

Middletown Chamber of Commerce Newsletter



January 2017

CHAMBER CHATTER

FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – FREDA CHAPMAN

Where has January gone? It seems like yesterday that Laura and I were working on the December newsletter. What did our parents always tell us? Time goes by faster the older we get. That's for sure!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I mentioned in the last newsletter and luncheon that your Chamber is working hard to add new networking events to this year's calendar. Look for further details on a golf scramble, 5K Run (Middletown Family Fun Festival), blood drive, and after-hours meet and greets.

We are also meeting and talking with various people who would be great speakers at our monthly luncheon and Lunch and Learn workshops. I want you to walk away from these events with value-added information to assist you in running your business efficiently and effectively. As always, if you have any suggestions or ideas for speakers or topics, PLEASE CALL US. With over 250 members in our Chamber, I'm certain that you have listened to or heard of some great speakers in our area. We are always open for suggestions!!!!

I want to thank Phil Lockhart, of Minuteman Press, who volunteered to chair our Ambassador Committee. This committee will connect with present and future Chamber members. We work hard at the Chamber trying to keep the pertinent information changes regarding your business, i.e. e-mail addresses, website details, phone numbers, names of personnel, etc. We want to make sure all of the information is correct coming from our office – website, membership directory, etc. Of course, Laura and I will be assisting Phil and this committee as time allows. This group will also find out what's on your mind and what you need from the Chamber. Don't be surprised when you get a call or visit from this team. If you would like to participate on this committee, please let us know.

Don't Forget – every month, we try to help our non-profits by collecting non-perishables at our luncheons. Try to remember to bring some items to our next lunch meeting. The less fortunate in our community will appreciate it.



Thank you to the Safelite AutoGlass team who gathered canned goods and brought them to the Chamber luncheon on August 11, 2016.

SPOTLIGHT ON CHAMBER BUSINESSES

As a proud member of the Middletown Chamber (Chris Mattingly with Card Payment Solutions USA) would like to let you know about his passion -- helping Veterans by working with Active Heroes. This is his new company - **Soldier Solutions**.

Solider Solutions Mission Statement: To eradicate Veteran suicide through positive interactions, financial stability, and national awareness.

How They Accomplish the Goal: They provide merchants with a solution for their ever-growing expense of accepting credit cards for their business. Instead of a typical approach to credit card acceptance and negotiation, they have established Soldier Solutions to attack the issue head on. They negotiate for you. They guarantee to identify the additional costs and unnecessary fees you currently pay, develop and implement a plan to fix these oversights, and maintain the solution for the advancement of your business. In addition, they maintain your negotiated rate with the credit card processing company to ensure that your business is getting the best deal, every time. To their benefactors (Active Heroes), Soldier Solutions donates a portion of the annual negotiation fee to their cause on your behalf. People helping people.

For more information, contact Chris Mattingly-soldiersolutions.org.

River City Bank - River City Bank is pleased to announce that construction on our newest branch located at 14000 Shelbyville Road is nearing completion. River City Bank is a community bank that focuses on our customer's needs and takes delight in becoming active members within our neighborhoods. For more information about River City Bank, please visit our website at rivercitybankky.com or call our Middletown Branch Manager, Jeanna Ashley at 502-267-9400. We are pleased to join the community of the Middletown Chamber of Commerce. River City Bank. Member FDIC.

Welcome New City Commissioner

The Chamber wants to welcome new City Commissioner, Mark K. Stigers

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Mark Stigers was born in Louisville Kentucky. As a child, he was raised in Pleasure Ridge Park before moving to Middletown in 1970. Interest developed in the Middletown Fire Department from his next-door neighbor as well as friends at school, and he joined the fire department in 1975. Mark attended Eastern High School graduating in 1977. He attended Louisville Technical Institute earning a diploma in Architectural Design in 1979 and Jefferson Community College earning an Associates of Applied Science in 2006. He worked for several local architectural and engineering companies specializing in piping design which involved sanitary plumbing, process piping and fire sprinkler system design. In 1981, Mark wed his high school sweetheart, Norma. Mark and Norma have two children who both work for the Baptist Health System.

In 1986 the opportunity presented itself to become an employee of the Middletown Fire Protection District as a firefighter and fire prevention inspector. Mark has held numerous positions while employed by the fire district including Fire Marshal, Safety Officer and retiring in November 2013 as the Assistant Chief. He has experience in budget development, personnel management and Human Resources. He continues to maintain his Building Inspector certification through the State of

Kentucky. One committee Mark is especially proud to have worked on is the county E911 system that is now operated as MetroSafe. He now works for a private fire investigation company.

Mark has many interests in the community. He serves as the Vice-President of Historic Middletown, Inc., and is a volunteer at the Historic Middletown Museum. Mark developed and maintains the Facebook page for Historic Middletown Inc. He also serves as Treasurer of the Middletown Inn Historic Preservation Corporation and is on the board of the Middletown Historic Preservation Committee. Working with the previous Middletown Chamber of Commerce, he was in several positions of the organization as well as assisting with the annual Middletown Milestone Festival.

Mark feels he has a great deal of insight and experience to contribute to the position of City Commissioner and welcomes the opportunity to continue serving his community.

CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Our next speaker on 2/9/17 is Christopher Veal with LegalShield. Christopher Veal lives in Louisville with his lovely wife, Sarah Veal, and 3 energetic sons. He has been with LegalShield since July 2016 and enjoys helping people and businesses get legal and identity theft protection.

Location: Celebration Hall, 11711 Main Street (next to First Baptist Church)

Cost: \$15 in advance or \$20 cash or check at the door.

Reservations Required:

Call 245-0404 or middletownchamberofcommerce@yahoo.com or thru our website @ <http://middletownchamberofcommerce.com/member-login/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2017 - MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2/9 – Chamber Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP.

2/9 – City Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – Middletown City Hall, 11803 Old Shelbyville Road

2/16 – Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

2/16 – Lunch & Learn Workshop from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. @ Middletown City Hall, Greg Pestinger of Focal Point Business Coaching of Kentucky – topic – benefits of LinkedIn.

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3/23 – Chamber Board Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.

Welcome New Members:

Please take a moment to e-mail our new members and welcome them into our chamber family.

New Image Services, LLC – Ron Schmidt @ newservu@gmail.com

Middletown Town Money Saver – Karrol Switzer @ karrolswitzer@townmoneysaver.com

Sam Kinnaird Flooring – Donna Mudd @ dmudd@skfky.com

Kentucky Farm Bureau – John Davis @ jrd1914@yahoo.com

Double Dogs Middletown – Jennifer Gray @ jgray@doubledogs.biz

We are looking for new members. We encourage all of our members to assist us in doubling our membership in 2017. If everyone were to bring in one new member, we will achieve our goal.

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