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Introducing *Susan Rodler*

The Wayne Chamber of Commerce has recently added a new member to the team. Susan Rodler has begun an internship at the Chamber office and will be assisting with day to day activities and helping at our many events. Susan recently received her certification for Medical Administration and Billing from Dorsey Schools with a 4.0 GPA and achievement awards in all her subjects. She is looking to find a permanent position at part of a profes-



sional medical team. She is a longtime resident of Wayne and has already proven to be reliable, highly organized and overall wonderful to work with. She has been doing a great job with helping us catch up on things around the office. The next time you see Susan please wish her a warm welcome and keep her in mind for a future position. The Chamber is very excited to have her as part of our team!

Ladies Night at the Wayne Community Center

4635 Howe Rd, Wayne, MI 48184
Tuesday, February 22nd from 5:30 - 8 pm

Join us for a *great time*.
Shop the many vendors and indulge yourself!
Bring a friend...Bring all your friends!!

Vendors include:

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*More vendors will be added leading up to the event.
Find us on Facebook or look for emails as vendors add!

Please spread the word and support these home-based businesses.

Business News

Businesses have a new choice when it comes to phone, data provider TDS® is expanding its service territory in the Southfield area to provide businesses another choice in communications providers. MADISON, Wis. (Jan. 17, 2011) — TDS Telecommunications Corp. (TDS®), which markets communication services to businesses in Michigan through its brand TDS Metrocom®, is expanding its footprint in the state. Specifically, TDS is expanding its footprint into Southfield, Mich. "It means local businesses have a new choice when it comes to choosing their communications partner," says Cathy Sionkowski, market manager for TDS. "This is great news for businesses looking for a provider with a proven history, great customer service, and delivers the most innovative communications solutions, including IP-based services." TDS is the nation's eighth largest phone company and has been providing phone and high-speed Internet business solutions to customers in Michigan for nearly a decade. The company, founded in 1969, provides leading-edge business technology, local and long-distance phone service, high-speed Internet packages, and digital TV to more than one million customers in 30 states. As a fundamental communications service provider, TDS is a wholly owned subsidiary of Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., a Chicago-based telecommunications corporation. For more information, visit www.tdsbusiness.com. For more information contact: Cindy Tomlinson, Associate Public Relations Manager TDS Telecommunications Corp. 608-664-4471 / cindy.tomlinson@tdstelecom.com

A local non-profit that serves persons with disabilities is expanding its Thrift Store operations. Services To Enhance Potential (STEP), a vocational program for individuals with disabilities, will soon open its second Thrift Store in Southgate, Michigan. Tried & True Too will open in early March 2011. The store will be in the Galleria Shopping Plaza on Dix-Toledo, just south of Eureka. STEP, which operates seven Resource Centers in Wayne County, has served individuals with developmental and other disabilities since 1973. In June 2007, STEP entered the Thrift Store business with its Tried & True Thrift Store, located in downtown Wayne. Through this operation, STEP continues to fulfill its mission by providing community employment to over 16 individuals with disabilities. Today, STEP serves over 1200 individuals across Wayne County. Many individuals with severe disabilities are often not fully involved in their communities. Working within the Thrift Store environment provides these individuals not only with real wages, but also with a true community connection. As a platform to everything from banking, to acting roles in the local theatre, to being able to afford Karate lessons, employment at Tried & True has offered its employees the realization of a fuller life. All of this and much more results from the act of being employed. Leah Cooley, the Regional Sales Manager for STEP, involves every individual in all aspects of the operation. These duties include cashiering, customer service, merchandising, marketing, financial reporting, maintenance and donation processing. STEP is excited about its next "step" in supporting individuals with disabilities. Tried & True Too is slated to begin operations in March, 2011. Your tax deductible donations may be brought to: Downriver Resource Center 4210 13th Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 8am-3pm or Tried & True Thrift Store 35004 Michigan Avenue, Wayne, MI 48184 11am -6pm. For more information please contact: David Bourque 734-722-1000 ext. 203.

Karen Collareno was recognized as a member of New York Life's Executive Council for outstanding performance-2010. [Congrats to Karen!](#)

Relay For Life of Westland will have their kickoff ceremony held on March 2nd at 7pm at the Wayne Community Center. They are looking for more Wayne support this year.



