

## **APRIL EVENTS:**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 2- HAPPY HOUR- FEDERICO'S IN WATERLOO**

Let's start out the month with some Italian food for our Happy Hour! Everyone seems to like the food and private group dining area! Federico's is located at 114 N. Main St. in Waterloo. We will meet there at 5 pm. If you have any questions, please call Gerry Schaefer @ 618-939-8037.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 4- HAPPY HOUR- CHOLULA'S IN SWANSEA**

This Thursday's Happy Hour will be at Cholula's, 1500 N. Illinois in Swansea at 5pm. Checked out their menu and they have lots of Mexican choices including soups, salads, tacos, different Nachos and even appetizers like chicken wings. Of course, they have Margaritas!! Their online reviews were good and dinner with MESS friends so worth the visit. Meet us there at 5pm. Any questions, call Peggy Padgett @ 618-616-7150.

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - MESS MEMBERSHIP MEETING- BELLEVILLE**

Our monthly membership meeting will be held at 6:30 pm at the Turkey Hill Grange, 1375 East State Rt. 15 in Belleville. We have some exciting discussion items on our agenda like our annual MESS yard sale, our Nashville trip, baseball games and even how to win at the horse races. Be sure to attend so you will know all "the happenings", can sign-up to attend, visit with your MESS friends and welcome all our new members.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 7- TURKEY HILL GRANGE CHICKEN DINNER**

Hungry for a good old Fried Chicken dinner with mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert, ice tea and coffee? Well, just come to the Turkey Hill Grange where they will be serving their delicious dinner from 10:30am until 2 pm. Cost: Adults \$17, Children \$8(6-12), Tots-free (5 and under) free. Dine in buffet or carryout. Of course, some of your MESS friends will be there working so be sure to say "hello".

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 9- HAPPY HOUR- EL PASO MX COCINA IN COLUMBIA**

Ok, gang a Mexican restaurant, El Paso MX is located at 230 N Main in Columbia. They have all the Mexican combination dishes that we like and also, vegetarian dishes, soups and salads. They even list "chicken, seafood and steaks dishes" from the grill. Oh, yea, to top it off, they have about six kinds of Margaritas! If you have any questions, please call Gerry Schaefer @ 618-939-8037.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 11- HAPPY HOUR- WEST END PAPA VITO'S IN BELLEVILLE**

Are you ready to share a pizza & a salad with friends or even have it all to yourself? This is the place do it! As everyone knows, they, also, have delicious appetizers and sandwiches. We will be at 4205 N. Belt West in Belleville. Meet us there at 5pm. Any questions, call Peggy Padgett @ 618-616-7150.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 13- QUEEN OF SWING IN COLUMBIA**

The Queen of Swing is a quartet of local woman who will entertain you mixing their talent and lifelong love of music with a dash of well researched history. Researching the history and fitting it into the music creates the "Hanger Show" for their audience. T This is an Eppinger Foundation Event so is free of charge and will be held at the Columbia Legion Hall, 375 E. Locust. Showtime is 7-9pm. Any questions, call Herb Brady@618-573-2819.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 14- CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER IN DUPO**

This is the return of the United Church of Christ's delicious Chicken and Dumpling Dinner. It will include green beans, carrots, coleslaw and dessert. Dine in cafeteria style or carryout from 11:30 am -3pm.or until they run out. Adult \$13 child (age 5-12) \$6 under 5 free. They are located at 200S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Dupo. Any questions, call Audrey Snellenberger @ 618-406-6568.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16- -HAPPY HOUR- MR BBQ'S IN COLUMBIA**

Mr. BBQ is located at 1280 Columbia Centre in Columbia (small mall behind McDonald's). We will meet there at 5:00pm. Big favorites are their delicious fried chicken, chicken strips and the BBQ pulled pork sandwich which is a very generous size! Appetizers are also good. Any questions, please call Gerry Schaefer @ 618-939-8037.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 18- HAPPY HOUR-FLETCHER'S WEST BELLEVILLE**

We are meeting at Fletcher's, 6101 West Main in Belleville at 5pm for a very nice dinner. They have a large menu with a good variety of "big bowl" salads, pizzas, soups and entrees. In addition, they have lots of appetizers. See you there! If you have any questions, please call Peggy Padgett@ 618-616-7150.

