



*MABA News That You Can Use!*

# MABA News

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

**Dear Meridian Area Business Association,**



Welcome to 2019 MABA Members!

As we launch into our busy routines and new goals for the year I wanted to take a second and thank you for being members. We have seen great growth during the last couple of years and higher engagement with our membership. I am very excited to be part of this movement and honored to be at the helm this year.

Currently we are at 129 members. Our growth goal for the year is to be at 145 members. We're hoping that our new, professional location at MSUFCU, located on the corner of Mt. Hope and Farm Lane, will provide you with greater ease and comfort for inviting guests to the meeting. Although our day has not changed, second Friday of each month, our time has slightly changed. Doors now open at 7:45 for networking and the meeting starts at 8 and ends at 9. We're afforded a brief time after that for continued networking. We are very appreciative to MSUFCU for donating this space to us. As a caveat, we did make two changes for the year. Due to previous bookings, in April we will meet the third Friday, April 19, instead of the second. In June we will meet the second Friday, June 14, but will change the location to the Meridian Sun Golf course, as our golf outing will follow.

Rolling into the rest of the year, please check out our new Team (formally committees) formats to plug-in and get involved. For more information, visit the MABA website. And as always, "Do Business with a Member!"

Kellie Garrett

MABA President 2019

### **Meeting Sponsor**

Our meeting sponsor for February was Amy Geer of Hoerner & Geer CPA's and Business Consultants. They have two locations in Chesaning and Grand Blanc but a large client base in Meridian Township. They can help you with taxes, payroll, Quickbooks, and many aspects of business planning. If you have questions about services, please contact Amy at:

**989-845-3232**

or [amy@hoernerandassociates.com](mailto:amy@hoernerandassociates.com)

### **50/50 Sponsor**

This month's 50/50 sponsor was Carol Bidigare from Primerica. We raised a total of \$80 this month. The winner of \$40 was one of our guests, Katrina from Launch Trampoline Park. She also won the drawing for a gift of chocolate from Carol. Proceeds from this month's 50/50 fund the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

### **MABA Biz**

#### **Display Table**

There is a display table at each monthly meeting for members to display their literature or flyers. They tables where we are seated for the meeting are reserved for MABA and the meeting sponsor only. Please visit the display table to see all of the information that is available.

#### **Committees**

If you have an interest in serving on a committee, please contact any MABA board member. They can help you get plugged in and engaged with MABA!

#### **Testimonials**

Please put your testimonials on the website and let everyone know how much you appreciate your fellow members!

### **Township Talk**

There are many great things happening in Meridian Township. Orthopedic Rehab is opening a location in Okemos, Gallegar Law and Simplified Tax have opened at Carriage Hills, and Panera Bread is starting the new building project. Launch will be open very soon at the Meridian mall too. For more information, please visit the MABA website and get all of the projects in Meridian Township.

### **Farmer's Market**

The crowdfunding goal for the new Farmer's Market in Meridian Township was reached and the matching grant will also be received. This is a great addition to the township and a destination spot with many programs to be held at the new venue. For more information please visit the Meridian Township website.

**The next MABA Meeting will be at MSUFCU, starting at 7:45 am on March 8th.**

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