



# The Hillman Area Chamber of Commerce

**January 2019  
Newsletter**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- \* January 15 – Chamber Meeting  
(9 am at Patchwood Plaza)
- \* February 19 – Chamber Meeting  
(9 am at Patchwood Plaza)
- \* March 19 – Chamber Meeting  
(9 am at Patchwood Plaza)

## Calendar of Events

If you are putting together an event for 2018, please contact the chamber office so that we can list it on our website.



## Ride With Santa

Our local children had a good time at the Ride With Santa Event.

We wish to thank our volunteers: Sue Floer, Dorothy Wierzbicki, And Patricia Paczkowski for helping us out. If we missed your name, sorry, but please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

We also want to thank Gordon Cordes and his crew for providing the rides with the horses.

Thanks to A-1 Party Store for donating the pop and water.

Thank you to Sparky and Chiefy for bringing in Santa.



## Membership Dues

The deadline to have your Membership Dues in has been extended to January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't already mailed in your renewal please do so to be included in the annual directory.



Michigan®  
Retailers  
Association

2019-2020  
Academic Year  
Scholarships

21

**\$1,000 or  
\$1,500**  
scholarships  
are available.

Application deadline  
**April 1, 2019**

Scholarship program established by  
the Michigan Retailers Foundation

**See page 3-5 for information  
on Scholarships available  
through the Michigan  
Retailer Association.**

Meet your new chamber board of directors on the back of this newsletter.

## Meet your new Board for 2019

### BOARD of directors for 2019

Jim Paczkowski SR	President	Patchwood Products Inc.
Mark Sorensen	Vice President	Sorensen's Grass Lake Resort
Jan Pankner	Treasurer	Hillman Lions Club
Brian Bartosh	Secretary	Top O' Michigan Insurance

### TRUSTEES for 2019

Dave Post	Trustee	Village of Hillman, Hillman Community Radio
Mark Pankner	Trustee	Hillman Lions Club
Michaelle Cohoon	Trustee	Thunder Bay Sanitation
Rick Schalkofski	Trustee	Community Financial Credit Union
Robin Chinavare	Trustee	MediLodge of Hillman
Sue Floer	Trustee	Brush Creek Mill, Hillman Community Radio

# Walk-A-Thon

*Get your steps in this winter  
at the*

*Hillman Community Center*

**Beginning  
December 5th**



**WALK: 12:00PM-1:00PM Every Wednesday**  
**LOCATION: Hillman Community Center**

**CONTACT: Thunder Bay Community  
Health Service, Inc. at (989) 742-4583  
for more information**



**Thunder Bay**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE, INC.**

# Brush Creek Mill

## 2019 Events

February 1-March 6: "Art for your Heart"  
Members Only Reception February 2: 2-4pm  
A NEMAG ART Show

May 25: Yard Sale  
Friday night set up available  
Donations for the Mill Table begin May 1  
Concession open

May 30-July 3: "Whatever the Weather"  
Members Only Reception June 1 @ 7pm  
A NEMAG Art Show

July 6 Mill River Days  
Craft Show-call for applications  
Friday night set up available  
Concession open

July 14: Golf Tournament  
"Teeing up for Kids"  
Fund raiser for Children's Activities

August 10: V.J. Day Celebration  
Concession open Saturday

*afternoon  
affair*

August 24: "Free Verse"  
Poetry reading 7pm

October 5: Applefest & Craft Show  
And Apple Dumplings

December 7: Children's Christmas Party  
Free to all area children

December 8: Commemorative Tree Lighting  
Memorial ceremony and seasonal music

December 20: Music at the Mill  
Caroling and Tree Judging Results



January 2, 2019

Dear Chamber Executive:

The Michigan Retailers Association (MRA) has launched its scholarship competition for the 2019-20 school year. This year, we will be awarding 21 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The awards are **not** based on financial need.

To be eligible, the student or his/her parent must be employed at a business that is a member of MRA. The enclosed brochure further details eligibility requirements. To find out if a particular business is an MRA member, students or parents should check with their employer or call MRA's Rachel Schrauben at the number below.

Students are encouraged to apply online through MRA's website at **[bit.ly/mrascholarships](http://bit.ly/mrascholarships)**. They may also call MRA at 800.366.3699 for an application. Questions about applications can be directed to MRA, or to International Scholarship and Tuition Services, which coordinates the competition for MRA, at 615.320.3149.

