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Your Regional Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Agency



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The Captain of the Riverbend Awards were created by the Growth Association to identify and honor the many ways in which local organizations have enhanced the Riverbend region. These awards are presented to businesses, bodies of government and individuals that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to public enhancement, community service and /or economic enhancement of the region.

The first Captain Award for economic enhancement was awarded to the Alton Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau and was accepted by Brett Stawar, President and CEO.

The CVB has grown tremendously under the leadership of Brett. Their impact to our region is more than \$20 million in visitor expenditures, 40 new jobs created, a \$1.2 million dollar increase in sales tax and local tax receipts of \$540,000. They serve Calhoun, Jersey and Madison Counties. Their brochures and websites are award winning and they tell the compelling story of the history and wonderful assets of our region.

Joelle Shearin, General Manager of Argosy Casino Alton accepted their award for Economic Enhancement and Community Involvement. The Alton Belle Casino was the first casino in Illinois. Argosy



has contributed millions of dollars to our local economy, and especially to the City of Alton. Penn National Gaming owns 20 facilities across the country and continues to invest in its Alton facility. Most recently, they have completed the remodeling and rebranding of their restaurant, Journey. Journey features mouthwatering steaks, burgers, handcrafted appetizers and unbelievable desserts. They are in the process of remodeling and updating many parts of their facility.

In addition to the economic impact one of our largest employers makes to our economy, they are a major sponsor of the Liberty Bank Amphitheatre and their employees sit on boards of the CVB, the RBGA, United Way, Lewis & Clark Community College Foundation and many more. They support hundreds of local charities, non-profits and service organizations in

the Riverbend through cash and in-kind donations. They encourage employees to be involved in community activities and provide more than 1,000 volunteer hours each year. Argosy Casino Alton strives to promote a positive image of the Riverbend through many marketing and public relations initiatives, and we appreciate all they do for our region.

Challenge Unlimited's award was accepted by CEO Tom Moehn. Their largest accomplishment was the conceptual idea and creation of Advanced Outsource Solutions, Inc. The secondary packaging company seeks to employ people with barriers in finding employment. While AOS is a separate company from Challenge Unlimited, Challenge fully supports and provides management services. Challenge Unlimited has two skills training centers that serve to train people with disabilities

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## B.E. Stylin' Salon named October 2015 Small Business of the Month

Congratulations to B. E. Stylin' Salon owners Tammy and Larry Jones and general manager Brooke Herring on the October Small Business of the Month award!

B.E. Stylin' Salon created its name for Brooke and Elyse, Tammy and Larry's daughters. B.E. Stylin' Salon, located at 5212 Godfrey Road in Godfrey,

IL, is a full service, family salon with services ranging from hair, manicures, pedicures, body waxing and more. B.E. Stylin' Salon celebrated its second anniversary in June 2015.

For more information on B.E. Stylin' Salon, call 618-466-1515 or visit them on Facebook.



Several RBGA members celebrated with B.E. Stylin' Salon owner Larry Jones and general manager Brooke Herring: RBGA President Monica Bristow, Amy Schaake of the Edwardsville Intelligencer, Karen McAtee of the Village of Godfrey, Matt Kotzamanis of TheBANK of Edwardsville, Nancy Bivens of WBGZ Radio, Cara Pascal of Options Now Medical Pregnancy Center, Pat Schwarte of Riverbender.com and David Knowles of Atrium Hotel & Conference Center.

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for production type jobs. They also provide training for the social aspects of working in the community. When a client has progressed through all of the training at the skills training centers, they have the opportunity to graduate AOS and continue to train at a higher level for community employment.

Med Resources is one of the newest businesses in the region on our list of honorees. Their award was accepted by Chris Nicholson and Jeff Braun. Although they have been in existence since 1995, they arrived in Alton in 2013. They have just recently added 5 new jobs, increased sales by 40 percent and increased sales tax by 64%. They have recently completed the renovation of their building on State Street and held a great ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate.

Mike Fitzgerald, principal at Scheffel Boyle, accepted their award for economic enhancement and community involvement. With more than 120 employees, Scheffel Boyle is heavily invested in improving the Riverbend through

supporting, donating to, and volunteering for numerous organizations and causes. All levels of employees are members of a proud team that gives to our local region. Food drives, monetary donations and volunteering time before, during and after work hours... they never stop—donating thousands of hours to local charitable causes. They listed more than 30 non-profit organizations where they have given cash, in-kind donations and/or volunteer hours.

