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Window on Washington

SAVE THE DATE

The Washington Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors invites you to attend the
fifty-seventh annual

Washington Day Banquet

The Year in Review & Looking Ahead to 2016

Thursday, February 25, 2016
6:00 p.m. Social Time
6:30 p.m. Dinner

Five Points-Washington
360 North Wilmor
Washington, IL

Awards to be presented:
Business Beautification
Outstanding Business
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Invitations will be mailed in early January.

Feel free to use the RSVP card on page 2 to make your reservations for this year's Washington Day Banquet early.

Presidential Table of 8
1st priority seating, special mention in program (*)
$425
VP Table of 8
2nd priority seating, special mention in program (*)
$395
Table of 8
$360
Single Seats (per person)
$ 45

RSVPs after February 19th will incur a $20.00 charge per reservation
(*) Presidential & VP Tables are limited

Please RSVP by Monday, February 19, 2016**

Tickets **will be mailed** to contact person for reservations made by February 19th.

Have each guest bring their own ticket to registration table for table assignment at the banquet.

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MAKE YOUR WDB RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Washington Day Banquet 2016

Please RSVP by Monday, February 19, 2016**
Return this completed form with payment to:
WCOC. 114 Washington Square . Washington, IL 61571

- ☐ $425 **Presidential Table of 8** 1st priority seating, special mention in program (*)
- ☐ $395 **VP Table of 8** 2nd priority seating, special mention in program (*)
- ☐ $360 **Table of 8**
- ☐ $ 45 **Single Seats** (per person)

$ _____ Total Enclosed

☐ Check (payable to WCOC) ☐ I will call to make my Credit Card payment

*Company or Group Name:	Please list the names of the guests who are included in this reservation. Please contact Chamber office regarding dietary restrictions.
* Contact Person (Person Making Reservation):	
*Phone:	
*Email:	
*Physical Address:	
*All fields are required to guarantee reservation.	

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Do you know someone who has a history of supporting *Washington* unselfishly?

Have you seen a *Washington* business make renovations in the past two years that have improved the landscape of *Washington*?

Do you know a *Washington* business that provides outstanding customer service, or that serves our community for its betterment?

Then **WE NEED YOU** ...

Awards will be presented at the Washington Day Banquet for the following:
Business Beautification . Outstanding Business . 2016 Washingtonian

For Nomination Guidelines & Forms, go to:
www.washingtoncocil.com/washington-day-banquet
(multiple nominations for same nominee encouraged)

Nomination Deadline is January 16, 2016

Call 309-444-9921 if you have any questions,

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SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS

Go to:
www.washingtoncoc.com/washington-day-banquet

where you can download Nomination forms for:

Washingtonian 2016

Outstanding Business 2016

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WCOC Trivia Night
Registration Form

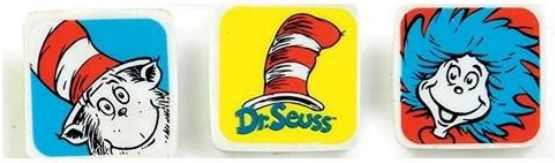
Saturday
January 23, 2016
7:00pm

@ Countryside Banquet Facility
Doors Open @ 6:00pm Decorate Tables
Food & Drinks Available @ 6:30pm
Rules & Explanations @ 6:45pm
Trivia Starts @ 7:00pm

☐ Table of up to 8 players @ $160 /table = $_____

Total $_____

Team Name	
Business Name	
Contact Person	
Contact Address	
Contact Email	
Contact Phone #	
Form of Payment	_____Check Enclosed or _____Credit Card (by phone @ 444-9921)



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The evening will include: Seven rounds of Trivia Fun . Bonus Round for extra points . Prizes for the Best Decorated Table - Best Dressed Team - First (& last) Place Winners . A Silent Auction . Chances to Get "FREE" Answers . Raffles . Interactive Games . Food by Countryside Banquet . Cash Bar

Registration Deadline is Friday, January 15, 2016

To register, return this completed form and your payment to WCOC . 114 Washington Square . Washington IL 61571

For more information, please call the chamber office at 444-9921 or info@washingtoncoc.com.

The Theme for the Evening is DR. SEUSS!
Tables & Dress are encouraged to go along with the theme. Questions may or may not involve the theme, but will in some way be "connected"! See back for more details.

