January 2015



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Annual Community Awards Gala & Auction

March 14, 2015



Edwardsville | Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce

Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

5:30pm Social Hour &

Social Hour & Silent Auction

6:00pmDinner Buffet

8:00pm

Awards Program

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Vision

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce will be the preferred provider of watch-dog, education and advocacy services that form a mission-critical catalyst for business success.

Mission

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven organization, dedicated to a strong, private sector regional economy.

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2015 Annual Community Awards Gala & Auction: Saturday, March 14

The Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce's Annual Community Awards Gala & Auction will take place Saturday, March 14 in SIUE's Meridian Ballroom with the theme 'The Art of Doing Business.'

This annual gala truly is the highlight of the Ed/Glen Chamber's year. It is an opportunity to celebrte the chamber's achievements and our vibrant business community. The gala/auction is one of the two major fundraisers and social events sponsored by the Ed/Glen Chamber.

The Ed/Glen Chamber will present awards to members of our community at the dinner: the Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement, the Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Tallerico **Leadership Award**. The Business of the Year award will also be presented.

Sponsorship & auction item donation forms have been mailed and are also available online at www.edglenchamber.com. All sponsorships and silent auction donations are due by March 2, 2015 in order to be included in event print materials.

Guiding Principles

Chambers of Commerce honor and respect capitalism and well-informed private sector job creators as a central and foundational element of regional and national prosperity. Chambers of Commerce actively facilitate collaboration and open discussion between business and public officials through education, business advocacy and leadership.

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events

1/27 Tuesday Ribbon Cutting

Love's Travel Stops 9191 IL Route 140 Hamel, IL 62046

1/30 Friday 11:30am-1pm

Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon Leclaire Room @ N.O. Nelson 600 Troy Road Edwardsville, IL 62025

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2/3 Tuesday 8-9am

YPG Learn From A Leader Breakfast w/ Patrick Mathis Hospice of Southern Illinois Relais Bonne Eau Home 7325 Marine Road Edwardsville, IL 62025 RSVP Online

2/4 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cutting Livé Tanning Salon Spa, Inc. 4 Club Centre Court Suites C & D Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/10 Tuesday 7:15-8am

Morning B2B Networking Brevan's Patisserie 1009 Century Drive Edwardsville, IL 62025 RSVP Online

2/11 Wednesday 4pm

Ribbon Cuttina Recess Brewing 307 North Main Street Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/12 Thursday

Ribbon Cutting T-Mobile Operated by Wireless Vision 2324 Troy Road Edwardsville, IL 62025

2/19 Thursday 5-7pm

Business After Hours Stillwater Senior Living 1121 University Drive Edwardsville, IL 62026

2/26 Thursday

Ribbon Cutting Accelerate Health & Fitness 1409 Troy Road Edwardsville, IL 62025

Wednesday 3/4 8-9am

Chamber 101: Member Orientation Ed/Glen Chamber Office 200 University Park Drive Edwardsville, IL 62025 RSVP Online

3/10 Tuesday 12-1pm

networking@noon Edison's Entertainment Complex 2477 South IL Route 157 Edwardsville, IL 62025 RSVP Online

3/14 Saturday 5:30pm

Annual Community Awards Gala & Auction SIUE Morris University Center Meridian Ballroom Edwardsville, IL 62026 RSVP Online Call 618.656.7600 to Sponsor & Donate an Auction Item

3/19 Thursday 5-7pm Business After Hours

Ooh La La Spa, Anti-Aaina & Wellness 110 Cottonwood Road Glen Carbon, IL 62034



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business of the month

Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors, led by President Gerry Schuetzenhofer, is the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce January 2015 Business of the Month.

Established in 1978, Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors serves as a residential and commercial real estate brokerage sales and leasing firm, and the company is well known for the outstanding support provided to its customers and sales associates.





