



a publication of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce

March – April 2017

## welcome new members

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Lakeside Professional Center  
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AccessPoint  
The Medalist Golf Club  
Squirrel Hollow Golf Course



Friday, May 19, 2017  
**Save the Date**

Spring into the Arts,  
downtown Battle Creek!

## our vision

*The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce is the premier business association whose influence, solutions, and networks drive economic growth in the Battle Creek area, enabling businesses, community and people to prosper in an ever-changing economy.*

## mission statement

*The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce will provide the best in member services and aggressive business advocacy to create a climate for employer growth and a prosperous community for all.*



# insight

## eye opener breakfast program

Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### Are your day-to-day Business Operations taking you away from your Passion?



**Presented by:** Chemical Bank and First Data **Location:** Kool Family Community Center

As a business owner, you get to do what you love every day. But day-to-day business operations can take you away from your passion. Chemical Bank Merchant Services offers you the payment processing systems, technology, customer support, clearing and settlement functions to help your business succeed. From accepting payments and managing inventory to keeping track of your customers and more, First Data's Solutions simplify your operations and take you where you want to go. This means your business has access to the following:

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**Would you like to learn more?** Join Matt Hillman from First Data and Chemical Bank to learn how your business can benefit from enhanced cash flow, more efficient and accurate account reconciliation and flexible cash management. Additionally, they will be discussing recent Chip Card regulations. Matt and Chemical Bankers will be available during the Business Expo portion from 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and after the Chamber update by President Kara Beer. **Can't make the Breakfast Program? Call 866.901.0321 today and find out how Chemical Bank Merchant Services can help your business.**

### WIN \$100 with our Member Referral Program!

Do you know someone who should be a member of the Chamber? Be a part of our quarterly Member Referral Program and get registered to win one of our amazing Member Referral gifts valued at \$100.

**How it works!** Give the name and contact information of the potential new member to our Membership Sales Specialist, Kelly Gierman, and she will work her magic. When the potential member signs up for membership your name will be registered in the drawing. For every referral, your name may be registered in the drawing. **Get started today! Email Kelly Gierman at [kgierman@battlecreek.org](mailto:kgierman@battlecreek.org)**



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# calendar of *events*

## March – April

### Thursday, March 2

Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking  
Time: Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, The Loft

### Tuesday, March 14

Eye Opener Breakfast & Business Expo  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Presenter: Chemical Bank  
Kool Family Community Center

### Wednesday, March 22

Thoughts, Resources & Food Series Luncheon  
Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Trivalent Group  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, The Loft

### Thursday, April 6

Java & Beer: Happy Hour Networking  
Time: 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce

### Tuesday, April 11

Eye Opener Breakfast & Business Expo  
Presenter: Michigan Works! Southwest  
Time: 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.  
Kool Family Community Center

### Thursday, April 20

Women In Business Luncheon  
Time: 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, The Loft

### Thursday, April 27

Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking Luncheon with Magician, Doug Gancer  
Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, The Loft

### Wednesday, May 3

Thoughts, Resources & Food Series Luncheon  
Time: Noon – 1:00 p.m.  
Presenter: Breast Feeding Coalition of Calhoun County  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, The Loft

### Chamber Refund & Cancellation Policy

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**Andrea Allen** – Sales Specialist

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**Jennifer Blank** – Accounting Manager

**Kelly Gierman** – Membership Sales Specialist

## chamber corner



## How to use the Chamber to promote your business

There is a few Chambers of Commerce in Calhoun County. Each one is unique in its approach to events, meetings and helping local business. Each has a unified goal: help promote local business.

A membership in a chamber is only as good as you make it. Think gym membership. I would like to share with you five ideas for promoting your business through a chamber:

**First**, join your local Chamber of Commerce. Once you join, you can ask for a listing of all upcoming Chamber of Commerce meetings.

**Second**, grab your business cards and go to one of the regular meetings. You will meet fellow entrepreneurs and have the chance to exchange business cards and make others aware of your business. You can also learn from others who have successfully launched and grown a business.

**Third**, prepare your one sentence pitch. You will have the opportunity to tell other businesspeople what you do, and you need to be able to describe your business with a short, attention-getting sentence. Once you open the conversation with someone at a meeting, focus on ways you can help them reach their goals. This can gain you a valuable ally in the business world.

**Fourth**, obtain a list of members from your Chamber of Commerce. You will find names and contact members. You can contact specific people with proposals for joint venture and co-marketing programs. Search for businesses that complement yours, and use your shared membership in the Chamber of Commerce as an icebreaker when you can call them.

