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chamber of commerce

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JUNE 2023



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Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce

BUSINESS

After Hours

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15
5:00 - 6:30 PM**

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June Meetings

- June 1 Executive Board
- June 3 Golf
- June 8 Ambassadors
- June 13 Board of Directors
- June 15 HBLC
- June 20 Ag

Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce Directors & Staff

Executive Committee

President: Dr. Jon Mandrell
First Vice President: Pam Fluck
Second Vice President: Tim Determan
Treasurer: Geoff Wright
Past President: Lance Buser

Term Ends January 31, 2024

Dave Knie, Knie Appliance & TV
Tim Determan, Pinney Printing
Steve Munson, Retired, The Medicine Shoppe
Lance Buser, Wal-Mart DC #7024
Ryan Olson, Ward Murray Pace & Johnson
Violet Nava, Sauk Valley Bank

Term Ends January 31, 2025

Alejandro Rivera, RE/MAX Sauk Valley
Geoff Wright, CGH Medical Center
Josh Johnson, Whiteside Area Career Center
Dr. Jon Mandrell, SVCC
Rebecca Munoz-Ripley, YWCA

Term Ends January 31, 2025

Pam Fluck, Self Help Enterprises
Sandi Cavazos, US Bank
Katie Whitehead, HALO Branded Solutions
Kristina Kaecker, Kunes RV

Staff

Executive Director—Kris Noble
Marketing Coordinator— Dallas Knack

A Message from the Director

As Executive Director, I try to check in with our members throughout the year. I like to find out how their business or organization is doing and see if they have any questions, concerns, or ideas for the Chamber.

In May, I talked with several of our small businesses, primarily restaurants and retailers, who shared they gave away a lot in donations in May and throughout the summer. Donations are given for local proms, benefits, and fundraisers in the Sauk Valley. It's wonderful to see so many of our small and locally owned businesses that provide support through donations, time, and talent to our local organizations and events. They do it because they believe in this community and want to support the needs and asks of our schools, organizations, and service clubs. Their only ask in return is to shop local, support local.

So, this summer as you shop for graduation gifts, wedding presents, home supplies, or whatever it may be, please consider shopping local to support these businesses that give so much back to our community.



source: Independent We Stand

Kris

Investor Update June 2023

NEW MEMBER

Meads Bike Shop
414 Locust St., Sterling
815626-4601

INVESTOR RENEWALS

Astec Industries
Axiom Wealth Advisors
Bethel Reformed Church
Bollman Auto Center
Dennis Electric of Tampico, Inc.
Exceptional Care & Training Center
Exclusive Style and Protection
Green Bee Energy Efficiency
Helm Civil
Lee Ogle Transportation System
Marv Lofgren & Son Contractors
McDonald's
Morrison Institute of Technology
Paulette Selmi, Ph.D
PC Tech 2U
Peabody's Inc.

Radio Ranch, Inc.
Rock River GAP
Roger A. Colmark, CPA PC
Sauk Valley Bank
Select Employees Credit Union
Showplace Antiques
Slim-N-Hank's Auto Body Shop, Inc
Smeltzer Insurance Agency
Sophie's Cafe
Sterling Public Library
Sterling Systems & Controls, Inc.
The Factory
Trinity Insurance & Financial Services
Twin Cities Sunrise Rotary
Wal-Mart Supercenter #891
Whiteside County Genealogists
Wipfli LLP

We would like to give special recognition to the following groups who provide extra support to the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce. This extra effort and support is truly appreciated. If you have the opportunity to express your sincere appreciation to these members, please do so!

Over \$1000 Invested

Central Bank Illinois
CGH Medical Center
Community State Bank
Farmers National Bank - Morrison
Midland States Bank
Sauk Valley Bank
Select Employees Credit Union
Sterling Federal Bank
US Bank
Wahl Clipper Corp.
Wal-Mart DC #7024
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson

150% Club

Bushel Basket Candle Co.
Candlelight Inn
Helm Civil
Hill's Electric Motor Service, Inc.
Illinois American Water
Lance's Plumbing
Lee Ogle Transportation System
LK Design Source
Loescher HVAC

Mattox Insurance Agency
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RE/MAX Sauk Valley
Rock River Hospice & Home
Sawdust N Dreamz
Select Employees Credit Union
Sterling Rock Falls Child Care
Sterling Township
United Craftsmen, Ltd.

