



NEW BASIC HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, May 17th was a special day for the Association.

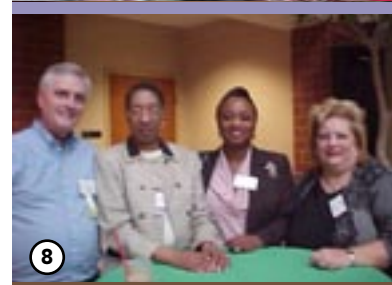
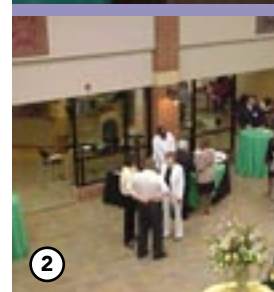
On that day, we celebrated the Grand Opening of our new 40,000 square foot Home Office Building. The new office is home to the 103 employees of Michigan Basic and it allows us to better serve our customer base.

The Open House was attended by well over 100 individuals, including many representatives of the Governor’s office, Wayne County, the City of Detroit, vendors, employees and friends. The food was outstanding and the guests all had very positive things to say about our new home!

I want to thank you all for helping make the event a success! I am sure that you are all proud of our building, like I am, and will make sure it remains a place where we all enjoy coming to work. The Commitment You Expect And The Service You Deserve!

Dick Robertson
General Manager

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1) Richard Robertson — General Manager 2) MBPIA staff, and visitors mingling/networking 3) Mary Stephens, Adrienne Ware, and Vivian Williams — Acctng. dept. enjoying festivities. 4) Ben Davis (member of Board), Richard Robertson, and Matt Robertson (son of Mr. Robertson) 5) Jewel Ware and Alberta Tinsel-Talabi presented Mr. Robertson with the Spirit of Detroit award. 6) Dawn Taylor, Grace Thomas and Vanessa Williams-Peterson of our legal department. 7) Chef from Edibles Rex Catering preparing a creative dish 8) Bob Hoffman and Rachelle Little of MBPIA with guest. 9) *Invited guest:* Sharon McPhail and Wilson Coplin

NEW ADDRESS FOR MAILING MBPIA PAYMENTS

By: Karen Jacobs

Michigan Basic has changed the mailing address for submitting payments effective April 17, 2006.

The new address is:
**MICHIGAN BASIC
PROPERTY INSURANCE
PO BOX 630668
CINCINNATI OHIO 45263-0668**

For Overnight & Express
Delivery Payments Only

**FIFTH THIRD BANK
5050 KINGSLEY DR
1MOC1N
ATTN: RETAIL LOCKBOX MGR
CINCINNATI OHIO 45227**

NEW RATES HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR HO FORMS 2, 4 & 6

The Michigan Office of Financial & Insurance Services (OFIS) has approved new rates for Homeowner Forms 2, 4 & 6 new and renewal business effective April 1, 2006.

The new rates may be found in our HO Rate Manual.

TRAINING & CONFERENCES

Financial Aspects- Fire Investigation

Sep 14-15th, 2006

Site: TBA Cost: TBA

Terrorism- Guest Speaker Shalom Tsaroom, Israel

October 23-24th, 2006

Site: TBA Cost: TBA

NFPA 921 & Proper Protocol for Subrogation

Nov 1st, 2006

Site: TBA Cost: \$75.00

Insurance Industry Seminar – “Follow the Money”

Nov 2nd, 2006

Site: TBA Cost \$75.00

The Spirit of Giving

Walk'n For A Cause

Submitted by: LaShawn Wheeler



On April 30th, the March of Dimes hosted its annual Detroit WalkAmerica Marathon. As the March of Dimes biggest fund-raiser WalkAmerica supports research and programs to help babies in our community and across the country get a healthy start.

The walk was six miles long starting at Hart Plaza and touching the corners of Comerica Park, Mt. Elliott and Jefferson back to the finish line at Hart Plaza.

On this day Michigan Basic and its volunteers (Mr. Robertson, Ron Ansley, Gloria Bremberry, Bob Hoffman, Kay Robinson, Paulette Skinsacos, Stephanie Morris, Valencia Brooks, LaShawn Wheeler,

Above right:

Thousands of volunteers turned out for the walk.

