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MASON IN MOTION UPDATE

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Good Morning, Mason is February 22 – The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce will host its Good Morning, Mason! news and networking meeting from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, February 22 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash Street. Admission at the door is \$3 for members and \$5 for non-members and includes a continental breakfast. Good Morning, Mason! is sponsored by Dart Bank. For more information, e-mail masonchamber@masonchamber.org or call 676-1046.

Welcome New Members -- Extend welcome to the following new Chamber members! We have three new members since the February "Mason In Motion" Newsletter was published. **Central Solutions, Inc. Communication Freedom LLC**, and **Mark Hoffman** have just joined. Details will be in March's newsletter.

Awards Dinner Thanks – Photos from our 35th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Awards Dinner which was held February 7th at the **Eldorado Golf Course** Banquet Center are now online at the Chamber's website. Here's the link: <http://www.masonchamber.org/maccjanfeb2007.htm> Thanks to all of you who helped in making the evening a success. **Eldorado** had to work hard to keep up with the buffet line, since our goal of 150 participants was surpassed – we had 185. We thank our sponsors: **B-Dry Systems of South Central Michigan, Consumers Energy, Mason Community Health Center, Mason Jar Pub & Grub, Mason Public Schools Foundation, Noud & Noud - Attorneys**, and **ServiceMaster Clean**. Also, thanks to our chairs Joe Dean and Jamie Robinson – and of course the rest of our Awards Committee and our Executive Committee members.

GLBM Entrepreneurial Awards – Celebrate entrepreneurship in mid-Michigan at the 13th Annual Entrepreneurial Awards of Greater Lansing on Thursday, March 8, 2007. This event is hosted by the Greater Lansing Business Monthly magazine. A social hour starts at 6 p.m. and the dinner and awards presentation begins at 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. Cost is \$50 each or \$400 for a table of eight. Nominations are still being accepted through today. Nominees should be an owner or manager primarily responsible for the recent performance of the company and an active member of top management. The nominated company must be at least three years old. Once someone has been nominated, they will receive a full nomination packet that must be completed and signed. There is no fee for participation. To submit a nomination or purchase tickets online, visit www.lansingbusinessmonthly.com. For more information, contact Stacy Adado at (517) 487-1714 or stacy@lansingbusinessmonthly.com

Fair Board Elects Officers – The **Ingham County Fair** Board elected officers for 2007 last month. Mike Prelesnik of Mason is president, Debbie Miller of Mason is vice president and 4-H liaison, and Roberta Hamlin of Webberville is secretary/treasurer. Other Fair Board members from the Mason area are: Darryl Diamond, Mary Stid, Harvey Fanson, and Harry Spenny II from Mason and Jo Kinne from Dansville. Other members are from Lansing and East Lansing. For information on the fair or fairgrounds, call (517) 676-2428 or go to their www.ingham.org/fb/fairhome.htm website.

Ingham County Controller Named – A new Ingham County controller/administrator has now been appointed by the Board of Commissioners – and he's already one of us! Matthew Myers, undersheriff in the **Ingham County Sheriff's Office** since 1992, will become Ingham County's next controller. He attends many Chamber programs and events, so you probably know him already. **Gerald Ambrose**, also a MACC member and who had been controller for 22 years, left in January 2006 to become Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero's chief of staff.

Habitat Mardi Gras Banquet Next Tuesday – **Habitat for Humanity** will hold a Mardi Gras Banquet on Tuesday, February 20th starting at 5:30 PM. The event will take place at the Brookshire Inn and Golf Club at 205 W. Church Street in Williamston. It will feature the "176 Keys Dueling Piano Show" and recognition of sponsors and volunteers. Proceeds support **Ingham East Habitat for Humanity** and tickets are \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of ten. Reserve your spot today by calling (517) 655-1872.

2007 Membership Dues – More than half of our members paid their 2007 dues at the end of 2006. Most of the rest paid in January. About 40 members have yet to renew. Reminders have been sent out last week, so

it is now time to set that up for payment if you haven't done so already. We do monthly reports for the Membership Services Committee on payment progress through mid-April, when they usually must recommend we discontinue a few members for non-payment. Our 35th Anniversary MACC Membership Drive will start later this spring. Thanks again to all Mason area businesses and organizations for supporting your Chamber.

MACC Distributes Seventh E-mail Bulletin – This “Mason in Motion Update” bulletin is being sent to those who have e-mail addresses registered with the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce as Chamber members, associates of Chamber members, and select Chamber stakeholders. To be removed from this list, do NOT reply to this e-mail. Instead, please send a new e-mail with the word “unsubscribe” in the subject line to masonchamber@masonchamber.org. If you know of anyone who should get one, also let us know.

Chamber Committee Meetings – The Economic Development Committee meeting will meet on Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7:30 AM and the Membership Services Committee will meet immediately afterward at 9:30 AM. Both meetings are in the Chamber office. Membership Services needs more volunteer leaders to help in its programs and meetings, so feel free to come to the meeting and get more involved.

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