110% Club

1st Gateway Credit Union	Helm Civil	Mertes & Mertes	St. Vincent DePaul
Astec Mobile Screens Inc	James S. Ferris DDS, PC	New Millenium Directories	Sterling Chevrolet
Bardier & Ramirez Real Estate	Jim Prescott's BBQ Shop	PC Tech 2U	The Factory
Bollman Auto Center	Johnson Oil Company	Rock River Lumber & Grain	Trinity Insurance
Compeer Financial	Kelly's Restaurant	Rock River Ready Mix	Wendler Engineering Services
Dennis Electric of Tampico	Kiwanis Club of Sterling	Scholl Insurance Agency	Winter Construction
Hawkins-Cassens Insurance	Marv Lofgren & Sons Contractors	Servicemaster	
	McDonald's	Showplace Antiques & Treasures	

Chamber Ambassadors

Allie Johnston – University of Illinois Extension

Arnulfo Valdivia—Sauk Valley Bank

Cassandra Salmon – YWCA

Chandra Meyer – Re/Max Sauk Valley

Christina Bystry — House in the Country

Janell Loos — Heritage Woods

Jennifer Alvarez — Surf Internet

Karen Voss – Morningside of Sterling

Leon Mealing— T-Mobile

Mary White – Community State Bank

Nicole Bollman - CGH Medical Center

Pam Fluck – Self Help Enterprises

Rene Betts—Plotner Insurance Consultants

Sherry DeWalt – CGH Health Foundation

Skip Dettman—LSSI

Stepheni Chandler—Hughes Resources

Tygen Bausman—Sterling Federal Bank

Ambassador Spotlight— Karen Voss, Morningside of Sterling

Karen Voss is the Business Office Manager at Morningside of Sterling, an assisted living and memory care community.

Morningside of Sterling is an assisted living community, also offering respite care and short-term stay apartments for older adults. The skilled, friendly and compassionate team members are available 24 hours a day to deliver personalized service for every resident.

Residents can enjoy restaurant-style dining, a range of social and educational activities, in-house beauty salon, activity room, transportation for errands and appointments, laundry, and housekeeping, and is pet friendly.

The Memory Care Unit supports residents and their families using the Bridge to Rediscovery Alzheimer's and dementia care programming, that provides individualized attention for each resident, including recreational and occupational activities that keep them engaged.

Karen became an ambassador in 1999, wanting to be connected to the community and its leaders. Since becoming involved with the chamber she has served on the Golf, Sights & Sounds, Bowling, Carnival, and 100th Anniversary Committees and served 9 years on the Board of Directors and Executive Committee. She is also a member of the Rock Falls Rotary Club, the Dixon Elks Club, Messiah Lutheran Church and served on the board of directors at Christ Lutheran School. She believes in the mission of helping businesses and organizations in all sectors in the Sauk Valley area grow and prosper.



**Congratulations to the
Illinois Small Business Development Center at Sauk
Valley Community College
for receiving the
Customer Service Award!**

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The Butcher Shop
 3606 East Lincolnway, Sterling
 (815) 632-3931



Kunes RV
 2502 Locust St, Sterling
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 406 Ave G, Sterling
 (815) 590-8513



The Sauk Valley Community Leadership Program convened at SVCC's Jerry Mathis Theater on May 3, 2023. The always-dynamic, thought-provoking Michelle Burns of Lil' Smoked Bar + Grill discussed the difference between dreams and goals, shifting our mindset from "have to" -> "want to." Dr. Lori Cortez of the SVCC Impact Program challenged the cohort to see the yin and yang of optimism and realism. To round out the morning, the cohort examined "Reframing Organizations" with SVCC president Dr. David Hellmich.

We met again on May 10 at SVCC. Each member of the cohort gave a "Call to Action" presentation. Students discussed the various lessons and information they have learned from this program and how they will apply this experience to create and meet new goals moving forward. These students articulated inspiring, humbling, and creative reflections on our ten months together. The morning culminated with a graduation ceremony at SVCC. Each student received recognition from a board member and a plaque.



Applications for the next cohort are open! Visit svleadership.org to apply.



Business After Hours

May 18 | Kunes Sterling RV

Thank you to Kunes Sterling RV for hosting our May Business After Hours. It was a wonderful way to connect and network among our members. Mark your calendar for our next BAH on June 15 at Bartini's.



SVACC Agribusiness Committee

We are so proud of the work our Agribusiness Committee does to raise funds and support local ag students, initiatives, and education in the Sauk Valley. The Agribusiness Committee presented contributions to the Sterling High School FFA program to support their "Give Back, Give Blooms" horticulture project, the WACC Trades Camp for local middle school students, and Prophetstown Lyndon Tampico FFA program.



The Whiteside County Healthier Communities Partnership held a Legislative Luncheon to provide an update to local legislators and community leaders regarding the projects and initiatives organized and implemented through the partnership this past year. Key projects include childhood trauma education and marketing initiative, Childhood Trauma Stress Reduction Program, and a food insecurity project. WCHCP would like to thank Whiteside County Board and the Sterling City Council for their support of these project. The WCHCP was created in 1996 and currently has 50 partner agencies representing education, law enforcement, social services, health care, faith communities, and business. To find out more about the partnership and how to get involved, please contact Pam at pmart7973@gmail.com.



Government Affairs

The 17th Congressional District welcomes Congressman Eric Sorensen into office. To learn more about Sorensen and stay up-to-date on his work and initiatives, click [here](#) to sign up for his newsletter.

