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NEW YEAR'S BRUNCH
Sunday, January 12th, 2020
YaYa's - Chesterfield, MO

Please join us **at 10:30 am** on Sunday, January 12th, at YaYa's Euro Bistro, **15601 Olive Blvd, Chesterfield** for our annual New Year's gathering. You won't want to miss this incredible Sunday Brunch !

We will enjoy a buffet-style Sunday Brunch, at a **cost of $25, plus tax & gratuity, per person**, including a soft beverage of your choice. **You will pay your waiter the day of the event.**

You can expect a wonderful spread, including house-cured smoked Scottish Salmon, peel and eat shrimp, Prince Edward Island Mussels, made-to-order omelets, Chef Alex's famous biscuits and gravy, fruit and vegetable salads, and an amazing made-from-scratch dessert station. YaYa's signature Bloody Mary cocktails, as well as Mimosas, will also be available. To **RSVP, contact Rick Siefert before January 7th, at rick.siefert@att.net.**

MEMBER APPRECIATION RECEPTION
Tuesday, February 18th
Mercedes-Benz of Chesterfield

Please plan to attend the upcoming Member Appreciation Reception on **Tuesday, February 18th, 5:30-7:30 pm.** Members who have joined the St. Louis Gateway Section over the past year will be recognized and we all can assuredly expect to be well-treated by our hosts.

ALL members are encouraged to join us, where we will undoubtedly receive some very interesting information on the latest in the Mercedes-Benz World, while having the pleasure of socializing with other club members.

So that we are able to finalize our plans**, PLEASE RSVP NOW, but no later than February 13th, to Bill Scherzinger at bscher@charter.net, providing him with your name and how many will be attending.**

We look forward to seeing you at what will assuredly be a fun and informative event !

ST. LOUIS AQUARIUM
March 28th or 29th
Union Station, St. Louis

Details are being finalized for the upcoming visit to St. Louis' newest attraction. **Located at 201 South 18th Street, St. Louis, MO 63103,** the St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station is an immersive and engaging experience, offering unique perspectives of our underwater world.

At the heart of Union Station's revival, is a 120,000-square-foot aquarium, packed to the gills with over 13,000 animals across 44 exhibits. Guests at the new St. Louis Aquarium can explore marine life from sea to shining sea. You will be able to feed turtles and stingrays and interact with invertebrate animals in the touch tanks.

From the local streams and rivers to the depths of the oceans, take a journey and explore the hidden treasures of the Missouri and Mississippi waterways, appreciate the "monsters" of our global rivers and delight in the stealth and grace of our oceans' greatest predators.

Our host, Lisa Hays, is planning for a tour of the aquarium followed by lunch at Union Station

Stay tuned for further details in the next newsletter and upcoming email blasts.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our St Louis Section looks forward to an exciting 2020. We are very fortunate to have dedicated and talented members. As your new president for 2020 my thanks go to those who have made our section what it is today.

Our goals for 2020 include serving our members by providing exciting and fun events. Many of our 2020 events still need sponsorship. We reach out to our members to organize these events and provide the details necessary for their success.

We recently had two outstanding Events, one of which was our Holiday Party, hosted by Steve and Marti. Fifty-nine of our members attended. Sally Gaan sponsored a charitable giving to the STL Diaper Bank. Our members donated $180 and eight boxes of diapers.

The French Lick Indiana Regional event was hosted by Rick and Patti Siefert. 88 members attended, including those from the St Louis Gateway, Indianapolis, Bluegrass Stars, Cincinnati, Smoky Mountain, Nashville, and Memphis Sections.

Our next two events are the New Year's Brunch at Ya Ya's Restaurant and our Member Appreciation Reception.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Frank Perry

