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# Chamber News

Newsletter of the Harvard  
Chamber of Commerce & Industry

September/October 2007

## 22nd Annual Chamber Golf Outing

A little bit of rain, well ok, a lot of rain did not stop the Harvard Chamber of Commerce's 22nd Annual Golf Outing from being a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who donated, participated and volunteered, you are the ones who made this event a success.

The outing was held at Plum Tree Golf Course in Harvard. The Golf Course out did themselves with a delicious steak dinner and scrumptious side dishes. After dinner everyone was treated to Dilly Bars courtesy of Dairy Queen.

A new ,fun twist was added to this years event.. Each team was allowed to purchase 20 feet of string for \$20.00. You could use this string as a legal way to shave off a few strokes. You would stretch out the string to the hole, cut the string off, pick up the ball and don't count the stroke.

The string had to last you the whole game.

Let's congratulate this years Super-Raffle winners!

\$75.00 – Jim Olson, Dennis Adams, Tom Condon, Dave Nelson, Kathy Nolen and Judy Koch.

\$100– Kathy Rokus, Mayor Jay Nolan and Jim Olson.

\$250– Loan Department at The Harvard State Bank.

\$2,000– the pot was split between Clavey's Nursery and Phil Ulmer and Darrell Perkins.



## Harvard Happy Hop Chamber Mixer

Fun was had by one and all at the August 7th's Harvard Happy Hop's Chamber Mixer.

Owners Mike and Francine Kelly set up one of their inflatable's, The Monkey House, on the Chamber's ground and invited all children to come and jump for free. Meanwhile inside, the grownups enjoyed delicious food and networking with other Harvard businesses.

Harvard Happy Hop is a family owned business which started in May 2007. Miike and Francine rent inflatable bouncers and

slides. The slides can be used wet or dry. They also rent an



inflatable cow which you can use to advertise your business. The cow stands alone or will sit in the back of a truck. The night of the mixer, Happy Hop raffled off

the use of the cow. Roger Pescinski of The Harvard State Bank won the raffle, so be on the look out for the cow! The fee to rent the advertising cow is \$100.00 per day.

Harvard Happy Hop services Harvard and surrounding communities. Try an inflatable for your next birthday party, fundraisers or company event.

You can contact Mike and Francine at 815-943-7329 or email them at: info@happyhop.com. Check out their web site at: www.harvardhappyhop.com to

# Ribbon Cutting for The Flower Bin Etc.

August 6th marked the Grand Opening of our newest Florist Shop in town, The Flower Bin Etc. Denise Carlson, owner, held a Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for her special event.

The Flower Bin Etc. offers their customers fresh flowers, green and blooming plants, giftware, unique sympathy items, wedding designs and home décor. Stopping in is a must to meet her friendly staff and see the beautifully displayed gifts in her store.

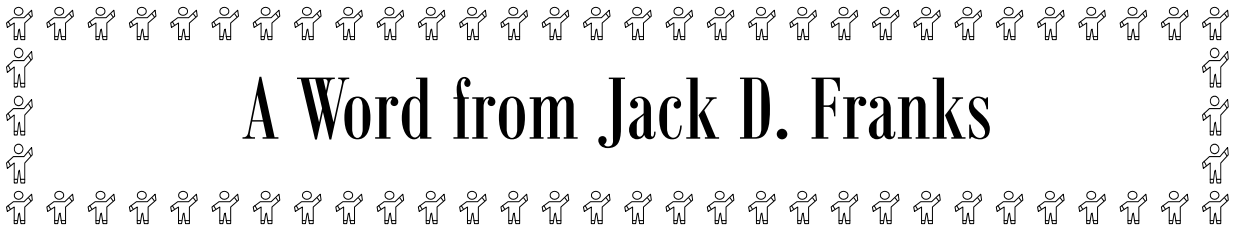
The store hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays 8:00 a.m. until noon. The store is located at 34 N. Ayer St., Harvard.

The phone number is 815-943-7673. You can also visit them on the web at: [www.flowerbinetc.com](http://www.flowerbinetc.com).

Please stop in and meet your new neighbor and take the time to smell the roses while you are in there.



The Flower Bin Etc. Chamber's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony August 6, 2007



## A Word from Jack D. Franks

Greeting Harvard Chamber members. I would like to update you on what I have been doing in Springfield to help McHenry County Businesses.

Gov. Blagojevich is trying to muscle an \$8 billion tax hike through the General Assembly for expensive new programs, while the state is struggling to meet current obligations. The governor's gross receipts tax (GRT) is a bad idea that would place an undue burden on Illinois businesses, and the consequences would trickle down to consumers.

That is why I led a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers to vocally oppose Gov. Blagojevich's GRT proposal. In May, the Governor's multibillion-dollar tax hike was soundly defeated in the House by a vote of 0-107.

I also chaired an historic Committee of the Whole to debate the Governor's proposal to sell the state lottery. I opposed the Governor's plan because we cannot allow the Governor to sell state assets to pay for programs we cannot afford. The Committee I chaired defeated the Governor's proposal by a vote of 6 to 78.

