficult times as well.”

To pick the “100 Best Companies to Work For,” FORTUNE partners with the Great Place to Work Institute, a global

research and consulting firm with offices in 30 countries, to conduct the most extensive employee survey in corporate America. Two-thirds of a company's score is based on the survey, sent to randomly selected employees. The survey asks questions related to employees' attitudes about the management's credibility, job satisfaction and camaraderie. The remaining third is based on a company's responses to the Institute's Culture Audit questionnaire, which asks detailed questions about demographics, pay and benefits, and open-ended questions about hiring, communication and diversity.

Currently, Edward Jones has more than 600 positions available throughout the country. The largest positions open are that of financial advisor and branch office administrator. Each Edward Jones branch office includes one financial advisor and one branch office administrator who work one on one with clients in the communities where those clients live.

The FORTUNE ranking is one of several important honors based on associate input that Edward Jones has received in recent weeks. In early December, the firm was ranked No. 1 in Registered Rep. magazine's annual brokerage report card for the 17th consecutive year. Last month, Edward Jones ranked No. 10 among the "50 Best Employers in Canada" in the Globe and Mail's annual listing in Report on Business Magazine. Over the past year, Edward Jones also has received workplace recognitions from dozens of state publications in the U.S.

Edward Jones provides financial services for individual investors in the United States and, through its affiliate, in Canada. Every aspect of the firm's business, from the types of investment options offered to the location of branch offices, is designed to cater to individual investors in the communities in which they live and work. The firm's 12,000-plus financial advisors work directly with nearly 7 million clients to understand their personal goals -- from college savings to retirement -- and create long-term investment solutions that emphasize a well-balanced portfolio and a buy-and-hold strategy. Edward Jones embraces the importance of building long-term,

face-to-face relationships with clients, helping them to understand and make sense of the investment options available today.

Edward Jones, which ranked No. 2 on FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For" in 2010, is headquartered in St. Louis. The Edward Jones Web site is located at [www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com), and its recruiting Web site is [www.careers.edwardjones.com](http://www.careers.edwardjones.com). Member SIPC.

### Noted Author to Speak About Founding Fathers March 7

The Tony Award, winning musical, "1776," provides an entertaining way of learning about how our Founding Fathers came to the decision to separate from Britain and to create the document that came to be known as the Declaration of Independence. TownSquare Players (TSP), Inc. is presenting the musical at the Woodstock Opera House nine times over three weekends starting March 5.

As a special added attraction, TSP is bringing in a noted U.S. history expert, Professor Joseph Morton of Crystal Lake, to give a free half-hour talk on "Jefferson, Franklin, and Adams: Who Were They, Really?" Professor Morton's address will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 7 in the Community Room at the Opera House, one hour before TSP's 3 p.m. matinee performance of the musical that features Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and other members of the Second Continental Congress.

Professor Morton has a wide-ranging background. He is professor emeritus at Northeastern Illinois University, and has bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees from the University of Maryland. He has authored 12 articles in various historical journals and encyclopedia, 42 book reviews and review articles in historical journals, and 2 books ("The American Revolution" and "Shapers of the Great Debate at the Constitutional Convention of 1787"). He has been a trustee at Harper College, a member of the Faculty Advisory Committee to the

Illinois Board of Higher Education, and a visiting professor in the People's Republic of China. He also recently started a weekly column, "On This Day," in the Northwest Herald that shines a spotlight on key events in America's history that occurred on that particular month and day.

TSP encourages those attending the musical on March 7 to come early to get a better understanding of the people and events of 1776, and while a ticket is required to see the musical, no ticket is required to listen to Professor Morton's presentation.

TownSquare Players, Inc., the oldest community theater group in McHenry County and a resident company of the Woodstock Opera House, was established in 1968 and incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in 1973. The purpose of TSP is to promote, sponsor, support, produce, instruct, and engage in all the performing arts and other related activities.

### Tony Award-Winning Musical Comes to Woodstock in March

TownSquare Players (TSP), Inc. is proud to announce the members of the cast and staff for its March 5-21 production of the musical "1776" by Sherman Edwards (music and lyrics) and Peter Stone (book).