Scheffel Boyle is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, and they are the largest CPA firm in Southwestern Illinois—The Riverbend is where they first planted roots in 1955 and have 9 offices in the region.

St. Louis Regional Airport Executive Director Dave Miller accepted the award for Economic Enhancement and Community Involvement. The St. Louis Regional Airport Authority was formed in 1946 after having been used as a dirt airfield since 1928. A recent IDOT Division of Aeronautics study showed the Airport has a total economic impact to

our region of \$135.2 million dollars. The airport is host to many aeronautical and non-aeronautical tenants. The airport provides over 500 jobs on the airport and an additional 270 off-airport jobs that would go away if the airport were not there. West Star Aviation, the airport's anchor tenant, has truly put the Riverbend in the global market place.

The Airport is also host to one of the area's largest fireworks display on the last Sunday of June each year in partnership with Cornerstone Church in Bethalto. Thousands of people enjoy that event and thousands more enjoy the Airport's Wheels and Wings Show held the last weekend in September. That event has included hot rods, antique cars, war planes, a multi-national firearms display and free plane rides for children ages 8 to 17 from the local Young Eagles chapter. Miller and his staff have hosted many charity events including raising funds for and featuring the Legendary Mustang Sanctuary's wild mustangs.

The event is one of five major events that the Growth

Association plans each year and was sponsored this year by 1<sup>st</sup> Mid America Credit Union, AdVantage NEWS, Alton Center Business Park, Alton Community School District 11, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ameren, American Water, Argosy Casino Alton, Beverly Farm, Carrollton Bank, Challenge Unlimited, Inc., CNB Bank & Trust, N.A., Contegra Construction Company, Illinois American Water, Lewis & Clark Community College, Liberty Bank, OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center, Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery, Raifort Commerce Park, Riverbender.com, Scheffel Boyle, Sheppard, Morgan & Schwaab, Inc., St. Louis Regional Airport, St. Louis Regional Chamber, The Telegraph, TheBANK of Edwardsville, Village of Godfrey, WBGZ/Alton Daily News.com and Werts Welding & Tank Service, Inc.

Next year's event will take place on Thursday, October 27, 2016, and the RBGA will be accepting nominations for awards in August.

# 2015 Board of Directors

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## Welcome our newest members to the RiverBend Growth Association

### A+ Automotive

William Anton CEO  
 1835 North Rodgers  
 Alton IL 62002  
 (618) 462-1483  
 A+ Automotive, at 1835 North Rodgers, is Alton's newest automobile repair and maintenance service center. It is owned and operated by Bill Anton, who also specializes in collectible, antique, and foreign car restoration and service. Bill has been ASE certified in all 12 areas, has previously owned an auto parts store and service center in Alaska, and began working on cars and motorcycles in his garage while still in high school. A+ has constructed a new building with a 3-bay garage and large office area and will be offering general repair service on all vehicles in addition to fleet and restoration service. Bill has a love for English sports cars and has already developed a customer base that includes Mercedes, Corvette, Porsche, Triumph, and MG owners. Although there is still finish work to complete on the new building, automotive services

have begun and Bill anticipates steady growth and the need for a second technician soon.

### Bee Noticed Marketing Solutions

Sarah Bolyard Owner  
 4631 Horseshoe Lane  
 Edwardsville IL 62025  
 (314) 718-0820



Bee Noticed Marketing Solutions specializes in social media, event planning, promotions and helping businesses come up with ways to better market themselves. We specialize in providing the service of a "marketing director" to small businesses who might not be able to afford a full-time individual. All marketing plans are customizable to fit the needs of your business.

### Donzo's

Beth Worthy General Manager  
 8 Ferguson Ave.  
 Wood River IL 62095  
 (618) 254-6615  
 donzosbarandgrill.com  
 Entertainment - Enjoy your favorite tunes with our lively karaoke nights, live bands, and open mic nights!

We offer catering when you book space to celebrate a birthday!

Food, Snacks & Drinks - With 15 different sauce choices for your wings and our steak specials, our food is a must on your night out!

Happy Hour - Great deals on food and drinks every weekday from 5-7pm.

Operating Hours: Kitchen Open Daily 11am - 9pm; Bar Open Daily 11am - 2:00am

### Rivers Edge Roofing LLC

Jeff Dunnagan VP  
 4008 Stanka Lane  
 Godfrey IL 62035  
 (618) 208-0525

## November 12 is next Business After Hours

Dream Home Realty Centre has put together a strong team of hosts for the November 12th Business After Hours networking event at Belk Park Golf Course: Belk Park Golf Course, Chef Bob, Federal Steel, Fischer Lumber, Helmkamp Construction, Marks Mortuary, Stock Auto Body, Sweet Sisters, TheBANK of Edwardsville and Wegman Electric.

