

"Facilitating business retention, expansion, and new business growth on Kalamazoo's Northside"

Welcome to Fall on the Northside

Seasons are changing and so are the faces on Kalamazoo Avenue.

Congratulations for the new face on Kalamazoo Avenue Biomat and the updates to Shakespeare's. Things are happening in our Northside Business community and I look forward to taking

office as your President next year.

Thank you for your continued support of our Northside businesses!

Suzanne Rhoades-Tidey, Vice President
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NBA Fall General Membership Meeting

Rev. Milton Wells
will give an overview of the

Prisoner Re-entry Program

Thursday, October 11, 2007
12:00 noon
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission

Lunch Cost \$5

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Wright Coating Company

The north side of Kalamazoo is home to one of Kalamazoo's premier companies. Wright Coating Company has been in existence for over 28 years and all of those years were at its current location at 1603 N. Pitcher Street. The company is privately owned and employs 84 people with another 24 at temp status.

Wright Coatings core business is custom coating and they are a leader in the industry. They do highly specialized work in the product coating arena giving metal equipment and parts a finish resistant to corrosion. Applications are also now being done on plastic. Wright Coating frequently develops unique processes specifically for their customers.

Chuck Grimes heads up the company and has been with them for 20 years. They have a very stable employee base and find that the average employee has been with them for over 10 years, while their management team averages 20 years of service.

Wright Coating recently purchased vacant property in Kalamazoo Township for potential future expansion. "Wright Coating is committed to staying in Kalamazoo and in the



Chuck Grimes, President and Jim Sullivan, Executive Vice President of Wright Coating Company



north side neighborhood where it got its start", said Executive Vice President Jim Sullivan. Their biggest challenge according to Chuck Grimes is staying unique.

Products that Wright Coating processes include medical

equipment, office furniture, automotive parts, architectural items, RV doors and miscellaneous other parts.

Visit Wright Coating's website at www.wrightcoating.com to learn more about the company.



Northside members and community guests learned about workplace stress relief and fitness opportunities at the NBA Annual Meeting last June.

