

## C H A M B E R N E W S

January 2010

UPCOMING  
SPECIAL EVENTS

*January 19th*  
Business After Hours  
Evergreen Place  
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*February 1st*  
Return Election  
Ballot

*February 9th*  
Unemployment  
Workshop  
8:00 am to 11:30 am  
Lincoln Land  
Community College

*March 16th*  
Annual Chamber  
Awards Dinner

Rhea Weaver  
Executive Director

*Thank you for being  
a member of the  
Litchfield Chamber  
of Commerce.*

*If you need  
assistance  
with anything,  
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CHAMBER MEMBERS SPEAK  
AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

At the City Council Meeting held on January 5th, Chamber President Travis Quance and Board Member Steve Dougherty spoke on behalf of the motion to create a Long-Term Economic Development Incentive Fund resulting from the half-cent sales tax increase. The plan presented and the plan approved are different. The EDC requested a dollar for tax dollar match which the Chamber supported. The plan approved by the Council established the fund with a dollar for tax dollar received over the six month period from July 1 through December 31. Then in order to grow the fund, the council pledged to set aside a percentage of the revenue generated by the tax. Remainder of the money by the tax will then be used for infrastructure purposes. Plans of the Chamber are to watch this closely and rally support when needed.



Mark your **BALLOT**

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS

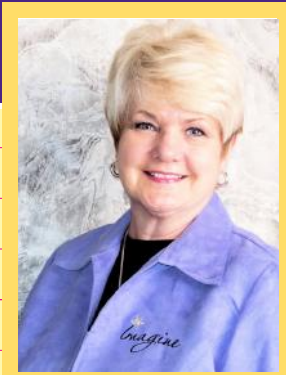
We are very pleased to announce the nominations approved by the Board for the 2010-2011 Officers and new members to the Board of Directors. We have an outstanding slate of nominations and the future certainly looks positive for the Chamber in the year to come. Please take a moment to vote and send in your ballot by February 1, 2010. *(Ballot is attached)*

## ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

March 16th, 2010

*"The Luck of the Chamber"*

*Make plans now to attend!*



## *A Message from Rhea*

**Annual Dinner**—Mark your calendar now for the Chamber Annual Dinner to be held on March 16th! The theme for the event will be “The Luck of the Chamber” and plans are in the works for a fun evening to be had by all. (More details will follow in February.) As you know, we will be honoring the Business Person of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Rising Star of the Year and will be giving a Special Recognition Award. If you would like to nominate an individual for one of these honors, please send or email your nominations to the Chamber office by February 1st.

**\$25.00 Member Discount Coupon**—Members receiving dues billing in January will notice a new coupon included with their billing. At the January Board Meeting, the Board voted to offer a \$25.00 Discount Coupon to all members who sponsor a new member in 2010. The goal is to **DOUBLE** our membership in 2010 which we can do easily if every member just sponsors one new member. There is no limit to how many members you sponsor as long as it is during the year 2010! See the attached coupon.

**2010 Unemployment Insurance “Meeting Business Needs” Workshop** --We have been told by members attending this workshop in other cities that it was invaluable! For all companies that have employees, (and that would be most of you), it would be worthwhile to register your human resource personnel and managers for this workshop. This workshop is provided as a service to all Chamber members and sponsored by the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce and the Litchfield Economic Development Office. Invitation to follow.

**Education**—A special thanks to all Chamber members who supported the Purple Pride Honor Cards. Sponsors of the program are: Ameriprise Financial, First National Bank, Litchfield Community Savngs and Montgomery County Chiropractic. **CONGRATS** to those students who attained at least a 4.6 grade point average!

**NEWSLETTER  
SPONSORS:**



**Litchfield National Bank**  
MEMBER FDIC

**ITW**  
**Building Components Group, Inc.**

**\$25**  
**FREE**  
**DISCOUNT COUPON**

## MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT COUPON

We need your help in DOUBLING our membership in 2010! All you have to do is sign up a NEW member to the Chamber this year and receive a \$25.00 CREDIT off your Annual Membership Dues.

This coupon is redeemable for \$25.00 off your Annual Membership Dues if you sponsor a NEW MEMBER in 2010. This signed coupon *must accompany* the new member's application and payment. Upon receipt, a credit memo will be issued to your account!



I am sponsoring \_\_\_\_\_  
(Company Name)  
as a new member of the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce.

**\$25** MEMBER  
DISCOUNT  
COUPON!

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Company's Name)

# Business After Hours

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

5:00 -7:00 p.m

## Evergreen Place

1015 Tyler Avenue

*Tours will be available during this time  
along with hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.*

# LITCHFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL BALLOT

At the regular Board of Directors meeting held on January 5, 2010, the nominating committee submitted the following nominations for new officers and directors of the Litchfield Chamber of Commerce. A space is provided for a write-in candidate's name. Please cast your vote and return to the Chamber office by February 1, 2010. Mail to: Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 334, Litchfield, IL 62056 or Fax to 217-324-3559.

## *FOR PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)*

- Adrian Baker, Diamond Imprints, Inc  
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## *FOR VICE PRESIDENT (VOTE FOR ONE)*

- Steve Dougherty, E.D. Investments  
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## *FOR TREASURER (VOTE FOR ONE)*

- Ben Schwab, Pritchard Osborne  
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## **VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHT BOARD MEMBERS**

### *DIRECTORS FOR TWO YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR TWO)*

- Susan G. Brackenhoff, Lincoln Land Community College  
 Cindi Keeton, All American HVAC & Refrigeration, Inc

### *DIRECTORS FOR THREE YEAR TERM (VOTE FOR SIX)*

- Shirley Barnes, Modern Woodmen Financial  
 Randy Brown, Ameriprise Financial  
 Steve Bryant, Litchfield Rotary Club  
 Gary Currie, Loft & Home Florals  
 Bill Flowers, NewWave Communications  
 Mark Stieren, State Farm Insurance  
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