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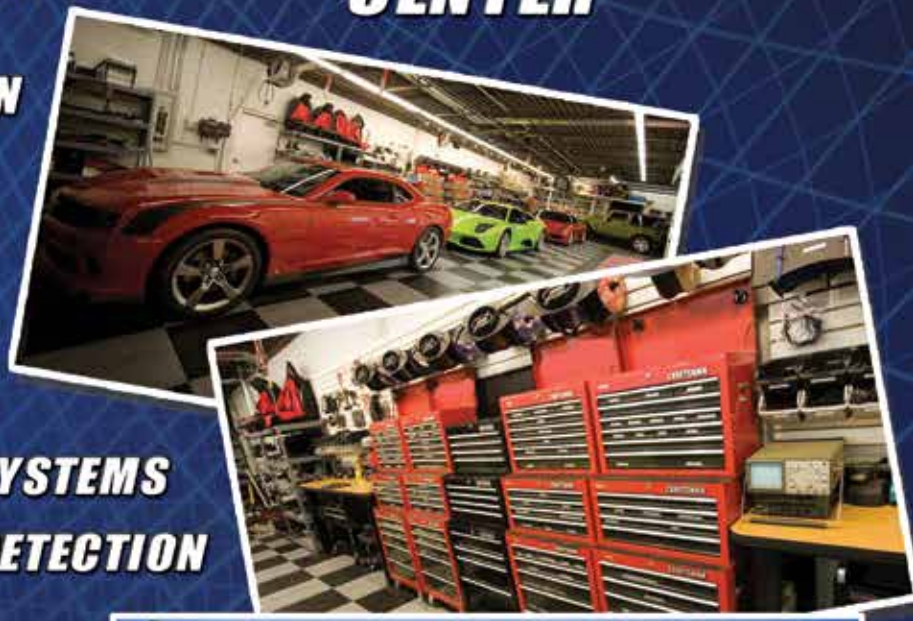

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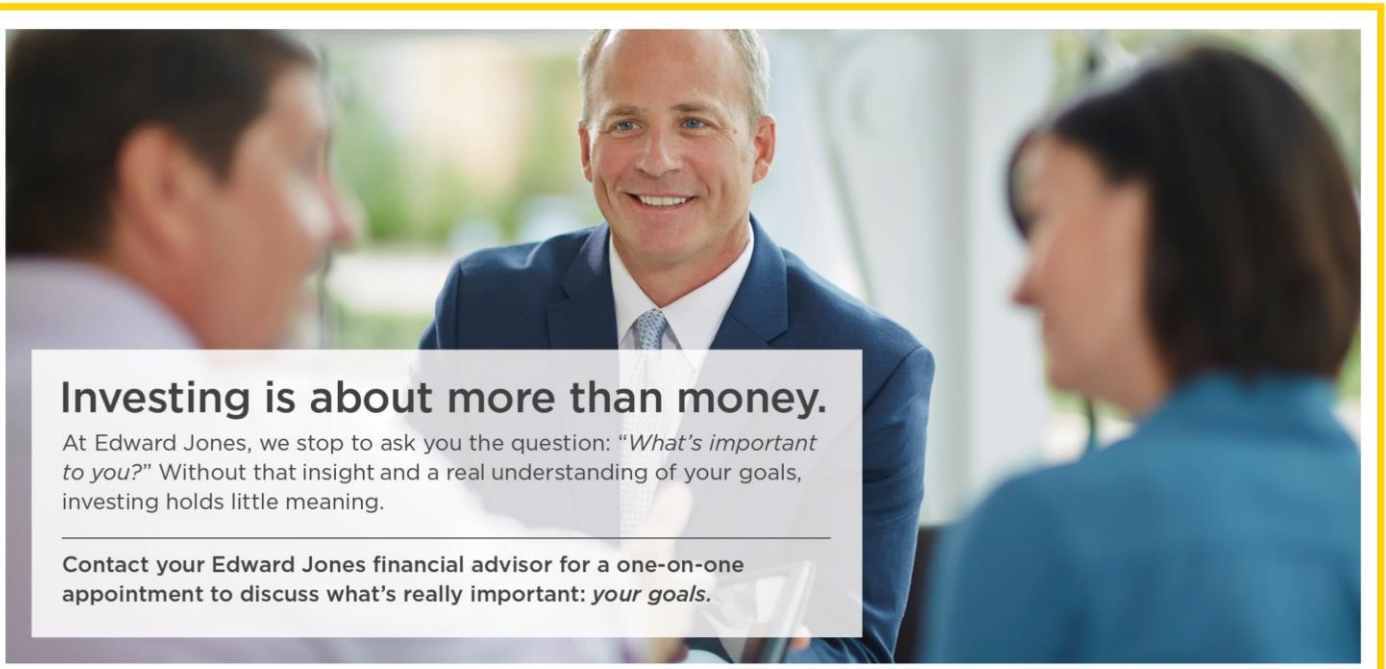

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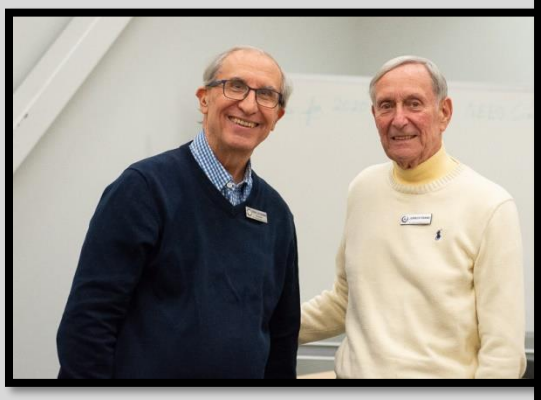
Annual Planning Meeting – November 4th

This year's Annual Planning Meeting was held at the Mercedes-Benz of St Louis dealership to discuss ideas for 2020. See Page 9 for the proposed 2020 Calendar of Events. **Section members were provided with pizza by the Mercedes-Benz Dealership and the club provided salad and drinks.** Thank yous are extended to the **Dealership**, to **Mimi Barutio** for submitting photographs and to **Frank & Luella Perry** for hosting this event.