Open your hearts and "Dream" big with these 11

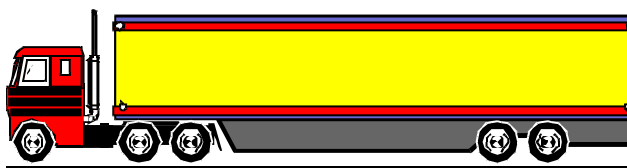
hosts and help Dream Home Realty Centre fill two semis with nonperishable food items, pet supplies, new unwrapped toys, new clothes, cleaning and laundry supplies,

etc. Proceeds benefit Riverbend nonprofit organizations.

Attendees are encouraged to bring one of the above items, along with your receipt of purchase. With this receipt or cash donation, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 Yeti Cooler or a light up

Harley Davidson sign.

Everyone gets a gift from the Christmas tree, including one winner of \$100 cash.



Email Dawn at receptionist@growthassociation.com to register. Admission is \$5 at the door.

# AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

## Lori Nikonovich

Grafton Winery

**Lori Nikonovich** was born and raised in Pontoon Beach. In 1988 she moved to rural Brighton with her husband Mike and two sons Mike Jr (who is the Brewmeister for the Grafton Brewhaus) & Chris who is married to Ashley and they have a daughter, Gracie. Lori left her successful career in retail banking in December of 2008 when she and her husband Mike opened the Grafton Winery and Brewhaus in 2008 and just recently Grafton Winery the Vineyards in September 2015. Lori has always been active in the community especially with the local youth amateur hockey. She is a past President and Board Member of the Granite City Amateur Hockey Association, now known as Twin Bridges Youth Hockey and served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Valley High School Hockey Association. Lori also helps with many fundraising events at and through the winery benefiting several groups including The United Way, The American Cancer Society, The Muscular Dystrophy Association and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) along with many other charities. She has been a member of the Riverbend Growth Association for several years and has been an Ambassador for the last five years.



## Cara Paschal

Options Now  
Medical Pregnancy Clinic

**Cara Paschal** is a native of the River Bend, raised in Bethalto and now lives with her family in Godfrey.

A graduate of SIUE, she studied music and business and more importantly, met her husband, Brad. They have been happily married for 22 years and have 3 wonderful children: Caleb, 16; and eleven-year-old twin daughters, Brooklin and Sophia.

Her love for music inspired her to teach piano lessons for 12 years, become Music Director at a former church, and then later serve as a worship leader at Cornerstone Church in Bethalto, where she currently attends with her family.

Cara began her non-profit career in 1996 with H.I.S. K.I.D.S., Inc., coordinating programs for kids with cancer. She worked her way up to Regional Manager and in 2000 chose to stay home with her son, Caleb, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome at birth and later diagnosed with moderate-severe autism.

In 2007, Cara began working part-time from home for Arms of Love. When her twin daughters began school, Cara was free to take on more responsibilities at work and became Event Coordinator. In 2013 she was promoted to Advancement Director for the organization that would change its name to Options Now.

Cara has been an Ambassador for the RBGA for 2-1/2 years.



## Jeremy Plank, CPA

C.J. Schlosser & Co., L.L.C.

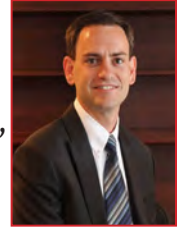
As an Ambassador for the Association and CPA with C.J.

Schlosser & Company, L.L.C., **Jeremy** enjoys learning from and interacting with folks

in the community. An alumnus of Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville, Jeremy graduated with both a Bachelor of Science in Accountancy and a Master's in Business Administration. He also has a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Studies from North Central University in Minneapolis, MN. Jeremy grew up in the small town of Huntsville, Mo., where there were no stop lights or team try-outs.

A Riverbend resident for fifteen years, Jeremy is an active member of the community. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Options Now and as Treasurer for the Metro East JDRF Golf Tournament Association. Jeremy and his wife Tiffany, serve as Head Coaches of the Junior Bible Quiz program at Abundant Life Community Church in Alton and Wood River. He has participated in the Alton Half Marathon and the popular Tough Mudder competition.

C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. is a full-service accounting firm serving clients since 1937 throughout the Riverbend. C.J. Schlosser & Company, L.L.C. offers income tax preparation, bookkeeping services, payroll services, audit services, and health care consulting and compliance.



