

MASON *in Motion*

COME FOR FUN AT THE HOLIDAY PARTY MIXER ON DECEMBER 5TH

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 5th for The Mason Area Chamber's biggest member mixer event, the annual MACC Holiday Party and December Mixer. The party is again at the **Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building** from 5 to 7:30 p.m.



The holiday party is a great time to greet all your friends and neighbors in the community and wish them the happiest of holidays. Admission is just \$7 per person for members and \$10 per person for non-members.



Chamber Ambassadors and other volunteers have worked hard again this year to bring you a holiday party brimming with good food, music, door prizes, auction items, and a whole lot of fun. The fundraising event is presented by **MSU Federal Credit Union**. Event sponsor is **A&W Restaurant**. Supporting sponsors are **Dart Container Corporation**, **CP Federal Credit Union**, and **Sheridan Realty & Auction**.

Throughout the evening, you'll enjoy networking, door prize drawings, and a 50/50 raffle. Guests will also have a holiday buffet dinner with a variety of food and beverages from "Taste of Mason" area restaurants and caterers.

Most Mason Area Chamber member restaurants and caterers are also sponsoring "A Taste of Mason" at this event: **Mason A&W Restaurant**, **Kean's Store Company**, **Darb's Tavern & Eatery**, **Westside Deli**, **Merindorf Meats**, **City Limits Sports Grill**, **Big Boy of Mason**, **Costco**, **The Vault Deli**, **Darrell's Market**, **Marco's Pizza**, **The Daily Scoop** and **Bestsellers Books & Coffee Co.** We thank all of them for their sponsorship!

Don't forget to bring your holiday gift-buying money with you! This is an important fundraising event for the Chamber and we need your support! Inside this newsletter, you'll find a catalog of the auction items we have received to date. If businesses still have items to contribute, they must be received in the Chamber office by Monday, December 2nd. Most items are available through a silent auction, but some will be auctioned live at the party with auctioneer Bill Sheridan of **Sheridan Realty and Auction**. For your convenience, items can be paid for with cash, check, VISA or MasterCard, on that evening.

We'd like to thank the MACC members who have provided auction and door prize items and we encourage guests to thank them for their support by patronizing their businesses throughout the coming year. Come to the party and get some great gifts in exchange for your contribution to the Chamber's community events fund.



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NEW DIRECTORS CERTIFIED AT MACC ANNUAL MEETING

The 13-member Board of Directors of the Mason Area Chamber of Commerce will have several new members this coming year. The October Annual Meeting certified the election of the following: Mary Tressel of **Dart Bank**, Mark Voss of **Mark Voss Agency**, and Vickie Vandenbelt of **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 55**.

Retiring from the Board at the end of this year are Aaron Fiedler of **Fiedler Insurance**, Don Kill of the **Mason Optimist Club**, and Scott Ring of **MSU Federal Credit Union**.

Other Chamber board members continuing in 2019 are Debbie Shattuck of **Maple Street Mall**, Jeff Haueter of **Mason A&W Restaurant**, Cheryl Benjamin of **Dart Container Corporation**. Beth Yeider of **Independent Bank**, Mike Waltz of **Mason Kiwanis Club**, Don Waskiewicz of **Deep Blue Insights**, Jodi Somerville of **Mason Public Schools** and **Michigan Steam Engine & Thresher's Club**, Melanie Squires of **First National Bank of Michigan**, Ryan Petty of **Weather Vane Roofing**, and Jamie Robinson of **Darrell's and Bestsellers**.

THANKS FOR 2019 MASON HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION

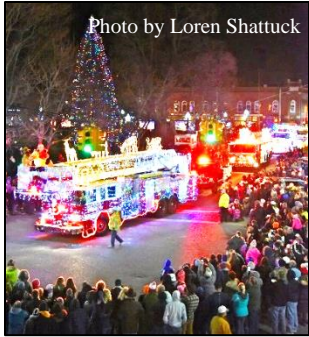


Photo by Loren Shattuck

The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce's Mason Holidays Celebration Committee would like to thank all our sponsors, volunteers, partners, participants, and all those involved in making our Mason Holidays Celebration on Friday, November 29, 2019 a success.

