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## MASON IN MOTION UPDATE

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**GOOD MORNING MASON IS THURSDAY DECEMBER 13 AT 7:30 AM** -- Don't miss Good Morning, Mason! on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building at the Ingham County Fairgrounds, 700 E. Ash Street, from 7:30-8:15 AM. Admission is \$5 and includes a continental breakfast catered by **Darrell's Market** with **Bestseller's** coffee. Good Morning, Mason! is generously sponsored by **Dart Bank** and co-sponsored this month by **Bestseller's Books & Coffee Co.** Bring someone with you to our news and networking event and our last get-together in 2007. A coupon for free admission for anyone who hasn't been to GMM in over a year was in the last printed newsletter. This time we'll again have a poinsettia giveaway to go with our 50/50 drawing!

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**2008 AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED** -- On December 7, 2007, the 2007 Chamber Board made their selections and now extend their congratulations to our 2008 MACC award winners. The 2008 Citizen of the Year Award will go to Shirley Grieve, a Special Recognition Award will go to the American Legion Post 148, another a Special Recognition Award to Colleen Briggs, the Excellence in Education Award to Margaret Cottrill of **Mason High School**, the Excellence in Business Award to **Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors**, and the President's Award to Cathy Groce. A full write-up will be in the January Mason in Motion printed newsletter. The 2008 Awards will be presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 at the Eldorado Golf Course Banquet Center, 3750 W. Howell Road in Mason. Reservations are \$30 per person and may be made by calling or e-mailing the Chamber office before January 31, 2008.

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**2008 CHAMBER OFFICERS ELECTED** -- Your Chamber will have new officers this coming year. Jeff Haueter of the **Mason A&W Restaurant** will be president, Neil Kentner of **Wynsmeer Manor** will be vice president, Robin King of **Independent Bank** will continue as treasurer, and Mark Howe of **Dart Bank** will be our past president. These four officers are Board members and make up the Executive Committee of the Chamber. On December 7, 2007, the 2008 Chamber Board elected our officers for a one-year term that begins on January 1, 2008 and ends on December 31, 2008.

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**MASON ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY CONCERT IS THIS FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 14 AT MASON HIGH SCHOOL** -- The **Mason Orchestral Society** announces their annual Holiday Concert. The Mason Community Orchestra and Mason Youth Symphony will perform on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at the **Mason High School** Auditorium, 1001 South Barnes St. Come join them for "Sounds of the Season." The Mason Youth Symphony will perform selections from the "Nutcracker", "Ukrainian Bell Carol" and more under the direction of Interim Conductor, David Schultz. The Mason Community Orchestra will follow with Pollonaise from "Christmas Eve Suite", "Variations on a Christmas Carol", "Sleigh Ride" plus much more with Music Director/Conductor, Beau Benson. Both orchestras will combine for excerpts from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" as well as some audience sing-a-long. There will also be special performances by chamber groups from within the MCO. Following the concert, refreshments will be provided by members of the Society. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. See more at: [masonorchestras.org](http://masonorchestras.org)

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**VOCAL MUSIC CONCERT ALSO ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 14** -- The Steiner Chorale will begin its 2007-08 season with two performances of its "Victorian Christmas" program under the baton of new artistic director and conductor, Kevin Simons. The **Mason Area Historical Museum** will host the Lansing-based, semi-professional choir's first concert on Friday, December 14, and the second will take place at All Saints Episcopal Church in East Lansing on Sunday, December 16 — both begin at 7:30 p.m. This season's program combines traditional nineteenth century carols and hymns alongside modern settings of traditional texts. The result is a program ranging from Handel and Mendelssohn to twentieth century composers Vaughan Williams and John Rutter. At the door, tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

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**FITNESS CENTER BREAKS GROUND** -- Ryan Carter of **Baja Grille** has broken ground on a new fitness center on Temple street south of Ash by the **Ingham County Fairgrounds**.

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**WAIT OVER SOON TO FIND OUT WHO GOES ON BIG CRUISE -- Salon 130** will have their big cruise giveaway sweepstakes drawing on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. They are located at 130 W. Ash Street

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**CHAMBER OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS --** The Chamber office will be closed on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and again on Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**DECEMBER MIXER HOLIDAY PARTY THANKS --** On Thursday evening December 6<sup>th</sup> at the **Ingham County Fairgrounds** Community Building, we had a great Holiday Party – the Chamber's biggest mixer event – from 5 to just before 8 PM. The mixer was presented by **Origami Brain Injury & Rehabilitation Center**. We enjoyed the delightful live holiday music from harpist Kelly Yoakam, the wonderful food and beverages from our area restaurants and caterers, door prizes, silent auction, and live auction item values. The committee was led by Jeff Haueter of **Mason A&W Restaurant**. Other volunteers included Kathy Smith, Robin King, Jeanie Prince, Karla Spoor, Mary Tressell, Jon Grocki, Tom Botsford, Jim Hyde, Pat Weiler, and others. Sound was provided by **GCC Technologies**. The "Taste of Mason" was provided by **Mason A&W Restaurant, Mason Big Boy, Darb's Tavern & Eatery, Merindorf Meats, Baja Grille, City Limits Sports Grill, Gordon Food Service, Nairda's Pantry, Lawrence's Westside Deli, Mason Jar Pub & Grub, Darrell's Market, and Bestsellers Books & Coffee Co.** Thanks also go to our many Live Auction Sponsors, Silent Auction Sponsors, and Door Prize Sponsors. If you missed it, don't kick yourself -- just mark your 2008 calendar for Thursday evening December 4, 2008 so you won't miss next year's party!

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**MASON MEN ARE COOKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST --** On the first Sunday of every month there is a pancake breakfast at the **Masonic Lodge**, 840 E. Columbia Street, at the corner of Temple & Columbia, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 3-10, free for children 2 and under. They'll serve pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, bacon, milk, juice and coffee. The next one is on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**MASON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2008 CALENDARS STILL ON SALE --** On sale at Bestsellers and Ware's Pharmacy, the MAHS calendars with the country schoolhouses is very attractive. We also have a few for sale here at the Chamber office. Calendars are \$15 each. Proceeds go to support the Historical Society and our two museums.

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