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# CHAMBER INSIDER

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### MARENGO GREENHOUSE & FLORIST, INC.

On January 15, 2008, a transformation took place at the Marengo Greenhouse & Florist. It was on that day, that Lisa McKee-Castillo and husband Adrian purchased the business from long time owners Donald & Shirley Carlson. Buying the flower shop is a dream come true for Lisa, who has dreamed of owning her own shop since college, where she studied Ornamental Horticulture.

Lisa and her small team of employees have been steadily working and transforming the store into a lovely gift and floral shop. "We decided to keep the name Marengo Greenhouse & Florist, Inc. because of the longevity and good name, but have decided to, first and foremost, be a florist and gift shop", says McKee-Castillo.

Marengo Greenhouse & Florist, Inc. creates custom design floral arrangements for every imaginable occasion, whether it is a celebration or a time of sadness. They carry a nice selection of silk arrangements for the home, and can also make custom silk arrangements to match the decor of your home or office. Something else Marengo Greenhouse & Florist, Inc. offers is the bi-weekly flower program. Simply call for more details and set up a standing order with them, and you can have fresh flowers on your desk or at your front counter every day of the week!

Stop in to see all the new items Marengo Greenhouse has to offer, and keep your eyes peeled for more transformations...especially as we get closer to the Holidays!



Lisa McKee-Castillo & Adrian Castillo

Marengo Greenhouse & Florist, Inc.  
505 W Grant Hwy,  
Marengo, IL 60152-3042  
Phone: (815) 568-6561

## EVENTS at a glance

### JULY

- 7/1 9 a.m. Budget Committee Meeting
- 7/2 6 p.m. Union Road Rally Committee Meeting
- 7/4 Office Closed – Independence Day
- 7/8 9 a.m. Budget Committee Meeting
- 7/9 Noon – 'Picnic in the Park' Membership Meeting
- 7/15 TBD- Nominating Committee Meeting
- 7/16 7:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

### AUGUST

- 8-5 Business After Hours Mixer: Cody Farm Fresh Vegetables
- 8-13 7:30 a.m. General Membership Meeting
- 8-19 5-7 p.m. Business After Hours Mixer: Franks, Gerkin & McKenna
- 8-20 7:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting: Budget



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## CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

Pat Lawlor



### SUMMER TIME NOT WASTED

Welcome to summer, finally! As you plan out your next couple of months, there are a few things to add to your "to do list" besides buying sunscreen. If you find yourself with a few extra minutes, this is the time to look at your advertising/ business cards/ brochures. Do they represent your business as it is now, or do they scream "last year" or "last decade?" Now may be the time to update your company or department's image both in the written word and on the web. Have you googled your company or your competitors lately? It would be worth a few minutes for you to know what is on the web, and how you are represented.

Another way to spend those extra minutes is by cleaning-- your office, your space, the windows. By filing any piles of "stuff," you will feel fresh and ready for a new start. By going through paperwork from a while ago, like a forgotten in-box, you may unearth a new idea or application that works now. We all need the feeling of having a "handle" on the issues in our life. Controlling the paperwork is a good start.

The chamber can also help you during these summer days. We have monthly lunch meetings, business after hours mixers and our member list on our website to help your networking. We also have inexpensive advertising in our newsletter and on our website to help you get the word out about your products and services. If you shop at fellow chamber member businesses, then they should feel obligated to shop at yours. Let them know you are a chamber member! Look Local First has new meaning at current gas prices, that's for sure!

Another way to spend extra time is to kick back and relax. That is called a vacation, and apparently Americans are not as disciplined at taking them as Europeans. Remember the feeling after a few days /weeks gone from your work, laptop, blackberry? If it has been so long ago that you don't remember the feeling, it is time to take time for yourself and your family. No peaking at your inbox while on the beach!

When you get back to your clean desk, work will still be there, and the chamber will be ready to help your business jump in with your renewed energy and enthusiasm. Enjoy these summer days, however you spend your extra minutes.

