

# CHAMBER INSIDER

August 

2017



Mark your calendars !!

## Golf Play Day

Wednesday,  
September 13, 2017  
11:00 Shotgun start  
Registration forms  
available on our  
website



**BUSINESS Luncheon**

Noon ~ WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 16TH, 2017

Marengo Park District  
Meeting Room  
825 Indian Oaks Trail, Marengo  
Members-\$10  
Non-Members-\$15  
RSVP to 815-568-6680

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
JOSHUA BLAKEMORE,  
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR



## Featured Chamber Member of the Month - August 2017

# Marengo Greenhouse & Florist

Floriography, is the language of flowers. A single flower, a bouquet, or a blooming plant may express love, remembrance, apology, support or a thoughtful gesture. Throughout human history, flowers have played a significant role in our culture. Times and generational attitude may have changed, but flowers remain a huge part of any human emotion and connection.

Earliest history on giving flowers extends back hundreds of years as a way for people to communicate. Ancient Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and Chinese all refer to the use of flowers in their stories and myths. The Greeks considered flowers to be of particularly high importance and associated them with the gods.

Although in the United States we mainly associate flowers with Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Prom, weddings, funerals, floral arrangements can convey a uniquely beautiful experience guaranteed to brighten anyone's day, by simply bringing nature inside.

Lisa McKee-Costello bought **Marengo Greenhouse and Florist** from the Carlson's on January 15, 2008. Born and raised here in Marengo, she wanted to continue to provide the high quality of human connection in her home town. Along with her husband, Adrian, they have three boys who help within the business truly making it a family tradition.

Marengo Greenhouse has one employee, Janie, she is from the Marengo Community High School STEP program. Janie has been employed for two years, she greets customers with her cheerful smile, helps processing orders, flowers, and general up keep.

In today's society, you can get just about any flower from around the world that you want to add to a bouquet. Flowers are grown in and shipped from Ecuador, Columbia, Netherlands, Japan, California, Florida and even Saudi Arabia. All flowers are shipped into Miami and then distributed to wholesalers. Lisa receives the freshest flowers from her wholesalers in Elgin and Rockford. From the time of cutting to the florist receiving the product ranges from 2 days to 1 week, allowing maximum freshness for each arrangement.

A fresh mixed flower bouquet is the number one requested for any occasion, with colorful Roses being second. The longest lasting flowers are Daisy's, Carnations, and Mums.

So what do you do with all those floral vases you have collected? Don't throw them away! Take a trip over to Marengo Greenhouse & Florist and drop them off. Lisa cleans them up and then these vases are used to provide flowers for the local churches. At the same time you can see all the unique gifts that can be added to a bouquet or plant that you are sending to someone. Can't make it into the shop? Marengo Greenhouse & Florist is a Teleflora distributor, or you can order directly from their website: [www.marengoflorist.com](http://www.marengoflorist.com) and shop at your convenience.

**Congratulations to Marengo Greenhouse and Florist** for being the August 2017 Chamber Member of the Month. You can reach Lisa at 815-568-6561 - 505 W. Grant Hwy., Marengo or [www.marengoflorist.com](http://www.marengoflorist.com)



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## Dates to Remember



2017

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 ~ Queen of Hearts Drawing

August 16 ~ Business Luncheon

August 16 ~ BOD Meeting

September 13 ~ Golf Play Day



Chamber chat is Tuesdays at 8am on WXMR 94.3  
Marengo Community Radio.



## NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION

The Marengo-Union Chamber of Commerce was incorporated by a group of business owners in 1970 with the objective of creating an organization with a strong, credible voice to speak out on behalf of business and industry. Over the past 47 years, our staff and volunteer Board of Directors has provided a wealth of networking activities to connect our business community with our overall population.

We are presently offering new members the opportunity to enjoy Chamber Membership for the remaining year (August & September) ending September 30, 2017 FREE OF CHARGE, effective upon receipt of a Membership Application and payment of the year beginning October 1, 2017 and ending September 30, 2018. For further details and membership rates, please contact 815-568-6680.



### Welcome Bag collection—Through August 31st

We will begin distributing the New home owner welcome bags on September 5th. There is no charge to participate! Please get your promotional material to our office prior to August 31st to be included in the next set of Welcome Bags.



Nominations are now being accepted for a three (3) year term on the MUCC Board of Directors. Each person named to the BOD must be an owner, officer, employee or partner of a member of the organization or an Honorary Member of the Organization. Nominations should be submitted to our office in writing at least 30 days prior to the election of Directors on September 20, 2017. New members to the BOD will be sworn in at the Annual Dinner on October 19, 2017.



The Third Queen of Hearts board is located at: Fire & Ice. Purchase your ticket at either the Chamber Office—during regular business hours or at Pointers. There is a drawing every Tuesday Night at 7pm, until the Queen has been found. Rules & Regulations are on our website. A portion of the proceeds will be distributed to the Chamber's Scholarship fund. You need not be present to win!