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Business Spotlight

MILAN OPTICAL

Located in the Milan Medical building, at 1929 East 10th Avenue is a new business in Milan. Milan Optical opened its doors earlier this year. Yet, has already attracted a steady clientele that come for the personalized services they have come to expect from Milan Optical. Open from 9-5 Monday thru Friday and 9-noon on Saturday with extended evening hours by appointment. Milan Optical offers high quality lenses through another Milan Chamber member and local distributor of lenses, Walman Optical. Providing high quality products and unique eyewear at 25% savings combined with personalized services like free Cleaning-Adjusting-Repair-Eyeglasses (CARE), keeps Milan area residents seeing clearly.

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MILAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

December 2009

Chamber chat

Casino Night Holiday Party

Milan, IL — Get dressed for a night at the casino at Milan Chamber & Milan Rotary Clubs annual Holiday Party December 12, for this year's theme: Casino Night—*Glitz & Glam*.

Guests will be greeted by the cool jazzy sounds of the Black Hawk Jazz Band from the moment you arrive at the Pinnacle Country Club at 6 p.m. Grab a beverage and take in the raffle items or get your Casino Night "Glamour Shot" taken, courtesy of Walgreens.

"We want this to be a fun memorable evening, the theme will keep things light and create an atmosphere so guests can enjoy themselves," says Holiday Committee member Toni Gasper of American Bank. "We encour-

age everyone to dress the part."

Dinner starts at 7 p.m. with a very nice prime rib buffet that will also include ham, turkey, green beans, potatoes and a variety of salads. A dessert bar will tempt your palate with a assortment of mouth watering treats.

Starting at 8 p.m. get ready for Casino Night gaming with Milan's own volunteers dealing for Texas Hold'em style poker, Black Jack

and Craps tables. Everyone will receive plenty of chips at the door, enough to 'let the good times roll.' Says Toni, "We are going to capture a bit of the *Glitz & Glam* of Las Vegas right here in Milan."

See inside for invitation.



DECEMBER 2009

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Board Meeting BH Bank & Trust 7 AM | 10 | 11 | 12 Hanukkah Holiday Party |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 Winter Begins | 22 | 23 Office closed until Jan 4 | 24 Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 New Year's Eve | 31 New Year's Eve | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Village of Milan will be hosting a FOOD DRIVE for the Month of December

Please bring your non-perishable items to the Village of Milan Municipal Building.

All donations are welcome and will be distributed to local food shelters in Milan.

The Bridge and
St. Ambrose

All items will go directly to assist Milan families in need.

Milan Chamber & Milan Rotary Club Holiday Party is coming up....

If you would like to make a donation of a gift basket, gift certificate or gift item. Please bring your items to **Mandi Guyer at American Bank** at HyVee in Milan. Or call (309) 716-8144 and someone will pick it up for you.

All donations will go to the Milan Santa Fund and will directly benefit Milan families in need.



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Casino Night—HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, DECEMBER 12

MENU

Prime Rib Buffet

Ham

Turkey

Green Bean Almondine

Cheesy Potatoes

Hawaiian Salad

Pasta Salad

DESERT BAR

Coffee/tea/ice tea

CASH BAR

Membership Dues – We discussed the dues structure. Jim Huiskamp made a motion to keep the dues the same. Seconded by Lori Van Blair and carried.

We need to have a planning committee for next years scheduled meetings. It was suggested that we only do the first quarter. The committee will be Vera, Lori, Betty and Sarah.

Holiday Party – Dec 11, 2009 The meal is \$23.00 and we are charging \$35.00. Our expenses will be the meal, a jazz band and renting poker chips for our Casino night entertainment.

We should discuss with Rotary about plans for next years Holiday Party before any decisions are made.

Trunk R Treat – It was hard to determine how many kids went thru. We need to discuss this event in the future.

The future is Chamber was discussed and no decision can be made at this time and we need to continue just as we have been with our planning.

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Board *Minutes*

11/12/2009, submitted by Betty Boltz Fund for blankets.

Cathy Edwards, Betty Boltz, Bruce Vera made a motion to have this year's
Brooks, Vera Hinrichsen, Jim Huiskamp, basket raffle go to the Santa Fund also.
Ron Heinzman, Del Steiert, Lory Seconded by Lori Van Blair Carried

Van Blair Non Board Members: An- New slate of officers and installation.
nette Ernst **Absent:** Chris Bayer, John We are behind on presenting a new
Ryan, Steve Wilson board. Chris Bayer has missed several
meeting and his work situation does
not allow him to attend the board
meeting. Lori Van Blair said she has
been thinking about stepping up to be
Chamber President. The Board encour-
aged Lori and will support her. Vice
President was discussed and it was de-
cided that President Cathy should talk
to Kimberly Smith. It was also sug-
gested that we approach Kevin Hum-
phrey to become a board member.
We can have our January meeting be
an election night and then install the
officers at that time.

Secretary's report approved by Bruce
Brooks 2nd by Ron Heinzmann Carried

Treasurer's report approved by Jim
Huiskamp 2nd by Ron Heinzmann Car-
ried

Treasurer's Report Checking account
balance is \$11,779.88 and \$17,022.84
in the CD.

Betty questioned the money from last
years basket raffle and where the
money was to go. It was determined
that it was to go to the Milan Santa



Please Join Us
Milan Chamber of Commerce & Milan Rotary Club
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12 2009

6:00 pm Social, 7:00 pm Dinner, 8:00 pm Entertainment

Pinnacle Country Club
11928 Knoxville Road, Milan, Illinois

PLEASE DETACH AND SEND WITH PAYMENT BY
December 7, 2009

Prime Rib Buffet and all the fixings

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Mail to:

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Milan IL 61264

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Guest's Name: _____

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Holiday Party

The Milan Chamber of Commerce and the Milan Rotary Club invite you to the annual Holiday Party.



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SATURDAY, DEC 12
PINNACLE
See invitation inside.

Theme: CASINO NIGHT - Glitz & Glam!



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