## BOARD of DIRECTORS

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Carla Weiss, *Castle Bank*


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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Marlene Slavin



June has been a busy month at the Chamber. The Staff has been working with Cindy Miller to complete the 2008-09 Community Guide and send it off to the printer. You can expect delivery in mid-to-late July.

The IACCE (Illinois Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives) held their bi-annual 'Learn from the Masters' Program in Aurora on Friday, June 6th. Pat Lawlor (HyperStitch), Lisa Rossow (Century 21-New Heritage), Natalie Secor and myself attended this day long session with about fifty (50) other Chamber executives from the Chicagoland area.

The topics of the conference included:

- Membership Recruitment and Retention
- Legal Issues Q & A
- Program Panels who discussed:
  - Organizing a 'Women in Business' Group
  - Golf Outings
  - Latino Business Councils
  - Fundraising without Any Funds
- Economic Development and Your Chamber
- Best and Worst Practices

It was a day well spent learning about new programs we can offer our members and improving on those we already have in operation.

**Are you a new member of our Chamber?** Start networking with other members by joining an Event Task Force. Working with someone on a project is a great way to get to know them. Even if you have been a Chamber member for a long time, don't miss this chance to spread the word about your business.

We need help with the following Events and Programs:

### Event/Program

### Event Date

1st Annual Cosmic Bowl	Saturday, August 16th
Chamber Women's Tea	Tentative Thursday, September 4th
Nominating Committee	Election Wednesday, September 10th

### Task Force Meeting

Thursday, July 17th	Noon – Flatlanders Market
Thursday, July 10th	11:30 - Location TBD
Tuesday, July 15th	Location/Time TBD

On September 30th our fiscal year 2007-2008 will end. After many years of dedicated service to our Chamber several members will retire from the Board of Directors. These open positions give other Chamber Members who wish to become more directly involved with the growth and success of our organization an opportunity to step forward and serve. If you are interested in becoming a Director in the Chamber please contact our office. Your name will be passed along to the Nominating Committee who will contact you directly.

For more information about these topics please contact the Chamber office at 815-568-6680 or email us at [chamber@marengo-union.com](mailto:chamber@marengo-union.com)



**Pat Lawlor, Lisa Rossow, Marlene Slavin and Natalie Secor attending "Learn from the Masters" in Aurora on June 6th**

## MARENGO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS



### David L. Ross, Coordinator

The Marengo City Council recently amended the Municipal Code dealing with the Economic Development Commission. The Commission was expanded to eleven (11) members from the current nine (9) members. New members were appointed by the Mayor with consent of Council.

An opening was created when Carole Bartman became 2nd Ward Alderman, filling the Council position vacated by Diane Bradbury. Ross Kitchen was named to serve out the one year remaining in Ms. Bartman's term. Ross' EDC term will expire in 2009. Vernon W. "Bill" Kays was appointed and will serve a 3-year term expiring in 2011. Nick Carroccia was appointed and will serve a 2-year term expiring in 2010. All three new commissioners are long-time Marengo residents and have been active in numerous local organizations. We welcome them to the Marengo EDC and look forward to using their unique experiences and areas of expertise to enhance the capabilities of the Marengo EDC.

Coming soon you will be able to see the results of our new website design and implementation. The new website will provide expanded and new information on the Marengo business community that will be a significant resource for businesses and residents alike. In addition, Marengo will be much more visible to business and site developers that are looking to relocate or expand businesses or create new business entities.

Congratulations are in order for McHenry County Economic Development Corp. and Chris Manheim, Executive Director. The May issue of Site Selection, the magazine of corporate real estate strategy & area economic development, recognizes McHenry County EDC with an Honorable Mention in its article, "Top 10 Economic Development Groups" of 2007. Read more about this significant and prestigious recognition at [www.siteselection.com](http://www.siteselection.com).

Stop by our offices for information, business assistance, or just to introduce yourself and say "Hello." Remember to "Look LOCAL First"!