Limited number of tables available so be sure to sign up right away to reserve your team's spot!!

2ND EVER WCOC TRIVIA NIGHT

Donate

an item or money to be used to buy items

2nd Ever WCOC Trivia Night

Saturday, January 23, 2016
@ Countryside Banquet Facility

SAVE THE DATE &
GET A TEAM TOGETHER!

Silent Auction Donation	Donate item to be used in Silent Auction during event: Business name listed on event program and bid sheet; mentioned in Chamber newsletter for special donation *(Items must be confirmed by **January 11th**)*

What are we looking for? Something unique to your business: What are you known for? What do you want people to know about your business? Donate that!! Or you can donate something that has nothing to do with your business!

Here are some ideas:

Tickets to sporting events . Massages . Decorative garden accents or plants . Sports related items (balls, clothes, accessories) . Gift certificates to anywhere . Movies or movie tickets . Kitchen gadgets . Something from your home-based business . Coin sets . Food & Snacks . Mugs, cups, coolers . Dr. Seuss theme items . Jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts . Fashion accessories . Purses . Chocolates . Wine, beer, coffee, tea . Flower arrangements . Valentine theme items . Home décor . Exercise equipment, accessories . Tickets to an event in Washington . Car care items . Jewelry . Pedicures & Manicures . Books . Gift cards . Collectibles . Craft items . Art work, pictures

Bring a Team

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A Silent Auction. Chances to Get "FREE" Answers. Raffles. Interactive Games.

Food by Countryside Banquet Facility. Cash Bar

Dr. Seuss is the theme!

Tables & Dress are encouraged to go along with the theme.
Questions may or may not involve the theme, but will in some way be "connected"!

A table of up to 8 players on a team (minimum of 4) = $160

Saturday, January 23, 2016 . 7pm to 9pm
(Doors will open at 6:00 for decorating time)
at Countryside Banquet Facility

Registration Form is on the next page.
Also available at
www.washingtoncoc.com/events

December Membership Renewals

Shelby Studio Photography
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as of 12-31-15

If you are a new chamber member (having joined within the last 6 months) and have not arranged to have your official welcome scheduled…please contact the Chamber office - 444-9921—so we can set a date! For more information, contact the Chamber staff.

Are you interested in hosting a Business After Hours in 2016?

Contact the Chamber office TODAY. 444-9921

Business After Hours was created to provide opportunities to local business people to meet each other in an informal setting. It also allows a superb time to showcase a particular business. Hosting one of these events, as well as at ending, can have long range positive effects on business and networking.

Besides providing opportunity to network, Business After Hours also provides a chance for new or potential members to meet face to face with current members and see what the Chamber can do for them.

January Business After Hours
Annual Tazewell County Chambers Business After Hours
hosted by
East Peoria Chamber of Commerce and Morton Community Bank
Embassy Suites in East Peoria
Thursday, January 21, 2016 . 4:30pm to 7:00pm

It's time for choice and for improved membership benefits.

After careful consideration by your Washington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Ambassadors and staff, your Chamber is changing the way members will invest. Like many chambers are doing, we will be moving to a tiered dues system, which will provide benefits based on the investment level a partner selects.
If you have any questions or would like to schedule a meeting to review how this change can increase your investment with the chamber, please contact us at 309.444.9921 or through e-mail at info@washingtoncoc.com. Our new membership package is available for you to view on www.washingtonilcoc.com/memberbenefits. A letter was mailed out to our full membership the week of November 2, 2015.

Member Memos & Community News

Daily Laboratories . Is a full-service microbiology laboratory assisting the food, dairy, meat, produce, water, container and closures industries. With over 50 years in the industry, Daily Laboratories works with clients to meet their needs and satisfy state and federal regulations. Daily Laboratories has been awarded their renewal of ISO/IEC 1705:2005 accreditation. "This accreditation for the microbiological testing confirms that we have the processes in place to aid our clients with their testing needs," ...Lisa Strickland, President. For more information, visit www.DailyLaboratories.com

Crossroads United Methodist Church . The Alpha Course, an 11-week practical introduction to the Christian faith. Thursdays, January 7—March 17. 6:15 to 8:00pm Faith Chapel, 1420 N. Main Street. Sign up at crossroads4all.org or call the church office at 444-2381.