I have been working to help local businesses expand, as well, I sponsored House Bill 1241 which increases Build Illinois loans for minority, disability, and veteran owned businesses from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and House Bill 1241 which creates a tax benefit for businesses that start up child care services for their employees. Both bills passed the House and Senate by a unani-

mous vote.

I would like to hear your comments and suggestions, and thank you for your continued input and advice. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (815) 334-0063 or email me at [jack@franks.org](mailto:jack@franks.org).

Jack D. Franks  
State Representative-63rd District

# Welcome New Members

## **The Flower Bin Etc.**

Denise Carlson– Owner  
34 N, Ayer St  
Harvard, IL 60033  
Phone: 815-943-7673  
Website: [www.flowerbinetc.com](http://www.flowerbinetc.com)  
florist and gift shop

## **American Family Insurance/ Bill LeFew**

Bill LeFew– owner  
32 N. Ayer Street  
Harvard, IL 60033  
815-943-6655  
Website: [www.amfam.com](http://www.amfam.com)  
insurance sales

## **Stan's Office Technologies**

Mark Steadman-President  
1375 S Eastwood Dr.  
Woodstock, IL 60098  
815-338-0549  
[www.stans.com](http://www.stans.com)  
office equipment, office technology and computers

## **Harvard Family Eye Care**

Welcome new Optometrist– Dr. Michael Thomas  
313 N Division St.  
Harvard, IL. 60033  
815-943-6635  
Optometric services, eye exams, glasses and contact lenses

### **Sponsor a Chamber Mixer!**

We have openings available for November and December  
Call 815-943-4404 to reserve your spot.

### **Get involved with your Chamber!**

Volunteers are always needed on a variety of different committees.  
Call us for more details at 815-943-4404



Breakfast Series  
**ABC**

## 2007-08 ABC Breakfast Series

### Breakfast and Workshops

Breakfast 7:30 -8:45 a.m. Workshop 9:30-11:00 a.m.

MCC's ABC (Academics, Business and Community) Breakfast Series brings the community together to explore compelling issues of the day. Mark your calendar today for these exciting keynote speakers!



**Wednesday, September 26, 2007**

**Andy Litinsky**

Youngest contestant on *The Apprentice* and first to be re-hired by Donald Trump, President of *Trump Productions*.

**Breakfast Topic:**

*Nothing Trumps Passion – From Fired to You're Hired!*

Find out what it's like to work next to real estate billionaire Donald Trump every day, and learn why the ability to inspire and motivate others is all about passion. Andy will share first-hand knowledge about how two of the country's most successful businessmen – *Apprentice* producer Mark Burnett and Trump himself – inspire and motivate others with their unbridled passion for success.

**Workshop Topic:**

*It's Not What You Know – It's Your Ability To Market What You Know*  
9:30 – 11 a.m.



**Save the Date**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**

**John Cronin**

Hudson Riverkeeper, Commercial Fisherman and Environmentalist

**Breakfast Topic:**

*Change the World - Start in Your Own Backyard*

*Time Magazine* Hero for the Planet, author, fisherman, teacher, filmmaker, and advocate, John Cronin offers a unique perspective that explores the human, political, and moral dimensions of today's environmental headlines. Don't miss his inspirational message, plus learn how you too can change the world from your own backyard.

The ABC Breakfast Series is hosted by the MCC Corporate and Continuing Education Division and the Friends of McHenry County College Foundation.

All ABC Breakfasts are held in the college multipurpose room located in Building A. Doors open at 7 a.m., breakfast is served at 7:30 a.m., and the half-hour long address begins at 8 a.m. followed by a 15-minute question and answer period. Admission is \$25 per person. Reservations for full tables (seating for 10) also available.

To purchase tickets online, visit [www.mchenry.edu/abc](http://www.mchenry.edu/abc) or contact Linda Buerger, (815) 455-8556 or [lbuerger@mchenry.edu](mailto:lbuerger@mchenry.edu).

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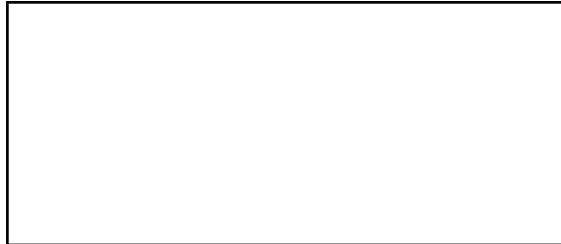
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**Upcoming Events:**

**Winchester Builders-Chamber Mixer**

Tuesday, September 4th

4:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

1300 Sage Lane

Harvard, IL.

Come tour 2 beautiful model homes and enjoy some refreshments.

More info call 815-943-4404

**Chamber Mixer with not-for-profit Clubs and Organizations**

Monday, October 1st

4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.

Harvard Chamber Office

Fun and refreshments

More info call 815-943-4404

**Adams Collision Center Chamber Mixer**

Tuesday, October 2nd

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

1520 N Division Street

Fun and refreshments

More info call 815-943-4404

**Ladies Night Out**

Tuesday, November 6, 2007

4:30 p.m.– 9:30 p.m.

Heritage Inn & Suites

More info call 815-943-4404

**Mission Statement**

The Harvard Chamber of Commerce & Industry is dedicated to provide support to the growth and development of the business community and to continually improve the quality of life for those who live and work in the Harvard area....