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 19- MESS 50's& 60's DANCE**

Our dance will be held at the Catholic War Vets. 3535 S. Route 159 In Freeburg from 7pm-10pm. Our theme is 50's-60's which all of us can remember and many of us still wear or have some of our 50's &60's clothes. It will be your chance to get them out and wear them once again but as always theme wear is optional! Music will be by Dale LaRose. Come on out and enjoy an evening of dancing and fun with your friends. See flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 20- ELVIS MEETS THE BEATLES IN HECKER-This could be a fast sellout!**

The Hecker Community Center, 230E. Washington St. will be hosting "Elvis Meets the Beatles". Tickets are \$20 +service fee in advance or \$30 at the door. Seating is first come first serve and all sales are final. Doors open at 5:30pm with show starting at 6:30pm. Full -service bar and food will be available for purchase. **You can purchase an Advance tickets thru Eventbrite.com**

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 23- HAPPY HOUR- -GARY'S IN FREEBURG**

Let's go to Gary's at 405 S. State St, in Freeburg and enjoy a good home-cooked meal. They have a nice selection of dinners and appetizers, salads and homemade pies! All items on their menu are very reasonably priced so happy hour there is sure to be happy! We will meet there at 5pm. If you have questions, please call Gerry Schaefer @ 618-939-8037.

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 25- HAPPY HOUR – EASY BUFFET IN BELLEVILLE**

We will meet at 5pm at the Easy Buffet, 2524 Green Mount Road Commons Drive in Belleville. They have an all you can eat Chinese/Japanese Buffet which is very reasonably priced but if you prefer you can order off their menu. Any questions, call Peggy Padgett @ 618-616-7150.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 30- HAPPY HOUR- PAPA VITO'S IN SMITHTON**

Smithton now has a Papa Vito's located at 101 North Main. Papa Vito's is known for their delicious pizzas, salads, appetizers and sandwiches. This is their fourth location in the area so you know they are serving some good food! So, come on to a nice evening and share a pizza & a salad with friends. Meet you there at 5pm. If you have any questions, call Gerry @ 618-939-8037.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **FRIDAY, MAY 3-MESS YARD & BAKE SALE- DONATION & PREPARATION SETUP**

Please bring your yard sale items or bakery goods that you would like to donate on Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or to the meeting that evening. If you don't have any items for our sale, please still come to help us with setup to prepare for our sale.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 4- MESS YARD & BAKERY SALE**

Our sale will be held from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. We will need workers so if available, even for an hour, please come to help us. Don't forget you are always welcome as a customer!

### **MAY 14 – and JUNE 11-HORSE HOOKY-FAIRMONT PARK**

Yep, Horse Hooky at Fanduel Race Track, 9301 Collinsville Road in Collinsville. The horses are running and parking and admission is free! Meet us inside the main gate at 11am. The post time is 1pm. They have \$1 hot dogs, \$1.00 soda and 1.50 beer and other concessions. It's, also, fun to go to the paddock area and check out the race horses.

**SATURDAY, MAY 18-** Amish trip to Arcola. We will be joining Belleville Parks and Recreation for the Amish trip to Arcola/Arthur, Illinois.

### **JULY 4- GRIZZLE'S BALLGAME & FIREWORKS**

Who wants to go out to the old ball game? Well, how about a Gateway Grizzlies' ballgame? After the game, there will be beautiful fireworks and other activities to make this a really special celebration day. This event is sponsored by Peggy Padgett @ 618-616-7150 and a ticket cost \$17. **Peggy will be taking reservations at the April meeting.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Happy Hour Federico's Waterloo</i>	3	4 <i>Happy Hour Cholula's Swansea</i>	5 <i>MESS Membership Meeting Belleville</i>	6
7 <i>Turkey Hill Grange Chicken Dinner Belleville</i>	8	9 <i>Happy Hour El Paso MX Columbia</i>	10	11 <i>Happy Hour Papa Vito's Belleville</i>	12	13
14	15	16 <i>Happy Hour Mr. BBQ Columbia</i>	17	18 <i>Happy Hour Fletchers West Belleville</i>	19 <i>MESS 50's &amp; 60's Dance Freeburg</i>	20 <i>Elvis &amp; Beatles Show Hecker</i>
21	22	23 <i>Happy Hour Gary's Freeburg</i>	24	25 <i>Happy Hour Easy Buffet Belleville</i>	26	27
28	29	30 <i>Happy Hour Papa Vito's Smithton</i>				