BROWN REALTORS®

Schuetzenhofer has been involved with real estate for many years. "I purchased a number of real estate rental properties and thought I should know more about the business, so I became a real estate agent in 1981," he shared. "I believe real estate is not only a lifestyle dream, but is also a great long term investment that helps people obtain financial security. It's fun to help people live their dreams!"

Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors is headquartered in Edwardsville, but also has offices in Troy, Highland, Belleville and O'Fallon. The firm's 190 agents are well trained help buyers and sellers handle their real estate needs. The full service real estate company also offers mortgage and title insurance services through its subsidiaries, Mortgage Makers and Gateway Title.

Schuetzenhofer noted that the business has seen a great deal of change over the years. "Real estate professionals used to have housing information and buyers came to us for that information. Now the information is available to everyone on the Internet and we help them make sense of it. Today we primarily counsel, negotiate and handle all details to make sure the property closes," he explained.

2015 is set to be a busy and exciting year for Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors. "In 2015, we are rolling out a new comprehensive marketing campaign to showcase our sales staff and attract buyers and sellers. The real estate business has changed and people get their information in different ways. We plan to reach many more buyers and substantially increase sales with our new campaign," said Schuetzenhofer.

Schuetzenhofer serves as chairman of the Madison Bond County Workforce Investment Board, military affairs chairman of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, is a past president and member of the Edwardsville Rotary Club and is a member of EGHM Foundation.

Schuetzenhofer has been an Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce member since January of 1973, at that time joining as Brown Realtors. With more than four decades as a chamber member, Schuetzenhofer said, "Being a chamber member makes it very easy to meet other business people, and the chamber brings them together to advocate good policy to local officials."

A favorite mantra of Schuetzenhofer's is, "Always do the best job possible and you'll never be disappointed in yourself."

To learn more about Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors, visit the office at 2205 South State Route 157 in Edwardsville, call 618.692.7290, or go to www.brownrealtors.com.



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Johnnie Brown Essential Products & Services for Home, Wellness & Business 4019 B Jennings Station Road St. Louis, MO 63121 314.651.8910 www.abcmobi.org

Batteries Plus Bulbs

Jimmy Shepard Retail & Commercial Sales of Batteries & Light Bulbs 3755 South IL Route 159 Glen Carbon, IL 62034 618.205.8395 www.batteriesplus.com

Trinity Services, Inc.

Nick Pashia Adult Learning Program for Individuals With Disabilities 102 Rottingham Court Edwardsville, IL 62025 618.972.4619 www.trinity-services.org

We would like to recognize the many Ed/Glen Chamber members who are celebrating membership anniversaries in the month of January. This monthly feature spotlights members for their ongoing support of the Ed/Glen Chamber. We offer our sincerest hanks to each of the following business for their continued membership!

40+ YEARS

Coldwell Banker Brown Realtors

30–39 YEARS

Richards Brick Company Village of Glen Carbon

20–29 YEARS

Jan's Hallmark Shop **Ameren Illinois Utilities** The Telegraph

10-19 YEARS

Sunset Hills Country Club Meridian Village Individual Member **GCS Credit Union Accent Home Services Bank of Springfield**

First National Bank - Maryville Center St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce Walmart of Glen Carbon Royal Office Products, Inc. Days Inn Casual Tees

5-9 YEARS

Annie's Frozen Custard Baha'i Faith **Salvation Army**

Patriot Sunrooms Wang Gang Asian

1-4 YEARS

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Stillwater Senior Living **ASAP Coalition AAA Swing City Music** Cedarhurst Assisted Living & **Memory Care Partners For Pets** Volkert, Inc.

