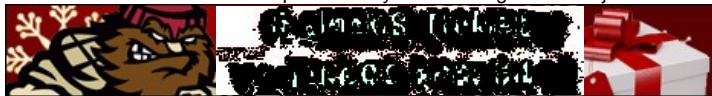




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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

**SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS!**

The heart of the Chamber is the work of our volunteer committees. There is no such thing as a strong community without a strong business community. The following 2009 Chamber events would not have taken place without hundreds of hours of member volunteer support! **THANK YOU!!**



11 Business Briefings \* 7 Business For Breakfasts \* 5 Committee Meetings \* 3 Business Showcase Luncheons \* 3 Business After Hours \* 2 Member Issue Forums \* 2 Member Orientations \* Ambassador & Board Orientation \* Entrepreneur Luncheon \* Lakeshore Business Expo \* Manufacturers Day \* Community Clean-up Day \* Annual Jubilee \* Intern Meet & Greet \* Shoreline Stimulus Zone \* Ride Your Bike to Work Days \* Summer Celebration \* Senior Social \* Chamber Classic \* Business Neighbors Connect \* Muskegon County Agents of Change Reception \* Multicultural Showcase Luncheon \* Automotive Diversification Summit \* Athena Award Luncheon \* Muskegon In Focus Leadership Orientation \* Muskegon Co. Depot to Depot Fall Color Tour \* Speed Banking for Business \* Muskegon Farmer's Market Information Booth \* Economic Survival Toolkit Distribution \* Muskegon County Visitors Guide Distribution \* Michigan Scholars Program \* Ambassador Build – Habitat for Humanity \* Candidate Information Workshop \* Multiple Member Celebrations.

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**BACK ON THE SCENE...**

The Muskegon Chamber of Commerce is thankful to have its founding father, **Charles Hackley**, once again overseeing his generously provided Muskegon landmarks. It is the memory of his philanthropic and entrepreneurial spirit that assists our community in once again making the necessary transitions to succeed in a new economic climate.



**TAKE TIME TO BE THANKFUL!**

**Chamber staff reflect on 2009...**

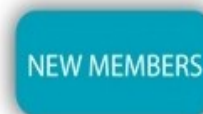
"I am thankful that the Chamber survived the most difficult time period in our country's economic history. We only lost a few members along the way which is a testament to the talented business people who call Muskegon their home.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **1/12/10 Business Briefing** - Lace Up Your Sneakers - Marketing on a Shoestring Budget! [More>>>](#)
- **1/20/10 Business Showcase Luncheon** - Reserve your booth or register to attend now for this sell-out event taking place at Above & Beyond! [More>>>](#)
- **01/29/10 Business For Breakfast** - The Economic Forecast...find out what's in store! [More>>>](#)
- **02/10/09 Business After Hours** - Land, Sea & SkyWest Fun Fest at the Muskegon County Airport! [More>>>](#)
- **02/18/10 The Annual Jubilee** - Broadway in Bluejeans! Save the date for the Chamber celebration of the year taking place at the Fricano Event Center! [More>>>](#)

**More Chamber Events...**

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Also, I want to personally thank **Wes Eklund** for leading the Chamber during this difficult transition. His steady and calm nature was just the type of leadership we needed during this challenging and sometimes frightening period of time."

Cindy Larsen, President of the Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce

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### SAVE MONEY ON YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!!!

Check out the member coupons on the Chamber's website at [muskegon.org](http://muskegon.org)! Some discounts available to members and non-members. Share the savings with your staff by giving them the Chamber website address!

#### Here are a few examples:

- Need help with cleaning the house before guests arrive?...  
Dust & Vac Maid Service
- Need to spruce up the table with a centerpiece?...  
Flowers by Ray & Sharon
- Need to put the out-of-town guests up at a hotel?...  
Shoreline Inn & Suites



[More Coupons>>>](#)

### HOLIDAY OUTREACH

The needs in our community this holiday season will be greater than ever before. In response, the Chamber has created a Holiday Outreach page to help businesses and employees easily find information about community needs and giving opportunities.

**Consider giving back to the community by donating** to any of the following causes. [Read on>>>](#)

To send us your Holiday Outreach information, [click here](#).



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