

# Greater Albion Business News

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## Got the Blahs? Konkle Chair Thank You!

Kick the winter blahs and overcome the stress of the holidays at the Chamber's annual Las Vegas night which will be held at the **Albion Elks Lodge** on Friday, January 12 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Blackjack, Dirty Queens, a money wheel and Let It Ride are among the games to be played.

Tickets are \$4 and ticket holders will be eligible for a \$100 cash drawing at midnight (need **not** be present to win). Tickets are available from Chamber board members and Ambassadors as well as at the Chamber office. Volunteers are still needed for this fun event. If you are interested, please call the Chamber at 517-629-5533.

The Victory Park sledding hill will be the site of the 16th annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race sponsored by **World Corrugated Container** on Sunday, January 28. Individuals organizations are invited to participate. Businesses are also invited to join in on the corporate challenge. Building a sled for the race encourages team work and is a very cost-effective way of advertising! Everyone is invited to do a snow dance!

And last, but not least, mark your calendars now for the annual Chamber gala on Friday, February 16 at **Duck Lake Country Club** and watch for your invitation in the mail!

At the regular December Chamber board meeting, board members selected Bernard Konkle I (**Decker Manufacturing**) as Chairman of the Board for a one year term beginning January 1, 2007. Konkle also served as Chairman in 1999.

Missy Hoath (**Chemical Bank**) was elected Secretary/Treasurer and Randy Fisher (**Gordon Martin Builder**) was appointed 1st Vice-Chairman.

The staff and board thanked term-limited Bill Dobbins (**Caster Concepts**) for his outstanding contributions to the board over the past six years and Sandi Pfeffer (**Bob Frahm Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac**) for her excellent leadership as 2006 Chairman.

*Please pass along  
The Greater  
Albion Business  
News to your col-  
leagues and friends  
and encourage  
them to participate  
in Chamber events  
such as Las Vegas  
night!*

*The Board of  
Directors and Staff of  
the Greater Albion  
Chamber of Com-  
merce wish you, your  
families and business  
colleagues a very  
happy and prosperous  
New Year.*

*We thank you for your  
commitment to the  
Chamber and for all  
that you do to make  
our community a bet-  
ter one!*

*Many exciting things  
happened in Albion in  
2006 and we expect  
many more to come in  
2007.*

*Again, thank you and  
Happy New Year!*

## Member Happenings *(continued from page 3)*

The Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce encourages all members to do business with each other. The companies and individuals listed below have recently made an important investment in their business by joining or renewing their membership in the Chamber. We hope that you will consider doing business with them.

### 1 year

**Terry DeWeerd**

**United Educational Credit Union**

### Other Renewals

**Albion Tire City**

**Anne B. Norlander**

**Vision Care Plus**

**Dove & Hickey PLC**

**Neil A. Starkey, D.D.S.**

**Summit Pointe** has a new service and has been offering in the Albion area "Connections Yard Services" doing lawn maintenance for the past year. They are expanding into snow removal service and can clear sidewalks and smaller driveways. Please call 268-441-6089 for an estimate.

The Trustees of the **Albion Community Foundation** have elected new officers and two new Trustees who will be assuming their duties the first of January. Serving as President will be Jeff Bell (**Homestead Savings Bank**) taking over from Karen Dobbins. Other newly elected officers are Joyce Spicer (**Albion Health Care Alliance**) as Vice President, Karen Yankie as Secretary and Tom Pitt (**Albion College**) as Treasurer. Two new individuals join the Board as Trustees for

three year terms, Marilyn Henon and Tom Pitt. The by-laws of the Foundation limit service on the Board to two terms of three years. Leaving the Board, both having served two terms are Susan Ferguson and Don Hawkins.

The **Ismon House** Elevator is "on the way up!" By the end of January 2007 we should be able to enter the **Ismon House** at ground level (on the south side), and be whisked down to the basement, or up to floors one, two, or three. As soon as the elevator is installed, restoration of the rest of the building will continue (as funding permits). Since May 2006 the finished 1st floor of the **Ismon House** has been "booked" by dozens of groups, ranging from weddings to baby showers, training sessions to masked balls, banquets to prayer breakfasts, concerts to club meetings. Fees from clients are covering all operational costs (marketing, managing, reserving and operating **Ismon**). To reserve your event/function at **Ismon House**, call (517) 629-8211. The **Ismon House** Board is indeed grateful to the residents of Greater Albion for your wonderful support of Albion's "community gathering place." Go **Ismon!**

Albion's newest restaurant, **Davan's** opened on Wednesday, December 13 with a ribbon-cutting by the **Albion Chamber Ambassadors**. For information and reservations, please call 629-8530.

If you have not yet responded to the Chamber survey included in the last newsletter, please do so

today!

Wondering what events are going on in the greater Albion area? The Albion E-news proudly announces the arrival of a 'sister'... the Albion E-calendar! Online now at: <http://www.albioncalendar.com>

The web-based Albion E-calendar is the result of countless hours of work by Lee Schultheiss of **Artison.net**. The Albion E-calendar is a searchable database for events by month, category, and keyword. Categories include things like music and meetings, but Categories also include things like the Chamber of Commerce or Public Library or Government or Albion College, so users can get a list of events being put on by some of the major entities in town. The first page lists the "short version" of each event, and a user can click on each to get more details, including times and locations, cost, and a lengthy description, if available. Groups submit items using the form on the website, and it goes both to Catherine Kerley (editor of the E-news) for inclusion in the Albion E-News, and also at the same time into the database for the Albion E-Calendar. Sponsorship of the Albion E-News also gets the sponsor listed on the Albion E-Calendar. Another sister web site of the Albion E-news and Albion E-calendar is the Albion E-directory at <http://www.albiondirectory.com> So be sure to check out all three sites soon to find out what's going on around Albion!

<http://www.albionenews.com>

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