



# Chamber Colloquy

## Millstadt Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Todd Groesch, President

*Nicol Financial Services*

Mike French, Vice President

*Schilli Corporation*

Larry Kraft, Treasurer

*Custom Marble*

Lisa Bowman, Secretary

*Douglas Road Storage*

Ashley Byrd

*Country Financial*

Al Lehr

*Lehr Vegetable Farm*

Kevin Schmidt

*Schmidt Chiropractic*

### Committees:

Activities / Events

Ambassadors

Membership

Network / Marketing

**If you want more information or to get involved, e-mail:**

[millstadtchamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:millstadtchamberofcommerce@gmail.com)

## Join Us for the Millstadt Chamber's Annual Dinner

The Chamber's Annual Dinner will take place **Jan. 16** at the Quail Club, 8303 Concordia Church Rd. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner following at 7 p.m.

This year, the annual dinner will feature a review of 2012, an open discussion towards how we can increase membership and participation, board elections and ample networking. We will also be passing around a sign-up sheet for 2013 quarterly meeting speakers and Business After Hours hosts.

You should have

already received an invitation and reservation form in the mail. The cost of dinner is \$15 per person and a cash bar will be available. Please send your reservation form (also available on page 10) and check, payable to the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce, to P.O. Box 72, Millstadt, IL 62260 by Jan. 12.

The annual dinner is an opportunity to thank you for your support, reflect on the year, and give input and direction for the future of the Millstadt Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to an enjoyable evening!

## Around the Village

### Garden Place Celebrates Holidays with Slew of Activities

It's the most wonderful time of the year, and the **Garden Place of Millstadt** community hosted a plethora of special events and entertainment for their eager residents this holiday season.

Garden Place kicked off their season Dec. 4 with special visitor Charlie Mueth, holding a veteran's meeting. On Dec. 13, they hosted an in-house Christmas walk with many local vendors open to residents, staff and guests.

The Christmas celebration continued as residents invited their families to Garden Place on the 19th for a Christmas party that included a special Christmas light tour. In preparation for the party, residents and staff made unique holiday cookies and hand-crafted Christmas ornaments for their loved ones.

As if December didn't contain enough

excitement, residents and staff went out for an enjoyable holiday dinner on the 26th, and rounded out 2012 with their very own New Year's Eve party for all of the residents and families. The party was complete with all the fixins' such as shrimp, herring and even sparkling grape juice.

The fun doesn't end there. Garden Place also has a full calendar of daily activities and events planned for January and the months to come. To learn more about Garden Place of Millstadt, their events or their latest news and pictures, please visit [www.gpliving.com](http://www.gpliving.com).

**Below– Garden Place mascot Molly Belle visits residents to wish them a very merry Christmas**



## Around the Village

### Millstadt Civic Club Presents Annual High Tea

Pull out your hats and gloves and prepare for an afternoon of fun! **Millstadt Civic Club** will hold its annual High Tea fundraiser Jan. 26 at Zion Evangelical Church, located at 117 W. White St. in Millstadt. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

The event will feature an assortment of teas from around the world, as well as delicious treats prepared and served by members of the club. Several themed baskets will also be available for raffle.

The featured speaker for the tea will be local cookbook author Shirley Frost, who will perform a cooking demonstration of one of her healthy recipes from "Adventures in Cuisine, Healthy Eating

Classes at the YMCA." This cookbook will also be on sale at the event for \$10, with all proceeds benefiting the YMCA's Partner with Youth campaign.

Tickets for the High Tea cost just \$15 and reservations must be made by Jan. 20 by calling Lotina at 618-476-7162. When making your reservation, please indicate how many will be in your group.

All proceeds from ticket sales go directly to the Millstadt Civic Club's scholarship fund.

For more information about the event, please visit Millstadt Civic Club on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/millstadtcivicclub>.