**Fifth**, attend special seminars. Your Chamber of Commerce may host learning sessions on a variety of business topics. You can not only learn about many aspects of running a business, you can meet others who are engaged in the same process and gain from their experiences.

Joining your local Chamber of Commerce can help you gain access to the tools that can promote your business. Many services are free, and you can begin taking advantage of them immediately. Prepare yourself by looking at some advantages of joining your Chamber of Commerce and making plans to participate in the opportunities that are best for your business. You can network, learn from others and make valuable contacts once you know what your Chamber of Commerce offers.

I encourage each of you to not only join your local chamber, but to use these free, low cost easy ideas to help you promote your business.

*Kara Beer*

President



## Chamber Members Earn Workers' Comp Dividend

Over 20 businesses will share a \$30,984 premium dividend thanks to safe work practices and their participation in a workers' compensation group dividend program available through the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I want to thank and congratulate all of the program participants," said Kara Beer, President of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce. "Their commitment to safety is what made this dividend possible." "Encouraging safety in the workplace while offering a Chamber-only plan that can provide real money back is definitely a win-win situation," said Kara Beer. "The Accident Fund Workers' Compensation Program is one of many innovative strategies we have put in place to help our members more effectively control their costs."

For more information about this and other Chamber benefits call **269.962.4076** or email Kara Beer at [kbeer@battlecreek.org](mailto:kbeer@battlecreek.org).



Friday, June 2 • Riverside Golf Course

## 2017 Silent Observer Golf Outing

Be a part of the solution to providing a safe community for all!

For more information please contact Kara Beer at [kbeer@battlecreek.org](mailto:kbeer@battlecreek.org) or 269.962.4076.

Wednesday, June 21 • The Medalist Golf Club

## 2017 Annual Chamber Golf Outing

The Chamber's annual golf outing is a great way to build relationships by networking or taking advantage of a team building opportunity for your staff! For more information please contact Billy Beers at [bbeers@battlecreek.org](mailto:bbeers@battlecreek.org) or 269.962.4076.



Tuesday, April 11, 2017

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

## Eye Opener Breakfast & Small Business Expo

*Economic Prosperity. Everyone Works!*

Presented by:

Michigan Works! Southwest

Location:

Kool Family Community Center



When it comes to building a strong U.S. economy, there's only one equation to keep in mind:

**SKILLS + WORK = ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Michigan Works! Southwest will share information about some of the dynamic opportunities that exist to connect businesses with the talent and resources they need to thrive in today's economy. The overview will include employer driven, talent focused resources designed to meet the needs of employers of all sizes.

Join us at the April Eye Opener Breakfast to learn more. Don't forget to promote your business with a vendor table during the Business Expo portion of the morning.

Simply call **269.962.4076** or email Billy Beers at [bbeers@battlecreek.org](mailto:bbeers@battlecreek.org) to reserve your space today before they are gone!

Thursday, April 6, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

## Java & Beer Happy Hour

Networking Event

Location: Battle Creek Area

Chamber of Commerce

34 W. Jackson St., Suite 3A

Why you need to take a quick break from work and attend the Chamber's Java & Beer Happy Hour:

1. Increases productivity
2. Stimulates your brain
3. Exercises your facial muscles
4. Burns calories from laughing

Life is busy and we all could use a break from time to time. So, why not attend the Chamber's upcoming Java & Beer: Happy Hour informal networking event? It's only an hour out of your day, but the benefits from attending will last much, much longer than an hour. Not a drinker? We will be serving beer, wine, coffee, water and pop! We have something for everyone, so please mark your calendars to attend and be ready to have a great time!

Call the Chamber at **269.962.4076** to RSVP, or email Billy Beers at [bbeers@battlecreek.org](mailto:bbeers@battlecreek.org).



# spectacular ambassador



**Karen Rial**, Agent Sales Manager, Partners Insurance Agency of Southwest Michigan, Inc. is excited to be your spectacular ambassador this month!

Partners Insurance Agency of Southwest Michigan joined the Chamber in November of 2003 and Karen joined as a Battle Creek Chamber Ambassador in 2008. She feels it was definitely the right decision and has met many wonderful individuals and small business owners.

# event highlights



**DENSO New Family Health Center (DFHC)** strengthens its commitment to the health and wellness of employees and their families as it celebrates opening at DENSO Manufacturing Michigan, Inc. DENSO purchased an adjoining building on Wayne Road in Battle Creek to serve its expanding customer base in North America.