Applications must be requested by **March 15** and submitted by **April 1, 2019**.

Please make your member businesses aware of this scholarship opportunity. For more information about the scholarship program, contact Mrs. Schrauben at [rschrauben@retailers.com](mailto:rschrauben@retailers.com), or call 800.366.3699, extension 346. Thanks for your assistance with this valuable program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James P. Hallan'.

James P. Hallan  
President and CEO

Enclosures



## Program administration

To assure complete impartiality in selection of winners and to maintain a high level of professionalism, the program is administered by International Scholarship and Tuition Services, Inc. (ISTS), a national firm that specializes in managing sponsored scholarship programs.

## Questions

For information on whether your business is an MRA member: Call MRA at 800.366.3699.

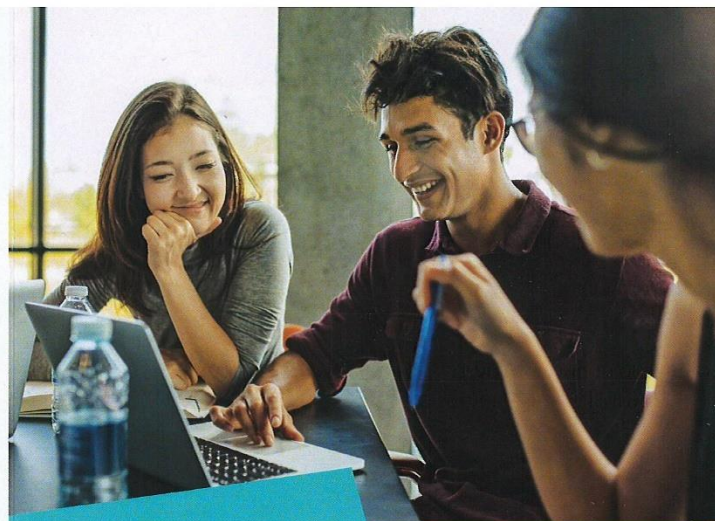
## Apply online by April 1:

[bit.ly/mrascholarships](http://bit.ly/mrascholarships)

(access code is **MIRA**)



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## Philosophy

The Michigan Retailers Association Scholarship Program was established through the Michigan Retailers Foundation to recognize deserving students who are eligible based on their own or their parents' employment with firms that are members of the Michigan Retailers Association (MRA).

The philosophy of the MRA Scholarship Program differs from traditional scholarship programs that reward based on financial need or academic achievement. Scholarships will be awarded to deserving students whose academic credentials fall within an average to above-average range - i.e., those who rank in the top half of their senior class. Consideration is also given for extra curricular activities, including, but not limited to, part-time retail employment. The awards are not based on financial need.

## Eligibility

Those eligible to apply are high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are:

- 1)** Dependent children of owners of MRA member businesses, or children of full-time employees of MRA member firms. The parent-employee must have been employed by a member firm for at least one year as of Jan. 1 of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.
- 2)** Part-time employees of MRA member businesses who are full-time students. Part-time employees must have been employed by a member firm for at least six months as of Jan. 1 of the year in which the scholarships are awarded.

If you need to verify Michigan Retailers Association member status, please call 800.366.3699.

***Note: The applicants or the parents of applicants must still be employed by a Michigan Retailers Association member firm at the time the winners are selected in April.***

## Scholarship awards

Twenty-one scholarships will be awarded ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The scholarship competition is held annually, and applicants may apply each year they are eligible. Winning a scholarship one year does not necessarily mean that a recipient will win a scholarship the following year. The scholarships will be applied to educational expenses at accredited, nonprofit colleges, universities, or approved educational and professional training institutes in the United States. A student may change colleges and retain the award.

## Winner selection

An independent selection committee made up of educators will select the winners during the month of April. The committee evaluates the applicants' academic records, test scores and extracurricular activities, including, but not limited to, retail employment. The committee will not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, religion or national origin. All applicants will be notified of the results of the competition in June.

## Payment of funds

Checks will be mailed to each recipient's mailing address and will be made payable to the institution only. Checks will be issued in August. Recipient responsibilities include enrolling as full-time undergraduates in the fall of the year in which the scholarships are awarded and continuing in school for the entire academic year without interruption, barring illness, emergency or military service. Scholarship recipients are responsible for delivering their scholarship checks to the proper office at their institution.