

The Area Review

RACC

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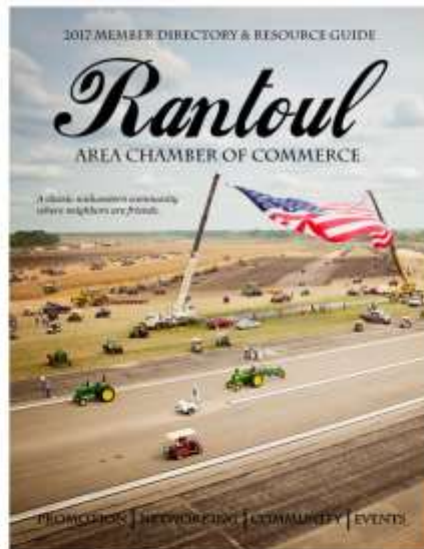
If you have event information, announcements, special offers, etc, to share with the membership, please submit it to the RACC office by calling 217-893-3323 or email office@rantoulchamber.com.

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WELCOME 2017!

RACC welcomes the new year! Members will be receiving their 2017 Member Directory and Resource Guide, along with updated member packets, the first and second week of this month. We are happy to present the 2017 schedule, updated area attractions, festivals, and events, as well as recreation, local dining, and travel accommodations. Mark your calendars and dive into all the Rantoul Area has to offer!



Committee meetings will begin during the month of January in preparation for the following annual events: USO Dance, Rantoul Freedom Celebration, RACC Golf Outing, Rantoul Fall Festival, RACC Annual Banquet, and the Rantoul Christmas Parade. If you are interested in sitting on a committee or would like to sign up to volunteer your time for a specific event, please contact the RACC office at 217-893-3323 or email office@rantoulchamber.com. We will also be welcoming the Half Century of Progress back to the Rantoul Area this August 24th through the 27th. There will be many opportunities for our local businesses and organizations to give back and provide sponsorship. Make plans now to devote your time and support to making the Rantoul Area a destination in Northern Champaign County.

CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 19 Board Meeting @ RACC
- 20 BAH Euchre Tournament @ American Legion Post 287
- 25 Downtown Coffee @ RACC

FEBRUARY

- 8 Quarterly Breakfast @ Holiday Inn Express
- 15 Candidates Forum @ J.W. Eater Junior High Annex
- 16 Board Meeting @ RACC
- 17 BAH TBD
- 22 Downtown Coffee @ RACC

REMINDERS

- *We are looking for a BAH host for the month of February. Please contact the office if you are interested.
- *Voting has begun for the 2017 Movies in the Park Series. Place your vote via our Facebook page.
- *Sign up your team for the BAH Euchre Tournament.
- *Nomination forms for local veteran recognition will be available February 1st.
- *Mark your calendar for the USO Dance on March 31st.

Business After Hours

Join us on Friday, January 20th, for Business After Hours at the American Legion Post 287 in Rantoul! We will be celebrating the New Year and having our 3rd Annual Euchre Tournament. The event will begin at 5:30 P.M. Food and beverages will be available. Euchre teams play for \$20.00 (\$10.00 each person). Partners are not assigned so make sure you come with someone to play with. Sign up ahead of time or at the door. Questions? Call the RACC office at 217-893-3323 or email office@rantoulchamber.com.



Do You Want To Build A Snowman?!

Congratulations to Mrs. Owen's 2nd grade class from Broadmeadow Elementary School! They were the winners of this year's Snowman Competition. Their Snowman took in the most votes at last month's BAH Holiday Party, hosted by the Bank of Rantoul. They will receive a party from RACC.

Cast Your Vote

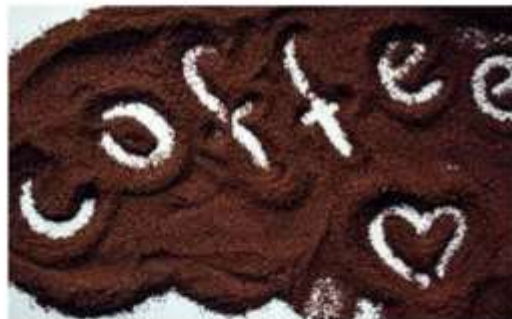
It's time to cast your votes for the 2017 Movies in the Park Series! Simply visit our Facebook page and choose three films and click the "like" button to vote. Don't forget to mark the following dates on your calendar: June 9th, July 15th, and August 11th.



Downtown Coffee

The Downtown Association meets once a month to discuss ongoings in the Downtown Rantoul Area. They are working off a template to improve the district with the support of the Village of Rantoul. Business owners are finding ways to invest and voice their opinions for the future.

NEXT MEETING: January 25th @ RACC 7:30 A.M.



The Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce is always looking to recruit new members. Our membership benefits are available to individuals, organizations, and businesses that want to make our area a better place to live and work each day! Please help us spread the word!

DON'T FORGET to LIKE US on Facebook! Social media provides us with an excellent outlet for up to date news and information within our association. Get daily specials, reminders, and take opportunities to connect with members online! Share, like, and stay active with RACC!



Special Announcement

The Rantoul Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Staff have been working hard to provide many options and opportunities for the association the past two years. We have increased our membership, productivity, and have made viable changes within to actively lead by example. We have brought more experiences, events, and new festivals for the entire Rantoul Area to enjoy. We have opened our new office space and continue to take pride in a brand that has been a leader for Northern Champaign County for the past 93 years.

That being said, changes with our dues structure and sponsorship will take effect at the beginning of our fiscal year on September 1st, for the 2017/2018 year. We will be working on putting a structure together that makes sense for the Rantoul Area businesses and organizations that have worked so hard to make us what we are today. The structure will be tiered and members will get to choose their level of support. If you would like to provide any input, please make an appointment by calling the office at 217-893-3323 or email office@rantoulchamber.com.

The RACC dues structure has not been changed since 1993. These changes are necessary for the survival of our association and to keep us at the forefront of a competitive market. We value our staff and those that volunteer their time to make a difference within the local economy. We thank you for your support and will keep you informed as the changes in structure progress.

Kellie Wahl, Executive Director