**Edward Jones** Jacob Miller, local Edward Jones financial advisor and community activist, hosted a ribbon cutting in recognition of his CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ certification. Jake is one of a small handful of financial advisors in Southwest Michigan that hold the CFP® designation, which represents the highest standard in the financial planning industry. Call **269.962.0791** to schedule an appointment!

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Ft. Custer Centennial Ball**  
Saturday, June 24 • McCamly Plaza Hotel



# member anniversaries

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| <p><b>50th Anniversary</b><br/>City of Battle Creek</p> <p><b>35th Anniversary</b><br/>Allegra Battle Creek</p> <p><b>25th Anniversary</b><br/>Charitable Union<br/>Leila Arboretum/Children's Garden<br/>Dr. R Craig Diederich, DDS<br/>Triangle Plumbing</p> <p><b>20th Anniversary</b><br/>Lakeview Card &amp; Gift Shop</p> <p><b>15th Anniversary</b><br/>110th Airlift Wing MI ANG<br/>Citizens Supporting Mike Nofs<br/>Mega-Bev<br/>Professional Towing Services, LLC</p> | <p><b>10th Anniversary</b><br/>Battle Creek Bombers<br/>CEM Supply, Inc.<br/>Lawrence Productions<br/>Michigan Minority Business Dev.<br/>Post Community Credit Union<br/>Schweitzer Construction, Inc<br/>Woods Pools, Inc.</p> <p><b>5th Anniversary</b><br/>A Taste of India<br/>Behnke Warehousing, Inc.<br/>Chemical Bank<br/>Continental Pastries and Delicatessen<br/>Mac R. Behnke Rentals LTD<br/>Quality Inn<br/>Siena Heights University<br/>Brian Wensauer</p> |
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# Annual Business Excellence Awards

## 2017 Annual Business Excellence Awards

### Calling all Sponsors!

The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce and partnering agencies present the Annual Business Excellence Awards (BEA) program. This premier business event will be an evening affair and will be recognizing the achievements of successful businesses, nonprofits, organizations and industry people in the greater Battle Creek area and the contributions they make to the growth and prosperity of the economy.

This annual business event, the Chamber's largest, brings together business, nonprofit, organizations, government and industry leaders from all over the area to join in celebrating the Chamber's and business community's achievements. It has extraordinary exposure and prestige attached to it. This is a special evening when our local entrepreneurs, businesses, nonprofits and organizations are honored by their peers.

Members and guests will gather to pay tribute to the award recipients. Don't miss this opportunity to honor business excellence. Awards will be recognized at the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Excellence Awards on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at KCC's Binda Theater.

**Deadline for nominations is Friday, March 24, 2017.** You may self nominate or be nominated in this process. An anonymous group of judges will review and make recommendations for the winners.

Chamber Specific Awards (Start up; Small; Mid-Size; Large Businesses of the Year) will need to fill out the application's 17 questions (see insert). Please have each nomination tell us the story of the business and why the business is one of the top businesses in Battle Creek in 2017. Please answer the questions in the same passion that you conduct your business. These questions should NOT exceed 4 pages in length and no additional materials will be judged.

**Award winners will be announced the evening of May 17 at the awards ceremony.**

### Judging Elements

- Business Growth & Performance • Sound Business Strategies & Practices
- Customer Service Strategies & Practices • Business Challenges
- Unique & Innovative Approaches • Employee Relations
- Community Involvement & Contribution

**Please see the back for the 2017 Business Excellence nomination form.**

## sponsorships

### Award Presenting Sponsors

Businesses now have the opportunity to associate their name with Chamber's Businesses of the Year. Each of the presenting sponsors will have the opportunity to be a part of the recognition process the night of the event, the company will receive 20 tickets to attend as well as recognition on all promotional printed materials.

#### PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$2,500

##### Opportunities to choose from:

- Start up Business of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Mid-Size Business of the Year
- Large Business of the Year
- Emerging Leaders

### Sponsorships Available

All sponsorships include your business name and logo in all promotional print and digital materials and ticket packages to the event.

**PLATINUM SPONSOR : \$750** (includes 15 tickets to the event)

**GOLD SPONSOR: \$500** (includes 10 tickets to the event)

**SILVER SPONSOR: \$400** (includes 5 tickets to the event)

**BRONZE SPONSOR: \$250** (includes 2 tickets to the event)

### Awards Program Magazine

This magazine will be a full color, glossy program for the event featuring all of the nominees. You have the option to purchase a standalone ad or add it on to your sponsorship package for a reduced rate. All ad copy needs to be created by the sponsor and sent to [kbeer@battlecreek.org](mailto:kbeer@battlecreek.org) in either jpeg or pdf file.

