

## CHAMBER NEWS

December 2009

UPCOMING  
SPECIAL EVENTS

January 5th  
Board of Directors  
Nominations/Meeting

January 8th  
12:00-6:00 pm  
American Red Cross  
Blood Drive at the  
Moose Lodge

January 19th  
5:00-7:00 pm  
Business After Hours  
Heritage Manor

February 9th  
8:00-11:30 am  
IDES Workshop

Rhea Weaver  
Executive Director

Thank you for your  
continued support  
of the Chamber!

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## HOLIDAY PARADE

The Special Events Committee is pleased to announce we had 32 sponsors for the Holiday Parade and Shopping Spree! In addition, we had over 20 entries in the Parade. It went very well and even a little rain didn't damper the children's excitement as they entered the Kid's Winter Wonderland for photos with Santa! A very special thank you goes out to all our sponsors: Aaron's, ITW Building Components, Inc., Lindsay's RC Hobbies, Litchfield National Bank, Montgomery County Realty, Inc., All American HVAC, Inc., American Legion, Bank & Trust Company, Century 21 Simpson Realty, Coffee Xpresso, Creative Flair, Evergreen Place, Family Eye Care Assoc., First National Bank, Fleming, Tawfall & Company, Heritage Manor, Jubelt's Bakery, GLIK'S, Litchfield Community Savings, Litchfield Eagles, Litchfield Jewelry, Litchfield Moose, Loft & Home Florals, Long John Silver/A&W, NewWave Communications, Refreshment Services Pepsi, Savutec, Inc., Sears, Short Furniture, UJ's, Victory Lane Ford, Walgreen's, Wendy's, and Wernsing's Appliances & Video.



## PARADE FLOAT WINNERS

**1st PLACE**—Zion Luthern School won with their entry of "The Island of the Misfit Toys." Ginny Minkenich was the mastermind on this unique creation!

**2nd PLACE**—Litchfield National Bank employees submitted "A Christmas Story" which was quite authentic complete with the animals. Pam Valentine was the organizer!

**3rd PLACE**—A joint effort of Heritage Manor, Evergreen Place and Montgomery Place with their entry of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree". Nikki Bishop was the designer of this fun float!

## Welcome New Member

**Aaron's Sales & Lease** —Retail sales and lease ownership of high-end furniture, appliances, computers, and electronics. Greg Dunning is the General Manager.

### SHOPPING SPREE WINNER

Marilyn Sisson was the lucky winner of the \$500 in Litchfield Buck\$! As most of you know, Marilyn serves as alderman on our Litchfield City Council.

### ADRIAN BAKER APPOINTED VICE PRESIDENT

At the December 1st Board of Director's meeting, Adrian Baker of Diamond Imprints, Inc. was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy of Vice President. Laura Poole was unable to complete her term of office. In addition, Shirley Barnes of Modern Woodmen was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations are now open for five new Directors to serve on the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce Board. If you would like to serve or nominate someone for the Board, please send their name to the Chamber office or let a Board member know before the January 5th, 2010 meeting. The email address is [chamber@litchfieldil.com](mailto:chamber@litchfieldil.com).

### BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive will be hosted by the American Red Cross on January 8th from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Moose Lodge.

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

January 19th—Heritage Manor will host our next Business After Hours from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at 628 S. Illinois Avenue. Nikki Bishop invites you to stop by and learn more about their facility.

*Please contact the Chamber office if you would like to host a Business After Hours event.*

### SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

The next special event will be the Annual Dinner. If you, or someone you know, would like to serve on the committee please contact the Chamber office. We would also like to hear from you if you have suggestions or new ideas for the evening. Let's make this a great time for everyone!

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Again this year, the Chamber will be sponsoring the **Purple Pride Honor Card** program. This program offers businesses the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to academic excellence at Litchfield High School.

For some of you who may not know, the students qualifying for this recognition must have attained a 4.6 grade point average, have four absences or less and have not received any behavioral referrals. The **Purple Pride Honor Card** allows a one-time use for each gift/discount. Merchants will mark the box on the student's card at the time of redemption. If you are interested in offering a small discount through your business for these students, please contact the Chamber office.

*Wishing you all the Happiest  
of Holidays and a  
prosperous New Year!*

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