## Good Knight Cupcakes and Cookies celebrates opening

Congratulations to owners Megan Knight and Debbie Hinshaw on the opening of one of Wood River's newest bakeries, Good Knight Cupcakes and Cookies.

Good Knight Cupcakes and Cookies, located at 1490 East Edwardsville Road in Wood River, celebrated with a ribbon cutting to showcase their store, products and services.

They offer cupcakes, cookies, cake pops, mini pies, whoopee pies, cookie cakes, chocolate covered strawberries, custom decorated sugar cookies and sugar cookie bars.

For more information on Good Knight Cupcakes and Cookies, call 618-255-9078 or visit them on Facebook.



Nancy Bivens of WBGZ, Lisa Shain of Shell Community Federal Credit Union, Cheryl Maguire of City of Wood River, owners Debbie Hinshaw and Megan Knight, RBGA President Monica Bristow, Wood River Mayor Frank Akers, Jeremy Plank of CJ Schlosser, Martha Schultz of First Clover Leaf Bank, Tina Dutko of Challenge Unlimited, Pat Schwarte of Riverbender.com, Stacey Loveland of Foxes Grove Supportive Living Community, Tom Hoechst of CNB Bank & Trust and Mitch Cannel of Logolt

## Grafton Winery the Vineyards is now open

Congratulations to owners Mike and Lori Nikonovich on the opening of Grafton Winery the Vineyards, their second winery location. The Vineyards is a massive new production and wine tasting facility located off Otterville Road across from the Eckert's Orchard in Jersey County.

The 11,000 square foot facility has ample space for a new wine production facility, comfortable seating, a bar and fireplace. In addition, a 5,000 square foot pavilion with a view of the new vines offers seating, wedding receptions and other events.

For more information on Grafton Winery the Vineyards, visit [www.thegraffonwinery.com](http://www.thegraffonwinery.com) or call 618-786-3001.



Many community leaders attended the ribbon cutting celebration on October 1, 2015 at Grafton Winery the Vineyards to celebrate with owners Mike and Lori Nikonovich and their staff.

## American Water Resources Expands

American Water Resources, located at 1420 Discovery Parkway in Alton, celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 23, 2015 to showcase its expansion project at the call center.

American Water Resources sells water and sewer line repair insurance plans to homeowners and businesses. The completed expansion added 51 new call center stations. American Water Resources employees about 220 people in their call center and serves customers in 43 states.

For more information on American Water Resources, visit [AWRUSA.com](http://AWRUSA.com).



American Water Resources President Malcolm D. Conner cut the ceremonial ribbon in celebration of the completion of the expansion project. Pictured with Malcolm is Maura Wuellner of United Way, RBGA President Monica Bristow, Alton Mayor Brant Walker, American Water Resources Vice President Adam Boelke and Matt Kotzamanis of TheBANK of Edwardsville.

## Chapel and Keller Dentistry celebrates new partnership

Congratulations to J.R. Keller DMD and Kevin Chapel DMD on the new partnership of dentistry that officially began early this summer. J.R. Keller joined Kevin Chapel DMD when Marty Carrow DMD retired from his practice.

Dentists Kevin Chapel, DMD and J.R. Keller, DMD, located at 4113 Humbert Road in Alton, practice a full scope of general and cosmetic dentistry with expertise ranging from porcelain veneers to dental implants, crowns and bridges. Dr. Chapel and Dr. Keller can now correct a wide variety of so-called permanent cosmetic dental problems, and can literally redesign your smile.

Chapel and Keller offer a dental plan that is unique to their practice. Preferred Dental Plan provides an avenue for patients to enjoy the same excellent care that they provide all of their patients at an affordable rate. It is not a dental insurance plan and thus unlike traditional dental insurance there is no waiting period or qualifications. EVERYONE QUALIFIES FOR SAME DAY ACTIVATION. Preferred members will save up to 30% off their dental visits. Unlike most other plans, Chapel and Keller Preferred Dental Plan includes access to cosmetic dentistry such as teeth whitening at discounted fees.

For more information on Chapel and Keller Dentistry, visit [chapelandkeller.com](http://chapelandkeller.com) or call 618-465-7777.



Pictured with Kevin Chapel DMD and J.R. Keller DMD are Karen McAtee of the Village of Godfrey, Karen Baker-Brncic of Alton Marina, Godfrey Mayor Mike McCormick, Matt Waters and Matt Kotzamanis of TheBANK of Edwardsville, Pat Schwarte of Riverbender.com, Augie Wuellner of Alton Securities Group, staff members Leanne Walsh and Marsha Cottingham, Bethany Chapel, Bob Hertz, Melissa Keller and John and Cathy Keller.