"1776" is a Tony Award-winning musical about the final weeks leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, with "founding fathers" like Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson being brought to life as real individuals. Songs include "The Lees of Old Virginia," "He Plays the Violin," "Momma Look Sharp," "Molasses to Rum," and "Cool, Cool Considerate Men." Artistic/Vocal Director Geoff King

## MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

and Choreographer Angie Kells are working with this talented cast:

- Alex Fayer, Dick Foertsch, Brendan Gaughan, Frank Gaughan, Gary Gruebenau, and Bruce Marchionda of Crystal Lake
- Peter Heimsoth, Nicholaus Langlois, Carrie MacDonald, John McDonnell, and Rick Williamson of McHenry
- Paul Jenkins, Dan Kreisman, Paul Lockwood, Larry Schubert, Joe Weyland and Robert Wilbrandt of Woodstock
- Michael Van Belle, Mike Pirtle, Robin Giebelhausen, Robert Ryan Sadowski, David Freise, Charles (Sandy) Rutherford, David Gasior, Jim Dixon, and Scott Bussert of other local communities.

Lou Czarny is producing the musical for TSP and is also serving as set designer, technical coordinator, and stage manager. Other staff members include: Kathy Collins, orchestra director; Steven Hill, lighting designer; Kent Wilson, set construction; Lynne Kreisman, props; Fantasy Festival, costumes and wigs; Jeff McFarlin, light board technician.

Performance dates for "1776" are March 5-7, 12-14, and 19-21, for a total of nine performances. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the Woodstock Opera House box office (815-338-5300) and at [www.woodstockoperahouse.com](http://www.woodstockoperahouse.com).

For additional information, please call producer Lou Czarny at 815-236-1937.

### Celebrating 25 Years

In celebration of the release of Dean Milano's book *The Chicago Music Scene: 1960's and 1970's*, Dean Milano, Tricia Alexander, Andrew Calhoun,

and Russ and Diane Ward (all featured in the book) will perform a special fundraiser concert and book signing. This is a great opportunity to catch them together in a show and to have them all sign the book.

Admission: \$10/Adults, \$7/Seniors and Students

Location: Stage Left Café,  
125 VanBuren St., Woodstock

For more information: [www.woodstockfolkfestival.org](http://www.woodstockfolkfestival.org), call 815-479-9WFF (9933), or e-mail [woodstockfolkfest@sbcglobal.net](mailto:woodstockfolkfest@sbcglobal.net). Note: reservations are not required, but are suggested.



### Claudia Nygaard in Concert

Contemporary singer and songwriter, Claudia Nygaard, will perform a special fundraiser concert on April 18th at 2 pm. Like Guy Clark and John Prine, Claudia straddles the fence between country and folk music. Her songs find their roots and rhythms in the Americana story telling tradition, with passionate and emotional melodies and vivid and descriptive lyrics.

Mark your calendar and join us for these very special events!

Woodstock Folk Festival is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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## DO YOU HAVE NEWS ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS?

### NEWS

The Chamber wants to hear about it! Visit the Woodstock Chamber website, [www.woodstockilchamber.com](http://www.woodstockilchamber.com), and download our "News Tip" form. We'll add it to the next edition!

# ANNUAL DINNER AWARDS

The 65th Annual Dinner held at the Woodstock Country Club, Saturday January 23rd, was an evening filled with celebration and remembrance. The Chamber recognized the following members as they were honored for their significant contributions to the Woodstock business community.



*Clockwise, from top: Todd Kinker presents Sue Schmeding with an award recognizing her service to the Chamber; Tom Nierman receives the 2010 Harold Buschkopf Award; Justin Cressler accepts the 2009 Industry of the Year Award on behalf of Claussen Pickle Co.; Steve Finzel accepts Golden Eagle Community Bank's Professional Service Provider of the Year Award; Mark Poloquin receives the 2009 Volunteer of the Year award from Todd Kinker and Jenny Serritella presents Mike Palmquist's 2009 Richard Neuffer Retailer of the Year Award to his widow, Peggy.*

## THANKS TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

Adult & Child Rehab  
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 Benoy Motor Sales  
 Bull Valley Golf Club  
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