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[www.cityofmarengo.com/edc.html](http://www.cityofmarengo.com/edc.html)

## MARENGO MAIN STREET

### Marengo vs Harvard Sweet Corn Throwdown

For one day only, August 23, 2008, the finest cooks in Harvard and Marengo will put their reputations and best recipes on the line, with every dish featuring sweet corn from one of our town's local farms.



To the winner in each category (there are five) goes glory and a hundred bucks! Our 2nd Place finisher in each category wins \$50. We're also in talks to get the winning recipes featured at our local restaurants.

The five categories are: Appetizers, Salad/ Side dish, Main Course, Baked goods/ Dessert, and Miscellaneous. There is a fee of \$20 per entry. You may enter up to three categories, but only once in each category. There will be a cookbook featuring all entered recipes. Entrants receive the cookbook free, and it will also be on sale to the public.

If you want to enter the contest, we must have your entry form, recipe and fee in our office by Monday, August 4.

On August 23rd, we're planning games galore, crazy contests, and of course, free sweet corn. All the fun will be happening on W. Washington & State St. from 11am-5pm, August 23. Entry forms are at our website, [www.marengomainstreet.org](http://www.marengomainstreet.org) or you can call our office at 568-8440.

Pam Gitta, Executive Director  
Marengo Main Street, Inc.  
815.568.8440



**Want to increase  
your networking power?  
Join a Chamber Committee...  
Attend a Business After Hours Mixer...  
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# Business After Hours MIXERS

## July 22nd

Trench-it Celebrates 20-year Anniversary

## August 5th

Cody's Farm Fresh Vegetables

## August 19th

Franks, Gerkin & McKenna

## September 23rd

Prairie Community Bank – Union

## October 28th

Marengo Ridge Golf Club

## November 25th

Castle Bank

## December TBD

Marengo Greenhouse & Florist

July Chamber Meeting

# Picnic in the Park

**Wednesday, July 9th Noon**

Cost: Box Lunch \$12

**RSVP Required – Choice of Lunch Options**  
(24-hour notice of cancellation or you will be charged)

**Dress comfortably and join us for an hour of Chamber updates, Networking and Laughing Yoga with Eileen Filler from Options 4 Health!**



**CHAMBER WOMEN'S  
TEA at the RAVENSTONE CASTLE**  
Thursday, September 4th

Learn more about the proposed CHamber  
Women's Business Council

Enjoy Refreshments and Castle Tour

*More information available soon!*

**save  
the date!**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Chamber Cosmic Bowl

**Saturday, August 16th - 6:00 pm**  
**Edgetown Bowl - Woodstock**

**Watch your e-mail for  
more details soon!**



# MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

## **Marengo Insurance Agency Wins Multiple Awards for Excellence**

The Underwriter of Merit Award was recently presented to this outstanding Pekin Insurance Agency. This honor is based on professional skill and knowledge of property/casualty insurance.

Brittany Bauman-McKenzie, an agent with the Marengo Insurance has been presented the Silver Key Award by Pekin life Insurance Company. The Silver Key Award annually honors those individuals who display superiority in the sales of life and health insurance.

As recipients of a Silver Key Award and the Underwriter of Merit Award Marengo Insurance was also presented the Full Circle Agency Award in recognition of exceptionally high standards of service to customers and this community. This award is given only to an agency which has demonstrated outstanding professional performance in all lines of insurance.

Marengo Insurance Agency began in 1901. George Bauman followed in his father's footsteps by joining the organization in the mid-1970s. Brittany Bauman-McKenzie received a Bachelor of Science/Insurance Degree at Illinois State in 2003 and began her Insurance Career at the Agency three-years ago. Brittany is now the third-generation of Baumans at Marengo Insurance.

