

February 14, 2008 - Happy Valentine's Day!

## MASON IN MOTION UPDATE

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**WE HONORED THOSE WHO GAVE FROM THE HEART** -- The 2008 Awards were presented at the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner last night on Wednesday, February 13, 2007 at the Eldorado Golf Course Banquet Center. The 2008 Citizen of the Year Award went to Shirley Grieve, a Special Recognition Award went to the American Legion Post 148 with another Special Recognition Award to Colleen Briggs, the Excellence in Education Award went to Margaret Cottrill of **Mason High School**, the Excellence in Business Award went to **Wolverine Engineers & Surveyors**, and the President's Award to Cathy Groce.

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**YOU'RE INVITED TO BE A MENTOR FOR THE MASON AREA ENTREPRENEURS CLUB** -- As a Mason area business owner or manager; we believe you relate well to others who are running a business of their own. Maybe you can also relate to people who are thinking of starting a small business in the Mason area. Are you willing to share your expertise with those who ask for it? If so, you can help new entrepreneurs realize that being on your own doesn't mean you have to be alone. Again this month, you can mentor other area entrepreneurs by answering their questions about running a business. The format of our third meeting of the Mason Area Entrepreneurs Club is again a guided group discussion, but there will be a short workshop on niche marketing at the beginning. The rest of the meeting is an open sharing session on questions that are of interest to entrepreneurs. The meeting runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008 at Mason's City Hall Community Room (enter in the back door), and just go down the stairs, at 201 W. Ash Street. The session is free. Snacks and beverages are provided by our sponsors. Please consider joining us that evening. We could use your help.

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**M-36 AND TAX PREP TOPICS AT GOOD MORNING, MASON!** -- Be there on Thursday morning, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash Street in Mason at 7:30 AM for our next Good Morning, Mason! If you've never attended before, here's what happens: community leaders like you gather to hear two-minute reports on up to ten topics of interest. Businesses, government agencies and community organizations are represented by those attending. New business and housing developments, local services, and community economic needs are often highlighted. Occasionally, more time is given to topics, such as the M-36 reconstruction which will be discussed by M-DOT at the next meeting. Sponsored and supported by **Dart Bank** since the very beginning, Good Morning Mason! is also the Chamber's most popular networking event. Attendees have the opportunity to meet and greet each other before they sit down to hear the news snippets. Often, those new to GMM introduce themselves as part of the program in case they missed meeting anyone earlier. A single co-sponsor reserves a five-minute segment to discuss their own business's products and services, such as **Tax Returns Unlimited** will do at the February GMM.

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**M.O.S. CONCERT ON MARCH 2 IN LANSING** -- The Mason Community Orchestra and Mason Youth Symphony will perform on Sunday, March 2, 2008 at the South Lansing Christian Church, 6300 Aurelius Rd., Lansing. The doors will open at 2 P.M. for early bidding on Silent Auction items. The concert will begin at 2:30 P.M. Enjoy an afternoon with *An Army of Generals*, a concert spotlighting several of the MCO's talented members as guest soloists with the orchestra. The program includes selections from Mozart's concerto for flute and harp, Boccherini's cello concerto in Bb, Benson's guitar concerto in c minor, Marcello's oboe concerto in d minor, and "Gabriel's Oboe" from the film, *The Mission*, as well as Gounod's *Petite Symphonie* for winds and Brahms' Academic Festival Overture. In addition, the Mason Youth Symphony, under the direction of David Schultz, will perform an all Baroque program, featuring music by Purcell, Handel, Corelli, and Vivaldi. This is a free concert. Please join the Mason Orchestral Society for its annual Silent Auction, and a fun afternoon of music and refreshments. The proceeds from the Silent Auction will help to fund music scholarships for youth musicians of the MOS and for operational expenses of the Mason Orchestral Society. Learn more at [www.masonorchestras.org](http://www.masonorchestras.org)

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**ANTIQUÉ SHOW THIS WEEKEND IS FUNDRAISER FOR MUSEUMS** -- The 4<sup>th</sup> annual **Mason Area Historical Society's** Antiqué Show will be Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 5 PM and again on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 4 PM at the Cobblestone Events Center, 205 Mason Street in our Mason Antiques District. Admission is \$3. For more information, contact Sandra Pier at 244-0620. You'll see Doug Klein there on Sunday!

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**COVENTY PLAYERS PRESENT "WISE WOMEN"** -- Don't miss the Mason Coventry Players performance of "Wise Women," a delightful play written by Ron Osborne and directed by Phil Birdsall. Show dates are (Friday and Saturday evenings) February 22, 23, 29 and March 1 at 7:30 PM and (Sunday afternoons) February 24 and March 2 at 3:00 PM. The productions are held at the Mason Area Historical Museum, 200 E. Oak Street in Mason. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased at Wares Pharmacy and Bestsellers. Groups of 10+ for any one performance can be purchased at the discount price of \$7 each by calling Phyllis at (517) 676-1765. Friday night dinner/theater combos (dinner at Baja Grille on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or City Limits on March 1<sup>st</sup> and the play at the museum) are available at \$20 per person at the Chamber office.

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**K of C ST. JAMES FRIDAY FISH FRY'S UNDERWAY** -- You've already missed a couple, so don't wait too long! Fridays through March 14 the **Knights of Columbus** at St. James Church, 1010 S. Lansing Street in Mason is holding their annual Fish Frys. Times are 4:30 to 7 PM. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for kids 5-12, and kids under 5 are free. Takeout dinners are available. There are also a limited number of shrimp dinners often available.

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**CACS WALK FOR WARMTH ON FEBRUARY 23** -- Our newest Chamber member **CACS** will hold their 18th annual WALK for WARMTH on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the **Capital Area Community Services** office at 407 N. Cedar in Mason to raise funds for utility assistance. Make a call today for a pledge sheet to 676-1065. Their slogan is: Hearts and Feet providing HEAT!

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**CP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING ON FEBRUARY 28** -- The MACC Ambassadors will provide a Ribbon Cutting for CP Federal Credit Union on Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM sharp. A reception hosted by CP federal will follow. The new branch is located at the corner of Kipp and Jefferson at 103 E. Kipp Road in Mason. All business and community members are invited to attend the ribbon cutting, which will take place right after Good Morning, Mason! This is part of their Grand Opening activities for the Mason branch, which will include a free picnic lunch around noon. You are all invited!

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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, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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**UPCOMING MACC COMMITTEE MEETINGS** -- The next **Ambassadors Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. The next **Hometown USA Committee** meeting will be Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The **Economic Development Committee** meeting is Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 AM. The **Membership Services Committee** meeting is Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM. The new **Housing Committee** will meet again on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. **Spring Fling/DHD Committee** will meet Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. The next **MACC Raffle Committee** is meeting on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM and the **Thursday Night Live Committee** is meeting the same evening at 6 PM. The **Executive Committee** will meet on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. The **MACC Board of Directors** will meet on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM. Call the Chamber office for more information at 676-1046. All meetings are held in the Chamber office. **JOIN US!**

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