



THERE'S NOTHING UNLUCKY ABOUT A GOOD DAY OF GOLF GOLF TOURNEY IS APRIL 13



Planning is in full swing for the annual Bolivar Chamber of Commerce networking golf tournament on Friday, April 13 at Silo Ridge Country Club. Registration for teams as well as sponsors is now open.

Entry fee is \$350 (all inclusive) per team which includes golf, cart, team mulligans (2 per player), entry into skins game, entry into longest drive/closest to the pin/ longest putt/hole-in-one contests, lunch and snacks - EVERYTHING!! Lunch will be provided to teams at noon with a 1 p.m. shotgun start.

The top three winners of each flight will earn cash prizes and gift certificates. Prizes will also be given for the skins game, closest to the pin and longest drive.

For more information, contact the chamber at 417-326-4118.



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NETWORK AT THE MARCH 16 AFTER-HOURS

Food? Check! Door prizes? Check! A great opportunity to network with fellow professionals? Check! Don't miss the first Chamber After-Hours of 2018 on March 16. Network with fellow chamber members and invite potential members to attend from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, March 16 at Smith's Restaurant. The social event includes food, a cash bar, door prizes as well as networking opportunities. Make plans now to attend.

FOCUS

Focus is the Chamber's news link with its membership, reporting on Chamber action involved in building a better community.

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JOIN THE CHAMBER... PASS IT ON

Do you know of a business that could benefit from a Bolivar Area Chamber of Commerce membership? Encourage them to join; invite them to a meeting; forward the newsletter to them.

INSPIRING WORDS OF WISDOM

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good."

~ Samuel Johnson

"Everyone you will ever meet knows something you don't." ~ Bill Nye

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 8, 2018

Board members attending: Bobbie McKnight, Rebekah Wright, Josh Baker, Levi Kemp, Penny Swearingin, Jenni Williams

Guests attending: Glen Farrow, Dennis Wiggins, Jeffrey Metzler, Anna Presley, Ellen Smith, Cary Charles, Trish Lavish, Terri Dial, CC Gulick, Amira Gerry, Dustin Lundgren, David Fieth, Gail Noggle, Nancy Sapp, Kristin Smith, Lucy Mayfield, Rebecca McRoberts, Ian Nix, Elizabeth Burris, Amy West, Kerrick Tweedy, Nick Seiner, Greg Ankrom, Susan Huff, Samantha Jacobson, Rev. Thomas Rhodes, Rebekah Gallaway, Gray Nordan, Dawnielle Robinson, Daniel Leith, Dylan Holloway, Ben Salmon, Stevie Salmon, Randy Boulware, Melody Glasgow, Linda Bunch, Lorrie Simpson

Linda Bunch welcomed everyone to the meeting. Chamber President Jesse Ankrom and his family are sick and Vice President Jared Taylor was in training so Linda ran the meeting.

Welcome new chamber members:

- Business Scents, LLC – David Fieth
- Strategic Financial Concepts, Inc. - Aaron Sloan

Thanks to those who have renewed their membership. If you received an invoice but haven't renewed yet, please do so – we will post renewals on Facebook.

Thanks to these Corporate and Executive Partners who have renewed so far –

- Bank of Bolivar
- Bolivar R-1 Schools
- CMH
- Commerce Bank
- Farmers State Bank
- Keeling Financial
- Polk County
- SBU
- Stephens Photography
- Tractor Supply Company

Chamber membership and partnerships go to support the chamber office and the events and services they provide.



Chamber e-mail – please start using info@bolivarchamber.com. The office is changing providers.

After Hours – March 16 at Smith's Restaurant – come and go starting at 4:30 – informal atmosphere. Great networking opportunity. Insurance companies are sponsoring this after-hours. Great food and prizes.

Annual Golf Tournament – Friday, April 13. Another networking opportunity. Put in a team, sponsor a hole, put items in the gift bags. It's a fundraiser but also a good networking opportunity.

Job Fair – a new opportunity coming up quickly – April 19 at the Roy Blunt YMCA. The chamber receives several phone calls from people wanting to find out who is hiring and from businesses looking for employees - it became a timely thing to do. Chamber members can have a booth for no charge. Sponsored by the Bolivar Herald Free Press. Look for information about becoming involved. We are looking at partnering with SBU and BHS for reviewing resumes.

Customer Service Training – last spring we did a short customer service training program thanks to OTC Workforce Development's Cary Charles. Randy Will put on that program – a quick overview of his Smooth as Glass training - and we have had some interest in putting on the full program. If we have enough interest, we will have the event in the spring and cost would be around \$50 for a 4-hour program.

Program – Community Health Assessment Results – How the health of our county affects your business – Polk County Health Center Administrator Michelle Morris

- PCHC has done work over the last 9 months – asked for community input for their strategic plan
- Strategic health assessment is a 200-page document (can be provided to anyone looking for data for writing a grant or other purposes; will be posted on their website at a later date)
- Created a community health improvement plan (health dept. along with many community partners)
- Priority areas found:
 - o Access to Healthcare
 - o Premature Death
 - o Obesity

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- Goals:
 - o Increase healthcare access, housing and transportation
 - o Decrease premature deaths due to substance abuse in Polk County
 - o Lower obesity rates in the community
- Businesses and organizations can help with these goals by providing easy options for their employees:
 - o Provide healthy food options at meetings and celebrations
 - o Encourage employees to form a walking group
 - o Provide lists of resources to those employees who need or know someone who needs them
- The staff at PCHC can help – call them at 326-7250

Economic Development Update – Bolivar Economic Developer Gail Noggle –

- Mercy broke ground on their new clinic – will provide 43 new jobs.
- Showed a video about the Bolivar Industrial Park – it is a certified site in the state of Missouri. The Missouri Partnership markets the state to national and international businesses. The video is a marketing tool to site selectors. It will also be on the city's website, so anyone can use it.