### **Congratulations, Marengo Insurance Agency!**

*Marengo Insurance Agency  
119 E. Grant Hwy.  
(815)568-7108*



## **PIONEER CENTER FOR HUMAN SERVICES AWARDED THREE YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION**

CARF International announced that Pioneer Center for Human Services has been accredited for a period of three years. CARF is an independent, nonprofit accrediting body which establishes consumer-focused standards to help organizations measure and improve the quality of their programs and services.

While many regulating agencies come to Pioneer every year, the CARF survey is the only time that almost every part of the agency is examined. In addition to the three year accreditation, Pioneer was awarded two "exemplary" ratings for its Employee Development Services and Stepping Out Adult Recreation (SOAR) program for adults with developmental disabilities over the age of 50. Employee Development Services (EDS) is a training program for developmentally disabled individuals who would like to develop skills and functioning capacities to enter the community workforce. Since the EDS program was started in 2004, the number of clients placed in community employment settings has doubled, a tangible result of the success of this program.

Pioneer Center for Human Services is a not-for-profit agency that provides services to over 1700 individuals annually in McHenry County. It has grown and enriched the lives of many since it was founded in 1958. Pioneer Center for Human Services serves persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, traumatic brain injury and provides early intervention therapies for children from birth to age five. It also serves victims of sexual assault through the VOICE program and homeless men, women and children through the PADS program.

*Pioneer Center for Human Services  
4001 Dayton Street, McHenry, IL  
(815) 344-1230*

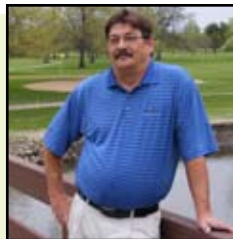
## **Bel Mar Country Club Welcomes Jim Robinson, New Head Professional**

In 2002, Jim decided to follow his passion and pursue a career in the golf business. He spent a year refining his playing skills and knowledge of the game which earned him a teaching certificate through the U.S.

Schools of Golf. He spent the next year teaching and working at the golf shop at Nippersink Golf Club. In 2004 he was named the Assistant Professional at Timber Ridge Golf Club. Since that time Jim has work as an Assistant at three different clubs where he continued to gain experience and increased responsibilities. In 2005 he started his PGA apprenticeship and expects to achieve membership by next spring.

As the new Pro at Bel Mar he plans to use his experience to bring a new and exciting era to the club. Jim's goals include improving the level of service to the membership and expanding the pro shop products and services.

*Bel Mar Country Club  
7450 Logan Avenue, Belvidere  
(815) 544-6268*



## **New Branch Manager at Chase Bank, Marengo**

Chase Bank has appointed Carole Lowery as their new Branch Manager of the Marengo Banking Center. Carole, a resident of Lake in the Hills, brings 20-years of banking and financial experience to the banking center. Prior to this position, Carole was a Licensed Personal Banker with Chase in Crystal Lake.

Before she began her career with Chase Bank, Carole was Branch Manager for CitiFinancial in McHenry for two years and worked as a Branch Manager and Territory Manager for Wells Fargo Corporation for 14-years.

Carole and her staff invite you to stop by Chase Bank located at 200 E. Grant Hwy.

*Chase Marengo Banking Center  
200 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL  
(815) 568-7256*



## NEW MEMBERS

The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce welcomes our new members

### **A thru Z Resale and Consignment Shop**

Aimee Ritter  
110 E. Grant Highway, Marengo  
815-568-5560

### **Lisa's Mobile Pet Grooming**

Lisa Halwix  
212 Lindow Lane – Suite B  
Marengo  
815-568-8300

### **Marengo American Legion Post 192**

Dan Carpenter  
315 Park Dr. P.O. Box 192, Marengo  
815-568-0192

### **The Marengo Coin Shop**

Karen & Dominic DeBock  
220 S. State Street, Marengo  
815-572-2490

### **Smith Marketing, Inc.**

Steven Smith  
9109 Arthur Street, Crystal Lake, IL. 60014  
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## RENEWING MEMBERS

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following members who have renewed their memberships this month:

