

# B u s i n e s s N e w s

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## This Year's Community Awards Go To:

Business of the Year:

Mike Genson Plumbing & Mechanical  
Mike & Karen Genson



Business Person  
of the Year

Lori Verbrugge.  
Huron Valley State Bank



Volunteer of the Year

Wendy Loncar.  
Mary Kay Cosmetics



One Step Beyond  
Roscoe Smith,  
(picture unavailable)

## Membership Luncheon at Noon on November 20th

In Honor of all of our Community Awards Winners & Nominees  
Sparkies American Grill, located at 2868 E. Highland Rd in Highland.

The cost is \$13.00 if pre-paid; \$15.00 at the door.

To RSVP please call 248-889-1422 or email [info@theHBA.net](mailto:info@theHBA.net)



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**2008 Board Members**

**Officers:**

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**Sue Donovan**

Milford Times

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**Wendy Loncar**

Mary Kay Cosmetics

**Treasurer**

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**Past President**

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**Welcome to Our New Members!**

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Comeback Inn

Custom Plus, Inc.

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Elton Black & Son Funeral Home

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Staff Now!

Two Moms & A Mop

Zelony Well Drilling, Inc.



## Upcoming Events: For November 2008 & Beyond

Nov 5	HBA Board Mtg 8:30am at Highland Station House	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>To Register for events please call the Highland Business Association Office at (248) 889-1422 or Email us at <a href="mailto:info@theHBA.net">info@theHBA.net</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">We'll See you there! Check our website for more info on our events: <a href="http://www.TheHBA.net">www.TheHBA.net</a></p>
Nov 14	T.G.I.F. Coffee 8:00am at Bretzlaff Foundation	
Nov 15	Red Box Food Drive Begins	
Nov 20	HBA Luncheon at Sparkies American Grill	
Dec 4	Women in Business Dinner at Comeback Inn	
Dec 15	Red Box Food Drive Ends	
Dec 11	HBA Board Mtg 10:30 am at Broadview Tree Farm	
Dec 11	HBA Luncheon at Broadview Tree Farm at Noon. Join us for this complimentary casual lunch that's become our tradition! Please RSVP to the HBA	
Dec 12	There will be no TGIF Coffee in December	

# TGIF Coffee



Join us the second  
Friday of each month  
Meet us between 8am-9am on  
November 14th at  
Hilda E. Bretzlaff Foundation  
1550 N. Milford Rd. Ste.101, Milford  
Visit [www.thehba.net](http://www.thehba.net) for link to map  
**(No TGIF Coffee in December)**

***Newsletter Advertising Opportunities***

Business Card.....\$25/month , Quarter page.....\$45/month  
8 1/2 x 11 Insert.....\$35/month

*Did you know that you can place your business cards in our office for \$5/year?*

# Harvest Dinner - A Night of Laughs & Lyrics



Steve Floyd, Clarkston's "One Man Band", started us off with dinner music on the keyboard and guitar. His collection of easy listening ballads, top 40, & Classic Rock complemented the great dinner and atmosphere at Bakers Banquet Hall.

Jake Tyson provided the comedy for the evening, poking fun at our local businesses, politicians, and our rural community. Jake also started off the bidding mood by being the "auctioneer" for the Live Auction.

There were lots of great silent auction and "Tin Can" items to bid on throughout the evening, and many people walked away with some great deals for themselves or early Christmas shopping gifts!

Thank you to everyone who supported your community by purchasing tickets, sponsoring a table, or donating auction items!



## Donations received from:

Advantage Tax & Financial Services  
Basket Sampler  
Caring for Your Family  
Charlies Jewelry Creations  
Comeback Inn  
Congressman T. McCotter  
Custom Plus  
Dairy Queen of Highland  
Duane Karr Massage  
Elton Black & Son Funeral Home  
Five Star ACE Hardware  
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Sparkies American Grill  
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## Thank you to our Table Sponsors!

Carpet Classics Floor Studio  
Huron Valley State Bank  
Mike Genson Plumbing & Mechanical

Elton Black & Son Funeral Home  
Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors



## White Lake Township Business Association News

Due to busy holiday schedules, the next **White Lake Mixer** has been scheduled for **January 13th**. After the guests have gone & the decorations are put away, join us for a fun and relaxing night at the White Lake Inn! Bring some friends and start the New Year off right. More details to follow.

### Discounted 2009 Membership Renewal Rates

#### Highland Business Association Renewal Dues for 2009

A Discounted Rate Schedule has been put into place by the board of directors as an incentive for early membership renewal. Please note that dues must be paid by February 1, 2009 to be included in the 2009 HBA directory. Please complete a registration form and include it with your payment to ensure that your membership information is up to date. Be sure to take full advantage of all your HBA membership benefits, including:

Listings in more than 20,000 copies of our two annual publications - delivered to every house and business in Highland and White Lake Twps,  
 Listing on our web site's member directory,  
 Discount Rates for expo events,  
 Networking opportunities at our monthly and annual events,  
 Many advertising opportunities, and  
 Membership in our two divisions, Women in Business and White Lake Township Business Association.