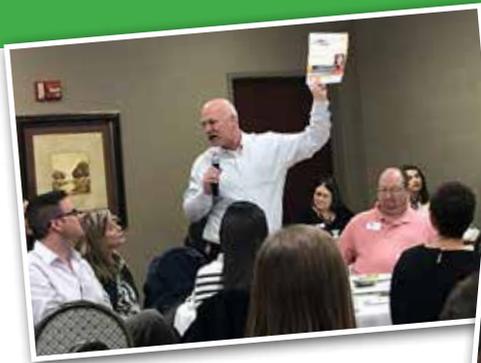
Round table:

- Ian Nix – with US Bank in Springfield – introduce new branch manager in Bolivar Rebecca McRoberts – came from Springfield and just took over as branch manager
- Randy Boulware – now has 11 full-time employees; just added a \$30,000 machine to measure wrecked cars
- Mid-Missouri Bank – enter to win \$100 promotion – see her
- Bobbie McKnight – see her for your Valentines shopping needs from Mary Kay
- Lucy Mayfield – Freshwater Church – Porter family that lost mom – if you want to donate, taking last load of clothes today at 4:30
- Rebekah Galloway – Polk County Library – new Page to Page; Monday night at the movies is new; this Monday is Despicable Me 3. New movie each Monday – free
- Dennis Wiggins – Missouri Job Center - Momentum Survey results lunch is later this month; reserve tickets
- Nick Seiner – every year SWEC gets questions about energy rebate program – it is still going on in 2018 – give them a call or go to their website
- Kerrick Tweedy – SOAR – working with the city to select a new airport engineering project.

- David Fieth – Business Scents – new business in town – dealer for Baker Tech products – eliminates odors with essential oils – worldwide business
- CC Gulick – Farmers Market – need volunteers at COM in thrift store and food pantry – served 74 families yesterday – just come on down if you can help
- Rebekah Wright – SBU – biblical archeology exhibit coming to SBU – Feb 24 – Dec 8 – free but donations are accepted. Will be a conference in December with the excavator
- Jeffrey – SBU student- Infuse program – weekly podcasts – want to do a community outreach – if you are interested, see him
- Ben Salmon – KLIFE – having their annual fundraising banquet – February 24 at CMH – only 2 tables left – in desperate need to bring a female helper which this will help pay for.
- Gray Nordan – Countryside Assembly – married people – Wednesday night, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. – 1-hour presentation on married life – at church and live on Facebook. Gray challenges you to give one hour for your marriage
- Sammy Jacobson – Bolivar Schools – communications – lot going on at school district – spring sports getting ready to begin. Thank you to the community for support. You also can bring donations to the Porter family to the intermediate school.
- Greg Ankrom – BOB – end of December promotion – donated \$5,900 to charities (largest to date). Also, coming up is donation debit card (donations are made to organizations each time a debit card is used) for Fair Pay School and KLIFE.
- Daniel Leith – Polk County House of Hope – April 21 – 5k run and walk partnering with Ozark Greenways – looking for sponsors (walkers/runners/businesses); Knights of Columbus fish fry to benefit House of Hope – March 9
- Levi Kemp – Duck Creek – no longer Accenture, just Duck Creek Technologies; he's also with Trail Life USA – Pleasant Hope and Bolivar – outdoor activities with spirituality – looking for kids to participate and adult volunteers
- Tom Rhodes – Zion Lutheran Church – Friday, 5:00 – celebrating the life of Amanda Ward, the woman who was killed in the house fire; next Wednesday, 7:00 – Ash Wednesday
- Officer Dawnielle Robinson - BPD – do other things than Shop with a Cop; last year they put in over 700 community hours and worked with several organizations and businesses. Offer education on public safety, drugs in the community, active shooter, and more. Call central dispatch or the police department for more information.

The March Networking @ Noon meeting will have an educational program on the use tax by the city of Bolivar.

The open meeting was dismissed for networking.



SPRING MEETINGS TO ADDRESS USE TAX, EMERGENCY PLANNING

You will want to make plans now to attend the spring Networking@Noon meetings. So what exactly is a use tax? Find out more information on the use tax ballot measure at the Thursday, March 8 Chamber meeting.

With spring weather right around the corner, is your business prepared in the event of a natural disaster? Most small businesses do not have an emergency plan. Join us for the April 12 Networking@Noon meeting to hear from emergency management professionals on the steps to take to help make sure your business is prepared in the case of a disaster.

Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at noon in the community rooms at CMH. Get them on your calendar today! Lunch is available for \$6, but the meal is completely optional.



Photos from February meeting.



To see more photos, visit the Chamber's Facebook page.

-- Upcoming Events --

CMH Butterfield Pharmacy Ribbon-Cutting and Open House

Thursday, March 1
Ribbon-cutting at 1 p.m.; open house 1 to 3 p.m.
1125 N. Butterfield Rd.

Monthly Networking@Noon Meeting

Thursday, March 8
CMH Community Room #2

Business After-Hours

Friday, March 16, 4:30 to 6 p.m.,
Smith's Restaurant

Bolivar Smiles Ribbon-Cutting

Wednesday, April 4, 12:30 p.m.

Monthly Networking@Noon Meeting

Thursday, April 12
CMH Community Room #2

Golf Tournament

Friday, April 13 at Silo Ridge

Job Fair

Thursday, April 19
3-7 p.m., Roy Blunt YMCA

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