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15TH ANNUAL
Art, Wine & Brew Gala
presented by the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce

Saturday, February 19, 2010
7:00 pm to Midnight
O'Fallon City Hall

100 North Main Street, O'Fallon, MO 63366

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This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Chamber office located at 1299 Bryan Road in O'Fallon.

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happy holidays O'Fallon

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family doing well. Have you had an opportunity to go through the Celebration of Lights at Fort Zumwalt Park yet? If not, it is a holiday must! Plan on coming by Thursday, December 16th when Chamber representatives will be working the gate and welcoming visitors.

On to even more fun stuff- SHOPPING! Yes, I know I was preaching last month about the importance of shopping locally, but it's a theme that you'll get used to. If your Black Friday shopping trip ended with more presents for you than family and friends, and you still have quite a bit of shopping to do, keep reading!

So, now I'll ask what you are planning on getting those hard to buy for people in your life. I would like to encourage you to look beyond the usual. Everyone loves a nice sweater, but how many can a closet

hold? What about season tickets to the Frontier League Champion River City Ras-cals, how about dozen Cocktail Cupcakes from the Bakery Shoppe, a gym membership (for those that won't be offended), or some other gift that the recipient will remember for the rest of the year.

O'Fallon is home to all kinds of great shops. We have the big box retailers that you can't go without, and the smaller mom & pop shops that you wouldn't want to go without. As I said last month, and will continue to, please keep your shopping dollars local. O'Fallon is a great community not only because of the people in it, but because of our amenities. Our public safety is phenomenal, we get to boast seven gorgeous parks, and on top of all of that our roads are missing potholes! All of this is possible because of the sales tax dollars generated from the folks that are "Keeping it in the O"!

I encourage you to Shop Chamber, Shop Local and Shop Often! For a full list of O'Fallon Chamber members, please visit our website at www.ofallonchamber.org or call the office at 636-240-1818.

Erin Williams
President/CEO
O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce

Thank You

Thank you to all our Ambassadors and Committee members for making 2010 a great year!
We truly appreciate all that you do!

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Chamber Activities



Members and guests enjoy networking and a delicious breakfast at Good Morning O'Fallon, a quarterly breakfast that was held at Trigg Banquet Center in O'Fallon.



Missouri Chamber of Commerce employees; Brian Gerau, Jackson, Christine Bryant, Joplin, and Laura Badolato, O'Fallon, receive graduation certificates for Chamber Management Academy.



Non-profit members gave information about their organizations during the October After Hours event.



Members and guests enjoy networking at the October Business After Hours event held at Delmar Gardens of O'Fallon.



Members and guest take time for a quick photo at the October luncheon held at Old Hickory Golf Club.



Members and guests learn how to retain customers and get referrals during the October luncheon.



Brian Richardson, KFAV 99.9 Fm and Mark Crank, Gameworld Events/Marcos Productions, emceed the 1st Annual Chamber Trivia event.



The 1st annual Annual Chamber Trivia Challenge was a success. Participants enjoyed 10 greats rounds of fun!

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Growing Stronger

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The Board of Directors and Chamber Staff would like to thank the following members for renewing their Chamber investment this month. We encourage our members to invest in each other.

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Jan Stanczak is the owner of Travel Leaders/Jan's Travel and Cruise. With two locations, her Kirkwood and O'Fallon agencies have been dedicated to providing area communities with personalized service for over 24 years. It's been 6 years since Jan relocated one of her offices to the O'Fallon area. Since then, she has become very involved with the O'Fallon community.

She's a member of the O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Lake St. Louis-Dardenne Prairie Chamber of Commerce, Women's Business Association, Women Out West and Destination WingHaven Business Association. In December 2009, she relocated her office within O'Fallon to the Boardwalk area in the WingHaven neighborhood where she is actively assisting in rejuvenating that area.

No matter what you're looking for in your next vacation experience, Travel Leaders/Jan's Travel and Cruise experts can help you find it! Many of Jan's agents are certified Destination Specialists with expertise in various travel destinations around the world. Knowledgeable

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Throughout the year, Jan's offices collect travel sized toiletries (from hotel stays) for the homeless. They are also currently participating in Warners' Warm-Up X collecting new and gently used coats for those in need.