### **Pam Gitta**

718 Ridge Drive  
Marengo  
815-568-0414

### **Marengo Auto Group**

Nick Opie/Bryan Holst  
844 W. Grant Hwy, Marengo  
815-568-1700

### **McCann Berry Farm**

Mary McCann  
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## Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce

### 20th Annual Business & Consumer

# EXPO

Saturday & Sunday,  
February 14th & 15th, 2009

**Early Bird Special  
for our Membership**

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(815) 923-2300

**TRENCH-IT, Inc will host the next  
Chamber Business After Hours Mixer**

**Tuesday, July 22nd, 5 - 7 pm**

**Art Collection and  
Award-winning design & decor!**

# 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

# A GREAT DAY TO PLAY HOOKEY



Rich Browne, Marengo Auto Group



Amy Thiede & Tim Emerson  
Prairie Community Bank



"My club tells me  
we're going to win!"



Deb Ritchie and Kelly Hall, Harris Marengo



Networking at it's best!



Brad Schumann



*Corbin's Exotic Pets and New Dimensions Team*



*Ladies representing Corbin's, New Dimension and Lisa's Mobile Pet Grooming*



*Brad Schumann, Country Financial "gets the point" from Warren Casey, Your Home Inspection*



*Ray Jones (Ray Jones Agency), Harvey Meyer (Pollock, Meyer & Eicksteadt) and Warren Casey (Your Home Inspection)*



*Castle Bank Team: Chief Bob Bradbury (Marengo Fire Protection District), Carla Weiss (Castle Bank), Denise Anderson (Marengo Park District), Chief Barry Beckwith (Marengo Rescue Squad)*



*John Wrosteck & the Centegra Team*



*Leslie Pace, Castle Bank with Carole Bartman, 2nd Ward Alderwoman*

**MEMBERS & GUESTS HAD LOTS OF FUN!**

# 38th Annual Golf Play Day - A Beautiful Day to Play Hookey!

58 Golfers and 20 volunteers enjoyed a fun-filled sunny day at the 2008 Chamber Golf Outing held at the Marengo Ridge Golf Club on Wednesday June 18th.

Our talented golfers were challenged with a 'water-chip' contest, a putting competition with the Course Pro Ken Lindsay, a betting circle and much more. Brad Schumann (Country Financial) sponsored the ever popular 13th hole and provided golfers with Margaritas to help their game.

This year participants had two separate opportunities to win big with a hole-in-one. A car at Hole #4 provided by Marengo Auto Group or \$5,000 at Hole #11. Unfortunately, there were no takers this year.

Congratulations to all our Winners:

Best Gross Score – Men: Trench-it Hackers: Ron House, Mark Othick, Joe Ziemba and Mike Pitts  
 Best Gross Score - Co-Ed: Castle Bank: Carla Weiss, Denise Anderson, Bob Bradbury and Barry Beckwith  
 Longest Putt: Don Sonntag  
 Longest Drive: Bryan Holst  
 Closest to the Pin: Glen Borhart

Special Door Prize: Rich Browne  
 50/50 Golf Raffle- \$187: Tim Klapperich

Annual Raffle Winners:

\$200	Brett Rosemayer	\$250	Frank Oakley
\$200	Tom Dujmovich	\$250	Schmitt & Filler
\$200	Joe Sawin	\$500	Lynn Seger
\$200	Patti Griebel	\$3,000	Ross Kitchen (Dr.Quincy)
\$200	Dave Glanz		

We thank the following Event Sponsors for their continued support of our programs and events:

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 Union American Legion  
 Wisted's Supermarket

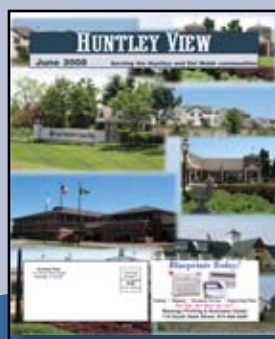


Congratulations to **Joe Schipani** owner of **Marengo Printing and Business Center.**

Joe publishes the local newspaper; the Marengo-Union View which keeps our community updated on what's happening in the area.