TROY, Mich., October 14, 2010 – The Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MACPA) and its President and CEO Peggy A. Dzierzawski, CAE, recently recognized Robert A. Bovitz at its annual awards dinner with the Public Service Award. The evening celebrated those who have made an impact in the accounting industry and in the community. Bovitz was awarded for his dedication to the betterment of his community outside of his role as a CPA. He has received

recognition in the past from the MACPA, including the Chair's Service Award and member honors for Outstanding Task Force of the Year. "Robert Bovitz's greatest contribution has been his forward thinking," said Dzierzawski, CAE. "His philosophy of giving to the community, without expectation of returned favors, demonstrates what a CPA really is, and should be, a public servant." Bovitz is deeply committed to the arts, and is the president and founding trustee of Trillium Academy, a 725-student charter school focused on fine and performing arts. He also oversaw the construction of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, and serves on the board of the Downriver Council for the Arts. In addition to his efforts toward the arts, he continues to serve various other charitable and philanthropic organizations such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, United Way Allocation Committee, Arbor Hospice, and the Karmanos Center. Bovitz is the president of Bovitz & Co., CPA, P.C., a full-service CPA firm in Trenton and Canton. The firm services include individual, corporate, partnership, estate, trust, and pension and profit sharing tax preparation, in addition to comprehensive accounting for all business types. A resident of Canton, Bovitz received his B.S. in Accounting from the University of Detroit, cum laude, in 1982 and has been a licensed CPA since 1984.

ITT Tech will be hosting mock interviews for their students Feb 22nd and Feb 24th. They are looking for businesses who are willing to help conduct these mock interviews. Interview times are 9:15am and 6:15pm. If you are interested or able to help please contact Dea Mason at 734.397.7800 ext. ITT Technical Institute is also looking for employers to attend their career fair on March 16, 2011 from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. You can contact Dea Mason via email at dmason@itt-tech.edu.

Dorsey Schools has a new term of classes starting on 2/21/11. They provide complementary career planning sessions (with or without an appointment) Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm and Fridays 9am-5pm. Please call 734-595-1540 for more information or visit their website www.dorsey.edu

The Taft Galloway PTO have begun selling hearts at 7-11 Annapolis location, City Hall and Rex's Restaurant for \$1 each. The money collected from these hearts will be used to purchase a memorial bench to be placed in Goudy Park in remembrance of the two victims of the Wm. C. Franks Furniture Disaster. If you are interested in selling the hearts at your business please contact Ms. Shawn Maxwell at (734) 512-9110. Any help is appreciated.



Henry's Service Center hired a new person, Brian Sylvester in June of 2010. His specialty is transmissions. He was one of the guys that helps save Paul Franks. They are currently offering our \$19.99 Oil change special which includes 5quarts of oil and a filter. Thank you to Brian for his heroic efforts and congrats on your addition to the Henry's Service crew!

Business News

Jack Demmer Ford Proudly Announces a New Service Team!



We would like to welcome our new Service Manager, Jim Kemper, and all of our new Service Advisors. Welcome Pat Hawrylak, Houston Guyton, Tammy Schiappacassi and Bob Nowlen. Stop in for service at Jack Demmer Ford soon and our new Service Team will be eager to take care of you and committed to

making sure you have a positive experience with us!

Wayne Memorial Zebra Parent Advisory Council is excited to announce our "Zebra Safari". The safari is our annual fundraising dinner that is held to raise funds for our students. The event is being held at the Dyer Senior Center on March 25th from 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per person or you can purchase a table of 8 for \$200. An amazing dinner will be provided by the William D. Ford Culinary Arts Program. We will also have silent and live auction items, raffles, door prizes, and much more!!!! Some of the many auction items include (4) Walt Disney World Hopper Passes, Detroit Red Wing tickets, VIP Wine Tasting Tour for 6 people, massages, restaurant gift certificates, and much, much more. The dinner is for adults only. We would really love to see our senior parents at this event because a great deal of the money raised helps support the senior farewell dinner. Please help us support our students at Wayne Memorial. Tickets can be purchased at the high school office or you can send in a check or money order with your student. We are also seeking donations!



