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VISION BECOMES REALITY!

In July your Chamber celebrated the one year anniversary in the new Hines Building at Third Street and Western Avenue. The Chamber along with its service partner organizations say **the building advantages have surpassed their expectations.** "We wanted to create a center for the business community to find support services and to date the new facility has welcomed over 11,700 visitors and hosted nearly 600 business related meetings," said Cindy Larsen, President of the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce. "This is an astonishing amount of activity." [Read More>>>](#)



MICHIGAN'S DEFINING MOMENT...

Something dynamic is bound to happen when **150 of Muskegon's forward-thinking leaders converge in one location to talk about Michigan's future.**

So what peaked the interest of 150 people on a beautiful Tuesday morning...at 7:30am... in the summer...in a beach town? A Center for Michigan "Community Conversation" hosted by the **Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Lakeshore and the Community Foundation for Muskegon County.** By random selection, groups of 35 were divided into 4 rooms equipped with electronic voting devices. [Read more>>>](#)



UNITING AGAINST GOVERNMENT RUN HEALTH CARE!

The Business Community is fighting hard to ensure that Congress doesn't pass a government-run health plan that will threaten private health care. **The Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce supports meaningful health reforms** that make quality health care more affordable and accessible. We're fighting hard against various proposals in conjunction with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, but we need you to *contact your legislators* directly to express your opposition to a "public option" and employer mandates. [Read More>>>](#)



FORD FEATURES HOLE IN ONE PRIZE!

The Chamber Classic Golf Committee is in the final stages of gathering raffle prizes, items for goodie bags and everything else it takes to put on a first-class golf outing at the Muskegon Country Club!



Registration for the 18-hole round in the

UPCOMING EVENTS

• **8/12/09 Member Orientation-** Open to new and long time members welcome! Maximize your Chamber membership. [More>>>](#)

• **8/21/09 Chamber Classic Golf Outing-** Muskegon's #1 business golf outing is the best opportunity of the year for building relationships, sealing deals, or treating your customers! [More>>>](#)

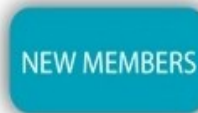
• **8/21/09 Business After Hours @ the 19th Hole-** Join golfers following the Chamber Classic for a mixer! [More>>>](#)

• **9/16/09 Business Showcase Luncheon-** Save the date & reserve your booth - limited space! [More>>>](#)

• **9/25/09 Business For Breakfast-** "Changing of the Guard" - an inside look at the future of higher education in Muskegon! [More>>>](#)

[More upcoming Chamber Events...](#)

"Don't" forget: 8/21/09 - Join Muskegon County in riding your bike to work! [More info & register for prizes>>>](#)



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afternoon has closed, however, there is still space for a few more teams for the **Networking 9 @ 9** in the morning.

The Network 9 features a continental breakfast, the chance to win some great prizes, a networking lunch with both the AM & PM players and, of course, the opportunity to play 9 of the most beautiful golf holes in West Michigan. The only real difference is the discounted price! Also, have your chance at winning this brand spankin' new **2010 Candy Red Metallic Ford Taurus** if you sink a hole in one! [Read more>>>](#)

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FLYING!

Over 150 attendees from the business community came out to mingle in an airplane hangar at the **Muskegon County Airport** on a beautiful summer evening! The Business After Hours event celebrated **Executive Air Transport's 50th Anniversary of flying in Muskegon**. Tours of the charter fleet were given to guests and prizes were awarded. Guests learned of the company's history from founder Vince Dostert and current owner, Rex Vanderlinde, including being one of the oldest certified air charter operators in Michigan as well as one of the oldest providers.



"Executive Air serves Muskegon County as well as businesses from throughout West Michigan; some companies routinely fly their staff, customers and suppliers in and out of Muskegon," said Rex Vanderlinde, Owner of Executive Air Transport. "In other cases, companies use our air transport services in Muskegon to move their products out of town throughout the country".

The company provides service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for executive, freight, or leisure travel use. Congratulations to Executive Air Transport on their 50 years of service to the community! [Check out photos from the event>>>](#)

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