Thanks to presenting sponsor **Dart Container Corporation**. Also, thanks to our additional sponsors **CP**

Federal Credit Union and our many event partners **Express Tree Services, Mason A&W Restaurant, Kona Ice Holt, Mason Firefighters Association, Sheridan Realty & Auction, Mason Girl Scouts, Mason Optimist Club, Granger, Ingham County Facilities,** and the **City of Mason's** police, fire, public works, and administration departments.

WELCOME OUR NEW MACC MEMBERS:

The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce seven new members! Each of these members will be highlighted at the next Good Morning, Mason networking event Thursday, December 12, 2019 at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash Street at 7:15 AM.

- **Paul Junge**
- **Jeff the Magician – Jeff Olds**
- **Holt & Dimondale Insurance Agency**
- **Ascend Physical Therapy**
- **Coston Chiropractic**
- **Mason Medical Group**
- **Lansing Junk Removal**

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS:

The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors provided a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 22, 2019 for **Live Long CrossFit** located at 174 W. Maple Street, Downtown Mason. A warm welcome to owners Audrey and Desiree Waters!



CHAMBER GIFT CERTIFICATES MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

The Mason Area Chamber of Commerce has the perfect solution for your gift giving needs! MACC gift certificates offer the gift recipient the option to choose what they want, instead of settling for a gift they don't really like or receiving a gift certificate only redeemable at a single place. From restaurants to entertainment; from office supplies to specialty shops; from automobile repair to retail items – a MACC gift certificate offers you a truly unique gift that is right for everybody.



Mason Area Chamber of Commerce gift certificates are a great way to promote "Mason Values" and the importance of buying locally. Give the gift of choice – MACC gift certificates may be accepted at any Mason area business. Give the gift of variety – choose any denomination, it is a gift that fits any budget! Give the gift of convenience – certificates can be purchased at the Chamber office, they never expire or lose value, and may be redeemed by any Mason area business at the Chamber at full value. For more details, please contact the Chamber office at (517) 676-1046 by phone or masonchamber@masonchamber.org by e-mail.

IT'S A WONDERFUL CHAMBER! revisited

Remember the Jimmy Stewart film "It's a Wonderful Life?" This time of year, it's always a popular movie. While Mason isn't Bedford Falls (although comparisons have been made and we DID use it once for our raffle theme), did you ever wonder what it would be like with no Mason Area Chamber of Commerce?

- If there were no Chamber of Commerce, made up of over 300 members willing to invest in the future of our community, who would host a visitor's center open 30 hours a week and a website covering almost everything including tourism and relocation information, a local business directory, shopping, demographics, and community event information?
- If there were no Chamber of Commerce, who would answer the thousands of questions about our community coming in from residents, tourists, prospective residents, and new businesses? Who would represent our community to the region and direct people to our stores and restaurants?
- If there were no Chamber of Commerce, who would pursue opportunities to make our area a better place to both live and make a living, by promoting *MASON VALUES* and buying locally? Who would lead the effort to *GROW MASON!*?
- If there were no Chamber of Commerce, who would put on major community events giving businesses an opportunity to sponsor and support the things that make Mason, Michigan "Hometown U.S.A.?"

Rest easy though, because the Chamber has been here since 1972 and is doing those very things and much more. By the way, maybe that's part of why we really do have a wonderful life around here!

2019 Mason Area Chamber of Commerce

Leadership Circle

- **Douglas J. Klein, APR, CTA**
- **Luanne Dancer** honor of Shirley Richards
- **Mike and Chris Waltz**
- **Dart Bank** in memory of Rollin B. Dart



LEADERSHIP CIRCLE MEMBERS ARE PROMINENT BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. OUR MACC MEMBERS VALUE THEIR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT OF THE CHAMBER'S FUTURE. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW YOU, YOUR BUSINESS, OR YOUR ORGANIZATION MAY JOIN THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE, E-MAIL MASONCHAMBER@MASONCHAMBER.ORG

Silent Auction Items ...