Above left:

MBPIA's volunteers: Gloria Bremberry, Stephanie Morris, Valencia Brooks, Katrice Collins, Bob Hoffman, LaShawn Wheeler, Ron Ansley, and Kay Robinson

Katrice Collins and Kristy Sherrill) along with thousands of others turned out in show of support for the March of Dimes Walk. Michigan Basic volunteers collectively raised over \$1000.00 in support of the mission. Special recognition

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was given to Paulette Skinsacos for raising over \$750.00 in last years March of Dime Walk. Because of her hard work and effort, the March of Dimes was able to fund more programs and provide more grants in the area. These donations help in many ways and we

at Michigan Basic appreciate all of the volunteers and sponsors that donated their time and money for such a great cause.

Did you know...

- \$100 could provide 10 families of babies in Newborn intensive care with information and support to ease their fears and uncertainty.
- \$330 could provide nurses with online continuing education about preterm labor.
- \$500 could fund a program to help pregnant women quit smoking.
- \$900 could provide education for 15,000 pregnant women on how to cope with preterm labor.



Double-Fruit Shakes

The original smoothie!

Recommended by: Rose Thomas

This blend of yogurt and fruit will get your day off to a great start! Enjoy!

- 4 cups vanilla fat-free yogurt
- 2 packages (10 ounces each) of frozen sweetened strawberries or raspberries, partially thawed
- 2 medium bananas, sliced (~ 2 cups)

Instructions:

- 1) Place all ingredients in blender container
- 2) Cover and blend about 39 seconds or until smooth.

Did You Know?

Submitted by K. Jacobs

Did you know who was the very first Mayor of Detroit?

John R. Williams was born in Detroit on May 4, 1782, (this date is so familiar to me!). His father, Thomas Williams was active in politics/civic affairs in Detroit for many years, which is how John R developed a political interest. In 1796, Williams was

appointed to the Army. In 1799, he resigned from the Army and returned to Detroit where he formed a trade partnership with his uncle, Joseph Campau. On

October 25, 1804, he married Mary Mott, the daughter of Major Gershom Mott. The couple had ten children: Ferdinand, Theodore, G.Mott,

Thomas, John, James, J.C., Elizabeth, Cecilia, and Mary.

Shortly after returning to Detroit, Williams went to Montreal to obtain supplies for his business. While there he got into a fight with a man named Sieur La Salle. Williams shot and wounded La Salle in a duel, for which he was arrested. He remained in jail in

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Associated Justice of

the County Court in

the same year.

Montreal for several months. Upon returning to Detroit, he carried out his business plans.

Williams was made Captain of an artillery company

during the War of 1812. He was taken prisoner when General Hull surrendered Detroit. After

his release, he moved to Albany, New York, his father's native town. In 1815, Williams and his family returned to Detroit. He was appointed Associated Justice of the County Court in the same year. Williams was made a County Commissioner and Adjutant General of the Territory, a post which he held until 1829. In 1824, Williams wrote the City Charter and under it served as the City of Detroit's first Mayor. He served as Mayor in 1830, 1844, 1845, and 1846. In 1835, he also served as President of the Constitutional Convention in Ann Arbor Michigan.

The street "JohnR" was named after him, and the street "Joseph Campau" was named after his Uncle.

Williams died in Detroit on October 20, 1854.

Self-Esteem Comes From Doing Esteemable Acts

Submitted by: Kathy I. Batts

I attended a conference sometime ago and the speaker was excellent in talking about self-esteem. This sticks in my mind because as managers, supervisors and support staff we deal with so many different kinds of personalities, and often times feel our self-esteem shrink. The speaker stated self-esteem comes from "walking through fear" and it is an Esteemable Act to live our dreams.

