

THE MANHATTAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



MARCH NEWLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We're Lucky to be in Manhattan!



Spring is on its way and with it comes warmer weather and exciting events in Manhattan! We are excited to be welcoming Chameleons restaurant to Manhattan, where our next Business After Hours will be held on March 22, 2011, at 5:00pm. Come on out and meet its owners Afrim Shehu and Dr. Christian Foltys and welcome them in their newest business venture! The Manhattan Chamber is always looking for its member businesses to host Business After Hours each month. Business After Hours are designed for you to showcase your business and to do networking with other members in a relaxed social setting. These programs give individuals the opportunity to discuss and share ideas while also learning about other Manhattan Chamber member businesses. The purpose of a BAH is to build relationships that can benefit you and your company through new contacts and resources. You will be given the opportunity to highlight and describe your business to your fellow members. The chamber would be happy to provide an informational program and speaker for that evening in addition to any other help or materials you may need. Our BAH's usually run from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in scheduling a Business After Hours or just have questions regarding the program, please contact Glenna at the Chamber office. We look forward to seeing you in March!!

Manhattan also welcomes Irish Fest this month down at Central Park. Irish Fest will be held on Friday March 4 and Saturday March 5. Enjoy rugby, Irish music, games, and entertainment while celebrating your Irish heritage! There will be lots to do during the weekend, so be sure to come out and have fun!

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Chamber members should also be on the lookout for your Manhattan Business Expo and Craft show applications. This year's expo will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As a Chamber member you are invited to participate in our expo to exhibit your business and what it has to offer. The expo is open to the public and free of charge. Each year our expo gets bigger and better and we would love for you to be a part of it!

Take the time to enjoy this spring and participate in our upcoming events. We would certainly like to see you there and to get to know you and your business better!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please join us for our first Business After Hours of 2011!

When: Tuesday, March 22nd at 5:00 pm

Where: Chameleons (next to BP Manhattan)

~Take this opportunity to interact with other members and local businesses

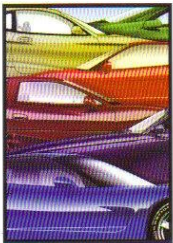
~Enjoy refreshments and appetizers

~This will also be the 2011 membership drive, so please spread the word to nonmembers looking to join the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

~We will be distributing a survey in the upcoming weeks to gather feedback from our members. Any business that returns the survey will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate towards a pizza party and the winner will be drawn that night.

If you are interested in hosting a Business After Hours, please contact Glenna at the Chamber office.

Hope to see you on the 22nd!



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Coming up at...Lincoln-Way High School #210



March 12 (7:30 p.m.) at North High School Performing Arts Center – **The Three Irish Sopranos**
will “wow” you with their sensational voices – lyric, lyric coloratura, and dramatic soprano – combined to produce a wonderful harmonic texture. Limited ticket availability: \$10 (815.534.3240)

March 25–27 at Central High School Fine Arts Auditorium – **Mid–America Guitar Ensemble Festival**
Internationally renowned classical guitarist William Kanengiser and the Australian Guitar Duo will join many collegiate and high school guitar ensembles in a weekend of beautiful concerts celebrating this wonderful art form. Tickets are available at the door: \$5 Friday 7:30 p.m. or Sunday 1:30 p.m., \$10 Saturday 7:30 p.m., or attend all three concerts for \$17.

April 9 (8 p.m.) at North High School Performing Arts Center – **Heavenly Voice**
Experience the emotional extremes of joy and sorrow, elegy and ecstasy infused through select pieces by Bach, Mozart, Rachmaninoff, and Mahler as performed by soprano NaGuanda Nobles and the Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra. Tickets: Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra (708.481.7774)

BINGO!!!!!!!

Bingo continues on March 21st. Please note that we have changed the times. The doors will now open at 6:30p.m. for the early bird game (moved from 5:30p.m.). The regular bingo games will start at 7:00p.m. (moved from 6:00p.m.). Please plan on joining us for a night of bingo at Wilson Creek School. Bingo supplies and concessions will be sold.



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Ribbon Cutting at Chameleon's Restaurant



(l-r) Shelly Lewis (Chamber Vice President), Allison Hammond (Harris Bank), Michael Naughton (Village Trustee), Janine Podgorny (Chamber Board Member), Dave Beemsterboer (Village Trustee), Afrim Shehu (Owner) Mayor Bill Borgo, Matt Hickey (First Bank of Manhattan), Dr. Jeff Pietrzyk (Chamber Board Member), Dianne Huelsman (Chamber President), Angie Brandau (First Bank of Manhattan) and Tom Biscan (Village Trustee)

Chameleon's hard working waitresses



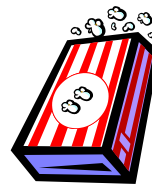
(l-r) Toni Chester, Sara Erbeck and Theresa Rigoni

BUSINESS EXPO AND CRAFT FAIR

The Chamber will be hosting its annual Business Expo and Craft Show on Saturday, April 2nd, from 9:00a.m to 1:00p.m. at Wilson Creek School 25440 S. Gougar Rd. Registration deadline is March 18th. Contact (815)478-3811 for more information.



MOVIES IN THE PARK



Once again this year will we be offering Movies in the Park. The first movie night will be June 15th followed by July 13th and August 17th. Movies to be announced. So mark your calendar to join us for a movie and free popcorn.



The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for June 17th. The location and time is to be determined. Please mark you calendar for this day and join us on the green!!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2 nd	Chamber Board Meeting	5:30pm
March 4 th & 5 th	Irish Fest	
March 21 st	Bingo– Wilson Creek School	6:30p.m.
March 22 nd	Business After Hours Chameleon’s Restaurant	5:00p.m.
April 2 nd	Business Expo & Craft Fair	9:00a.m.
April 4 th	Bingo–Wilson Creek School	6:30p.m.
April 6 th	Chamber Board Meeting	5:30p.m.
April 18 th	Bingo–Wilson Creek School	6:30p.m.
April 20 th	Chamber Quarterly Meeting	5:30p.m.



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