He recently published the first issue of the Huntley View on June 1st.

Good Luck on your new endeavor, Joe!



## Reminder to Members:

Help your Chamber work for you. We have noticed recently that many of our members have advertisements (flyers, posters, etc.) placed in businesses around the community.

But for some reason you have forgotten the Chamber Office. We have visitors in our office every day. We are pleased to display your brochures, business cards, and special flyers or posters. Make sure we are included in your distribution list.

**Don't forget that the Chamber is here to help your business grow.**

# 1st Annual Road Rally Comes to Union and Marengo

Planning is underway for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Union Road Rally scheduled for Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who have never participated in a Road Rally, it is like a treasure hunt on wheels. At the beginning of the race a set of clues are given to the participants that will help them find their first checkpoint stop. After successfully fulfilling a 'special' challenge at that checkpoint the next set of clues are provided. Along the way racers are encouraged to locate items that will give their team additional points needed to win the race. Racers make their way through the course route, which encompasses both Union and Marengo. They will all ultimately meet at the designated finish line for food, awards and a Street Dance hosted by DJ Power Play (Mike Reddersdorf). A Bags Tournament between Marengo and Union Village officials will be taking place the same evening in Union.

Winners of the Rally are determined by a point system rather than who is the fastest racer. Road Rallies are very popular in many communities as they offer an inexpensive

evening of fun and entertainment for the entire family.

The organizers of the event are The Union Prairie Days Committee, the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce, Lions and Lioness' Clubs, St. John's Evangelical Church, as well as many Union residents and businesses. The Committee is offering a limited number of local businesses the opportunity to showcase their establishment by signing up to be a checkpoint stop on the race route. If you are interested in participating as a business checkpoint or as a racer please contact the Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce at 815-568-6680 or email us at [chamber@marengo-union.com](mailto:chamber@marengo-union.com).



## GROWING SCENE MIXER - A FAMILY AFFAIR

*May Mixer a great success!*

The multi-Chamber Mixer at B&K Power Equipment & The Growing Scene

In May was a great success with approximately 80 people in attendance from Marengo, Union, Huntley and Hampshire. Attendees enjoyed delicious food and beverage while networking and touring both business facilities.

Barbara Christ explained to the crowd how B&K and The Growing Scene are family owned and operated businesses now into the fourth generation. Thanks for your hospitality Barb and Kathleen Carr! A great event!

## CORBIN'S CELEBRATES 1ST ANNIVERSARY!



Corbin's Exotic Pets recently celebrated their 1st year of business. People came from all over the Chicagoland area to enjoy the petting zoo, refreshments, special sales on pet supplies and more.

*Congratulations, Mark and Jennifer!*

**Chamber Certificates can be used in most retail establishments in Marengo and Union - SHOP LOCAL!**

**Chamber Gift Certificates are available year 'round!**

## HOW TO CONTACT THE CHAMBER

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**Website:** [www.marengo-union.com](http://www.marengo-union.com)

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9 am - 4 pm

**Note:** There are times when it will be necessary to close the office during normal business hours due to special events, meetings or even illness. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause any of members.

**The Chamber office is looking for more information and announcements about member businesses and their staff. Please send us your news. Deadline for newsletter entries in the 15th of the preceding month of publication.**



The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce  
116 South State Street  
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## ADVERTISING RATES

Deadline 15th of the preceding month

Current Rates for newsletter ads

	1X Insertion	4X Insertion	
Business Card	\$45	\$40	per issue
1/4 Page	\$45	\$40	per issue

## ADS MUST BE CAMERA READY

Typesetting/layout services available at additional charge. 4X rate applies to four ads running within a 12 month period

## FULL PAGE INSERT RATES

**NEW LOWER RATE**

Only \$50 per 8-1/2 x 11 sheet, one or two -sided. Advertiser must provide the Chamber with 300 inserts. Ads and inserts must be paid at time of reservation.

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