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ROYAL OAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE June 1, 2010

Royal Oak Chamber Awards Scholarships to Three Royal Oak Seniors

The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce and our Business Womens Network continued its tradition of giving scholarships to deserving seniors from the Royal Oak High Schools. 2010 marks the fifth year that the Chamber has given monies to local students. This year's winners are Royal Oak High School students Rita Maizy and Rebecca Bonkowski. The third recipient was Shannon Mischle from Royal Oak Shrine Catholic High School.



From left: Dolores Zakrzewski, Jacklyn Galesky, Shannon Mischle, Rebecca Bonkowski, Rita Maizy, and Vonnie Miller

All of the students attended the Chamber's May Board of Directors meeting where they were

introduced by the Scholarship Committee consisting of Jacklyn Galesky of Northwood Credit Union, Susan Carter of GMAC Woodwardside, Dolores Zakrzewski of Benepro, Diana Wing of Wing Communications and Vonnie Miller of Stagecrafters and Mary Kay.

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Chamber Calendar for June

Friday, June 11, Chamber Coffee @ ZMC Pharmacy, 8-9 am, 1041 S. Main St.

Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13, Clay, Glass & Metal Show, Washington Ave.

Wednesday, June 16, Lunch with Rep. Hoekstra @ Red Run, 12-2 pm, 2036 Rochester Rd.

Thursday, June 17, Membership Maximizer @ the RO Chamber, 8:30-9:30 am, 200 S. Washington Ave.

Tuesday, June 22, Reggae on the Roof @ Woody's Diner, 5-7 pm, 208 W. Fifth St.

July 17 & 18 Antique & Garage Sale

October 20 Community Awards- Red Run Golf Club

November 16 VIP Party- TBA

December 7 Holiday Soiree- Royal Oak Music Theatre

For more dates, go to www.royaloakchamber.com and click on the calendar.

Focus: Members

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Focus: Ground Breakings and Grand Openings



May 26 was perfect day for a Ground Breaking Ceremony over at Thirteen Mile and Crooks Rd. This will soon be the home of **The Village of Royal Oak**, a multi unit senior living complex.

From Left: Van Fox, President of MHT Housing and Continental Management ; Dan Hunter, Manager Oakland County Planning & Economic Development Services; Bill Allen, Executive Director Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Jim Ellison, Royal Oak.

It was a great Cinco de Mayo for new RO Chamber members and new Royal Oak business, **Communicare, Inc.** Communicare is a rehabilitation center specializing in the treatment of individuals with Acquired Brain Injury, Neurological Impairment and Developmental Disabilities. They are located at 230 E. Harrison. Learn more about them at www.communicareabi.com



From Left: Ron Steele, Ben Pulfer, Steve Wells, Tammy Boyd, Dr. Gordon Horn, Dr. Neil Galloway

Focus: Congressman Pete Hoekstra to address the Royal Oak Chamber and guests at Red Run Golf Club, June 16



The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce that U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra (R-Holland) will be at Red Run Golf Club, 2036 Rochester Rd., 48073 as part of our ongoing speaker series connecting political leaders to the business community on Wednesday, June 16. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of Hoekstra following his address. Doors for the event will open at noon, with a hot buffet lunch being served at 12:30 p.m. and Rep. Hoekstra will speak from 1-1:30 p.m. Cost for lunch will be \$28 pp for RO Members and \$33 for non-members. For information on reservation availability call 248.547.4000 or email andreas@royaloakchamber.com

During a recent conversation about the speaker series, Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce President, Andrey Tomkiw had this to say, "The economic health of our region and our state is dependent upon the success of businesses in communities like Royal Oak" "Congressman Hoekstra and other Michigan political leaders are recognizing the value in connecting on a personal level with the state's business owners, regardless of the size of the business. Smaller venues like this foster genuine dialogue that can lead to positive solutions for Michigan's challenges." Rep. Hoekstra has a very strong commitment to locally-owned and operated business, "Independent businesses are the backbone of Michigan's economy and have the unique ability to innovate, invest and learn, but the government must allow these businesses to prosper," Hoekstra said. "I have traveled around the state listening to the concerns of workers and business owners and as Governor I will take these concerns and implement the real solutions we need to help create a more business friendly environment in Michigan."

Focus: Maximizer



It's Time to MAXIMIZE Your Membership

Join us on **Thursday, June 17 (new date)**, 8:30 - 9:30 am at the Chamber office for our quarterly Membership Maximizer. Learn (or refresh your memory) about the many benefits, opportunities and money-saving programs that are part of your Chamber membership. Includes opportunities to:

- network with local businesses, that are ready to help you build your business and will refer you to family and friends;
- gain access to affordable marketing and advertising opportunities like our Woodward Sign and the new E-Blast;
- save money with our exclusive Partner Programs, including health insurance, office supplies, access to a Comerica Park Suite and much more;
- Demonstrate your commitment to the Community

Take advantage of this chance to learn how to get the most out of your investment in the Chamber.

For more information or to make your reservation for the Maximizer, please call the Chamber at 248.547.4000 or email andrea@royaloakchamber.com

Focus: New Members and Anniversaries

Please Welcome our new Royal Oak Chamber members from May

- **Axa Advisors**, Jack Miceli, 810.265.0412 - Financial Planning & Investment
- **black the salon**, Jeph Wright, 248.565.8786 - Hair Salons & Skin Care
- **BlueWater Financial**, Jayann Bregand, 248.585.1900 - Financial Planning & Investment
- **Brenda Strausz, MA, LLP**, Brenda Strausz, 248.231.4504 - Holistic Health
- **Brendan Ross Photographer**, Brendan Ross, 248.614.0144 - Photography
- **Eagle Rock Insurance Agency**, Thomas Byars, 248.548.5530 - Insurance Providers
- **Edward Jones Investments**, Chris Hamilton, 248.404.7187 - Financial Planning & Investment
- **Financial Transaction Services, LLC**, Christina Manson, 248.214.9097 - Merchant Services
- **Insta Floral**, Brad Cochran, 248.577.0195 - Florists
- **La Feast**, Mohamed Afifi, 248.545.7100 - Bars & Restaurants
- **Moti Mahal Indian Cuisine**, Joe Ullah, 248.298.3198 - Bars & Restaurants
- **Neighboret, Inc.**, Mike Behr, 248.470.7874 - Internet: Sales
- **Robert J. Klotz, PhD**, Dr. Robert Klotz, 248.584.3332 - Psychology
- **Shelf Genie**, Al Williams, 248.420.3903 - Home Improvement
- **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Pastor Jeremy Schultz, 248.541.0613 - Churches
- **St. Paul Lutheran School**, Terry Hoef, Principal, 248.546.6555 - Education & Training

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