ALBERT CASSENS AWARD

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Albert Cassens Mary Kane Robert Wetzel Robert Plummer Robert McClellan Jamie Henderson Jeff Lantz Joe Gugger Dr. David Werner Jean Huahes Don Metzger Dr. Dale Chapman **Dennis Terry Tom Allen Chuck Tosovsky** Mark Shashek John Motley **Mark Mestemacher Herman Shaw** SJ Morrison Gordon Broom **Rod Vaught**

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Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce 200 University Park Drive Suite 260 Edwardsville, IL 62025

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NOMINATION
DEADLINE:
FEBRUARY 16, 2015



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Nomination Form

The Albert Cassens Award for Outstanding Community Achievement is presented to an individual who made a significant impact on the community during the two previous calendar years.

Nominee's Name:		
Title:		-
Company:		-
Business Address:		-
City, State, Zip:		-
Business Phone:	Home/Cell Phone:	-
Nominator's Name:	Title:	_
Company:		_
Phone:	Alternate Phone:	_

On a separate piece of paper, please provide specific examples of how the nominee has met following criteria (nominee need not be an Ed/Glen Chamber member).

A NOMINEE MUST:

- have primary involvement in a private sector, profit motivated business with facilities or contributions affecting organizations within the boundaries of Edwardsville CUSD #7;
- have made a significant impact on the community during the two previous calendar years (2013 & 2014);
- have earned a reputation for his/her exemplary integrity;
- given freely of their time to the community;
- have demonstrated support for the guiding principles* of chambers of commerce;
- have demonstrated a personal commitment to social (which may include environmental) responsibility.

*GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

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SELECTION PROCESS:

The selection committee shall be comprised of all past award recipients who choose to participate. The committee shall review all nominees for suitability, and shall determine whether or not an award will be presented. The committee shall vote by show of hands (one vote per committee member) for the nominees determined to have met the criteria stated above.

A committee member who cannot be present and who chooses to participate may name an attending committee member as their proxy. The proxy form must be completed, in advance, either in hard copy or electronic form sent to the Ed/Glen Chamber office.

The nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall then be presented to the entire committee for a final selection vote. This time, a **majority** must vote in favor of the nominee in order to have completed the selection process.

TALLERICO LEADERSHIP AWARD

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Edna Wolfe Delores Gooch Nina Baird **Rosemary Bratten Evelyn Bowles Barbara Crowder Stephanie Robbins** Jill Dufner Sue Pedersen Janet Foehrkolb **Evelyn Wiechman** Joan Foster **Meta Minton Susan Donnelly Bobby Ragan** Joyce Williams Dr. Almeda Lahr-Well **Carol Wetzel** Suzanne Dietrich **Kay Werner Donna Bardon** Barbara Jurgena-Stamer Elizabeth Levy Patricia Peverly Joan Lebkuecher Dr. Carol Keene Teresa Katubig Ann Tosovsky **Nancy Schneider**

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Nomination Form

The **Tallerico Leadership Award** (formerly ATHENA) is presented to an outstanding individual who has achieved excellence in his/her business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

Nominee's Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Business Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Business Phone:	Home/Cell Phone:
Nominator's Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	Alternate Phone:

IMPORTANT - A NOMINEE MUST:

- be an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in his/her profession.
- have given freely of his/her time to the community.
- have assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.
- reside/have primary involvement in a business organization located within Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7.
- The nominee does not have to be a member of the Ed/Glen Chamber.

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, DESCRIBE HOW THE NOMINEE HAS ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:

- Assists Women in Reaching their Full Leadership Potential
 Provide specific examples of how the nominee has demonstrated support for the
 advancement and leadership development of business and professional women.
- Business Accomplishments
 List special recognition, projects and achievements. Include business related affiliations, directorships, trusteeships or other designations.
- Community Service

Describe local, county and state level participation, length of service and offices held in civic and service organizations, charitable activities, political pursuits, religious groups, chambers of commerce, or associations.

Other Memberships, Achievements, Awards, Publications
 Nominees may already have been honored for service to their profession, industry or community. They also may have publications to their credit or articles published supporting their service to their profession, industry or community. Please list awards and honors received which support this nomination.

NOMINATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 16, 2015

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

PREVIOUS RECIPIENTS

Gary Coffey

Dr. Robert Koepke

Edward McCarthy

Robert Wetzel

Gary Niebur

Joe Glik

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NOMINATION
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Nomination Form

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** is presented to an exceptional individual who has made a significant positive impact on the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon community through his or her past achievements during a long period of time and has enhanced the quality of life for Edwardsville/Glen Carbon residents.

Nominee's Name:	
Title:	
Company:	
Business Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Business Phone:	Home/Cell Phone:
Nominator's Name:	Title:
Company:	
Phone:	Alternate Phone:

CRITERIA

- Nominee must live or work in our community or geographic area.
- Nominee must be a member of the Ed/Glen Chamber.
- Nominee must have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to community involvement. A one-time project will be considered, but those individuals demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the business community will be given higher priority.
- Activities of a business-oriented nature will have priority over non-business-related activities.
- Volunteer activities will be considered more favorably than performance of activities required by the nominee's job.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

- Selection committee will award one recipient from those nominated. The
 selection committee and/or the chamber's board of directors reserves the
 right to nominate additional individuals and/or expand the nomination
 process in the event that an adequate pool of nominations has not been
 received. Nominations shall be confidential; only the recipient will be
 announced and publicized.
- Nominations are accepted from anyone.
- Self-nominations accepted and encouraged.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

On as many pages as necessary, please include the following documentation:

- Business-related activities
- · Community involvement
- Statement of qualifications

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business after hours



SIUE School of Business & SIUE Athletics, December 18



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ribbon cuttings



Doc's Smokehouse & Catering, December 1



Franklin & Vaughn, LLC, December 15

5 Ways to See Your Business in Common Ground

- 1 Purchase Advertising
- 2 Write an "Ask the Expert" Column
- 3 Submit an Announcement
- 4 Win Our Business of the Month Award
- 5 Come to Chamber Events!



Chamber of Commerce



Dan Binkley:

About TheBANK of Edwardsville's Commercial Banking Group



At the time I was just starting out my business, and Bill Alexander and TheBANK really worked with me and showed a genuine interest in my success. As my business has grown throughout the years, TheBANK has helped me out every step of the way. I'm so appreciative of how creative the people at TheBANK have been in helping me build my business.

To be honest, the Commercial Banking Group, with Donise Georgeff and the rest of them, has made my life easier in the complex world we do business in today. What I really look for in my banker is a person who can solve problems, and the people at TheBANK have been doing that for me for 20 years.

Every bank has to be competitive and offer quality products to survive. To really thrive, however, it's all about relationships. Building a strong relationship is what it takes to get a business owner like me in the door. It's the little things – the personal touches – that make TheBANK great, like when the person in the drive-thru window knows your name. That's why I've been with TheBANK all these years It's been a long-term relationship that's not only been satisfying professionally, but leaves me with a friendly feeling every time I do business there.



Contact us today to find out how we can help you with all your business banking, lending, and investment needs:

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Illinois Based Extra Help, Inc. Moves & Expands in Columbia, MO

Extra Help, Inc., a Marion, Illinois based employment, payroll, and workforce services company, announced that their Columbia, MO office has moved to a new location, and will now be offering additional services to their clients. The new location opened its doors on Monday, October 13, 2014 and will provide payroll services along with the addition of Extra Help TeamSource, the comprehensive workforce management solution that allows for outsourced employee management. The Columbia expansion will mark the sixth full service location for Extra Help, Inc.

Prior to the relocation of their office, the Columbia location provided payroll services and timekeeping solutions to their clients. In addition, the office will now provide payroll services along with, full service staffing and recruiting, direct hire recruitment services, and benefits management. James Sterrett, who currently develops business in Columbia, looks forward to the growth that will come with this transition.