## Community Awareness was the theme at October's Business After Hours

Thank-you to the 24 RBGA nonprofit organizations for hosting the Business After Hours on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at Senior Services Plus.

The focus of the evening was awareness of the Riverbend community nonprofit organizations. The nonprofits showcased their mission, their outreach, their successes and their needs. More than 100+ people attended the event and enjoyed an evening of networking, food and beverages and light entertainment.

Thank-you to the RBGA nonprofits that hosted the BAH:

Alton Little Theater  
 American Cancer Society  
 Beverly Farm  
 Big Brothers Big Sisters  
 Challenge Unlimited  
 Community Hope Center  
 Crisis Food Center  
 East End Improvement  
 IMPACT  
 Legendary Mustang Sanctuary  
 Madison County Community Development  
 Nature Institute

Oasis Women's Center  
 Options Now Medical Pregnancy Clinic  
 Riverbend Family Ministries  
 Riverbend Head Start & Family Services  
 Riverbender.com Community Center,  
 Salvation Army  
 SCORE  
 Senior Services Plus  
 SNIP Alliance  
 YWCA



Chuck Parr and Heather Hope of Riverbend Head Start & Family Services



John Becker, Kim Campbell and Emily Sutton of Senior Services Plus



Attendees from Scheffel Boyle: Jenna Andres, Tyler Jackson, Chris and Julie Billeter



Kathleen and James Lieber of Lieber Vision



Sheena Whitehead and Stephanie Palmer of the American Cancer Society



Denise Ukena and Paul Millizer of Community Hope Center

## Investment Planners Welcomes the Partnership of David Bartosiak and Kathy Weaver

David Bartosiak of C.J. Schlosser & Company and Kathy Weaver of Investment Planners have formed a partnership that is located in the offices of C.J. Schlosser & Company.

David and Kathy have experienced knowledge of tax and accounting services, investments and retirement planning, as well as estate planning and insurance. The team also includes Todd Van Hoy as a financial advisor, Jamie Ruyle as a registered

assistant and Kari Weaver as an administrative assistant.

David is the Director of the Taxation Division at C.J. Schlosser & Company and has been with the firm more than 25 years. Kathy has been in the investment and securities industry for more than 15 years.

For more information on this partnership and their services, call 618-466-0100.



Todd Van Hoy, Kari Weaver, Kathy Weaver of Investment Planners; David Bartosiak, Ava Bartosiak and Jamie Ruyle of C.J. Schlosser & Company; Josh Chamblin of Investment Planners, Mayor Brant Walker and Matt Asselmeier of the City of Alton; Martha Morse of 1<sup>st</sup> MidAmerica Credit Union; Matt Waters of TheBANK of Edwardsville; Jeremy Plank of C.J. Schlosser & Company; Tom Hoechst of CNB Bank & Trust; Michelle Blackwood of Challenge Unlimited

## A+ Automotive Celebrates Grand Opening

Congratulations to owner Anton Williams on the opening of A+ Automotive, located at 1835 N. Rodgers in Alton.

A+ Automotive is Alton's newest automobile repair and maintenance service center. It is owned and operated by Bill Anton, who also specializes in collectible, antique, and foreign car restoration and service. Bill has been ASE certified in all 12 areas, has previously owned an auto parts store and service center in Alaska, and began working on cars

and motorcycles in his garage while still in high school. A+ has constructed a new building with a 3-bay garage with large office area. It will be offering general repair service on all vehicles in addition to fleet and restoration service. Bill has a love for English sports cars and has already developed a customer base that includes Mercedes, Corvette, Porsche, Triumph, and MG owners.

For more information on A+ Automotive, call 462-1483 or visit them on Facebook.



A+ Automotive celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Several family and friends supported Anton Williams and Ellen Martinez on the grand opening.



## Picture This and More Celebrates New Ownership

Congratulations to Quint Long and Dr. Tony Phillips, new owners of Picture This and More, located at 520 A West Delmar in Alton. They purchased the business from long-time owners Ken and Glenda Link early this summer.

Picture This and More is a professional custom picture framing business, conveniently located in the North Alton shopping district in Alton, IL. They offer a complete spectrum of framing services from decorative framing to museum quality preservation of priceless items and art. They are

widely recognized for their unique shadow and memory box designs.

