

## **OUR MEMBERSHIP**

#### **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - BE INVOLVED**

We are working to bring you the latest resources, tools, and programming- which provide businesses with the platform to discuss and grow.



#### **VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE SACC BOOTH AT THE SALINE FAIR**

We are in need for volunteers for the 2021 Saline Fair booth. The week of August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup>. The hours are 10 am – 10pm. We need volunteers to do 4-hour blocks every day. Lori will do the 10 am to 3ish. The Chamber will reimburse your entrance fee and parking. They will also provide a T shirt for you to wear during your work block. After your work block, you can enjoy the rest of the day at the fair. Also, as Chamber members we are looking for your companies' swag to put out on the tables with brochures as well. Drop off your swag at to promote your business to the Chamber. Please contact Lori to get on the volunteer list.



### Membership Reminder!!

Please send in your membership dues or call the office to pay over the phone. We still have several businesses that have not renewed. If you need help with your membership, let Lori know. We have a Covid Grant we can offer to your business. The office phone number is (734)429-4494.

#### **Board Members Wanted!!**

Do you want to serve on the SACC Board for the coming year? The Chamber is looking for board members. Please let Lori know if you are interested in being on the Chamber Board!



## **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### SHARE IDEAS, DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Rebuilding our events & industry groups has been our priority as we continue to adjust during these times. We are encouraging our membership to stay involved with our programs- maximizing their benefits

HR Excellence – Thank you to all that joined us for the HR Excellence Webinar on Progression/Succession Planning. To those of you who were not able to join, here is the link to watch the replay https://youtu.be/LB YlliyU84

Our July topic will be Change Management, scheduled for Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. We will be talking about change as a process, how to identify what stage of change people are in, and how to craft an impactful change message. It is one you won't want to miss! Register here

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodO-gpzMsHNLfld3dYmr1F8cVDv1MLX75

Business Networking Events – So far, we have been able to host a few networking events at Oscars and Dan's Downtown Tavern this year. Ryan McGovern at Edward Jones and Leah Nauseda from SCS image Group are the coordinators for this program. This program is designed to allow you share with others what makes your company special plus raise your company's visibility as being and active part of the SACC community. Our next lunch date is, Tuesday, June 22, 2021. Time is 1-2:30 pm. Place TBD. Look at our Facebook page and event calendar for further dates and times.

Annual Golf Outing – The annual golf outing date has been set for September 21, 2021 at Stonebridge Golf Club. We are still looking for sponsors and volunteers for this grand event. If you would like to donate to the golf outing contact Tammie King, at Bemis Farms Preschool & Childcare, or Lori Little at the Chamber. Our online registration on the Saline Chamber website should be up June 7<sup>th</sup>. This will enable you to sign up and pay online for this and future events.



#### **CHAMBER CHAT.....**

## **Heather Feldkamp Scholarship**

The Chamber has proposed that we do a college scholarship in honor of past member and president, Heather Feldkamp. Heather was a phenomenal member of the Saline Community. She was someone to be admired for her generosity of her time and spirit. Whatever the task was asked of her, she jumped in with both feet and got the job done, always with a smile on her face. She was a member of the Saline Area Chamber as well as president and of the Saline Rotary Club since 2016. She had a no-nonsense approach to volunteering and knew how to motivate others, sometimes without them knowing she was putting them to work.

SACC would like to establish a committee to oversee this endeavor. Heather's sister, Cheryl Smith and Heather's daughter would like to be apart of this committee as well. Please let Lori Little know if you would like to be a part of this committee as it establishes its charter and administers this scholarship.

### **The People's Choice Awards**

The People's Choice Awards are coming!! The awards will involve close to 20 categories including Best Burger, Best Florist, Best Pizza and more! The Chamber is establishing the categories now. In June, we will be excepting nominations and in July, the voting will begin and by mid-August the voting will end.

In September, we will be presenting the winners of each category at the Saline Fair. The winners will receive a 4x3 People's Choice Award Banner to display in their place of business for the month of September. Other businesses that received nominations will receive a certificate. The Link will be on our website and you will only be able to vote once a day.

