

April 2008 Newsletter

Character Ed Word For April: Trustworthy

Trustworthy: worthy of a firm belief in the honesty, reliability, etc. of another; worthy of confident expectations; reliable. 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.

April Meeting at Saltbox Tea Room

The April membership meeting for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce will be Wednesday, April 2, at Saltbox Country Tea Room. Michael T. Nietzel, President of MSU, and some of the faculty, staff and alumni, will be the guest speakers. They will highlight the ways the University's statewide mission in public affairs benefits local communities. Seating will be limited, so PLEASE RSVP no later than Monday, March 31.

The lunch specials for Wednesday, April 2, will be Cheese & Bacon Quiche, served with a house salad or soup for \$6.25, or a Ciabatta Sandwich made with Grilled Chicken, Bacon, Grilled Onions, Swiss Cheese,

and a Basil Spread on a Stone-Baked Ciabatta Roll, served with your choice of Chips, Soup or Pasta Salad for \$5.95. Soups include: Broccoli Cheese, Potato, or Cheddar Bacon. Fresh Desserts are available

daily. Please call orders in prior to the meeting for faster service. The Saltbox phone number is 345-7667.

Annual Banquet April 8 At Maple Street Grill

King Coltrin, with Great River Engineering in Springfield, will be the guest speaker at this year's banquet, scheduled for April 8 at Maple Street Grill. The theme is "Celebrating the Past ~ Looking To The Future" and Mr. Coltrin can address both. King was born and raised in Dallas County, and as an engineer, he is working with MODOT on the 73 to

65 Highways by-pass project. Social hour for the Banquet starts at 6:00, seating at 6:30, and dinner begins at 7:00.

New Member ~ Pine Lodge Residential Care

Pine Lodge has recently opened under the management and ownership of Mr.

and Mrs. Randy Gunter. They have been residents of West Plains and Springfield. They have two sons, Michael and Jason Gunter of Springfield.

Randy has been in management of Hardwood Flooring Mills for the past twenty years. Sue Gunter has done commercial insurance and real estate,

receiving her broker's license in 2004 selling assisted living facilities throughout the state. This is when Sue felt lead to meet the

needs of the elderly with respect and dignity. Randy and Sue purchased a facility in July 2005 in Trenton, Premier Residential Care, which is licensed with the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Mental Health. It was deficiency free on last inspection.

On March 5, 2008, they purchased the facility in Buffalo which is Pine Lodge Residential Care. Their mission is to provide a facility of quality that they would be happy to have their own live parents in. The

community has been very welcoming and Sue and Randy look forward to serving the elderly in this area.

Pine Lodge is located at 967 North Maple Street. Stop by and see them or contact them at 345-0310 or at psgunter@yahoo.com. A Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening is scheduled for Friday, March 28, at noon.

Tribute To Be Held For Alex Sutherland

Alex Sutherland and his wife Carrie were a vital part of the Celtic Festival from its inception. Not only did they perform, but they ran the Ceilidh on Friday evening and provided all of the sound equipment for the main stage. Alex recently, and very unexpectedly, died from a heart attack.

On April 19th from 2:00 to 5:00pm, there will be a "Musical Memorial" in

his honor. Several musicians decided to do something to pay tribute to Alex, who had such an influence on their lives with his music, humor and gentle, Christian nature. About 30 musicians will participate. It will be held at the New Community Church, 16801 Manchester Road in Wildwood, Mo. 63040. Admission is by donation (cash/check) which will be given as a "Love Offering" to the Sutherland family. Refreshments will also be available. Checks should be made out to "New Community Benevolent Fund" with "The Sutherland Family" written in the memo. Donations can also be mailed directly to the church if you cannot attend

or sent with someone who is attending.

Karen Kjar Memorial Golf Tournament

Colonial Springs Healthcare Center and Dallas County Resource Group will

sponsor this year's Karen Kjar Memorial Golf Tournament as a fund-raiser

for Dallas County's Relay For Life. The tournament, an 18 hole four person scramble, is scheduled for Friday, May 23, at Dream Valley Golf Course. In case of rain, the re-schedule date is May 30. Tee times are

at 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. The entry fee of \$240 includes carts, 18 holes, lunch and drinks. There will be hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest drive contests, and a limit of two mulligans per person available. For more information or to enter the tournament, contact Robert McMillan or Justin Bryant at 417-345-2228.

