## Eaton Area Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

September 2017 Edition

# What can the Chamber do for your business and/or our community?

There are so many exciting things happening for the Eaton Area Chamber of Commerce, but we are always looking for your opinions on what the Chamber is doing right or anything you would like to see us do. First and foremost, the Chamber is here for our members and our community.

members visiting our site. In addition to the website, we have had tremendous success on our Facebook site lately. If you haven't done so, please be sure to like our Facebook page. If you have anything you would like shared from your Facebook pages, such as your current specials, sales,

#### Mission

To support existing businesses and promote the growth and development of new business and to strengthen the quality of life in our community.

We appreciate your ideas for new activities and/or how to recruit new members to grow our Chamber. We have created this monthly newsletter as a way to get more information to our members and the community. We love to advertise our members and local events/sales. Recently, we launched our new website to expand the advertising potential of our members and promote events to community

promotions, etc., please send a message to our Facebook page and we will be sure to add it to our page. It's a great resource for us to reach the community and the members that are overseeing it right now are all doing an outstanding job! As everyone is aware our Chamber is volunteer based, so please get involved... whether it be for a single event or to serve on the Board of Directors. Thank you.

Upcoming
Events
and
Opportunities

#### September

14<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting (12-1 pm at Eaton Country Club)

21st – General Member Meeting – Presentation by Emily Wiedeman of Edward Jones (12-1 pm at Edward Jones Office)

#### October

12<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting (12-1 at Eaton Country Club)

19th – General Member
Meeting – Presentation by
Kyle Rohn of Broken Box R
LLC (12-1 pm at Eaton
Area Community Center)
24th – Quarterly Local
Business Presentation –
Securing Your Home and
Business (5:30-7 pm at
Eaton Area Community
Center)
31st – Safe Halloween Trick

or Treat (3:30-5 pm)

### Volunteer Opportunities

As a volunteer based Chamber, we are *ALWAYS* looking for volunteers. Whether it be for an upcoming event or an idea that you may have that you would like for the Chamber to get involved with, please

info@eatonareachamber.com. Below are some upcoming ideas if you would like to volunteer your time...

contact us at

#### Old Fashioned Christmas

- Preparation, including but not limited to, assisting with marketing, contacting businesses for donations and/or sponsorships.
- Event day activities, including but not limited to, setup, Chamber table greeters, game attendees, clean up.

### **Exciting News!**

As I mentioned, our new website has launched. There are so many exciting things on the new website, including calendars and directories. We will also have an employment section for our members to advertise available positions within their businesses.

For those of you that weren't able to attend, we recently had our annual Movie Night and it was a huge success! So much so that we are considering adding another Movie Night in late spring.

Before Spring has sprung, we still need to get through Fall and Winter. In the Fall, we will have our annual Safe Trick or Treat. For those of you who may not know what this is, our member businesses invite trick or treaters to stop in at their businesses from 3:30-5:00 p.m. As Halloween nears, we will be contacting our member businesses and local businesses to determine whether they would like to be included on our map.

Then there's Winter, the time of year for our grandest event...Old Fashioned Christmas! Plans have already begun for this year's event and we definitely need more volunteers to ensure that this is the best Old Fashioned Christmas yet. This year, we will be adding events at the new Eaton Area Community Center, including flying Mr. and Mrs. Claus in by helicopter. We will then continue our historic events at Eaton High School, including our chili/soup dinner, co-sponsored with the Eaton Sertoma Club, and end the night with our Parade of Lights! If you are interested in sponsoring an activity during Old Fashioned Christmas or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Audrey Cagle at Audrey.cagle@outlook.com. If you haven't already seen it, you will be seeing sponsorship opportunities very soon. All of our activities take may volunteer hours to ensure they're great, please volunteer!