The CEO Program has officially come to an end for the year culminating with the East and West recognition events which were nothing short of amazing. It's a bittersweet time of year seeing our CEO students summarize what the program has meant to them. We wish you all the best of luck on your future endeavors and can't wait to see what the future holds for you.



Guest Editorial

Written by Dylan Devers, Sterling Rock Falls Jaycees

The Sterling Rock Falls Jaycees have been developing young leaders in the Sauk Valley Community since 1947. The organization gives young adults between the ages of 21 and 41 the tools they need to build bridges towards success for themselves in the areas of business development, management skills, individual training, and community service. Sterling Rock Falls Jaycees are part of the Illinois Jaycees and are affiliated with the United States Junior Chamber and Junior Chamber International.

With a strong commitment to our community, the Jaycees actively produces local events and fundraisers to support many charitable events. The largest event the chapter hosts every year is the Sterling Rock Falls Fireworks Show, which the organization has provided to the community for 30 years. While the fireworks may be their largest event, the chapter takes the most pride in its annual 'Christmas for Kids' program, where they work with the local schools and other agencies to provide support to families for the holidays. The chapter has provided presents to nearly 100 kids every year for over 50 years, showing their dedication to serving others. Other community contributions include the Bowman Fund donation to schools for safety improvements every year, as well as support provided to other charitable causes.

The chapter hosts multiple fundraisers throughout the year to support these causes such as their annual Golf Outing, Chili Cookoff, and Bucket Brigades. They have also hosted many other fundraisers including volleyball tournaments, bags tournaments, guest bartending and much more. Local business' support is key to the chapter's long-term success, along with that of community leaders and Roosters (former members).

For more information regarding membership or ways to support the Jaycees please contact srfjaycees@gmail.com.



Annual Bowman Fund Donation to RF Elementary School


 Sterling - Rock Falls
JAYCEES
 PO Box 705 - Sterling, IL 61081
16th Annual
STERLING-ROCK FALLS JAYCEES
GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th, 2023
DEER VALLEY GOLF CLUB
12:30 SHOTGUN START
 Cost is: \$55.00 per player (\$220 Per Foursome)
 (Includes golf w/cart and lunch before golf)
ALSO INCLUDED.... \$10,000 HOLE IN ONE CONTEST
 (Sponsored by: Tom Myers and Smeltzer Insurance)
 The event is a 4-Person Scramble. There will be Hole-In-One Prizes, Flag Event Prizes, 50/50 Raffle, Team Fireball Challenge (additional charge), Team Mulligans (additional charge).



Congratulations to our 2023 scholarship recipients!

The Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships to students pursuing a college degree in a variety of fields. Four scholarship opportunities are available: The Charles Farnham Scholarship, The Agribusiness Committee Ag Scholarship, the SVACC Manufacturing Scholarship, and the Hispanic Business Leaders Scholarship.

This year, 23 scholarships were awarded totaling over \$21,000.



Gracie Prose
Iowa State University
Ag Scholarship



Marisa Folkers
UW Platteville
Ag Scholarship



Sean Fitzpatrick
Iowa State University
Ag Scholarship



Emily Brooks
University of Illinois
Ag Scholarship



Andrea Buhrow
University of Illinois
Ag Scholarship



Alice Sotelo
Northcentral College
Ag & HBLC Scholarship



Emma Foster
SVCC
Ag Scholarship



Eric Ebersole
Lakeland College
Ag Scholarship



Larissa Miller
Blackhawk College
Ag Scholarship



Briann Spoerlein
Blackhawk
Ag Scholarship



Paul Sturtevant
Highland Community College
Ag Scholarship



Megan Gingrich
Northwestern University
Farnham Scholarship



Makenna Arickx
UW Whitewater
Farnham Scholarship



William Friedrich
SVCC
Manufacturing Scholarship



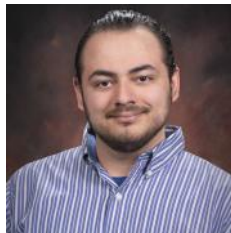
Brady Wolber
SVCC
Manufacturing Scholarship



John Paul Schilling
SVCC
Manufacturing Scholarship



Keegan Hicks
Morrison Institute of Technology
Manufacturing Scholarship



Michael Jenkins
SVCC
Manufacturing Scholarship

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Abraham Gallardo
SVCC
HBLC Scholarship



Angelina Lopez
University of Illinois
HBLC Scholarship



Raul Reyes Zamora
Milwaukee School of Engineering
HBLC Scholarship

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DATE:

AUGUST 12TH, 2023

FEE :

\$30 / PERSON

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- COUNTRYMAN Benefits
- +
- Media promotions and Inclusion in advertising

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- Patriot level benefits
- +
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- Radio Promotions



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\$500

2nd Place \$200

1st Annual T.C.O.C.
Charity CO-ED Softball
Tournament
& Family Picnic

August 5th & 6th

Centennial Park Rock Falls, IL

Registration: \$200 per team

Deadline: 7/15/2023

Teams from Bureau, Carroll, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Ogle,
Putnam, Stark, and Whiteside counties are welcome.

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