

Good Morning Grand Ledge September 28, 2006



On a nice sunny morning the Chamber kicks off “Good Morning Grand Ledge”. Hosting 40 people the Chamber provided an informative social networking meeting. The highlight of the morning was having Mr. Randy Thayer, Plant Manger of Lansing Delta Township Plant Assembly sharing GM’s plans and vision for the future in Delta Township.



Randy shared with Chamber members and guest the new vehicles which will be manufactured at their Delta Township Assembly Plant. The plant has over 3,400,000 sq ft of manufacturing space and will employ over 3,000 employees. Randy shared with the group that their plant was a recipient of the LEED Gold Award in which they were the first automaker to receive this award. Over 700,000 hours of training has been invested to prepare employees for their jobs at the new plant. The cost and investment of the new Delta Township Assembly Plant was approximately \$1.5B.

Randy was born in Lansing, Michigan on September 28, 1955. After graduating from Leslie High School, he earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Kettering University (formerly GMI) and received his master’s degree in industrial engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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Randy J. Thayer was named Plant Manager of General Motors' new Lansing Delta Township Assembly Plant on July 28, 2003. In this role, Randy has responsibility for plant performance in the areas of safety, people, quality, responsiveness, cost and environment as well as ensuring effective implementation of GM's Global Manufacturing System. His role includes maintaining a strong partnership with the UAW.

Randy serves on the boards of the Capital Area United Way, Peckham Foundation, Highfields and the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce. Randy and his wife, Cindy, reside in Dimondale, MI. They have two grown daughters.



Mr. Ronald Rhodes, President of Dart Bank Provides' some banking stories.



Mr. Norman Smith and Mr. Walt Esctruth talk about Grand Ledge's growing spree and economy.



Mr. Randy Lundberg of Self Defense of America provides inside strategy to a possible customer.



Doctor Ethan Childs listens to a member explain the pain he has in his lower back.

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Mr. Craig Goble the chairperson of the Chambers Ambassadors Committee welcome members and guest to an exciting morning of networking.



Mr. Jon Bayless, City Administrator shares information involving the City's construction plan and other current activities underway in Grand Ledge.



Ms. Susan Sasse shares information and statistical information regarding real estate in the Grand Ledge area.



Mr. Steve Krumm shares what's happening in the Grand Ledge Public School system.

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Ms. Nichole Noll of Capital City Airport Authority shares information regarding Trans America Airlines coming into the airport.



Ms. Marilyn Smith reminds everyone about the Chamber's Color Cruise & Island Festival coming up. She just happen to have her volunteer schedule with her for the breakfast.



Beautiful morning for Chamber's Good Morning Grand Ledge. This event is hosted by the Chamber's Ambassadors Committee which is chaired by Mr. Craig Goble, Vice President of Dart Bank. The Ambassadors Committee meets the last Wednesday morning of the month at 7:30 a.m.

Our next Good Morning Grand Ledge meeting will be November 16, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. The meeting will be hosted at the Grand Ledge Opera House located at 121 S. Bridge Street, Grand Ledge.

If you have any questions about our Ambassadors Committee or would like to join this Chamber committee please contact our Chamber office at 517.627.2383 and talk with our executive director.