We have Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> from 6-7 pm for the presentation of the awards. The SACC and Saline Mainstreet will be giving out the awards. So, keep your night open, who knows your business could be a winner!!!



#### LOCAL HAPPENINGS – RECOGNITION OF LOCAL BUSINESSES

SHARING WHAT MAKES YOUR COMPANY SPECIAL



#### **RUNTOUGH FOR CHADTOUGH!**

RunTough for ChadTough is not only the foundation's longest running event, but also the start of The ChadTough Foundation. When the Carr Family friends learned of Chad's diagnosis, in 2014, they rallied together to create a race in his honor. Since then, this cornerstone event has raised more than \$1.2 Million with over 13,000 registrants from around the world. Sign up to join us on September 25, 2021 at Saline High School or sign up to participate virtually at ChadTough.org. For More information regarding sponsorship please contact

Kristina@chadtough.org

Growing



Joe Busch and Charlie Mattis started the family business in 1975 by acquiring two stores in the Clinton and Saline areas from Vescio's Foods. They named them J&C Family Foods. When Joe retired in 1986, sons John, Doug and Tim took over and acquired or built their now 16 stores. They are privately held, independent supermarket chain based in the Ann

Arbor, Michigan area. They currently employ around 1400 people. Busch's has been a SACC Member since 1975. They sponsor many of our events and they were SACC Business Enterprise recipients in 1997.

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SPECIAL CONT...

# A & H Lawn Service, Inc. Celebrating 30 years!!

In 1991, Tim Austin and Brandon Hertel founded A&H Lawn Service. Inc. For the first seven years of operation, they primarily focused on residential and commercial lawn maintenance and snow removal. During those early years, A&H employed between two and twelve people.

A&H began providing landscape maintenance for small residential and commercial properties in 1995. Three years later, they formed specialized crews for fertilizing and irrigation system services. By that time, their small landscape maintenance jobs had given them the experience and proven success to begin pursuing larger landscape installation projects, and this soon became a significant share of their business.

Their first full landscape installation project was at the Davis Residence in Pittsfield Township. It was a challenging project, but they were proud of the beautiful outcome. The homeowner was very pleased with the new landscaping.

In 2004, they sold the fertilizing division of their company. This enabled them to focus their attention on the growing needs of lawn care, landscaping, and irrigation systems.

Today they manage four lawn maintenance crews, two landscape maintenance crews, two irrigation maintenance crews, and two landscape installation crews. They now have 30 employees and serve over 250 regular customers. Among these are approximately 70 commercial snow and ice removal customers.

A & H Lawn Service also donates all the of the flowers and plants them in the downtown area, which they did on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Let us congratulate A & H Lawn Service, Inc. on 30 years of success. Here is to another 30 years in business!



Lastly.....

#### **HAPPY RETIREMENT TO PASTOR MARK SMITH!**

Congratulations to Pastor Mark Smith on his retirement from Ministry and from the SACC Board. After 29 years at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and 40 years in the Ministry, Pastor Smith has decided to retire and move back home to Wisconsin where his family is.

Pastor Smith is married to his wife Glenda and has 3 children and 3 grandchildren. In his spare time, he likes to hunt, golf and referee high school basketball games. As many of you know, Pastor Smith is a down to earth person, he is very personable and always ready to help in anyway. He has been on the SACC board for the last 5 years and oversees the nomination committee as well as an active supporter of all SACC events. We will truly miss him. Thank you, Pastor Smith, for your many years of service to the SACC.

#### Let us Welcome our New Administrative Assistant!



Lori Little is our new office admin. She has been with us since January 27, 2021 and was made permanent as of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. She has over 30 years of administrative experience with her background in a medical office as well as corporate. She is a native of Saline, graduating from Saline High School in 1987. She is married and has

2 adult children and 6 grandchildren. She enjoys painting, bowling, racing, car shows and traveling. Stop in the office and welcome her to the Chamber.

## **FOLLOW US**

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Stay up to date with the latest community involvement and information. Please feel free to contact Lori Little at the Chamber for any news you would like to share with the Chamber members.