Annual Planning Meeting, November 4th

Annual Holiday Party – December 7th

This year's Annual Holiday Party was held at Maggiano's Little Italian Restaurant. We had a wonderful turnout for this event with 60 section members in attendance. Steve Jacquemin (below right) (President Emeritus) presented the **Member of the Year award for 2019 to Patti Siefert** (below right). This was in recognition of outstanding achievement and on furthering the club's goals and contributing to the general well-being of the Mercedes Benz Club of America.

We were delighted to have the **National Mercedes-Benz President, Julie Bruggner** , with us. Seen below (center) with Patti and Rick Siefert (left) & Reid and Liz Vann (right).

A thank you is extended to **Sally Gaan** (above) for organizing the collection of diapers and donations to assist the St Louis area Diaper Bank.

(Photo left) A big thank you goes out to **Marti** (seated left) **and Steve Jacquemin** (standing), seen here with Don and Karen Barker, for organizing this annual holiday club event at Maggiano's.

Annual Holiday Party – December 7th

AUTOMATIC SPEED LIMITS PLANNED FOR ALL NEW CARS IN EUROPE

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All new cars will be fitted with devices that make sure they automatically keep to the speed limit in a move billed as the biggest overhaul of road safety in more than 50 years.

Within the next three years, models sold in Europe are expected to use technology that detects limits and slows down vehicles travelling too fast. Speed assistance uses GPS technology to detect the limit on a road. In the original bill a vehicle driving too fast when a speed limit changes will be automatically slowed down, which campaigners hope will help to change motorists' behavior. The legislation has since been modified to create minimum standards that allow manufacturers to use audible or visual warnings, which can be switched off temporarily, as an alternative to the automatic slow down.

The changes will be applied to all wholly new models of cars by 2022. New versions of existing cars will be fitted with the technology from 2024. Many new cars, particularly premium models, already have some or all of the systems.

It will be one of 15 new safety features fitted as standard to cars, HGVs or buses. Other measures include technology that detects when drivers are losing concentration or falling asleep, a system that keeps cars in the center of lanes and accident black boxes that record vehicle movements.

All cars will also be fitted with automatic emergency braking, which brings vehicles to a stop when pedestrians step into the road or a car ahead suddenly slams on the brakes.

The measures were approved by the European Commission and are expected to be rubberstamped by the European parliament and member states very soon. The UK government has already said that vehicle standards will be aligned with those in the EU after Brexit, meaning that the same rules will be expected on British roads.

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March 28th or 29th
St. Louis Aquarium
Union Station, St. Louis

April
Detailing Clinic & Ladies Day Out
Plaza Mercedes-Benz, Creve Coeur

May
Tulip Festival
Pella, Iowa

Sunday, June 7th
St. Louis European Auto Show
Chesterfield Outlets

July
Mid Century Home Tour

Tuesday, August 11th
Boeing Prologue Room Tour & Lunch
Boeing Bldg. 100 Berkeley

September
Annual Fall Picnic and Show & Shine

October
Ferry trip to the Loading Dock Bar & Grille
Portage Des Sioux, MO to Grafton, IL

