
MABA News that you can use!



MABA News

August 2015

A Note From the President



First, I would like to thank all of the volunteers and sponsors who helped to make the August MABA Member meeting a great success. It is great to see the level of participation from the group.

It is a very busy time for MABA. We have board elections, the coupon book fundraiser, philanthropic grants to give out, strategic planning for next year and the December meeting to plan. I am looking forward to the next few months and all of the exciting things that will come from the hard work that all have contributed.

It is also wonderful to see so many guests visiting the meetings each month. Please keep inviting people that can benefit from MABA and the relationships that are built. Growth of the organization will only happen if our members continue to invite new members to join. Thank you for supporting this effort.

Sincerely,

Lisa Schroeder

Meeting Sponsor

Timely Tips in 3 Sponsor

Our Meeting Sponsor for August is Harkness Law Firm, PLLC in Okemos.

Cullen Harkness and Lauren Elster highlighted three key areas that they specialize in. They are:

1. Business Formation - choosing the proper type of business to setup.
2. Estates - The difference between a will and a trust, along with the difference between a financial and medical power of attorney.
3. Debt Collection - What to do if clients or consumers are not paying you.

They also provide many other services including Family Law, Landlord/Tenant, Business Law and Municipal Law.

50/50 Sponsor

Our 50/50 Sponsor for August is Madle Consulting. All proceeds from the drawing will go to the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund to promote continuing education of business owners and professionals that are MABA Members. Thank you Marsha!

The winners of the 50/50 drawing were Shirley from Against All Odds who received a total of \$49 and Kevin from Liberty Mutual who won a \$25 gift card to Studio C. Madle Consulting provided the gift card for the drawing.

Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

This is a new program for MABA and to date it has raised approximately \$300. Thank you for supporting this through the 50/50 drawings and the mail campaign that was recently sent out. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, just visit maba.biz and click the donate button on the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund page.

Thank you

A very special thank you for Jen Bennett for taking all of the notes at the meeting and putting this together for our new MABA Newsletter.

Our Timely Tips in Three Sponsor for August is Michael Sullivan from New York Life.

His tips for MABA Members this month are:

1. Review your life insurance - 70% are under insured.
2. Automate finances - Especially savings, 10 - 15% of income into savings, you should not notice.
3. IRS now allows QLAC - May allow you to put off required distributions.

Other MABA News

Golf Outing

On July 24th we held the annual MABA Golf Outing. There was outstanding weather and fun had by all! We raised just over \$1500 for the philanthropic grants that will be given out at the December member meeting.

MABA Website

Many exciting changes have been and are being made to the website. Better contact information for committee members, meeting setup volunteers, a MABA blog and online payment for memberships, membership renewals and events have been added.

If there are community events that you would like to submit for the event calendar, or suggestions to improve the site, please send them to tconway@justask.net. We would like to make this website the place to go when looking for a business in the area.

Remember to update your profile! This is one of the great benefits of your MABA membership

Promote your business on Facebook!

Ashley from Adams Outdoor is helping MABA promote its members on Facebook. If you would like her to post about your business, just send her information to post.

Round the Horn

We gave our 30 second elevator pitch to our table and then shared one great thing that we did this summer. This **exercise** was to help start building better personal and business relationships with those in MABA.

FROM THE TOWNSHIP

Township Talk with Peter

Peter Menser from Meridian Township provided us with a list of many new projects and updates on ongoing projects in Meridian Township.

Police Department Update

Lt. Ken Palaga provided an update on happenings in Meridian Township that included the results from National Night Out. There were over 30 neighborhoods involved with this event this year! Meridian Township lost a K-9 car in a crazy event and Thursday, September 10th they are holding a Citizens Academy from 6:30 until 9:30. Anyone interested in attending the Academy, please contact Lt. Palaga at the Meridian Township Police Department.

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