Ad size	Standalone Cost	Additional with Sponsorship
Full page (8" x 10")	\$500	\$350
1/2 Page (4" x 10")	\$350	\$250
1/4 Page (4" x 5")	\$250	\$150

# Annual Business Excellence Awards

The following is a listing of the awards for which we are seeking nominations. Please read each explanation, as criteria and application process are different. Awards will be recognized at the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce's Annual Business Excellence Awards on Wednesday, May 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at KCC's Binda Theater.

## Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards

**START UP BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** is to recognize a start up business (within the last 12 months) who has demonstrated exemplary "Best Practices."

**SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** (25 employees or less) is to recognize and honor a business who has demonstrated exemplary "Best Practices." Must have been in business at least three (3) years and be a member of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing.

**MID-SIZE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** (26-50 employees) is to recognize and honor a business who has demonstrated exemplary "Best Practices." Must have been in business at least three (3) years and be a member of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing.

**LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** (51+ employees) is to recognize and honor a business who has demonstrated exemplary "Best Practices." Must have been in business at least three (3) years and be a member of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce in good standing.

*New this year!*

**THE FOOTPRINT AWARD** will recognize a business for new expansion and growth.

**WIB AWARD** will recognize a woman owned business.



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## 2017 NOMINATIONS

### QUESTIONS FOR CHAMBER BUSINESS NOMINEES ONLY:

Please tell us the story of your business and why your business is one of the top businesses in Battle Creek in 2017 by answering the questions below with the same passion that you conduct your business. Please attach your answers to this section on a separate sheet (s) of paper, not to exceed 4 pages in length total. Please do NOT submit additional materials, as they will not be passed on to the judges.

(PLEASE ATTACH THIS SHEET TO YOUR ANSWERS NOT TO EXCEED 4 PAGES)

### Business History and Vision (20 points)

1. Tell us your business history.
2. Describe a challenge you have faced in your business this year and how it was overcome.
3. What makes you most proud about your business?
4. Where did your original start-up money come from?
5. What would you like your business to look like in five years?

### Management Practices (20 points)

6. Describe your best management practices.
7. What resources (people, financial, other) do you use to keep your business running?
8. What tools do you use to promote your business?
9. How do you show support for your employees?

### Entrepreneurial Spirit & Customer Service (20 points)

10. Why did you want to start a business?
11. What makes your business special?
12. What are your business' principles and values?
13. What makes your approach to customer service unique?

### Community and/or Environmental Involvement (20 points)

14. How does your business serve your community?
15. How does your community support your business?
16. Do you use sustainable business practices and/or what does your business do to support the environment?

### Overall Impression (20 points)

17. Please tell us about your business and why you should be awarded this award.

**All nominees for the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Awards must answer all of the criteria questions above and submit on or before March 24, 2017.**



Wednesday, March 22, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Thoughts, Resources & Food Series

**Topic:** Cyber Security for Small Businesses

**Location:** Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce: The Loft

**Cost:** \$10 member

**Presenter:** Trivalent Group



It's an astounding — and perhaps disheartening — statistic: 60 percent of small companies are unable to sustain their business within six months of a cybercrime attack, according to the U.S. National Cyber Security Alliance. To help avoid joining their ranks, John Hey and other information technology experts advise small business managers to foster a culture of cybersecurity that permeates their entire operation, not just the IT department.

Join Trivalent Group at March's Thoughts, Resources & Food Series luncheon to learn more about how to stay ahead of a cybercrime attack on your business.

Reserve your seat today by contacting Billy Beers at **269.962.4076** or email **bbeers@battlecreek.org**, seating is limited.

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Thoughts, Resources & Food Series



Breastfeeding Coalition of Calhoun County

**Topic:** Breastfeeding Support

**Location:** Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce: The Loft

**Cost:** FREE to attend

**Presenter:** The Breastfeeding Coalition of Calhoun County

Investing in a breastfeeding support program has proven to produce a 3-to-1 return on investment through greater employee retention, increased productivity, lower healthcare costs and decreased sick days.

Learn how to develop a simple, cost-effective lactation support program for employees, including recommended room size and sample lactation support policies. Remain in compliance with the "Break-time for Nursing Mothers" federal requirements and join us for this informational session.

Reserve your seat today by contacting Billy Beers at **269.962.4076** or email **bbeers@battlecreek.org**, seating is limited.

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# member's business spotlight

## BCCF Scholarships

Its scholarship time at the Battle Creek Community Foundation. We have over 280 scholarships to choose from and it is easier than ever to apply online at, [www.bccfoundation.org](http://www.bccfoundation.org), through March 24, 2017.