November
Annual Planning Meeting
Mercedes-Benz of STL

December
Holiday Party
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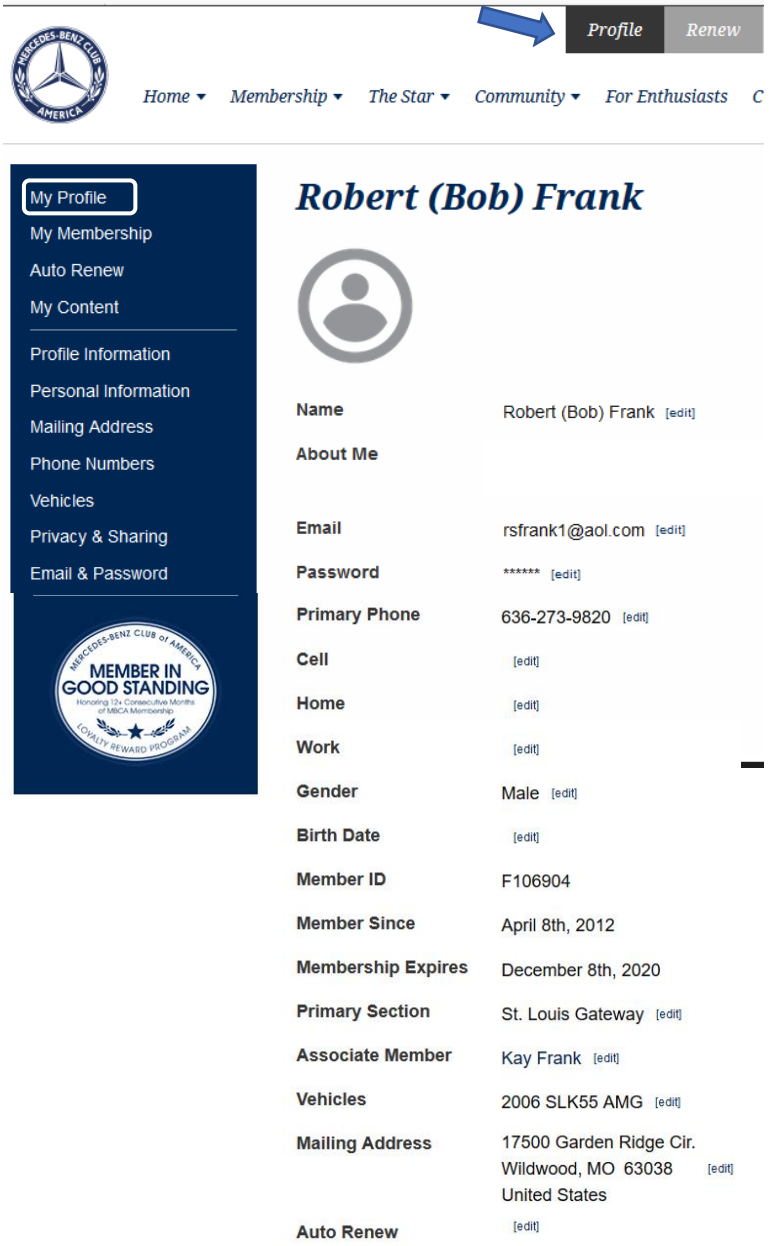
Annual Holiday Party, Ladies Luncheon and Shooting Stars

The **Mercedes Ladies**, seen above, got together, this year, at Granite City Grill in Creve Coeur, for their Annual Holiday Brunch.

The Shooting Stars (right) gather once a month at the shooting range to sharpen their skills, contact Luella Perry at brsholan@yahoo.com, if you are interested in joining this fun group of ladies. Usually lunch follows at a selected restaurant.

USING THE MBCA WEBSITE

Do you have a new mailing address? Would you like to add an associate member to your account? Would you like to order an MBCA name tag? You can do all of these things and more on the MBCA website. There is a lot of information on this site and we encourage you to explore the site.



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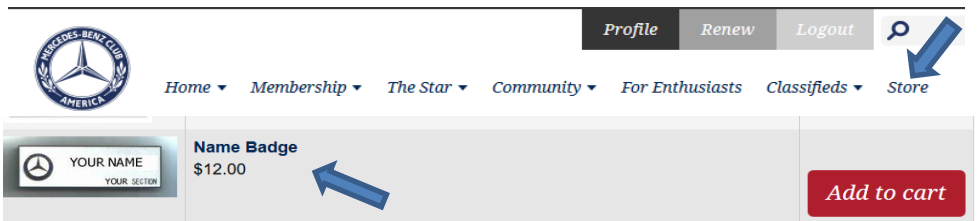
As you scroll down this page you will see several items, such as your email, phone number and address. Beside each of these items is an *(edit)* selection which you can click on and change that specific item.

For example, if you did not list an associate member on your account when you initially joined, you can simply select *(edit)* next to that item and a page will appear which will allow you to add your associate member information.

If you do update your email address, or that of an associate member, please send a note to our Membership Chair, Alan Biby, at abiby@nwcable.net. This is required since we are not directly notified of email updates. Address information, however, is automatically updated for newsletter mailings.

While we try not to annoy you with emails, we do send out reminders and updates for our monthly events.



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300 SD, 1981, Maize w/tan MB Tex. Console automatic, power windows, antenna, seats, sun roof, cruise control. $13K spent getting it right. Now ready to drive anywhere, any time. $17,500. ***Mike Marsh at mike_marsh@bellsouth.net***.

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The success of our Club depends on the participation of the members to our scheduled activities. Thank you for joining. We look forward to seeing you at our next event.

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