

Buffalo Area Chamber Of Commerce

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The Members' Messenger

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Character Ed Word For January: Attitude

Attitude: (1) a bodily posture showing mood, action, etc. (2) a manner showing one's feelings or thoughts (3) one's disposition, opinion, etc. Character Ed is a Chamber-led community wide initiative working to create a "culture of character" by focusing on a new word each month. **Please include the monthly *Character Ed* word in any media opportunities.**

January Meeting At Hip Pocket Pizza

The January Chamber meeting will be held at **Hip Pocket Pizza** on Wednesday, January 02, at noon. Guest speaker will be Barbara Wright, Engles Senior Center Director.

Hip Pocket's specials for Wednesday, January 02, include: (1) Mini One Topping Pizza, Salad & Drink - \$5.49, (2) Half Sancho Enchilada, Chips & Salsa & Drink - \$5.59, (3) Small Chef Salad & Drink - \$5.29, (4) Barbecue Beef Sandwich, Choice of Side (potato or pasta salad, potato chips or chips & salsa, side salad) & Drink - \$5.69. Full menu also available. Call orders in to **345-8649** prior to the meeting for faster service.

Reservations Needed For February Meeting

The Dallas County Character Education Committee will honor winners of their essay contest on Wednesday, February 06, at 1:00 p.m. in the Buffalo High School cafeteria. The regular Chamber meeting will be replaced by this meeting and all members are urged to attend the luncheon, which will cost \$5.00 per person. **Deadline for reservations is January 30.** Call the Reflex office at 345-2224 or the Chamber office at 345-2852 for reservations.

New Member ~ Buffalo Glass and Screen

Edd and Debby Torrey are the new owners of **Buffalo Glass and Screen**, located at **118 North Cedar** in Buffalo. They bought the business in October of 2007, which offers new vinyl and aluminum windows, replacement glass and screens in windows and doors, and they build screens and window frames when the originals are bent or broken. They also have mirror and Plexiglas in stock.

As a sideline to the glass business, they recently purchased an upholstery machine. **Edd** was taught upholstery by his father many years ago and **Debby and Edd** had an upholstery business in Buffalo in 1984 and 1985. **Edd** will be doing upholstery mainly on automobiles, but will do furniture as well.

The Torreys have owned several businesses in the past, including Double 'T' Trans. and Auto in Charity for 16 years. **Edd** started doing construction work three years ago, but in June of this year, he fell off a two story house and can no longer do construction. That prompted their purchase of **Buffalo Glass and Screen**.

Debby Torrey was born in Buffalo in 1959 and graduated from Buffalo High School in 1978. **Edd** graduated from there in 1980. They are members of Charity Christian Church and have lived in that neighborhood for 23 years. They have two sons, **Eddy and Paul**. **Eddy** is married with two children and works in construction. **Paul** purchased **Debby and Edd's** old home with the four bay garage to do automotive restoration. **Debby** plans to run for School Board next year because their grandchildren will be in the Dallas County system and she sees a need for change in many ways and wants to take part in that change.

Cutting Edge Salon Adds Day Spa Services

In addition to hair, nail, tanning and waxing services, Cutting Edge Salon, located at the corner of Hwy 32 and Hickory Street in Buffalo, now offers a full line of facials and massage for both women and men. Call them at 345-4709 for more information or stop in and see them for a tour.

2008 Buffalo Day At The Cardinals Ballpark ~ May 16

Friday, May 16 will be the 2008 date for Buffalo Day at the Cardinals Ballpark in Springfield. The evening will include fireworks, singing the National Anthem by a local choir, and throwing out the first pitch. Nominations will be accepted for the Anthem and first pitch, similar to the past two years. 300 tickets will be available in a ticket and t-shirt package.

2008 First Lady Awards

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is sponsoring the 2008 First Lady Awards. First Lady Melanie Blunt established the awards to honor women in five categories: business and innovation, culture and humanities, education, health and wellness, and volunteerism.

The Missouri Chamber is reaching out to local chamber of commerce executives from around the state to help get the word out about this opportunity to nominate inspiring women. A direct link to First Lady Blunt's webpage about the awards program is: <http://gov.missouri.gov/firstlady/firstladyawards.htm>.

Please help promote the awards program, especially to other audiences, such as education, health and humanities organizations that may not be on our membership list. If you have any questions, call 573-634-3511. Help us secure recognition for women who are making a difference in Dallas County!

Website Updated

Tom Windeknecht, owner of Blue Buffalo Media, has updated the Chamber's website. Please visit it at www.buffalococ.com and critique it for content. Please call or e-mail the Chamber office with any corrections or suggestions.

Teams Needed For 2008 Relay For Life

The 2008 American Cancer Society's Relay For Life will be held June 13 and 14 at the Buffalo High School track. Relay For Life is an opportunity for people in Dallas County to **Celebrate** the lives of those who have battled cancer, **Remember** loved ones lost to the disease, and **Fight Back** against a disease that takes too much. Teams are needed and should start planning now for the event. Contact Kathy at the Chamber office for more information.

Shape Up Dallas County 2008

Join the Shape Up Dallas County Challenge, which runs from January 07 through March 02, 2008. There are two divisions, weight loss and physical activity, and participants can enter as individuals or as a team. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each division on a weekly basis. Two grand prizes will be awarded at the end, and bonus nutrition challenges will be offered during the competition. For more information, contact Rachel Morgans at the Dallas County Health Department at 417-345-2332. Registration deadline is January 04.

January Events

- 2nd Chamber Meeting** - Hip Pocket Pizza - Noon - Guest Speaker, Barbara Wright, Engles Senior Center
- 4th Shape Up Dallas County Challenge Registration Deadline**
- 5th Spaghetti Dinner** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 7th Shape Up Dallas County Challenge Begins**
- 17th Relay For Life Meeting** - Planning Committee - 6:00 - Team Captains - 7:00 - O'Bannon Bank South
- 30th Deadline For Reservations For February Chamber Meeting**

February Events

- 2nd Project Graduation Donkey Basketball Game & Dinner** - Buffalo High School Cafeteria - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd Community Dinner** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- 6th Chamber Meeting** - B H S Cafeteria - 1:00 p.m. - Guest Speakers, "Laws Of Life" Essay Contest Winners
- 9th Relay For Life Chili Cook-Off** - Mallory Elementary Cafeteria
- 9th Heart 2 Heart Variety Show & Dinner** - Grace Community United Methodist Church - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- 18th Presidents' Day**