To help preserve family memories, Picture This and More also offers digital photo restoration services, photo, negative and slide scanning, and digital media transfer services for film, video and audio media. The staff can also assist in putting a DVD slide show together to tell your story. A DVD slide show makes a wonderful gift that will last for many years.

For more information on Picture This and More, visit [picturethisandmore.com](http://picturethisandmore.com) or call 618-466-6789.



Many community leaders attended the ribbon cutting with owners Quint Long and Dr. Tony Phillips: Stacey Loveland of Foxes Grove Supportive Living Community, Godfrey Mayor Mike McCormick, Ruth Ann Long, Picture This and More employees Joy Hoeft, Kella Marchal and Clyde Totten, RBGA President Monica Bristow, Dorothy Droste, Alton Mayor Brant Walker, Pat Schwarte of Riverbender.com, Matt Asselmeier of the City of Alton, Dick Propes, John Keller of Carrollton Bank, Lee McRaven of OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center, Nancy Bivens of WBGZ, Martha Schultz of First Clover Leaf Bank, Karen Wilson of State Farm, Kathy Weaver of Investment Planners, Mitch Cannel of Logolt, Augie Wuellner of Alton Securities Group, Margot Huber of Real Deals on Home Décor and Tom Hoechst of CNB Bank & Trust.

## Painting a Brighter Future

Boys and Girls Club of Alton will be looking brighter in the upcoming months as they enjoy 20 gallons of paint donated to them by St. Peters Hardware & Rental.

The team at St. Peters Hardware & Rental obtained a grant through True Value for the 20 gallons of paint in October. Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Al Womack was thrilled to receive it.

St. Peters Hardware & Rental is located at 2502 State Street in Alton and you can find more information on them at [www.stpetershardware.com](http://www.stpetershardware.com). Boys and Girls Club of Alton is located at 115 Jefferson Avenue in Alton and you can find more information on them at [www.bgcalton.org](http://www.bgcalton.org).



John Rain of Norton & Rain, Beth and Alex St. Peters of St. Peters Hardware & Rental, Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Al Womack and Ellen Bennett of St. Peters Hardware & Rental.

## Saint Anthony's Physician Group Celebrates Renovations

Congratulations to Saint Anthony's Physician Group on the completion of renovations to Suite 205 in its medical building located at #1 Saint Anthony's Way in Alton.

OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center celebrated with an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on October 23, 2015. President and CEO Ajay Pathak kicked off the celebration with details on the renovation and a tour of the facility.

OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center has been a part of the community for 90 years. They are a 203-bed

healthcare facility with two main campuses: OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center and OSF Saint Clare's Hospital. It is home to advanced cancer, stroke and heart technology, nationally-certified rehabilitative services, advanced surgical services, the area's premier wound center and an emergency room where health care professionals are committed to treating patients immediately, with the greatest care and love in a community that celebrates the Gift of Life.

For more information visit [osfhealthcare.org/saint-anthonys](http://osfhealthcare.org/saint-anthonys).



OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center President and CEO Ajay Pathak, Alton Mayor Brant Walker, OSF Saint Anthony's Health Center COO Sister Anselma, Dr. Blair and David Wells.



**RiverBend**  
GROWTH ASSOCIATION  
Serving Business, Encouraging Growth in Southwestern Illinois

### Riverbend Economic Issues

**WHEN**  
Tuesday, November 10, 2015

**TIME**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE**  
Alton Sports Tap  
3812 College Avenue, Alton

**COST**  
\$12 per person

**RESERVATIONS**  
618-467-2290 24-hour reservation line  
[receptionist@growthassociation.com](mailto:receptionist@growthassociation.com)

**Introduction to the new St. Louis Regional Freight District and the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois's 2015 Freight Study**

**-Mark Harms**  
*LCSWIL SITE Chairman and President of SCI*

**-Mary Lamie**  
*St. Louis Regional Freight District Executive Director*

**-Dennis Wilmsmeyer**  
*American Central Port Executive Director*

**Who should attend?**

- Business leaders
- Business owners
- Managers
- Non-profit directors
- Educators
- Human Resource personnel
- Anyone interested in strengthening our future economy

**NOTE:** Space is limited. Reservations are required.

### Employment Opportunities

The RBGA has recently added a section to our website with Employment Opportunities.

It's located at  
<http://www.growthassociation.com/page/employment-opportunities/>.

It can also be accessed from the header of any page throughout the site.

Members can post their job openings on this page.

Here's the link: <http://www.growthassociation.com/page/create-employment-ad/>