American Family Hosting Softball Tournament For Relay For Life

"American Family ~ Insuring Life" Relay For Life Team will host a co-ed softball tournament on Saturday, April 19, at the Buffalo City Park. The registration fee is \$100 and they are looking for twelve teams. All

members of the winning team will receive t-shirts with "2008 Champs" on the back and the tournament logo on the front. Call 417-345-6129 (office) or 417-327-3811 (cell) to sign up or with any questions. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Invitation To Tour The Kitchen In Springfield

The Kitchen in Springfield is celebrating 25 years and are inviting you to a Tuesday morning with The Kitchen, Open House Breakfast. This is free one hour event will share a brief overview of The Kitchen programs. Coffee and breakfast treats will be served. You will learn who they are, what they do, how they're doing and where they're going. Space is limited, so they ask that you reserve your business or organization's Tuesday by phone at 417-837-1500 or by e-mail at rorie_orgeron@the_kitcheninc.org. They are located at 420 East Commercial in Springfield.

"Volunteer Opportunities" Link On Chamber's Website

Need volunteers, or want to volunteer and don't know who to contact? As

a service to the community, not-for-profit entities who are looking for more volunteers can now go to the Chamber's website, www.buffalococ.com,

and input their own information and areas of need. Individuals interested in volunteering can also go to the site and contact the entities directly. Entities without internet capabilities can call the Chamber office and it will be input for them.

Heart To Heart Victory Garden

The community is invited to discuss the development of community gardens

in the city of Buffalo for the benefit of citizens of Dallas County.

The meeting will be held April 3 at the O'Bannon Center on East Ramsey Street in Buffalo from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, contact Jan at 417-733-1114 or after 6:00 p.m. at 345-7476. A flyer explaining the goals of the project is included.

American Cancer Society ~ Serving Dallas County

Having cancer is hard. Finding help shouldn't be. The American Cancer Society can help. A flyer is included that outlines the services that are provided to cancer patients in Dallas County. Brooke Evans is Dallas County's representative and has been visiting with several entities over the past couple of months. She can be reached at Brooke.Evans@cancer.org or by telephone at 800-915-8350.

March Events

28th Pine Lodge Residential Grand Opening - 967 North Maple Street - Noon

27-29 Habitat For Humanity Garage Sale - O'Bannon Center - 27th & 28th from 8 to 4 - 29th from 8 to noon

April Events

2nd Chamber Meeting - Saltbox Tea Room - Dr. Michael Nietzel, MSU President, Guest Speaker

3th Relay For Life Planning Meeting - O'Bannon Bank South - 6:00 p.m.

- Team Captain Meeting - 7:30

4 - 5 Alumni Reunion Weekend - Buffalo High School

5th St. Jude's Benefit - Chief Cornerstone Church - 5:00 p.m. - Live Music, Food, Silent Auction

5 - 6 Bison Strikers Relay Team 9 Pin No-Tap Bowling Tournament Fund-raiser - Buffalo Bowl

8th Chamber Annual Banquet & Awards - Maple Street Grill - 6:00 p.m.

11th Intimidators Relay For Life Team Guitar Hero Tournament - Gamers Hide-Out - 5:00 p.m. to Midnight

11th Rack It Billiards & Pub Grand Opening - 212 South Maple Street - Noon

12th Dream Valley Golf Grand Re-Opening - Dream Valley Road - 10:00 a.m.

17th Dallas County Betterment Association Meeting - Maple Street Grill - 11:30 a.m.

19th American Family Relay For Life Team Softball Tournament - Buffalo City Park - All Day

19th Intimidators Relay For Life Team BBQ - O'Bannon Community Center - 7:00 p.m.

26th Round Up Of Hope Relay For Life Team MFA Horse Day - Horses Of Hope - 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.