

**Volunteerism in Cutlerville: Exceptional!**

It is truly amazing all the people and businesses that give of their time and talents in Cutlerville. There are many giving through committee work, board leadership, hosting events, sponsoring events, and more. It takes a community mindset and many volunteer hours. The Cutlerville Chamber believes that our volunteers are exceptional.

Current Board of Directors: Cindy Varney (President), Andy Cove (Vice President, Membership/Meetings Committee Chair), Roger Oppenhuizen (Treasurer), Linda Pieters (Secretary, Vision for Division, CCDays Planning Team), Dr. Lee Goodfellow (Chair Community Involvement Committee), Kelly Herb (Co-Chair Community Involvement Committee), John Huizinga (Vision for Division, Community Involvement Committee), Scott Halquist (Community Involvement Committee), Chris Tallarico (Membership/Meetings Committee), and Debra Barnhart (Golf Committee, Leads Group).

Current Committee Members: Bob Beukema, Brian Diemer, Jill Ellens, Carol Genther, Scott Halquist, Randy Helmus, Michelle Herman, Alicia Hoogstra, Robert Hyde, Anne Marie Lebioda, Paul Netz, Bob Nykamp, Deb Pelton, Sally Pols, John Pluger, Jill Rau, Barb Richardson, Bob Stroo Jr., Lynn Van Havenen, Jane Vining, and Donna Woltjer. **Thanks to each one of you!**

**Joint Meeting with Byron Center Chamber  
Wednesday, March 22, noon at Country Kitchen**

Steve Elkins is an attorney with the law firm of Strain, Murphy & VanderWal, P.C. in Grand Rapids, where he specializes in *Estate and Business Wealth Planning* and helps executives, professionals and business owners with the legal aspects of *Wealth* accumulation, preservation, succession and distribution.

Mary Jo DeJong, M.A., is a partner of 3D Strategies, where she specializes in leadership and organizational development for improved organizational performance. Mary Jo has worked with a wide range of profit and non-profit organizations--from small start-up manufacturing companies to large corporations--including an international corporation with over \$7 billion in annual sales. Steve and Mary Jo will be presenting on...

**“Positioning Your Privately-held, Small Business for the Future”**

Founders of successful businesses have common entrepreneurial attributes. However, have you ever wondered —

- Why these same characteristics often interfere with a founder being able to direct long-term strategic growth and eventual transitioning of the business?
- What impact these entrepreneurial attributes have on employee and family relationships?
- About the impact these attributes have on the legal decisions?

The presenters will challenge you to begin thinking about these dynamics in privately-held, small businesses. They will address what makes a business resilient and the steps you should be taking to develop your business and to position it for eventual transition.

**Call with your reservation at 890-1378 or e-mail to [info@cutlervillechamber.org](mailto:info@cutlervillechamber.org)**

## Upcoming Events

**Joint Chamber Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 22**  
**Country Kitchen, noon**  
**Sponsor: Avis Rent-A-Car**

General Membership Mtg.  
Thursday, April 20  
Noon, Sponsor:  
Pine Rest Christian  
Mental Health Services

Community Scavenger Hunt  
**May 13 – 19**  
**Holiday Inn Express**  
**& Suites**  
**Celebration Event**  
**Friday, May 19, 7 - ? pm**

### MEMBER BENEFITS:

Did you know that the CCC has a 20 x 30 tent that member businesses can rent? If your company is planning a special event, let us help you save some money by renting from your chamber. You can find a tent rental agreement on our website or Dawn can e-mail you the agreement if you contact her. Start planning now...

The 2006 Community Directory is out and about. 7000 copies are making their way out into the community through home distribution and businesses. If you would like additional copies for your business, please let Dawn know by e-mailing her the number of copies you would like at [info@cutlervillechamber.org](mailto:info@cutlervillechamber.org).

## **Plan now to be involved...** **Cutlerville Community Days** **Saturday, June 10, 2005**

- Brian Diemer 5 K Race
- Classic & Custom Cars
- Rides & Inflatables
- Family entertainment
- On stage all day long
- Chicken Dinner 5 – 8pm
- Fireworks at 10 pm

**CCC Scholarships...** *The Cutlerville Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring three scholarships. High school seniors from Byron Center High School, East Kentwood High School, and South Christian High School are eligible. The scholarships are given to honor and recognize students that demonstrate character and community involvement. To apply for the scholarship, students must complete and sign the application (attach additional pages as necessary) and return it to the chamber by March 31, 2006. In addition, students must have proof of your high school cumulative GPA signed and verified by your high school counselor/guidance person. The scholarships will range from \$100-\$500. All winning applicants will be notified by May 1, 2005. For the full application along with additional information, check out info at our website! [www.cutlervillechamber.org](http://www.cutlervillechamber.org)*

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**“We enjoy finding solutions to other people's needs. It's our business.”**  
**Matt Davidson and Jason Barber are right in your neighborhood ready to assist with efficient and friendly service. Stop in at 6670 Kalamazoo Avenue, Suite E – and find out just how they might be able to help you :0)**

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