



MABA News That You Can Use!

# MABA News

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## ***A Note From The President***

Dear Tom,



Fellow MABA Members-

WOW! The end of the year is here already! What a year we've had at MABA. Our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year was certainly a busy year filled with celebrations honoring our past, present and future. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President during this very special year.

A year of accomplishments indeed...here's a snapshot!

- Kicked off our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year at Dusty's Cellar where it all began.
- Hosted 9 socials with 30 -40 attendees
- Established a new Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented every five years
- Raised \$1250 at golf outing for Philanthropic Grants (MABA contributed an additional \$250)
- Raised \$456.50 through 50/50 for Joan Smith Memorial Fund
- Awarded \$750 grants to Haven House and Lansing Art Gallery
- Awarded \$565 in Joan Smith Memorial Fund scholarships
- Helped plan and facilitate 26 ribbon cuttings and 1 VIP luncheon
- Remain in good financial standing with \$31,562 cash on hand

The ultimate goal of all the efforts we do is to engage our members for building relationships as well as provide opportunities for prospective businesses to engage with and join MABA to gain business connections. Overall, this year has been a very successful year. We continue to look for ways to improve our meetings and

our events and to bring value to our members.

Thank you to all of YOU, our members, who continue to participate, bring guests to our meetings and contribute financially through sponsorships and our fundraising events. Without YOU MABA would not be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary nor be the outstanding organization it is today.

Happy Holidays!

Marsha Madle,

MABA President

### Meeting Sponsor

This month's meeting sponsor was The MABA Board of Directors. We would like to thank all of the volunteers who server on committees, the board, and the setup crews. We would also like to thank you, the Members of MABA for another great year. We are looking forward to more growth and exciting things to come in 2018!

### Do Business With a Member!

### 50/50 Sponsor

This month's 50/50 sponsor was Dr. Bachtrac Tu from Portnoy and Tu, DDS. Sherry Gast received \$50. Kellie Garrett won a gift card and Capt. Frenger won a wall hanging. You can reach Dr. Tu at 517-349-3266.

Proceeds benefit the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### MABA Biz

**MABA Awards** were given at the December meeting. The recipients are:

Most Improved business is Sylvan Learning Center.

Member of the Year is Tom Conway.

Business Person of the Year is Patty Dean.

President's Award is Nancy Karkau.

Lifetime Achievement is Marsha Madle.

**Philanthropic Grants** were also presented at the December meeting to the following organizations:

\$750 to Haven House to create a reading area for kids.

\$750 to The Lansing Art Gallery to replace the floor in the Kids area.

### Township Talk

Chris Buck gave us a quick update this month. Updates on Costco and other grand openings. Many more new businesses are coming to Meridian Township and the master plan has been approved. For more information, please visit the township website at [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us).



Please see the website for all of the happenings at the Police Department. You can reach the police department at 517-853-4800. You can also find information at [www.meridian.mi.us/police](http://www.meridian.mi.us/police).

The next MABA Meeting will be at City Limits East, starting at 7:15 am on January 12th.

Visit [MABA.biz](http://MABA.biz) for more details on events, member information and news about MABA!

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