



Newsletter for May

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Director's Corner

Our annual chamber dinner was held on April 17th at the Opera House. The Athena Award was presented to Ethelen Herbstreit, an active community volunteer. Ethelen gives her time, talents and energy to her church, the historical society, the museum, the Opera House, Ledges Playhouse, Ledge Craft Lane and Michigan Week. She also plays the piano once or twice a month at local nursing homes. Business Person of the Year was awarded to Susan Sasse, local realtor with Coldwell Banker Hubbell Real Estate. Susan qualified for the circle of Excellence Award- only 54 out of 1400 local realtors-given to a person who participates in community service, continues their real estate education and reaches a designated level of sales. She mentors a group of new professionals every Friday morning. Her volunteer activities with the Chamber include serving on the Ambassadors, Snow Daze and Public Relations committees and Board of Directors. She also gives her time to help with Island Art Fair, Color Cruise and Island Festival, Victorian Day and serves on the DDA and Board of Review for the City of Grand Ledge. Angie Criger was named Teacher of the Year. She is a special education teacher at Grand Ledge High School. Angie's students have a range of disabilities and ages. She provides the students with simple life skills they will need to live as independently as possible, which includes helping them plan menus they can prepare, make a grocery list, actual trips to the grocery store and cooking what they bought. She also encourages her students to volunteer in the community and plans various field trips and experiences in the community. Angie also continues her own personal education.

Congratulations to Ethelen, Susan and Angie.

Norman Snyder
Executive Director

Victorian Day – Saturday, May 5th, 10am – 5pm

The committee has a fun-filled day planned for adults and children. Don't miss the unique non-motorized parade at 12 noon with many horses, surreys, carts, a 1920's Lansing Dairy milk delivery wagon pulled by a percheron, 1900 water wagon from charlotte pulled by Belgians, miniature horses, costumed walkers and decorated bicycles. Breaking news: Beatrix Potter (Marte Pappal) will be the guest storyteller at the Teddy Bear Tea @ 1pm. Pick up a "Gazeeater" Victorian newspaper (sponsored by FlagStar Bank) at local businesses which includes a full schedule of events or visit our website: www.victoriandays.org. Questions? Call Marilyn Smith 627-5170 or email: marnor1@comcast.net

Marilyn Smith
Victorian Day

Ambassadors Committee

Committee members have distributed brochures. We continue to plan ribbon cuttings. Thanks to Grand Ledge Ford for our last "After Hours" networking. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 30.

Craig Goble and Susan Sasse, co-chairs

Public Relations Committee

The committee has resumed the responsibility for the monthly newsletter. Working on an inclusive brochure for area festivals/events/visitor sites. Reviewing Grand Ledge information packets. Next meeting: Thursday, May 17th, noon @ Opera House

Karla Chamberlain
Public Relations Committee

Color Cruise and Island Festival

Committee continues to meet monthly. Many displayers have responded. Food/vendor forms have been mailed. We are working to fill main staffing positions. Brochures have been delivered/mailed. Princess Laura will be in town to provide riverboat rides. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9th, noon @ Opera House.

Karla Chamberlain
Color Cruise and Island Festival

Chamber Email Address Change

Please remember our email address has been changed to glacc@grandledgemi.com. If you are using our old email address we will not get your email or communications. Please change our email address and if you have changed your email address please notify the office by either email or fax. Thank you!

Karla Chamberlain
Public Relations Committee

Ledges Playhouse Restoration

The Ledges Playhouse Theatre Company is proud to announce its 2007 season- An Evening with Mark Twain- May 17th thru May 27th

Mark Twain's life and work are celebrated in this one-man show starring LPTC's Artistic Director Kevin Burnham. In the first act of this unique production it is 1877 and Twain is in his 40's as he delights the audience with stories of his childhood on the Mississippi. His early career as a riverboat pilot, gold miner, and newspaper reporter. In Act Two it is 1905 and Twain is 70, complete with his signature white suit. He has reached the "Threshold of Age" and is eager to tell the rest of the world how to get on up there.

Godspell – A musical based on the Gospel according to St Matthew – June 21st thru July 8th -

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz – Co-produced by the Lansing Civic Players

Godspell is a rock musical sensation that celebrates the whimsical retelling of the Gospel according to St Matthew that features an exhilarating score by composer/lyricist and legend Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, The Baker's Wife, Children of Eden) filled with recognizable songs, including the international hit "Day by Day". Overflowing with irrepressible energy, this classic favorite will appeal to today's audience with a message of tolerance, kindness, and hope that resonates just as deeply as the music.

The Foreigner by Larry Shue – July 26th thru August 12th

Winner of two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards as Best New American Play and Best Off-Broadway Production. **The Foreigner** is an inspired comic romp, equal in inventive hilarity to the author's classic comedy **The Nerd**, the present play enjoyed a sold-out premier in Milwaukee before moving on to a long run off-Broadway. Based on what the NY Post describes as a "devilishly clever idea", the play demonstrates what can happen when a group of devious characters must deal with a stranger who (they think) knows no English.

Scenes From American Life by A.R. Gurney – Sept. 6th thru Sept. 16th

In this youthful look at the hypocrisy of adult life, an Irish nurse is not permitted to have men visitors; but her mistress is entitled to her own sexual sidelines. The preacher interprets the Bible in a way that the rich are not scandalized or demoralized but actually pacified. Mature people are winos, ticket fixers with the police, order troops to fire into crowds and are two faced; one mother calls her son at college to find out where he keeps his marijuana, and another asks her daughter at her coming out party if she has her diaphragm. **Scenes from American Life** is funny, touching and a must see.

Performance times:

Thursdays @ 7:30 pm

Fridays and Saturdays @ 8 pm

Sundays @ 2pm

The Ledges Playhouse Theatre Company, Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge
www.ledgesplayhouse.com (517) 403-8017

Cheri Locker



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Ledges Playhouse Restoration

Government Affairs Committee

Annual school election is May 8th. Please vote. Two bond proposals are on the ballot:

-Core Academic Proposal \$34.65 million .97 mill increase

-Core Athletic Proposal \$5.55 million .23 mill increase

Next meeting will be May 15th, 7:30am @ A&W Grand Ledge

Steve Krumm/Jon Bayless

Government Affairs Committee

Articles for the Newsletter

Articles for the June newsletter will need to be delivered to the Susan Sasse no later than May 25th to be published in the June Newsletter. Either email your article to ssasse@hotmail.com or fax it to her office at 321-5999. Please remember May 25th is our cut off date.

If you receive the newsletter by postal mail and have an email address, please forward it to the committee.

Newsletter Committee

Up Coming Events & Mark Your Calendar

May 5th – Victorian Day

May 8th- School Election- 2 Bond Proposals

May 12th – Doo Wops Concert – fundraiser for Ledges Playhouse

June 22 – 23 – Yankee Doodle Days



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