"Moving to a bigger office and growing our team is a great opportunity for our company. This move will help us utilize not only our payroll services, but our new addition of staffing as well. I'm excited to see how this transition will continue to serve the Columbia market and its surrounding areas," said Sterrett.

Sterrett, who helped maintain and operate the original office, has spent much of his time servicing clients and developing business in the Columbia market. Now with the addition of staffing services, Extra Help, Inc. has been working to find new team members that will strive for great client relationships, and add to the promising future of the company.

"I'm excited about the growth of our company and team," said Teresa Katubig, CPA, CEO of Extra Help, Inc. "This expansion will allow us to provide more services to our clients and allow us to offer more employment opportunities to the mid-Missouri market."

Extra Help's, Inc.'s Columbia office is located at 1301 Vandiver Drive, Suite B, Columbia, MO 65202. Learn more about the firm at www.extrahelpinc.com.



Scheffel Boyle Welcomes 16 New Accounting Professionals for 2015

Scheffel Boyle is pleased to announce the addition of 16 new accounting professionals to its staff. From September 2014 through January 2015, the CPA firm has expanded its workforce throughout its 10 offices to now include eight new part-time accounting interns and eight new full-time accounting professionals.



Joining Scheffel Boyle's Belleville offices were Kim Pfeiffer CPA, Kinsey Bryant, Joshua Goodnick, Casey Pierce, Brooke Varner, and Jason Lee. The Alton office added Shelly Pistello and Jay Gensert, while Highland welcomed Amber Rode. Jerseyville's team added Justin Goode and Christine Tonsor, and, lastly, the Edwardsville office had Kate Cantrell, Patrick Stowe, Lauren Dudley, Drew Nicol, and Bradley Spotanski all join their staff in recent months.

"We are always excited to see new faces join our team. The environment at Scheffel Boyle promotes teamwork, education, and growth, which is perfect for young professionals in our industry." said Managing Principal Dennis Ulrich. "Scheffel Boyle is what it is today because of the people we have working for us. I look forward to working with all our new staff members and seeing the things we can accomplish together."

Scheffel Boyle is recognized as the largest locally-owned accounting firm in Southwestern Illinois, and as one of the largest accounting firms in the entire St. Louis region. Their offices are currently located in Alton, Edwardsville, Belleville, Highland, Jerseyville, Columbia, Carrollton, Bartelso, and Bethalto. Established in 1924, their services include corporate, personal, and governmental tax, auditing, and accounting.

For more information about Scheffel Boyle, go to www.scheffelboyle.com.



Gori Julian & Associates Adds Mike Burnworth as Attorney

The Edwardsville based law firm, Gori Julian & Associates, Inc., P.C., recently announced the addition of Mike Burnworth to the growing firm's roster of attorneys.

Burnworth joins Gori Julian with more than 25 years of legal experience and several verdicts of more than one million dollars for his clients. Throughout his career, he has focused his practice on Illinois worker's compensation and



personal injury litigation representing injured railroad workers. At Gori Julian, he will focus on asbestos litigation.

Burnworth graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in accounting in 1981. He attended St. Louis University School of Law and graduated in

1984. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Missouri, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois and the U.S. Supreme Court. Burnworth is a member of the American Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, St. Clair County Bar Association, Madison County Bar Association and the Bar Association of St. Louis.

Burnworth joins Gori Julian & Associates' team of highly skilled attorneys that concentrate on complex asbestos cases and personal injury litigation. While the firm is headquartered in Illinois, Gori Julian & Associates is truly a nationwide firm as it has represented victims of asbestos exposure from throughout the country. The firm also handles cases in occupational disease, pharmaceutical litigation, products liability litigation, personal injury and more.

Gori Julian & Associates, located at 156 North Main Street in downtown Edwardsville, was formed in the summer of 2008 by Randy Gori and Barry Julian. Gori Julian & Associates also has an office in St. Peters, MO. Call 877.456.5419 for more information.