KITCHEN CABINET & BATH DESIGN • BUILDING MATERIALS • TOOLS & WELDING SUPPLIES

HARDWARE • CLEANING SUPPLIES • PAINT

# LEE'S Home Center

ALWAYS ON THE LEVEL

*Locally Owned & Family Operated*  
**618-476-1760**  
#1 S. IL Street  
Millstadt, IL 62260  
New Hours: Mon-Fri 7-6  
Sat 8-4 • Sun 10-2

*Now Open 7 Days a Week  
& Online 24/7 at [www.leeshomecenter.com](http://www.leeshomecenter.com)*

**\$10 Off**  
\$35 or More  
Coupons cannot be combined with any other offers.  
LEE'S HOME CENTER  
Expires 2/29/13

**\$75 Off**  
\$750 or More  
Coupons cannot be combined with any other offers.  
LEE'S HOME CENTER  
Expires 2/29/13



*Not Your Typical Home Improvement Center*

DOORS & WINDOWS • ELECTRICAL • DECKS & CLOSETS ~ DIGITALLY DESIGNED

AUTOMOTIVE • LUMBER • PLUMBING • LAWN & GARDEN

### Garden Place of Millstadt “Senior Care Conversations”

**Question:** *What is assisted living, and how do I know if my parent needs it?*

**Answer:** Assisted Living is a licensed level of care in the state of Illinois with oversight by the Department of Public Health. Assisted living provides services based on “activities of daily living” that an individual needs help with— things such as dressing, using the bathroom, taking medication, bathing, making meals, etc. Health services may include medication reminders, bathing assistance, dressing help and hygiene reminders.

Socialization is a key aspect of any assisted living community— the peace of mind that a lively conversation with a friend is just steps away. Many people will state, “Mom is just not ready for assisted living yet.” However, think about the amount of time she spends alone. Loneliness can lead to depression, poor eating, lack of proper hygiene, and a decrease in overall quality of life. The health care aspect of services is important, but not nearly as much as the socialization.

Most assisted living communities offer an array of services:

- ◆ Activities— from crafts to discussion groups to social outings

- ◆ Most also offer private apartments with the ability to decorate
- ◆ Meals are typically provided, although the quality, method of delivery and quantity can significantly vary
- ◆ Transportation to local physician visits may also be offered
- ◆ Light housekeeping, laundry & basic maintenance should be offered
- ◆ A system for the resident to alert staff to a need for assistance
- ◆ Most long-term care insurances will cover services offered by a licensed assisted living
- ◆ All assisted livings are required to offer 24 hour awake staffing

#### **Assisted living is NOT:**

- ◆ A nursing home. While some assisted livings are licensed for a higher level of care— for example, assistance for those with dementia or memory loss— most assisted living communities do not offer 24/7 nursing care.
- ◆ Paid for by Medicare or Medicaid.

For more information or to see if Assisted Living may be right for you, please call Rachel with **Garden Place** at **(314) 448-2080**.



# Around the Village

## Holiday Fun With Chamber Members



**Hospice of Southern Illinois' Community Education Team wishes you a happy holiday season! For additional support around the holidays or any time of the year, check out their monthly grief meetings (see page 5 for more information.)**



**Members of the Millstadt Community Choir carol at Garden Place (above, left) and serenade Millstadt elected officials at the village board meeting (above, right).**



**Scott Credit Union's Millstadt branch (left) chose the Millstadt Food Pantry as its holiday charity this year, collecting items to donate throughout the month of December.**





# Monthly Grief Support Groups

Edwardsville, IL  
*Second Wednesday*  
of each month

*3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.*

*Relais Bonne Eau,*  
Your Community  
Hospice Home  
7325 Marine Road (Rt. 143),  
Edwardsville, IL

Red Bud, IL  
*Third Wednesday*  
of each month

*3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.*

Garden Place  
Senior Living  
351 Lockwood Drive  
Red Bud, IL

For more information or to RSVP please call  
618-235-1703 \* [www.hospice.org](http://www.hospice.org)



**millStadt**  
Historical Society  
Founded 1999



# **FIFTH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 9**

**DOORS OPEN 6:30, TRIVIA STARTS 7:00**

**FATHER FREUND PARISH CENTER**

**423 W. MADISON ST., MILLSTADT**

**LOTS OF CASH ATTENDANCE PRIZES**

**SURVIVOR ROUND**

**HEADS/TAILS**

**BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS**

**BEVERAGES AVAILABLE**

**(BUT YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE)**

**\$10 PER PERSON, TABLES OF 6-8**

**PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP 3 TEAMS**

**TO RESERVE A TABLE**

**CALL JUDY AT 476-3505**

**OR**

**BETTY AT 476-7326**

**OR E-MAIL TO [timmer2@htc.net](mailto:timmer2@htc.net)**

FLYERS COMPLIMENTS OF RECORD PRINTING, MILLSTADT, 476-9587



## SISTER CITIES ORGANIZATION

Millstadt Sister Cities Organization gratefully acknowledges the support of its members and the Millstadt community for their contributions to the success of the **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Weihnachtsfest** held December 2, 2012. Proceeds benefit the Millstadt Sister Cities Youth Ambassador Exchange and other programs with Gross-Bieberau, Germany.