The speaker, Francine Ward at fourteen was a drug addicted alcoholic; now clean and sober for twenty-five years. At eighteen she was a high school dropout; now she's a graduate of Georgetown University Law center. At twenty-one she was a call girl, paying lawyers to keep her out of jail; now she's a lawyer, a successful businesswoman, and a loving wife. At twenty-six, she was hit by a car and told that she would never walk again; however, in her forties she ran two marathons within three months of each other. At twenty-eight, all she could think about was what's in it for me; now fifty she is an active participant in her community. Francine shared her strategies for building lifelong self-esteem and how to tap the boundless energy and talents that we all hold.

LIVE YOUR DREAM:

- Have the courage to dream and do what it takes to make your dreams come true.
- Convert dreams to a specific goal (tangible things).
- Identify obstacles and stay focused on what is important in the moment.
- Create a visual (keep it in your face).
- Identify action steps.
- Identify resources.
- Have the courage to risk failure.

STAY FOCUSED:

- Admit stuff gets in the way.
- Feel the fear and do it anyway
- Break things into small pieces and do them one step at a time.
- Prioritize.
- Schedule everything (exercise, time w/ family, etc, write it down).
- Delegate when possible.
- Perfection equals avoidance.
- Don't wait for the right moment.

RISK FAILURE:

- Recall your successes.
- Don't let fear stand in your way.
- Don't take "No" for an answer.
- Identify what went wrong – honestly.
- Get help (to identify and correct).
- If you fail (or make a mistake, get up, dust yourself off and start all over).

I guess what impressed me with the speaker was her life story and her ability to bounce back after all that she has been through. It was a very enlightening session and it made me think about my own life and the "Esteemable Acts" that I must work on to continue being the best that I can be!




Foods for Health and Wellbeing


Calcium, Antioxidants, Fiber and Water


By: Mary Stephens


Everyone is asking the question...what is the secret in staying healthy? The answer is exercise and the right foods. The antioxidant "superfoods" protect your cells and heart - with this being said, it is still a matter of deciding to get these foods into your diet.


Right foods defined:


 **Deep green vegetables:** Broccoli, Spinach, Kale, etc. Good sources of calcium to help maintain healthy bones and teeth.


 **Red:** Tomatoes, Cranberries. A beneficial source of lycopene which helps urinary tract and memory function.

 **Orange/Yellow:** Squash, Carrots, Sweet potatoes. A great source of antioxidants.

 **Deep blue/Purple:** Eggplant, Plums, Blueberries and Blackberries. Help in urinary tract health, healthy aging and memory.

 **Fiber:** Dietary fiber including Apples, Barley, Beans: Help to lower blood cholesterol, and high-fiber foods help us to feel full and control our weight.

 **Calcium.** For your bones to lessen chances of fractures as we get older. Add calcium rich foods to your diet such as low fat cheese and milk. Calcium also helps promote healthy teeth and helps your muscles contract and your heart beat.

 **Water.** For energy and the skin: Water is needed to flush out toxins and keep tissues hydrated. It also helps keep our energy level up.



The Children are our future...

Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day

Submitted by Tonia Napoleon

Michigan Basic participated in Bring Your Children to Work Day on Friday, April 28, 2006. As in years past, Michigan Basic allowed this great opportunity for employees to share with their child what they do at their job while also helping him or her learn about public service.

Take Our Daughters And Sons To Work® Day is designed to expand opportunities for girls and boys, expose them to what adults in their lives do during the work day, show them the value of their education, and give them an opportunity to share how they envision their future. It is intended to be more than a career day. Each year, Companies and adults around the country recognize its benefits and participate in the program to support our nation's daughters and sons.

1) Vivian Williams with daughter Alexis. Alexis stated "The building is pretty, but I like it in the Renaissance center."

2) Mike Huddleston with daughter Samantha. Samantha really liked it at MBPIA and wants to work here.

3) Margeret Nemeth with sons Eric and Christian. Eric stated he would love to come back next year so he would not have to go to school.

4) Wanda Hood with Daughter Breann. Breann asked a lot of questions and wanted to know when she could come back.

5) Mary Chatmon with son Marquez. Marquez stated "You have a lot of work to do!"

6) Joyce Glover with son Javonte. Javonte liked working on the Computer.

Career Days

Submitted by: Mary Chatmon



Above: MBPIA's Valencia Easley at Inkster High School pictured with a representative from Inkster's Newspaper and another representative speaking on career Day.