Heartland Festival Orchestra . New Year's Greeting Broadway Rhythm. Bev & Kirby Ward, Song & Dance Team. Saturday, January 9th, 7:30pm at Five Points Washington. Concert benefits Crittenton Centers. $35 adults/$8 students & kids. For tickets, call 444-8222, buy them at Kidder Music in Peoria, or go to heartlandfestivalorchestra.org,

The Washington Historical Society is offering bricks from the Dickinson-Libby Cannery as the perfect gift for True Washingtonians. The Cannery was an integral part of Washington's economy from 1910 until it closed in 1945. Recently, the warehouse section of the building, which experienced fires in 1964 and 1999, was covered over and the ground leveled. It was here, in the warehouse, that 243 German prisoners were kept during World War II.
Rick Bess of Alliance Wheel Services, LLC, made available some of the cannery bricks to the Washington Historical Society. The bricks have been cleaned and engraved with a plaque detailing the history of the Dickinson-Libby Cannery at the end of South Wood Street. The bricks are available for purchase with or without a walnut base. Each brick is accompanied by a card of authenticity, which relates the history of the Dickinson-Libby Cannery and its land usage.

Bricks with an engraved plaque on a walnut base for $75

Bricks with engraved plaque without the walnut base for $25

There are 150 bricks available for purchase from the Washington Historical Society. Order yours by calling the Washington Historical Society at 309-444-4793. If no answer, please leave a message regarding your desired purchase. The proceeds from the sponsored bricks will be applied to the repairs of the Dement-Zinser House and the Doctor's Museum.

Member Memos is the place where a short announcement can be made to convey information about your business. Information needs to be submitted by the 20th of the month preceding publication. Chamber members are encouraged to submit notices of accomplishments, upcoming events, or data that would be of interest to the membership.

It is our goal to always provide the most current and accurate information; however, we are limited to the information that is provided to us. Details are subject to change between the time information is received and the time of publication.

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Guidelines to be followed to submit item for weekly emails:

- No later than the Monday before
- JPEG format
- Tell us which 2 weeks

Please include ALL 3 elements when sending your email submission.

Starting March 1st!

Ask about our Individual Chamber Member e-blast for only $100.00 coming soon!
Info@washingtoncoc.com or 309.444.9921

The Washington Chamber Connections weekly emails are changing in 2016!

We will be switching to two weekly emails: one strictly for Chamber members regarding Chamber information and offers; the other for Chamber members to inform the community and other members of their events and offers. There will also be a fee to have a flyer included in the e-blast.

Community E-mail - Chamber Member News

- E-mail will be sent each Wednesday
- Your information must be submitted to the chamber office by email **no later than the Monday** before you want it to be included.
- Costs:
  - **FREE** - 25 words or less describing your event. Will be put in exactly how it is sent, so please proof read. No pictures!
  - **$15.00** - a .jpeg flyer you have designed with all event information. Must be only one page with a maximum size of 8.5 x11 inches. Document must be submitted in **JPEG** format. Any other format will incur an additional $10 con version fee that will be invoiced to you.
- Your document will be included for **TWO** weeks only— so you must **tell us** which two weeks you want it included.

Incomplete submissions are subject to exclusion.

Chamber Member E-mail - Chamber News Only

- E-mail will be sent each Tuesday
- Will include information exclusive to Chamber Members and their employees
- Information cannot be submitted

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Calendar of Events

January

1	Chamber office CLOSED
23	2nd Ever WCOC Trivia Night* @ Countryside Banquet Facility, 6pm

2016

Feb 25	Washington Day Banquet*
Apr 23	Take Pride in Washington Clean Up Day
May 30	Memorial Day Parade
Jun 1-5	* GOOD NEIGHBOR DAYS *
Jul 16	Summer Small Business Saturday*
tbd	Washington Night at the Chiefs*
Sep 13	Taste of Washington*
Sep 17	Autumn Fest
tbd	Homecoming Parade
tbd	Moonlight Madness*
Nov 6	Veterans Day Celebration
tbd	Crazy Bowling*
Nov 17	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast*
Dec 1	Candlelight Stroll
Dec 6	Historical Society's Christmas Home Tour

events & dates subject to change . *Chamber event

January 2016

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The mission of the Washington Chamber of Commerce is to be an advocate for business, to promote business alliances, to provide valuable benefits and services to our members and to be a leader for economic development efforts in Washington, IL