- Gift Basket from **Besco** containing Keurig pods and a gift certificate with a total value of \$90. 
- One night stay at **Best Western** and a gift basket from **Independent Bank** valued at \$189.
- “Caffeinated Shopper” basket from **BiggBy** and **Maple Street Mall** with a value of \$87.
- Gift Basket from **CP Federal Credit Union** valued at \$125.
- Gift Certificate from **Timeless Treasures** totaling \$200.
- Masterbuilt Turkey Fryer with a set of fire extinguisher contributed by **Fiedler Insurance** and **Mason Insurance Company** valued at \$140.
- Handmade Baking Set generously contributed by **Ace Hardware** valued at \$60.
- Gift Basket from CP Federal Credit Union with a value of \$125.
- Gift certificate valued at over \$100 for cut and color services from **Ashley Antoinette-Townshend** at **Salon130**.
- Gift Certificate valued at \$125 for services from **Express Tree Services**.
-  Gift Basket from **Dart Bank** valued at \$50.
- Filet Mignon package from **Merindorf Meats** valued at \$100.
- Gift Basket from **Star Associates** valued at \$50.
- **Yards of Fabric** contributed a beautiful personal sized quilt valued at \$145.
- Gift Basket with various items from local businesses around downtown valued at \$75 contributed by **Modern Woodmen of America Fraternal Financial**. 
- “Green Thumb” basket from the **Mason Sycamore Creek Garden Club** valued at \$85.
- Gift Basket with the state of Michigan themed items alongside maple syrup contributed by **Shawhaven Farm** valued at \$150.
- Gift basket from **Boss Snowplowing** and **Oracle Financial Solutions** valued at \$135.
- A 24” x 36” custom selfie frame from **Paper Image** worth \$60.
- **TomCo Asphalt** contributed a gift certificate for their services valued at \$250.
- **And much more...**

Live Auction Items ...

- “100 Years” of A&W Gift Basket valued at \$500 contributed by **A&W Restaurant**.
- Basketball and framed photo autographed by Spartan’s basketball coach Tom Izzo from **Friend of MACC** valued at \$400. *
- 12 Lugnuts Suite tickets including food and drinks contributed by **Dan Henry Distributing** and **Darrell’s Market** valued at \$480. *
- Gift Certificate good for one 45-minute magic show valued at \$150 from **Friend of MACC**, Don Kill.
- Pass for **Knights of Columbus** fish fry at **St. James Church** valued at \$100. *
- Hometown Retreat & Spa Package valued at \$500 contributed by **The Vault Deli, Bestsellers & Salon130**.
- **And many more to come...**

“Taste of Mason” Menu


Mason Big Boy – Soups

Darb’s Tavern & Eatery – Wings & Desserts

City Limits Sports Grill – Various Entrees

Barnhill’s Westside Deli – Pizza

Bestsellers Books & Coffee Co. – Coffee

 Kean’s Store – Candy Bar

Darrell’s Market – Veggie Tray

Marco’s Pizza – Various Pizza & Bread Sticks

A&W Restaurant – Root Beer Floats and Chicken Tenders



Merindorf Meats – Beef Sticks & Cheese

The Daily Scoop – MSU Dairy Ice Cream

And much more ...

GOOD MORNING, MASON!

Thursday, December 12, 2019 ~ Presented by Dart Bank and Sponsored by Bestsellers Books & Coffee Company

This coupon entitles the bearer to one free admission to the Thursday, December 12, 2019 Good Morning, Mason! at the Ingham County Fairgrounds Community Building, 700 E. Ash Street at 7:15 AM -- provided the bearer hasn't attended GMM! in the past year. Regular admission (with continental breakfast) is \$5 for members and \$8 for nonmembers at the door.

2019 MACC Board of Directors

Mike Waltz President
Mason Kiwanis Club

Melanie Squires Vice President
First National Bank of Michigan

Aaron Fiedler Treasurer
Fiedler Insurance Agency

Don Kill Past President
Mason Optimist Club

Cheryl Benjamin *Dart Container Corporation*

Jeff Haueter *A&W Restaurant*

Ryan Petty *Weather Vane Roofing*

Scott Ring *MSU Federal Credit Union*

Jamie Robinson *Darrell's Market & Bestsellers*

Debbie Shattuck *Maple Street Mall*

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