TheBANK of Edwardsville Announces Four Recent Employee Promotions

TheBANK of Edwardsville President CEO and Thomas Holloway announced the promotion of four employees following a recent board of directors meeting.

Lauren Smith has been promoted assistant vice president/ commercial banking. Smith began her career with TheBANK as a part-



time relief teller in 2007. In 2009, she was promoted to bank services consultant and then promoted again in 2011 to assistant commercial lender. She served as a commercial lender in TheBANK's Commercial Banking Group, and most recently as a commercial banking officer. Smith lives in Glen Carbon with her husband Mark and their daughter. Smith serves as an ambassador with the Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce and has served as the organization's young professionals group committee chair. Justin Chapman has been promoted to assistant vice president/commercial banking. Chapman began his career with TheBANK as a bank services consultant in 2008. He was promoted to assistant commercial lender in TheBANK's Commercial Banking Group in January, 2012, and most recently as a Commercial Banking Officer. Chapman lives in Swansea.

Kyle David has been promoted to assistant vice president/commercial banking. David began his career with TheBANK as a teller in 2007 and was quickly promoted to bank services consultant. In 2011, he was promoted to assistant commercial lender in TheBANK's Commercial Banking Group, and most recently as a commercial banking officer. David lives in Holiday Shores with his wife, Adrienne, and their four children.

Adam Saltsgaver has been promoted to assistant vice president/commercial banking. Saltsgaver began his career with TheBANK as a bank services consultant in 2009 and most recently served as commercial banking officer. Saltsgaver lives in Granite City with his wife, Erica, and their daughter.



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Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) kicked off the cookie program in January during the first 'Cookie Booth Weekend' of the season. At cookie booths, customers can purchase cookies directly from girls at locations throughout southern Illinois. Additional 'Cookie Booth Weekends' will be held February 27 through March 15. Find Girl Scout cookie booths in your area using the Girl Scout Cookie app or Little Brownie Baker's Cookie Locator at cookielocator.littlebrownie.com

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country and generates immeasurable benefits for girls and their communities. Girls who participate in the 2015 Girl Scout Cookie Program benefit from "learning by earning" and develop five valuable life skills — goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. Girls then use their proceeds to support their chosen activities for the year, to fund community service and leadership projects, to attend summer camp or to travel to destinations near and far.

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Cork Tree Creative Welcomes New Schuette

Cork Tree Creative, Inc. recently welcomed Carmen Schuette. With a strong background as an experienced designer, she will assist Cork Tree with graphic design, photography and videography. Schuette received her bachelor's degree in communications from DePaul University, and an extension of her bachelor's degree in fine arts in photography from Columbia College. Before