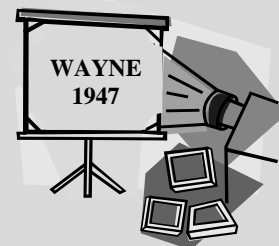
Karma Coffee is celebrating their 1 year Anniversary this month with specials each day. They are now open early mornings. Some upcoming events include Feb. 4th - 7:30pm First Friday Songwriters Circle and open mic with Dan Kennedy Feb 5th - 1pm-3pm Walter Mark book signing event for the book "The Sixth World of Men" www.sixthworldofmen.com he will have books there for sale to be signed. Feb. 5th - 8pm Shereen Michelle, Emily Rose, and Megan Tonjes acoustic song performances Feb. 12th - 8pm Devils Dream Irish Celtic Blugrass Music performance Feb. 26 Dakota Lemming Acoustic song performance. Open Mic on Tuesday Nights @ 8pm Have your next meeting, party, or event at our shop. We have a cozy professional atmosphere for all your needs, call us for more information.

The Wayne Community Center Business Office Hours are now Monday-Thursday 10:00am-5:00pm. Our hours for the Recreation and Exercise Club and Indoor Track and private work out area are as follows: M-F 5:30am-9:00pm Sat & Sun 8:00am-4:00pm A few upcoming events at the Community Center include: *Daddy-Daughter Date Night *tickets are on sale for Wednesday, February 9th from 6 - 8:30 PM (includes square dance, corsage, goody bag, cookies, and beverages). The Hierarchy Association presents *Mixed Martial Arts* fighting on Saturday, February 19th from 7 - 11 PM. Tickets are on sale now starting at \$20.00!

Michigan's December Jobless Rate Drops! Michigan's unemployment rate in December 2010 dropped to 11.7 percent. Michigan jobless rate in December 2009 was at 14.5 percent. U.S. unemployment rate in December 2010 was at 9.4 percent. Thank you to Ken Miller for this information.

Burtens Plumbing and Heating are changing their showroom hours to Monday, Thursday and Friday 12 to 6 and Saturday 9 to 3. Their plumbing service hours are staying the same Monday through Saturday 7 am to 7 pm.

The Wayne Historical Society will offer a slide program "Wayne 1947" on March 10, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Wayne Library. This program will be presented by WHS member Richard Andrews, the slides will show ad's from Wayne Businesses in 1947. The admission is free and refreshments will be served. The program is opened to the public.



The Wayne Ripple Effect presents a beer and martini tasting event: HOPS & SCHNAPPS Hosted by Avenue Sports Grill Wednesday, February 23, 2011 6:00 pm- 8:30 pm Enjoy a sampling of 5 Michigan beers, 3 specialty martinis and a delicious buffet. All proceeds will benefit Downtown Wayne revitalization efforts. Tickets available at Avenue Sports Grille and at the Wayne Chamber of Commerce for \$20

Jane Saylor will soon have a new multi dimensional ebook released. It will be the first in a series called the Combat Stress and Chaos Series. Multi Dimensional means it will include additional information via audio and video clips as well as pdf downloads and more. To be updated automatically as the program progresses, you can go to www.ThePowerofSelfHelp.com and register your name and email address on the main page. I am also offering businesses and groups a free 'Stress Free Lunch' where participants will experience and learn about living a more stress free life. Contact Jane for further information at 734 546 3260 or by email LifeCoachJane@comcast.net.

Strength & Spirit, LLC is pleased to announce that, starting in February, we'll be offering our services at Curves, located at 34840 W. Michigan Ave, in Wayne. Starting February 23rd, at 6:30pm, Certified Personal Trainer Mike Mueller will be offering weekly strength training classes to both members and non-members at Curves. He will incorporate resistance training, weight loss techniques, proper form and balance and more into the classes. 10 weeks of one hour classes are only \$50. Beginning February 2nd, at 9:00am, Nationally Certified Massage Therapist Irene Ivanac will be offering chair massage on a regular basis, for only \$1 a minute. Come in, get a good workout and follow it up with a relaxing massage! For more info, or to sign up for classes, call Mike at 734-664-7823, or Irene at 734-578-1302.

Community Living Services in conjunction with the Wayne County Dept of Public Health are offering Mass H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinic on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 11am to 3pm at Community Living Services (35425 Michigan Ave West, Suite 3653, Wayne, MI 48184. For more information contact (734) 467-7600.