**If you have questions, need assistance or more information, our phone number is 269.962.2181.**

Stay connected to all things scholarship and "Like Us" on Facebook to receive updates and news regarding our scholarship program.



## Gull Lake View Opens Newest Golf Course

Our sixth course, Stoatin Brae, is set to open this spring. As one of sixteen courses opening world-wide, it is bound to attract visitors to our region from around the U.S. Our new course is just another great reason to live and visit SW Michigan.

**For more information call 269.601.7283 or email, [jheerlyn@gulllakeview.com](mailto:jheerlyn@gulllakeview.com).**



## CPCU Earns Bauer 5-Star Rating!

Bauer Financial Inc. is the nation's leading independent bank and credit union rating firm. The award recognizes CPCU's strength, security and reliability. CPCU is located on Capital Avenue and is open to everyone in Battle Creek.



## A New Home for The Arc

The Arc of Calhoun County has MOVED! The Arc is now located at 506 Riverside Drive. The Enrichment Program serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Enroll for fitness programs that utilize community fitness centers or for art programs to promote an inclusive community for all. Call for more details **269.966.2575!**



## Generation EI's Business Showcase

GenEI is celebrating its Twelfth Annual Student Business Showcase on May 10, 2017 at Kellogg Arena. Students, grades 3-12, will run their operational businesses while competing for over \$5,000 in cash prizes. For more info, contact GenEI at **269.441.1238** or [staff@genei.org](mailto:staff@genei.org).



## The Richard A. Henry Funeral Home Announces New Ownership

The Richard A. Henry Funeral Home opened in January of 1964 at 703 Capital Avenue, SW. In 2015, the funeral home was purchased by Thomas C. Coleman and Joseph U. Stasa. Both are excited about the opportunity, and the changes being made to accommodate the families served. For more information, please call **269.962.5191**.



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**wib** Women in Business  
**WOMEN IN BUSINESS** April 20 @ 11:30a

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Thursday, March 2, 2017

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking

**Location:** Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce: The Loft

**Cost:** \$10 member

Life's busy. It's hard to add time in your morning and evening schedules to network and build your contact list which is why you should attend the Chamber's upcoming Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking luncheon. It's simply your lunch hour filled with opportunities to connect with 6-8 new contacts that you may not already know. Plus, we've all got to take a break and eat at some point throughout the day.

Join us on March 2 at noon upstairs at The Loft for an hour of networking, laughter, and great food. Call the Chamber at **269.962.4076** to reserve your seat, or email Billy Beers at **bbeers@battlecreek.org** today!

## Check out this great opportunity! Intern with the Chamber

Are you or someone you know passionate about our community? Do you believe that every business and their emerging leaders need a thriving place to call home? The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking enthusiastic, passionate people that positively promote the greater Battle Creek area. We are currently searching for the following interns (May-August): **Events Intern, Sales Intern, Marketing/Social Media Intern, and Government Affairs Intern.**

To apply, please indicate the position you are interested in, and a detailed cover letter explaining why you should be selected for the position, your availability and your resume to **kbeer@battlecreek.org**. Deadline to apply is Monday, April 3, 2017!

## Women Build

May 2017



Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity and Lowe's invite women to build alongside future homeowners during the 10<sup>th</sup> annual National Women Build Week, May 6 through 14. BCAHFH is one of 300 Habitat organizations nationwide hosting Women Build projects during the week with support from Lowe's, a longtime partner in the event.



Battle Creek Area Habitat for Humanity Women Build

Registration begins March 1, 2017

Limited number of volunteer spots each day. Register early! Cost \$100 per volunteer.

For additional information, call the affiliate office at 269-966-2502.

Thursday, April 27, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking

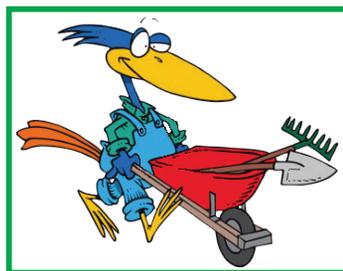
*featuring magician: Doug Gancer*

**Location:** Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce: The Loft

**Cost:** \$10 member

The award winning magician, Doug Gancer, will be WOWing you with his comedy and charisma at the Chamber's April Meet-n-Eat: Speed Networking luncheon. Not only will you leave impressed by the magic of the afternoon, but you'll also be talking about all of the new contacts you made during your lunch hour! Don't miss this high energy, fun networking event if you enjoy magic and love to laugh.

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