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MABA News

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A Note From The President

Dear Tom,



Dear MABA Members,

November – A month of Thanksgiving!

We have had a busy few weeks as our 20th Anniversary Year draws to a close. Our MABA Gala was held on Saturday, October 28th at The View in downtown Lansing. I want to personally thank the committee – Kellie Abbott, Co-Chair, Malinda Barr, Co-chair, Patty Dean, Nancy Karkau and Nancy Snider for all their hard work not only for this very special event but for all the events throughout the year of celebration. Our first President, Keith Terry, travelled from Austin, TX to be with us which was very inspiring.

I was extremely humbled and honored to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award. MABA has been my passion for 20 years and I feel especially privileged to serve as your President during this special year. MABA is truly an exceptional organization made of up of business leaders throughout our region. It is ALL the members who contribute to MABA's success whether you have been a member 20 years or joined at today's meeting. I share this award with my husband who has been a long-time advocate of MABA and my number one fan and I share it with all of you because all of you have contributed in some way to my journey and I am very grateful.

The President's Award was also presented during the Gala this year. This award is given to a person of the President's choice and is strictly based on whatever the President wishes. This year I wanted to recognize someone who has been with MABA for a number of years and someone who has been an active participant but does so "behind the scenes". This year it was my pleasure to present the 2017 President's Award to Nancy Karkau, Essex Designs. Thank you Nancy for your steadfast support of MABA for more years than I can remember.

It seems our monthly meetings continue to get better and better. Today was no exception. The energy was high and we had a great deal of fun. We voted on

our slate for new Board members and I would like to welcome Chaz Carillo and Shawn Dunham as first time Board members and Carl Wesolek as a second term Board member.

Going forward we look toward next month's meeting which will be our Holiday Meeting. It will be very festive and we will be shaking up the agenda a bit to allow more networking time. We will also be presenting our other three awards which the membership voted on – Business Person of the Year, MABA Member of the Year and Best Improved Business of the Year. Thank you everyone for selecting these recipients through our Table Talk last month. I will also be presenting an overview of our Annual Report. The full version will be posted on the website.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for both personally and professionally. And, a heartfelt thank you to all our Veterans on this Veteran's Day.

I'm looking forward to seeing YOU on December 8!

Marsha Madle,

MABA President

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50/50 Sponsor

This month's 50/50 sponsor was John Campbell with Great Lakes Interiors and Design. Dan Goodnoe received \$35. Lisa Schroeder received a keyboard tray. You can reach John at 517-204-6501.

MABA Biz

Two awards were given at the MABA Gala. The Presidents Award was given to Nancy Karkau and the Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Marsha Madle. Congratulations to both for all of your dedication to the success of MABA.

During Around the Horn, we did a little brainstorming at each table about how we thank our clients. Ideas ranged from gift baskets to t-shirts. There are many ways to say thank you and you are appreciated.

Please remember that the December meeting will be more festive and the format will be a little different. We will be giving out the MABA Awards and will have more time for networking. Marsha will also be giving the annual report for MABA.

Township Talk

Chris Buck gave us an update this month. He is the new representative from the township that will be coming to MABA each month. Saddleback BBQ, Kingston Kitchen, and Costco are now open. Holiday Inn will be opening next month and Ace Hardware is closing. Many more new businesses are coming to Meridian Township and the master plan is on the website. For more information, please visit the township website at 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

Proceeds benefit the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This will include where the organization has been, where we are now, and where we will be going in the future. Fun for all!

also find information at www.meridian.mi.us/police.

The next MABA Meeting will be at City Limits East, starting at 7:15 am on December 8th.

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