Stressed? In pain? Want to soothe your tired muscles? My hands have eased 1,000+ bodies just like yours! I can help you, too! Call NOW for your 1h. session SPECIAL! Ilka Handshaw, 734 728-9332, Health Coach and Aromatherapy Specialist

To advertise in the Business News section of our newsletter contact the chamber office. Listing your business news is free and a great way to share your news, sales and announcements with other members.

Wayne Ripple Effect presents a Beer and Martini tasting event:

HOPS & SCHNAPPS

*Hosted by Avenue Sports Grille
On Elizabeth between West & East Michigan Ave.
Wednesday, February 23, 2011
6:00 pm– 8:30 pm*



*Enjoy a sampling of 5 Michigan beers,
3 specialty martinis and a delicious buffet.
All proceeds will benefit Downtown Wayne revitalization efforts.
Tickets available at Avenue Sports Grille and at the
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*The Ripple Effect is a citizens action group dedicated to creating a more vibrant, inviting and visually appealing downtown where residents enjoy spending their leisure time and businesses prosper. We aim to accomplish this goal by teaming up with ambitious and positive volunteers who are willing to offer time, materials, ideas and/or talents in an effort to beautify downtown Wayne.
www.waynerippleeffect.com*



*Morning Coffee
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Tuesday, February 8th • 8-9 am



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Wm. C Franks Furniture Update

The month of January proved to be the month of giving in the City of Wayne. A variety of fundraisers including A Starry Night at the Wayne Community Center, Avenue Sports Grille, US 12 Bar & Grill, and Wayne Bowl, helped to raise over \$15,000 to be donated to the Wm. C. Franks Furniture Disaster Fund. The funds are being disbursed to the families of the victims of the explosion. The overwhelming donations at all of the fundraisers and to the fund housed at the Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union are amazing and will go to help in ways that one cannot imagine. Donations are still being accepted at the credit union.

The Wm. C. Franks Furniture store is currently operating out of their warehouse in Wayne until a temporary location can be found. Mr. Paul Franks is in fair condition but still has a long recovery ahead. Donations can be made to:
**William C. Franks Furniture Disaster Fund
c/o Wayne Westland Federal Credit Union
500 S Wayne Road
Westland, MI 48186
Phone : 734.721.5700
Website: www.wfvcu.org**

Please contact the Chamber Office for any questions on this fund 734.721.0100



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Affiliate Luncheon

February 10, 2011
Sts Peter & Paul Banquet Hall
750 N Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights

Meet with Representatives from

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Human Resources Solutions Point
Comcast Business Services
TDS Metrocom

11:15-11:30 Registration
11:30-12:00 Meet your Rep
12:00 Networking lunch

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2011 Wayne Chamber Calendar of Events

- February 8, 2011**
Tuesday
Morning Coffee at Tim Hortons, 34441 Michigan Ave, Wayne
8 - 9am
- February 10, 2011**
Thursday
5 Star Business Group Affiliate Luncheon (\$15 per person)
Registration 11:15-11:30, Benefits Presentation 11:30-12:00, Lunch 12 noon
Location Sts Peter & Paul Banquet Hall
750 N Beech Daly Rd, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
- February 22, 2011**
Tuesday
Ladies Night at the Wayne Community Center
Open to Everyone! 5:30-8pm • Bring a Coworker or a Friend
- March 1, 2011**
Tuesday
Morning Coffee at Wayne Café Restaurant and Coney
8:00 - 9:00 am
- March 24, 2011**
Thursday
WSACC Breaking the Boundaries
5:00-7:00 pm at Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150
See inserted flyer for more information, do not miss this event!
- April 14, 2011**
Thursday
5 Star Business Group After Hours at Sports Venue Bar & Grill in Garden City
5-7pm • Free Admission
- April 17-20, 2011**
Sunday - Wednesday
Texas Hold'em Fundraiser at Vision Lanes Westland • Volunteers Needed
7pm - 2am
- April 22, 2011**
Friday
Offices will be closed in observance of Easter
- April 27, 2011**
Wednesday
Administrative Professionals Luncheon sponsored by Office Depot
Networking begins at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 • Cost \$15 • Location TBD

Contact the Chamber Office to make your reservations or for more information at 734.721.0100
Visit our website www.waynechamber.net for more upcoming events!

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