

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 Simons (President), Cindy Varney (Vice President), Roger Oppenhuizen (Treasurer), Steve Schoon (Past President), Bob Beukema (Chair Members/Membership Committee, Streetscape Committee), Dr. Lee Goodfellow (Chair Community Involvement Committee), Andy Cove (Community Involvement Committee, Cutlerville Community Days Planning Team), Linda Pieters (Auction Committee, Streetscape Committee, Cutlerville Community Days Planning Team), John Pluger, and John Huizinga (Streetscape Committee).

Current Committee Members: Dave Campbell, Brian Diemer, Jill Ellens, Carol Genther, Scott Halquist, Randy Helmus, Michelle Herman, Robert Hyde, Anne Marie Lebioda, Paul Netz, Deb Pelton, Sally Pols, Jill Rau, Barb Richardson, Lynn Van Haveren, and Mike Vos. Thanks to each one of you!

Dawn Baker
Executive Director, Cutlerville Chamber

“Person of the Year”

This year was quite a close contest. We had three nominations, all 3 men have given so much to the community of Cutlerville. **Nominees were Cyrus Fischer, Paul Netz, and Randy Helmus.**

Cyrus Fischer was born and raised on Division Avenue near 60th Street. His family farm only recently became the Dollar Store. He married his Cutlerville sweetheart. Cyrus has served as treasurer for Townline Schools, for Paris Township, and been active in other various community functions. Cyrus still can be found each morning at the Phoenix Rising Bakery having coffee and donuts with friends. Paul Netz has been involved with the Chamber of Commerce and previously the Business Association in Cutlerville. He has been putting up Christmas lights/banners for over 25 years on Thanksgiving Day. He is a long time volunteer firefighter. He has helped place the American flags during the appropriate holidays along Division Avenue. There are probably many more things Paul has quietly done behind the scenes for his community. Randy Helmus has been a paid-on-call firefighter since 1982 and a member of the Cutlerville Recreation Association since at least 1990. Randy served as treasurer on the Rec. Assoc. and has served as an officer on the Fire Department. Randy has also dedicated months of work each year to the Brian Diemer/Amerikam 5K Race and Cutlerville Community Days. Randy continues to be the lead coordinator for the parade, water ball contest, and fireworks at Cutlerville Community Days. The Cutlerville Chamber of Commerce thanks all three men for their dedication, time, and commitment to serve in their community.

Congrats to Randy Helmus, “2005 Person of the Year” as voted on through the Community Involvement Committee.

Community Involvement

Once again, the Community Involvement Committee is joining Spectrum Health South Pavilion in order to bring our community **FIRE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY, on Saturday, May 7, 2005, from 10 am – 2 pm. Many local fire departments will be there. Activities include: the Smoke House, the Rescue 1 race car, extinguisher demonstrations, smoke detector give-a ways, and much more.** An additional community service offered on Friday, May 6, car seat checks. This is co-sponsored by the greater Grand Rapids CARSTAR stores and Spectrum Health.

NEW MEMBERS

HeyBoer Landscape Maintenance

Randy Heyboer
8th St., Caledonia
616-877-4077

Mary Kay Cosmetics

Barb Richardson
www.marykay.com/brichardson56
616-406-3039

April General Membership Meeting

Thanks to **Holiday Inn Express & Suites** for hosting our Thursday, April 21, General Membership Meeting. Join us at noon as we celebrate the CCC scholarship winners, award the "2005 Person of the Year", and have a presentation by RJM Landscape Architects with concepts and drawings for the Streetscape Project to begin in the spring of 2006. The lunch is free, so RSVP today...

Cutlerville Chamber Charity Auction

Auction donations coming in... You can check out our website for an up to date listing of everything being donated. Plan to attend this fun event!

**Saturday,
March 26, 6 pm**

Gaines Township Hall
(Corner of Kalamazoo and 84th St).
Dessert Buffet @ 6 pm
Silent & Live Auctions following...

Plan now to be involved...
Cutlerville Community Days
Saturday, June 11, 2005

- Brian Diemer 5 K Race
- Classic & Custom Cars
- Rides & Inflatables
- Music Stage all day
- Parade on Division
- 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. 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 our new website! www.cutlervillechamber.org*

Member Focus: Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Service

Pine Rest is experiencing renewed growth through its vision of expanding to meet the needs of the community and addressing ongoing challenges in the healthcare environment. Although it is growing, it has not strayed from its distinctly Christian mission of providing behavioral healthcare with professional excellence, Christian integrity, and compassion.

Beginning in January, the "Cedar Lodge" expanded to include a new Teenage Girl's Secured Residential Unit. Cedar Lodge has been part of Pine Rest's Center for Psychiatric Residential Service (CPRS) for nine years. It had been serving teenage boys with severe psychiatric disorders in a secured setting. With the new expansion, there are twelve beds for teenage girls on a separate unit from the fourteen-bed boy's residential secured services. In addition, there is a thirty-four bed, unsecured teenage residential program on campus. The same professional staff provide a psychiatric-based treatment program. An on-campus school is also provided through the Kentwood Intermediate School District (KISD). This brings the total number of adolescent residential beds to sixty. Complementing these beds are sixty-six residential beds for persons experiencing developmental disabilities.

Also, in January, the "Open Dreams" classroom returned to Pine Rest through a collaborative effort with KISD. This new classroom for up to eleven students is located on the Pine Rest campus and designed to serve the high need teens from the CPRS unsecured lodges who were struggling with the Kentwood Campus – based school programs. The kids actually named their "Open Dreams" classroom and have had a wonderful experience that frequently has brought success from apparent failure.

Pine Rest also recently opened a brand new, \$2.5 million, state-of-the-art Child and Adolescent Unit in the campus Van Andel Center Hospital. The 36-bed unit, formerly housed in two separate hospital units, have now been combined into three "pods" in this new, 20,705 square-foot hospital wing to stabilize and treat youngsters aged four-to-seventeen. Dan Holwerda, Chief Executive Officer and President of Pine Rest said, "The delivery of service for psychiatric inpatient and partial (day program) hospitalization has improved tremendously in the new millennium, and Pine Rest will now be in a better position to address specific needs of the growing number of patients coming from all over Michigan seeking our care."

Pine Rest now has a total of 150 acute, inpatient hospital beds and eighteen