#### **Discounted Rate Schedule:**

<u>Dues Paid by:</u>	<u>Amount Due:</u>
November 30, 2008	\$130.00
December 31, 2008	\$135.00
January 31, 2009	\$140.00
After Jan. 31, 2009	\$150.00

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## Red Box Food Drive

The HBA is proud to sponsor the Red Box Food Drive. Every year, businesses volunteer to be a collection location for food donations to be distributed to local residents in need during the Holidays. The HBA would like to express our appreciation to the businesses that are participating in this year's Red Box Food Drive. Food Drive begins Nov 15 and ends on Dec 15.

**These are the drop off locations in Milford for Community Sharing:**

Cartridge World, Coldwell Banker Callan Realtors, Flagstar Bank, and Lynch & Sons Funeral Home.

**These are the drop off locations in Highland for Highland Goodfellows:**

ABC Printing, Advantage Tax Service, Allegra Print & Imaging, Allstate Innes Agency, Apollo Center, Bank of America - Highland, Beatys Florist & Greenhouses, Inc., Century 21-Meck, Chase Bank, Colasantis Produce & Plants, Dairy Queen, Exclusive Floor Covering, Eyecare Connection, Fifth Third Bank, Five Star Ace Hardware, Freedom Work Opportunities, Gennero Chiropractic Health Center, Goodwill North Oakland Career Center, Gregs Auto Repair, Gun Barn, Hallowell & Associates, Highland Elementary School, Highland Food Center, Highland Library, Highland Senior Center, Highland Township Offices, Huron Valley Council of the Arts, Huron Valley Schools Admin. Bldg, Huron Valley State Bank, Jay Chevrolet, Kensington Valley Community Credit Union, LaFontaine Automotive, Manic Organic Natural Foods, Nu-Way Supply Kitchen & Bath, One Hour Martinizing, Sisters Barber Shop, West Oakland Advanced Dental Artistry, and Zaydees Coffee House.

**These are the drop off locations in White Lake for Open Door Outreach:**

Allstate Insurance-Shirl Crowe, Bank of America - White Lake, Clarkston State Bank, Dick Morris Chevrolet, Lakes Area Family Chiropractic, TPOP Fitness, White Lake Township, and White Lake Township Library.

**Thank you to the members who helped with this project: Sally Brush of Custom Plus, Kim Lucas of Five Star Ace Hardware, Karen Genson of Mike Genson Plumbing & Mechanical, Lori Rea of Bank of America, and Norma Nicholson of Nicholson Appraisal.**

**Please help us reach out to those less fortunate in our community!**

## Thank You to the Senior Breakfast Volunteers

Marianne Selby

Claudia Boerner

Triscia Pilchowski

Mary McDonell

Judy Kiley

Patrice Wasserman

Barb Rollin

Eileen Kowall

Susan Bledsoe

Mary Grace Charter

Jane Malczyk

Edith Nader

Sharon Keenan

Karen Genson

Cheryl Hatfield

Sally Brush



## **Support, Opportunity, Connection**

Women In Business is a division of the Highland Business Association  
Our Mission: We are dedicated to assisting each other with support, networking opportunities, group advertising, educational workshops, and community involvement.

## **You're Invited to Ladies Night Out Holiday Dinner**

**Sponsored by Women In Business**

Thursday, December 4th, 2008 at 6:30 pm Cost \$20

Location: Comeback Inn, 1451 S. Milford Rd, Highland.

Optional: Bring a gift for our annual holiday gift exchange

Enjoy a fun night of networking. Visitors are welcome -  
Bring some friends!

**Please contact the HBA office to RSVP.**

**Call 248-889-1422 or email to [info@theHBA.net](mailto:info@theHBA.net)**

### **Welcome to the 2009 HBA Officers and New Board Members**

This new officers for the coming year are as follows:

President—Wendy Loncar, Mary Kay Cosmetics

Vice President—Karen Genson, Mike Genson Plumbing & Mechanical

Secretary—Kim Lucas, Five Star Ace Hardware

Treasurer— Joshua Mulder, Ameriprise Financial

New Board Members for 2009 are Ronica Fodor of Huron Valley State Bank

Tim Colbeck of Highland DDA, Leah Ohmer of Huron Valley Council for the Arts, and Penny Lewis of Penny Lane Elderly Care.

### **Highland DDA Christmas Tree Lighting**

Tentatively set for Monday, December 8, 2008

7:00pm at Highland Firestation #1

Come enjoy some caroling and see Santa arrive on a fire truck.



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### HBA Mission

“We will assist our area business and community in achieving continued prosperity and maintained growth.”