Jan lives in O'Fallon with her husband, Bob and their two sons.

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Bring your family and friends out for **O'FALLON'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS, RUNNING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH.** Celebration of Lights is held in Fort Zumwalt Park and is open Sunday -Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday- Saturday, 6:00-10:00 p.m. Walk-thru night is Tuesday, December 14th, cost during walk-thru is \$2 per person. Admission for the Celebration of Lights is as follows: Cars: \$9; Vans: \$15; Buses: \$1 per person, minimum of \$25.

Celebration of Lights is not only a fantastic way to kick off your holiday season, but also a great way to support local service organizations. Boy Scouts, Optimists, Lions, and Chamber are just some of the organizations that will have displays and be able to raise money for their organizations through the Celebration.

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INGREDIENTS:

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½ and ½ cream
Shredded mozzarella cheese
Grated parmesan cheese
Sun dried tomatoes
Fresh chopped parsley
Salt, pepper and garlic granules combo

1) Boil noodles in salt water until almost tender-start noodles and water at the same time. 2) Drain water and put noodles right into a Teflon coated cooking skillet. 3) Add cream to noodles, completely covering the noodles and turn heat to high. 4) Add shredded cheese and seasoning. 5) Bring mixture to a slow bubbling boil, using rubber spatula to stir. 6) When your pasta is bubbling, slowly add parmesan cheese to thicken. Keep in mind that the sauce will continue to thicken after you stop adding the cheese 7) Add sun dried tomatoes. 8) Serve immediately, garnish with parsley on the plate, have extra parmesan available.

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Finally, starting in October Big River Running will be collecting cans of food for Operation Food Search. Stop by and drop-off a canned good in one of our big, blue containers. As always, if you have any questions please call the O'Fallon store at

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With the holidays approaching, O'Fallon-area residents, organizations, schools and businesses are invited to donate non-perishable canned or boxed food and personal care items to O'Fallon's 10th Annual Cornucopia of Care Food Drive. The drive, which is directed by the City's Volunteer Services Department, will be held Monday, November 8, through Saturday, December 18.

"Donating food and personal care items helps families who are struggling to pay bills stretch their budget a little more, and still have food on the table," said Kathy Halstead, O'Fallon's Manager of Volunteer Services. "The donations are distributed to people in our own community, including seniors, single parents, and families."

Items may be dropped off at the following sites:

O'Fallon Municipal Centre (City Hall), 100 North Main Street
Renaud Spirit Center, 2650 Tri Sports Circle
Lindell Bank O'Fallon, 4521 Highway K
Fox's Pizza Den, 1120 Technology Drive, Ste. 119

Donations also are welcome at the following events:

The Tree Lighting Ceremony at O'Fallon City Hall, 6 – 8 p.m. on November 17

The Celebration of Lights in Fort Zumwalt Park, November 26 – December 30 (closed December 25); get \$1 off the cost of drive-through admission Wednesday through Sunday with a donation. Gates open at 6:30 p.m.

Contact Volunteer Services at (636) 379-5507, or volunteer@ofallon.mo.us, or visit www.ofallon.mo.us/Volunteer for more information.

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On December 3rd, Belleza will be holding "Dresses and Diamonds", a fundraiser for the Cinderella Project. The event promises lots of food, drinks and fun! The Cinderella Project helps underprivileged girls go to prom. Call Belleza today to find out more about the event, 636-300-3437.

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Calendar of Events

December 2010

Wednesday, December 1st

Business Partners Meeting, call for information
8:00-9:00 am

Thursday, December 2nd

Morning Leads Group
Chamber Office
8:00 am

Wednesday, December 8th

Art & Wine Committee Meeting
Chamber Office
8:30-9:30 am

Thursday, December 9th

Ambassador and Committee Member Christmas Party
Chamber Office
5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, December 13th

Afternoon Leads Group
Chamber Office
12:00-1:00 pm

Tuesday, December 14th

December General Membership Luncheon
Stegton Regency Banquet Center
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 15th

Business Partners Meeting, call for information
8:00-9:00 am

Thursday, December 16th

Morning Leads Group
Chamber Office
12:00-1:00 pm

Friday, December 24th

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