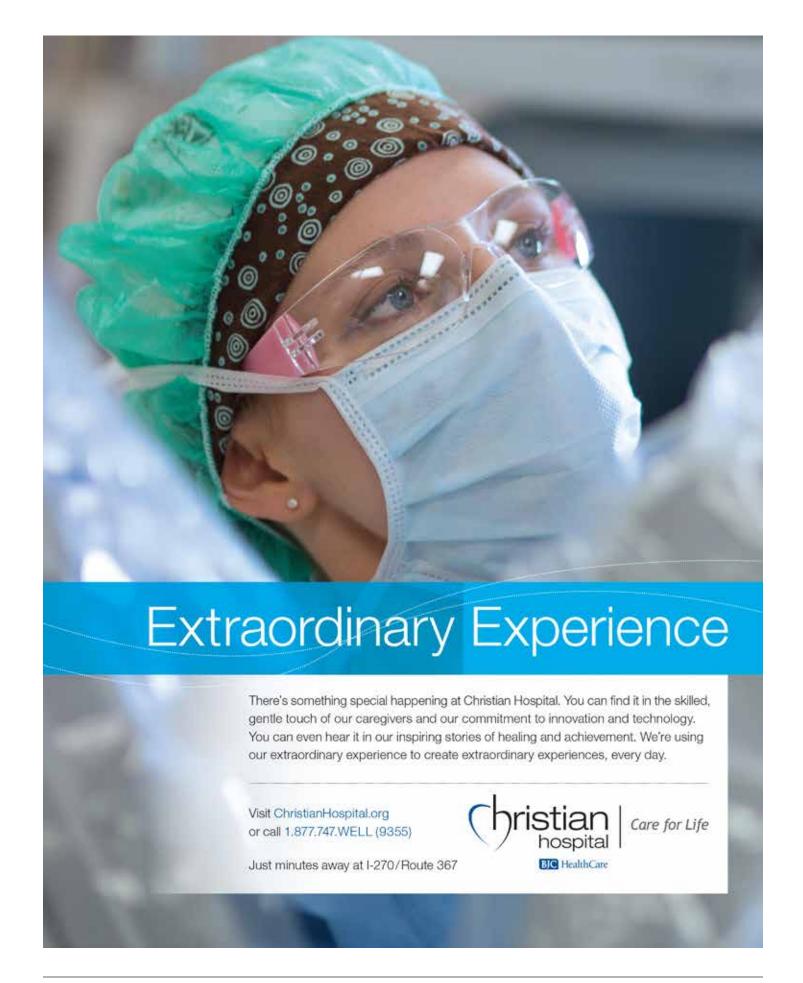


coming to Cork Tree Creative, she was a designer with different businesses like Lou Beres & Associates Advertising and J. Crew. She has owned and operated her own photography studio, Carmen Schuette Photography, since 2009. With nearly 10 years of experience in the fields of design and photography, Schuette will help clients improve their design portfolios. "I love what I do, so it's hard to actually call it a job," she said. "While at Cork Tree Creative I hope to provide a creative touch to Cork Tree Creative's growing portfolio."

To learn more, call 618.656.7333 or go to www.corktreecreative.com.







Mathis, Marifian & Richter Names Tatoian Shareholder, Announces Award-Winning New Associate

The law firm of Mathis, Marifian & Richter, Ltd. (MM&R) recently announced that Sandra J. Tatoian has been named a shareholder effective Jan. 1, 2015. Tatoian joined MM&R as an associate in 2011 following a merger with Coffey & McCracken, where she had practiced since 2002. Tatoian practices civil litigation, real estate law and commercial litigation. She has a background in providing legal counsel for a myriad of issues including foreclosures, mechanics liens, adult guardianships, real estate law, creditors' rights, civil litigation, and probate litigation. She is licensed in Illinois and Missouri and is admitted to practice before the Illinois and Missouri state courts, as well as the United States District Courts for both the Southern and Central Districts of Illinois. Tatoian is a member of the Missouri Bar Association and the Madison County and Illinois State Bar Associations. She regularly serves as arbitrator for the Madison County Mandatory Arbitration program.

As an active member of the Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Tatoian helped to build the JSC Boundless Playground at Township Park, where children of all abilities can play. She resides in Glen Carbon with her husband and two sons.

MM&R also announced that Rebecca K. Wohltman has joined the law firm as an associate. Wohltman plans to focus her practice in transactional work. Wohltman graduated in May 2012 from St. Louis University School of Law in the top 13% of her class, where she received academic awards for highest grades in both Criminal Law and Banking Regulation. She was admitted to the Missouri Bar in September of 2012.

Prior to her employment at MM&R, Wohltman worked in the Missouri Attorney General's office as Assistant Attorney General in the Financial Services Division. There, she received an AGO 'Best Brief' award for her appellant/cross respondent's brief in Cooling v. State of Missouri, Family Support Division, an appellate review of a request for attorney's fees. She also prosecuted and obtained judgments of more than \$50,000 against employers who failed to comply with income withholding orders, and served as first-chair in several trials, including prosecuting non-compliant employers, dissolutions, and defending agency actions.

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