
MABA News that you can use!



MABA News

October 2015

A Note From the Vice President



As I stood in for our President Lisa Schroeder this month at the member meeting, I was impressed by the involvement of more and more members. Setup crews working on tables, greeters at the check-in tables, committee chairs with updates and much, much more. Getting involved is a great way to get the most out of your MABA membership and committees can do just that.

Committees

If you have not noticed, over the last year, we have developed more committees in MABA. This not only helps to distribute the load of getting everything done that we want to accomplish, but it also gives members to get involved on a deeper level. When serving on a committee, you develop a better relationship with the other members. This helps to grow your business. I don't know how many times I have referred a member of one of the committees that I have served on based on that relationship. If you would like to be more involved, please visit the website at www.maba.biz and look at the different committees, I'm am sure that there will be one that will peak your interest. Just let one of the board members or committee chairs know that you are interested!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Conway

Meeting Sponsor

Our Meeting Sponsor for October is Arcadia Home Care. Sherry Gast and Brent Cleland shared the following information with MABA members.

Arcadia ensures the highest quality of care by employing the best caregivers. They serve with compassion and respect whether it is companionship, light housekeeping, meal preparation, personal care, medication reminders, errands or respite. Caregivers are specially trained to assist with condition specific needs such as traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's spinal cord injury, ALS and Parkinson's.

Some things to note when considering home care for you or a loved one - make sure your skilled nurse or hired caregiver:

- are licensed (not required by the State of MI)
- are employees of the agency, not registry
- are bonded and insured

What sets Arcadia apart from other home care companies:

- Every client is assessed and a care plan is developed based on level of care
- Health Sensor Monitor System: monitors patients 24/7
- Community involvement

For more information visit www.arcadiahomecare.com

50/50 Sponsor

In lieu of a 50/50 drawing this month, a silent auction was held to benefit the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund was established to promote continuing education to business owners and professionals in all business sectors and business stages. A huge thank you to everyone that participated!

Timely Tips in 3 Sponsor

Our Timely Tips in Three Sponsor for October is Brian and Sally Krichbaum, owners of Gilbert Chocolates in the Meridian Mall.

A little bit of chocolate everyday can do you a world of good!

1) Dark Chocolate - Full of antioxidants and an appetite suppressant (makes you feel fuller longer). Also good for lactose intolerant chocolate eaters!

2) Milk Chocolate - Same antioxidants as dark chocolate, but with a little more sugar.

3) White Chocolate - Has flavonoids! Also helps to neutralize free radicals in the body. Good for repairing cell damage to reduce risk of disease.

Whether purchasing a gift for a client, giving it to someone special or to satisfy your own sweet tooth, you can feel good about eating a little chocolate every day!

For more information on products available from Gilbert Chocolates, visit their website at www.gilbertchocolates.com.

Other MABA News

MABA Website

Many exciting changes have been and are being made to the website. We are working on a Member Promotions page for standing MABA discount programs. This page is now live and we are taking submissions. Please let us know if you have a discount or referral program that you would like featured on the website.

For more information on this fund, please call 517-483-3299 or email mababiz@gmail.com.

More About MABA

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.

Round the Horn

This time was used this month to introduce ourselves to the group, to bid on the silent auction items and for open networking.

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 to Ashley Barbeau at abarbeau@adamsoutdoor.com.

Philanthropy Grants

Nominations are now being accepted for qualified non-profits for the 2015 year. We will be awarding these grants at the December meeting. For more information please contact Dale Kohlsmith at dkohlsmith@signarama-lansingeast.com or at the MABA website on the committee page.

The recipients of the 2014 grants were the Harris Nature Center Foundation and the Parkwood Y. Monies were used for the addition of infrastructure and the startup of a program for seniors.

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 with a photo and current contact information! This is one of the great benefits of your MABA membership.

Sponsor for October Meeting

Meeting Sponsor

-Rayla House - Malinda Barr

Timely Tips

-Liberty Mutual Insurance - Kevin Damesworth

50/50 Sponsor

-Meridian Cleaners - Mike Ma

***Please check the MABA website to see if you are on the setup crew or are a greeter at the October meeting. We appreciate all of the help each month!

Board of Directors

Remember that board elections will be held next month at the member meeting. The slate of candidates is as follows:

- Craig Allen
- Jennifer Bennett
- Tom Conway
- Marsha Madle
- Michael Sullivan

FROM THE TOWNSHIP

Township Talk with Peter

Peter Menser from Meridian Township provided MABA with a list of many new projects and updates on ongoing projects that are happening in and around the Meridian Township area.

Police Department Update

Cullen Harkness provided an update on happenings in Meridian Township.

1) Halloween Open House will be held on October 31st from 10 am until 2 pm. They will be featuring tours of the station and treats.

For more information about the township, please visit www.meridian.mi.us.

2) There have been a lot of reported incidents of cloned credit cards. Monitor your bank statements and be aware.

3) There have also been many fraudulent \$20 bills circulating in the area. Please be aware if accepting this denomination.

Visit their website for more information at www.meridian.mi.us/POLICE.

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