Several employees of M.B.P.I.A. Insurance Operations department reached out to community high schools for their Career Day. Those employees were, Mark Widzinski,

Stephanie Morris, Valencia Brooks, LaVarron Shaw, LaShawn Wheeler and Katrice Collins. They visited King, Mumford, Osbourne, Denby, and Inkster High Schools and spoke about the importance of going to college after high school. They also discussed job opportunities in the insurance industry. They discussed how taking math classes, particularly Algebra and Geometry, come into play when adjusting claims and figuring measurements. Also how learning English is essential for writing letters and reports. It would also be beneficial to take some classes in Criminal Justice for the fraudulent claims that may be encountered. Following the presentations, the students were given bags of goodies. Wow, what a treat! Thanks for a job well done!

Happenings at Basic



MBPIA 2006 Retirees

Submitted by Christine Sewell

Sheila Mayes began her career at Michigan Basic Property Insurance Association, September 28, 1983. She worked in the Claims department for her entire tenure. Sheila retired January, 31, 2006. A luncheon was enjoyed by MBPIA employees and guests of Sheila, Thursday, January 26, 2006.

Bill Haygood began working at Michigan Basic Property Insurance Association, February 22, 1993. He worked in the Claims department exclusively. Bill retired April 28, 2006. A luncheon was enjoyed by MBPIA employees Wednesday, April 19, 2006. Bill shared his excitement of moving to Florida with several MBPIA employees.



HATS OFF

A special thank you to Linda Conroy for her assistance with updating the Mission Statement posters; she was a great help with the company logo, font and overall style. Hats off to you! Thank you from D. Jane Howard-Carlson.

Congratulations to Marie Means who received a special thank you from one of our customers for her "quick response" on following up and resolving a policy matter. Hats off to you! Thank you from D. Jane Howard-Carlson

Michigan Basic received a very special Thank You letter from Richard Wright, the grandson of Chris Timmons. Richard is a specialist in the United States Army and he states that he is very grateful for MBPIA's support and gifts.

Congratulations!

Pat Turner's daughter *Contrella Detreuna Lloyd* graduated from Clarenceville High School in Livonia and will attend Wayne State University in the Fall of 2006.

Carrie Pearson's daughter *Christin Pearson* graduated from CMA High school and will be attending Grand Valley in the fall of 2006.

Happenings in Detroit

CHENE PARK 2006 EVENT LIST

Soul Express – Jody Watley, Jeff Lorber, Chris Stranding
Wednesday, July 12, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

India Arie with special guest Musiq
Friday, July 14, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Summer Storm – Norman Brown, Alex Bugnon & Paul Taylor
Wednesday, July 19, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

Will Downing
Friday, July 21, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Sax Pack – Kim Waters, Jeff Kashaw and Steve Cole
Wednesday, July 26, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

Yolanda Adams & Take 6
Friday, July 28, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Joe Sample and Tim Bowman
Wednesday, August 2, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

The Dramatics
Friday, August 4, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Jeffrey Osborne
Wednesday, August 9, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

Chaka Khan
Friday, August 11, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Pieces of a Dream & Gerald Albright
Wednesday, August 16, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

Charlie Wilson
Friday, August 18, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$55/\$30 General Admission/\$17 Lawn

Jean-Luc Ponty
Wednesday, August 23, 2006, 8:00 pm
\$15 General Admission/\$10 Lawn

HART PLAZA (2006 RIVERFRONT FESTIVALS)

Motor City Talent-Festival
July 14, 2006 – July 16, 2006

Afro-American Music Festival
July 21, 2006 – July 23, 2006

Arab & Chaldean Festival
July 29, 2006 – July 30, 2006

Ribs and Soul Festival (Tentative)
August 4, 2006 – August 6, 2006

Caribbean International Festival (Tentative)
August 11, 2006 – August 13, 2006

African World Festival (Tentative)
August 18, 2006 – August 20, 2006

Festival of India (Tentative)
August 25, 2006 – August 27, 2006

Detroit Int'l Jazz Festival (Tentative)
September 2, 2006 – September 4, 2006



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