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## OUR MEMBERSHIP

### LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BE INVOLVED

We are working to bring you the latest resources, tools, and programming- which provide businesses with the platform to discuss and grow.



The Executive Committee of the Chamber has created a new committee. This committee will be promoting members businesses. They will do this by Social Media, marketing and so on. This was in response to our survey we sent out. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let Lori know at the Chamber office.

### Membership Reminder!!

Please send in your membership dues or call the office to pay over the phone. We still have several businesses that have not renewed. If you need help with your membership, let Lori know. We have a Covid Grant we can offer to your business. The office phone number is (734)429-4494. We have around 38 members who have not renewed yet.

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## OUR PROGRAMS

### SHARE IDEAS, DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Rebuilding our events & industry groups has been our priority as we continue to adjust during these times. We are encouraging our membership to stay involved with our programs- maximizing their benefits

**HR Excellence** – This is a new program kicked off in FY2021. The goal of HR Excellence is to stay current on the latest HR, finance, training, and compliance trends. Julie Miller from Joint Pivot has been the Facilitator for this group and has been hosting these events via Zoom. So far, the group has covered COVID-19 and Recruiting and Onboarding topics and the ratings on the quality of meetings are excellent. The next session, hosted on Zoom, will be on May 25<sup>th</sup> and the topic will be Progression and Succession Planning from 11:30 am EST. [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-Cqpi0tGtTJe\\_a5Fbkzh3rJjYb8-0Hf](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-Cqpi0tGtTJe_a5Fbkzh3rJjYb8-0Hf)

**Business Networking Events** – So far, we have been able to host two networking events at Oscars this year. This group is following the State of Michigan COVID guidelines. Ryan McGovern at Edward Jones and Qualia Pant at LaFontaine are the coordinators for this program. This program is designed to allow you share with others what makes your company special plus raise your company's visibility as being an active part of the SACC community. Our next lunch date is, Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Time is 1-2:30 pm at Oscar's Sports & Grill. Look at our Facebook page and event calendar for further dates and times.

**Annual Golf Outing** – The annual golf outing date has been set for September 21, 2021 at Stonebridge Golf Club. We will be looking for sponsors and volunteers for this grand event. If you would like to donate to the golf outing contact Tammie King, at Bemis Farms, or Lori Little at the Chamber. Like everyone else I cannot wait that long for the Banana Foster. Yum



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## CHAMBER CHAT.....

### **Business Development Team**

The Business Development team's mission is to promote educational programs through providing information for young professionals, events, executive chat, etc., whether directly to the students or the people who influence their lives. Our plans last year were abruptly slowed down due to the Covid restrictions; however, in recent meetings, we discussed creating awareness to students and parents via field trips, discussions, internships, competitions. Businesses would also benefit from learning about our SWWC programs and the advantages it can provide them.

Our short-term goals include showcasing students' and businesses' monthly collaboration success stories with a Saline High School marketing student taking the lead with the stories. The plans are also to reach out to businesses who may be interested in supporting our goals with their industry knowledge, experience, or ideas.

We plan to bring awareness to the other career opportunities available with skilled trades including industrial and construction trades. The SWWC programs offer building trades, welding, CAD, CIM, and other fine educational training. We will work with them and companies to promote these plans including some of our long-term objectives of sponsoring events, field trips, hands-on events, a mentoring program, and having a support system in place for students.

The members of the Business Development committee are: Ryan Rowe, Executive Director for the South & West Washtenaw Consortium, Jeff Fordeck, President of Fox River Group, LLC, Jay Roberts, Liebherr Areospace, John Stevenson, owner and founder of Stevenson Capital & Co. The committee is co-chaired by Lisa Bozzi, Liebherr Gear Technology, Executive office Coordinator (734-740-0782 or [lisa.bozzi@liebherr.com](mailto:lisa.bozzi@liebherr.com)) and Mark Stevenson, co-owner of Stevenson Water Hauling, (517-902-9512 or [mark@stevenson-enterprise.com](mailto:mark@stevenson-enterprise.com)) and we ask any people and/or businesses that are interested in supporting these goals or have any thoughts on the project, to contact us to discuss further possibilities!

