

E-New Blast April 2022

What's going on in the SACC for April 2022...

Our Annual Members Party at Black Rock was a huge success!



The SACC Annual Members Party was at Black Rock Bar & Grill on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022. It was Mardi Gras, so it was themed like that as well.

We had around 50 members as well as potential new members who attended. They enjoyed appetizers, cookies, cake, and drinks provided by our sponsors, DTE Energy, Stevenson Water Hauling, and Black Rock.

Our chamber Executive Director, Lynn Thomas-Perry, had a slide presentation going, as she told everyone what went on in 2021 and what we are looking forward to doing in 2022. We are bringing back the Business Awards, Saline Salutes, and continuing with our Annual Golf Outing, Love on Local, the People's Choice Awards, and the Holiday Parade. She then honored, Lori Little with the Staff Appreciation Award, and Paul Larson for the President's Award for Outstanding Board Member, because he kept the chamber going through the pandemic. Tammie King and Monica Van Overmeer were given the Outstanding Board Member Award for all that they both do for the chamber, such as volunteering for raffles and golf outings. We also recognized the People's Choice Awards winners from 2021.

The night then took a turn towards fun, as Lynn started with the white elephant raffle. Each person was given half of a playing card, the other half was put into a hat. Each card that was pulled had to pick a prize off the table. the next person was allowed to steal



another person's prize. The prizes were only able to be stolen twice, then after that, they were off-limits. Everyone that won a prize had a great time and everyone else had fun watching.



Thank you for
Sponsoring the SACC
Member's Party

Upcoming Meetings and Events

April 14, 2022 - Saline Salutes at Lake Forest Golf Course 6:30-9:00 pm.

April 20, 2022 - SACC Board Member Meeting 8:00-9:00 am at Kyocera.

April 26, 2022 - Late Lunch Tuesday 1:00-2:30 pm, place Black Rock.

April 28, 2022 - Women in Business 5:30-7:00 pm (TBD)

Look at our Events page on the chamber website.



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March is Women's History Month

The Saline Area Chamber of Commerce would like to celebrate our women in business!

Sassa Akervall - Akervall Technologies

Jenny Mrozinski - Ann Arbor Carpets

Authentic Carpet Cleaning - Sandy Griffin

Be Our Guest Events, LLC - Lindsay Winkler

Brewed Awakenings - Kim Kaster

Carrigan Cafe - Karen Carrigan

Cisco Tool - Suzanne Cisco

Cobblestone Rose - Laren Hodgson

Farmers Insurance - Lynn Thomas-Perry

Foresight Capital Mgmt - Laurie Stegenga

GNC - Patricia Palombit

Heidi McClelland Photography

Julie Miller - Joint Pivot

“Women have an unique power of being able to look at the world's problems and discover solutions that transform lives and make the world a better place.”

Dr. Ayanna Howard

Just Gwen Designs - Gwen Frederickson
Kelly Orthodontics - Katherine Kelly
Lake Forest Golf Club - Gilda Johnson
Lily's Flowers - Lily Kittle
Little Caesars Pizza - Sheena Plocharczk
McNaughton & Gunn - Julie McFarland
Mectron Engineering - Carol Hanna
Michigan Computer Supplies - Jessica Dulin
Mickey's Dairy Twist - Bonnie McComb
Mikan Corp - Maggie Stevens
Nellmar Laboratory, Inc - Sara Kazan
Nu2u Again - Lisa Rentschler
Pomerance Integrative Dental Care - Sheryl
Pomerance, DDS
Reau & Associates - Pamela Reau
Saline Flowerland - Susan Wisniewski
Saline Orthodontics - Sylvie Sarment
Thrive! Wellness Center - Shannon Roznay
Voila Salon & Spa - Lori Holloway
Waggles N Whiskers - Erica Freshcorn
Whitepine Studios - Kaili & Joanne Dence
Workout 1 - Emily Rogers

Happy National Women's Month!

LaFontaine Automotive Group

Founded in 1980 by Michael Sr. and Maureen LaFontaine, the nationally-recognized LaFontaine Automotive Group now includes 51 retail franchises, 8 collision centers, and 29 Michigan retail locations. The Group employs nearly 1,900 individuals. It's the ongoing mission of the LaFontaine family and passionate team members to personalize the automotive experience by building lifelong relationships that connect families and strengthen communities. *The LaFontaine Family Deal; it's not just what you get, it's how you feel!*

Our mission statement is Build lifelong relationships that **connect** families, **strengthen** communities and **personalize** the automotive experience. **Connect Families** The combination of both the mission and core values provides the basic foundation of our promise to you... To treat every customer like they are members of our family. **Strengthen Communities** The LaFontaine commitment to customers, staff, and local communities is demonstrated by active participation and contributions to numerous non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and charities throughout southeast Michigan. **Personalize The Automotive Experience** No one wants to be treated like a number, at LaFontaine you won't be. Our staff is dedicated to providing you with a personalized shopping experience.

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U CAN-CER VIVE

Ryan LaFontaine himself experienced cancer himself in 2008. With that, he and his sister, Kelley LaFontaine, began fundraising for cancer research and created their own nonprofit, U CAN-CER VIVE. With goals to raise \$1M per year, we are proud to share that we have donated several millions to cancer research at our local Michigan hospitals. Operated solely by passionate volunteers, we are proud to be able to donate 100% of profits to our cause. With your help, we'll continue to make an impact in the world of cancer research. [About U Can-Cer Vive \(ucancervive.com\)](http://ucancervive.com)

LaFontaine supports locally and gives back to its community, a few organizations LaFontaine of Saline is a part of are: Meals on Wheels, Chad Tough, Saline Social Services, Saline Community Fair, Saline High School, Saline Fiddlers, Toys for Tots, Adopt a Family, BRAG Commercial Vehicles, and various events with Saline Chamber, Saline Rotary Club, and Saline Main Street.

(Thank you Quaila Pant Business & Marketing Rep for LaFontaine for writing this article)

Congratulations, MMI Engineered Solutions!

MMI Engineered Solutions Inc., a Saline, Michigan-based injection molder, blow molder, and toolmaker, is *Plastics News'* 2021 Processor of the Year.

The winner was named on March 23rd at the *Plastics News* Executive Forum in Naples, Florida.

Coming out of the pandemic, and with the automotive sector rocked by supply chain issues and chip shortages, MMI managed to have the best year in the company's history.

"2021 was the most volatile, chaotic, stressful year that we've ever been through in my 30 years in the industry. It was also the most successful year," owner, President, and CEO Doug Callahan said in a recent interview at the company headquarters.

MMI will be profiled in the March 28 issue of *Plastics News*.

The Processor of the Year competition is open to all companies engaged in North American plastics processing for at least the past five years. MMI was a finalist for the Processor of the Year trophy in 2019 and 2020.

(Thank you to *Plastics News* for providing this information)

Congratulations MMI on an honor well deserved!





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