### 2012 V.I.P. SPONSORS

Phillip M. Acker, DDS	George Weis Company	Millstadt Carpet & Home Interiors
Burr Insurance Agency / Dennis Hauck	Germann Brick Contractors, Inc.	Millstadt Glass, Inc.
Casey's General Store	Happy Days Ice Cream / J. Drennan	Millstadt Pharmacy
Cozy Acres / Ralph & Alene Mergelkamp	Harrisonville Telephone Company	Mon-Clair Animal Hospital
Current Electric, Inc. / Ray Page	N. G. Heimos / Millstadt Greenhouses	Moore Asphalt, Inc. / Ted Moore
Double Nickel Holdings / Bruce & Sandy Siddle	Bob Helfrich Remodeling & Repairs	Schmidt Chiropractic/Kevin Schmidt
Douglas Road Storage Center	Hock Mechanical, Inc.	Scott Credit Union
Equipment Service Co. / Ron Mergelkamp	Hometown Values	Shay Roofing
Otto J. Faulbaum, Lawyer	Hudson Tree Service, Inc.	Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc.
First National Bank of St. Louis	K & D Motors	John F. Touchette, DMD
Patrick "Mike" Flynn, Lawyer	Lee's Home Center	West End Tavern
Gas Mart	MAC Medical, Inc.	Roy Wolfmeier Truck Service
H. J. Gasser Construction	Mertz Motor Co.	

### IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTORS

Amerigas of Waterloo, Illinois	Millstadt Community Choir	Schubert's Packing Co.
Avalon Horse Farm / Lara Peterson	Millstadt IGA	TRG Group of St. Louis
Belleville News Democrat	Millstadt Commercial Club	Waterloo German Band
Culligan Water (formerly Schaefer Water)	Millstadt Optimists Club	Mark Westhoff

### WEIHNACHTSFEST RAFFLE WINNERS

1st	Kathy Albers, Millstadt	40" flat-screen television
2nd	Patti French, Millstadt, IL	Victorinox WT 4.0 Wheeled Tote donated by TRG Group of St. Louis
3rd	Kevin Bowman, Millstadt, IL	Wenger Synergy 16" Computer Backpack
4th	Elizabeth Brown, New Athens, IL	\$50.00 Schuberts Packing Co. gift certificate donated by Larry & Marlene Schubert
5th	Marlene Hermann, Millstadt, IL	\$25.00 Millstadt IGA gift card
6th	Nancy Rittenhouse, Shiloh, IL	Woven Coverlet



# Around the Village

## Photos from the Sister Cities Weihnachtsfest Parade and Celebration





# Millstadt Chamber News

## Photos from 1st National Bank of Waterloo Business After Hours



***Thank you!***

*The Millstadt Chamber of Commerce would like to express appreciation to the following volunteers who helped with the Chamber's designated recycling day on Dec. 1:*

**Mike French, Ron Merglekamp, Meg Wessel, Lisa Bowman, Al Lehr, J. Haas , Geno Joshu and Denise Blaha!**



**Annual Dinner Reservation Form**

**Reservation Form  
Millstadt Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner  
January 16, 2013**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your check, \$15.00 per person, by Saturday, January 12, 2013.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Todd Groesch**

**314-440-4141**

**millstadtchamberofcommerce@gmail.com**

## Member Spotlight: Millstadt Civic Club

**Millstadt Civic Club** belongs to the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. The Millstadt Civic Club was originally organized in August 1929 as the Junior Household Science Club. The club's present name was adopted in March 1943, the same year it became part of the General Federation.

Millstadt Civic Club puts on a variety of community events throughout the year, including an Easter Bunny Brunch and St. Patrick's Day Dinner. The club also gives out two scholarships yearly to a high school student and a returning adult

student age 25 or older. These scholarships are funded completely by the club's annual High Tea fundraising event, taking place this year on January 26.

Additionally, Millstadt Civic Club participates in the Millstadt Homecoming and is an active supporter of the Millstadt Food Pantry and local school, beautification and community projects.

Millstadt Civic Club currently has more than 30 members and meets monthly on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Millstadt Community Center. Membership is open to any woman having reached the age of 18 and attended one meeting. For more information about the club or joining, please visit <http://www.facebook.com/millstadtcivicclub>.