## LOCAL HAPPENINGS – RECOGNITION OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

### *SHARING WHAT MAKES YOUR COMPANY SPECIAL*



#### **Voila Salon & Spa**

Local Salon Owner took an inevitable career-ending surgery and turned her business into a multimillion-dollar brand within five years. Local salon owner and entrepreneur, Lori Holloway is known as The Meticulous Manicurist on YouTube, overcame all odds after an inevitable career-ending cervical neck fusion. Against her neurologist's suggestion to retire, her determination to keep the business she built led to a "nail industry" invention to prevent the receptive use injuries that led to her surgery. The two-year patent process was successful, and she was awarded a patent for a hand rest for nail technicians in 2019. The Ergo Lift, designed to keep nail techs pain free and eliminate receptive use injuries, is now used in 10 countries worldwide to keep nail technicians working longer, healthy, and happy careers.

Here is her link to get the full story about Lori and Voila Salon & Spa.

<https://thmeticulousmanicurist.com/local-salon-owner-took-an-inevitable-career-endingsurgery-and-turned-her-business-into-a-multi-million-dollar-brand-within-five-years/>



R&B Plastics Machinery LLC, headquartered in Saline, Michigan has been a continuous employer and contributor to the Saline community for close to 40 years. Formerly part of R&B Machine Tool Company which had been a staple in the Saline area since 1942, the R&B of



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today is recognized as a leader in the plastics machinery industry, specializing in the design, engineering, manufacturing, and servicing of custom-built blow molding and extrusion machinery. R&B's machines are used in everyday households, industrial purposes, and automotive applications.

Fred Piercy, a past president of the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce himself, joined R&B in 2014 as President and General Manager after spending more than 20 years at blow molders Amcor Rigid Plastics and Amcor's US predecessor company, Johnson Controls, Inc. With a focus on growth, R&B is expanding its local operations and its product lines to include cleaner, all-electric machinery through global partnerships, enhanced technologies, and customized solutions for its growing customer base.

Specific products available through R&B include extrusion blow molding equipment (shuttle and accumulator head); injection blow molders; single screw extruders; trimmers and deflash systems; controlled scrap release systems; rebuild/modernization services for all makes and models; controls upgrades including parison controls; process analysis and feed screws, and much more.

The success and longevity of R&B Plastics Machinery can be attributed to not only a strong product offering, but also the result of the hard work, creativity, and vision of a growing team of true professionals that have dedicated their career to this business and to our customers. R&B's slogan "Focused on Customers, Driven by Excellence" guides their actions on a daily basis to ensure their success for years to come.

## Lastly.....



Dear Friend of Camp Fish Tales,

We can't thank you enough for your generous support of Camp Fish Tales. Your donation will enable physically and mentally challenged children and adults to experience a true camping experience, while making new friends, participate in group activities and learn to deal with their own emotional and physical limitations, surrounded by loving and caring staff and counselors. Camp Fish Tales is such a success because of your kindness.



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If you haven't visited Camp Fish Tales in a while, please come to our Open House in May. We're proud to show off our new 24 bed cabin, our sensory room, the pavilion, and all the work we have done to make camp beautiful for our amazing campers. We'll even take you on a pontoon ride around our lake which the campers enjoy every summer.

There are many parents who would like to have their child attend Camp Fish Tales this summer but don't have the financial means. We have always helped to defray costs for those who can't afford a week at Camp Fish Tales. This year is no different. We won't turn anyone away because they are financially unable to send their child. We have always relied upon the generosity of our supporters to come through for those who need it the most. With your help, Camp Fish Tales will continue to provide an exceptional camping experience for our physically and mentally challenged campers.

Camp Fish Tales is licensed by the State of Michigan and staffed by a camp director, nurses and primarily college aged students and volunteers. Many of these students are in the educational, medical and social work fields. We can't thank you enough for your help, but let us start by simply saying "Thank You for your past, present and future kindnesses. With your help we will accomplish great success!

Sincerely,

Camp Fish Tales Board of Directors

Looking Beyond Disabilities, Focusing on Capabilities, Expanding Possibilities.



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