

### Advocacy

The Chamber is in close communication with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and U.S. Chamber of Commerce to ensure members are aware of the most recent updates on legislative issues impacting businesses.

### Connecting Business

Sponsorships, advertising, volunteering and participating in networking programs like Breakfast before Business or Business after Hours the Chamber is helping create new marketing opportunities to help members find new customers.



January 2010 Breakfast before Business

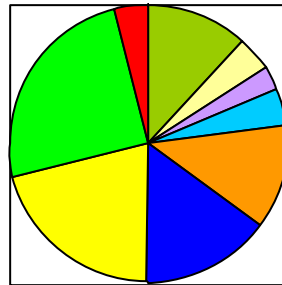
### Member Education

The staff and directors of the Chamber are constantly improving programs and services and adding new programming to better educate members on a variety of business-related issues.

### Membership Demographics

- 371 members in more than twenty different cities including Clinton and Davenport, IA.
- Members of the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce represent nearly 12,000 area full-time and part-time employees.

**Membership Breakdown by Sector**



- Insurance & Financial
- Agriculture
- Education
- Manufacturing
- Not For Profit
- Other
- Retail/Restaurant
- Service Businesses
- Healthcare

### Board of Directors

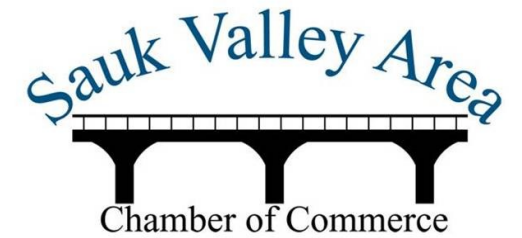
- Jerry Binder ~ Sterling Public Schools
- Susan Boyd ~ The Fitting Room
- Jon Byar ~ Midland States Bank
- Sam Card ~ Samuel S. Card, CPA PC
- Tim Determan ~ Pinney Printing
- Brian Grummert ~ Grummert’s Hardware
- John Gvozdjak ~ Frantz Manufacturing
- Matt Lillpop ~ Farm Bureau
- Barb Majeski ~ Manpower
- Dana McCoy ~ CGH Medical Center
- Tony Miller ~ WMPJ
- Dave Noble ~ Wal-Mart DC #7024
- Eric Shaffer ~ Sterling Federal Bank
- Rick Turnroth ~ Turnroth Sign Co.
- Karen Voss ~ Hospice of the RR Valley

### Staff

- Executive Director    Kimberly Ewoldsen
- Executive Asst.        Kande Chee
- Financial Specialist   Ronda Borgmann

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# 2010 Annual Report

**To Enhance the Economic Climate and Quality of Life in the Sauk Valley Area**

## Events

- Annual Dinner
- Bowling Extravaganza
- Carnival
- Golf Outing
- Steak Fry in the Country
- Chamber Week Grill-Out
- Legislative Luncheon
- Candidate Forum
- Seasonal Sights and Sounds
- Northwestern Illinois Farm Show

## Programs and Services

- Electronic Weekly Newsletter
- Electronic Ad Blast
- Customer Service Award
- Lunch & Learn Programs
- Members Only Programs
- Monthly Business after Hours
- New Member Orientation
- Quarterly Breakfast before Business
- Quarterly PWN Programs
- Scholarships

## Accomplishments

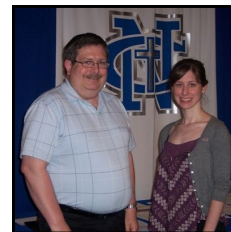
In fiscal year 2010, 26 new members joined the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Ambassadors held 24 ribbon cuttings.



River Ridge Animal Hospital  
Ribbon Cutting



Members of the Agri-Business  
Committee made a donation to Whiteside  
County's Ag in the Classroom program.



In 2010, the  
Chamber  
awarded \$3,000 in  
scholarships to area  
students.

## Accomplishments

- The Chamber partnered with the River Valley Health Care Council to host 'What Every Business Needs to Know About the New Health Care Bill'. The program, presented by Mercer, attracted nearly 50 people.
- In 2010, the Chamber worked with the Rock Falls Chamber and Whiteside County Farm Bureau to gather signatures in support of the IL Fair Map Amendment.
- The Chamber's Hispanic Business Leaders' Committee worked with the Latin American Social Club to host the Fiesta Fun Fair promoting area businesses to the Hispanic Community.
- Chamber members had an opportunity to meet one-on-one with candidates in November 2010's election during special meetings at the Chamber office.



Congressman Bobby Schilling  
was one of the candidates that  
participated in those meetings.

## Accomplishments

- Chamber members had an opportunity to participate in educational seminars and/or lunch and learn programs including one by the IL Department of Employment Security Unemployment Workshop, a Dale Carnegie workshop on Time Management sponsored by Sauk Valley Bank and the Professional Women's Group hosted an Estate Planning 101 seminar by Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson Attorney Mark Zumdahl.
- The Chamber worked with the City of Sterling and Main Street to organize and participate in Clean and Green to help beautify the city.
- The Chamber was also part of Sauk Valley Newspapers Job Fest 2010 committee.
- The Chamber was a member of the City of Sterling's Complete Count Census 2010 committee.

*Please contact the office if you would like to present a seminar or if there is a topic you would like to see presented at a seminar or workshop.*