**Photos from Millstadt Civic Club's 1st Place Float at the 2012 Millstadt Homecoming (left) and Annual High Tea fundraiser (right).**





### Save the Date– February Quarterly Meeting

Mark your calendars for the February Quarterly Meeting, where the chamber will host a forum for the upcoming school board, village board and township elections. All candidates for these positions will be given five minutes to present. The meeting will take place at 5 p.m.

February 20 at the Columbus Club in Millstadt.

#### Millstadt Chamber Community Grant Program

***Know of a worthy project in  
need of some extra funding?***

***Refer to  
[millstadtchamber.org/news](http://millstadtchamber.org/news)  
for more information about  
our Community Grant  
Program! Grants will be  
approved by the Millstadt  
Chamber of Commerce Board  
of Directors on a case-by-  
case basis.***



#### Chamber Seeking 2013 Hosts & Presenters

The Chamber is in need of Business After Hours Hosts (4 total) and Quarterly Meeting Presenters (multiple speakers may present at each of the 4 meetings) for 2013! Have you hosted an event the past? Would you like to spotlight your business in front of the Chamber members? Consider taking part in the fun! Please contact Jennifer Riebold at [jriebold@scu.org](mailto:jriebold@scu.org) if interested.

## Board of Directors

Consists of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President and two additional elected members. Please contact a board member for more information about committees!

### Ambassadors

*Teri Mills, Member Representative*

*Al Lehr, Board of Directors Representative*

*Committee Members: John Ruggeri, Rick Moore, Kevin Schmidt, Patti French*

- ◆ Greeters
- ◆ Welcome new businesses
- ◆ Ribbon Cuttings

### Networking/Marketing Committee

*Arlene Wilson, Member Representative*

*Lisa Bowman, Board of Directors Representative*

*Committee Members: Todd Groesch, Jennifer Riebold, Meg Wessel, Patti French, Deb Mertz*

- ◆ Business After Hours
- ◆ Quarterly Meetings
- ◆ Newsletter
- ◆ Chamber Website
- ◆ Speakers Bureau
- ◆ Chamber Brochure

### Activities/Events Committee

*John Ruggeri, Member Representative*

*Kevin Schmidt, Board of Directors Representative*

*Committee Members: Matt Banker, Kayla Boylan, Deb Curtis, Randy Burk, Larry Kraft*

- ◆ Annual dinner
- ◆ Homecoming
- ◆ Millstadt Parks Biathlon
- ◆ Millstadt Days
- ◆ MCC Signature Event
- ◆ Fundraising

### Membership Committee

*Dennis Meile, Member Representative*

*Ashley Byrd, Board of Directors Representative*

*Committee Members: Kevin Schmidt, Rick Moore, John Touchette*

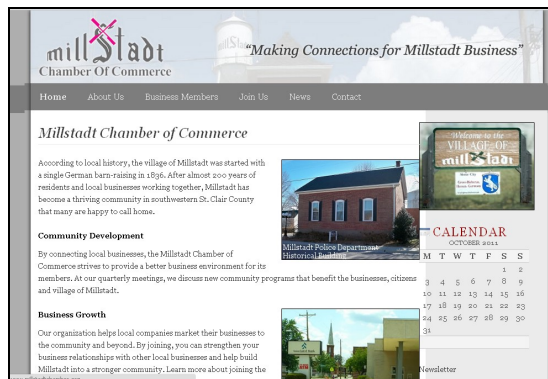
- ◆ Identify potential new members
- ◆ Sign up/ sponsor new members
- ◆ Membership retention
- ◆ Member visits/phone calls



Chamber memberships offer opportunities for networking, business education and advocacy. Often, when consumers are shopping for a product or service, their choice is a Chamber of Commerce member. As a Chamber member, your business will receive a referral before a nonmember. Being a chamber member also demonstrates your commitment to our community.

Chamber members are listed on the Chamber's website. Here you can profile your business, allowing consumers to learn about your products and services. This is a great way to advertise your business!

Join us at our next Quarterly meeting or Business After Hours. The



opportunities for sharing advice, customer introductions and political representation are just some of the many opportunities available to you as a Chamber member!

The Chamber offers many opportunities to keep you informed of meetings and events through our website, email and newsletters. Questions and suggestions are always welcome.

Visit our website at [www.millstadtchamber.org](http://www.millstadtchamber.org) or email us at [millstadtchamberofcommerce@gmail.com](mailto:millstadtchamberofcommerce@gmail.com). We look forward to hearing from you!