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## MABA News that you can use!

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# MABA

# News

February 2017

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## A Note From the President



Hello MABA Members!

Our year is off to a terrific start! The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off was well attended and we had lots of fun seeing some former founding members in attendance along with our new members. It was also wonderful to see some former members returning at our last meeting. Our February theme was "Spread the Love"! We had fun with our Barbershop quartet thanks to Steve Whittaker from Sunrise Seamless. We also want to thank again Gilbert Chocolates for being a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary sponsor providing the MABA candy mold for our candy bars and Plant Professionals for the lovely carnations.

Our year is gearing up to be a busy one...check your MABA 20<sup>th</sup> Calendar and the website for events. We want **YOU** to be involved by attending and sponsoring events, joining committees, and volunteering. All these activities will help **YOU** grow your business as **WE** collectively grow MABA.

Check out our website! We have added under News the Meridian Township Update. Ben Motil, Economic Development Coordinator for Meridian Township will be providing a list of development project updates. He will be providing information at the MABA meetings but there he will highlight one or two newsworthy items. You will have access to his full list on the website.

The MABA Board has worked diligently over the last few months on reviewing and updating our policies. You can find the policies on the website and they will be included in each New Member Packet. Please review them.

Lastly, but certainly not least, we appreciate you communicating with us through the Comment Cards. The Board reviews them at our meetings and gives them serious consideration. Some of them are simple and easy to implement or test quickly and others may take additional consideration. I want to assure you that your voice counts so keep the cards coming.

Let's get the MABA buzz going!

Marsha Madle

MABA President

## MABA Meeting Sponsor

Our Meeting Sponsor for February was Gilbert Chocolates. Sally Kirchbaum shared the story of the new production facility in Jackson and how they completed the renovation project. Brian did an amazing job with advancing the slides for Sally!

You are invited to stop into the Okemos location inside of the Meridian Mall next to Ruby Tuesday's.

For more information and to see the menu, go to [www.gilbertchocolates.com](http://www.gilbertchocolates.com) or call 517-764-3141.

## 50/50 Sponsor

Our 50/50 sponsor for February was Nancy Karkau from Essex Hair Design. It raised \$40 for the Joan Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

## Charitable Grants

MABA was able to give out three charitable grants for 2016. There were many worthy charities and these were the three that the committee chose.

### **Many Hands** - \$750

Supports the backpack program for underprivileged children.

### **Hospice of Lansing** - \$750

To help staff purchase matching uniforms at the care facility.

### **Parkwood Y** - \$750

To help with healthy kids programs.

## Other MABA News

### **MABA Website**

We have added a Jobs Board for any MABA Member that has a position open. Please email a .pdf of the listing and we will post to the board. When the position is filled, just inform us at the same

The 50/50 prize was a gift bag with an assortment of mens products. Thank you Nancy!

## More About MABA

### 20th Anniversary

The 20th Anniversary of MABA is in full swing now and more events will be announced on the MABA website soon. Please visit the event section to see upcoming events at [www.maba.biz](http://www.maba.biz).

### New Website Page

We now have a page with updates on projects from Ben Motil at Meridian Township! Thank you Ben for all of the information that is here.

email address, and it will be removed from the board.

Email listings to: [tconway@justask.net](mailto:tconway@justask.net)

### Events Page

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](mailto:tconway@justask.net). We would like to make this website the place to go when looking for a business or an event in the area.

## FROM THE TOWNSHIP

### Township Talk with Ben

Township Talk this month featured Ben Motil who answered questions and provided information on The Taste of Meridian. Also from Julie, please pay taxes by February 14th.

For more information about the township, please visit [www.meridian.mi.us](http://www.meridian.mi.us).

### Next Meeting

Friday, March 10, 2017

City Limits East - 7:15 am

*Bring guests and lots of business cards!*

### Police Department Update

The update from Captain Greg will update us next month with the happenings in Meridian Township.

Visit their website for more information at [www.meridian.mi.us/POLICE](http://www.meridian.mi.us/POLICE).

### Promotions Page

If your business has a standing referral program or discount available to all MABA members, please submit this to be posted on the website. You can email your promotion to [tconway@justask.net](mailto:tconway@justask.net).

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