


# Keosauqua Chamber

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The Keosauqua Chamber's Annual Strategic planning meeting was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is an opportunity for the board to discuss the goals of the organization, discuss how the previous year went, elect new officers if necessary and plan for the upcoming year. New officers were elected for the year, see page 2 for detailed information regarding all Keosauqua Chamber Board members. The board decided to continue with the following initiatives in 2019; Annual Dinner and Citizen of the Year Award, Spring Open House, Chamber Golf Tournament, Car Show, Trunk or Treat, Small Business Saturday, Local First, Mini-Grants, Member Education and Keo Bucks. A new initiative starting this year will be New Business Welcome Packets- these will provide resources and incentives for new businesses joining the Keosauqua Chamber. Meetings of the Keosauqua Chamber Board of Directors will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 4:30pm.

## ANNUAL CHAMBER DINNER

The Annual Keosauqua Chamber Dinner will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Hotel Manning. The annual awards, along with the Citizen of the Year Award will be presented. An Italian dinner will be served & we will be hosting a trivia contest again this year! An auction will be held to raise money for the Keosauqua Chamber Mini-grant program; local businesses will be asked to donate a basket of goodies! You may contact us or a board member will be in touch with you. We encourage all businesses to attend and invite others to join us as well! The dinner is open to the public, cost is \$25/person. Please see the attached flyer for additional details.



## CHAMBER CALENDAR

### March 8

Citizen of the Year nominations due

### March 22

Chamber Dinner  
RSVP's due

### March 29- 6pm

Annual Dinner & Citizen of the Year Award

## LOCAL FIRST

This project started late last year to support local businesses and encourage our community members to "Shop Local". More activities and promotion will be happening throughout the year related to this initiative. Window clings are being developed and will be provided to all local chamber businesses to showcase the initiative and show support of shopping local. Be watching for more information on this coming soon!

## WELCOME NEW CHAMBER BUSINESSES!

We would like to welcome **Chaplin Electric**, **Old Crowe Primitives** and **The Barn Door** to the Keosauqua Chamber. We look forward to having all three of them as a part of the Keosauqua Chamber and are excited for new businesses in the community! You can find additional information about these businesses on our facebook page!

## MARKETING UPDATE

Heidi Bainbridge will continue to do online marketing for the Keosauqua Chamber. She is in the process of emailing all Chamber businesses that have paid their 2019 dues to get updated information for their 2019 Business Spotlight and Did You know posts. Also, if you have not sent her information for the website you can do that at any time. If you have any questions you may email her at [hbainbridge@mossyoakproperties.com](mailto:hbainbridge@mossyoakproperties.com).

## KEOSAUQUA CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Does this remind you of anyone?

**\*ADVOCATE FOR KEOSAUQUA    \*COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**\*POSITIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY    \*CONTRIBUTOR TO BUSINESS GROWTH**

Anyone can submit a nomination for the award, so if you know someone that deserves to be recognized, please share! Nominations require: name of person you are nominating, your name and contact information, and a brief description of why you think this person deserves the award.

To nominate someone, please email the above information to [info@keosauqua.com](mailto:info@keosauqua.com), mail it to: Keo Chamber, PO Box 511, Keosauqua, 52565, or drop it off at Wasko Hardware, 810 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Keosauqua. If you have questions, please call Susan 319-293-6468.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 8.**

### KEOSAUQUA CHAMBER BOARD CONTACT INFO

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# Trivia Night

Who?

Everyone 21+  
Teams of 4-6 encouraged.

What?

Chamber Annual Dinner & Auction  
Trivia + Italian Dinner +  
Drink ticket - \$25 for all

When?

6:00-9:30 pm, Friday, March 29

Where?

Hotel Manning  
100 Van Buren St., Keo

Why?

- \*Promote local businesses
- \*Honor Citizen of the Year
- \*Raise money for Chamber mini-grant program
- \*Have fun!



RSVP by March 22 to Carly @ <mailto:crbentzinger@gmail.com>  
or RSVP online to our Facebook Event Page, "Keosauqua Chamber Trivia Night"