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March 15 **Networking Chamber Style
A Five-Chamber Event
5:30 p.m. Winking Lizard
Bedford Heights**
(see attachment for details)

March 21 **Dinner Meeting
5:30 Catered Elegance
E-Mail DOs and DON'Ts
Presented by –
William Proctor, President
Epicenter Development
Group**
(see page 3 for more information)

March 28 **Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 6:30 p.m.**

Other Coming Events

March 21 **NOACC Cavaliers Night**
(see attachment for details)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN LIKE A LION!

There are several marketing opportunities coming up. Another multi-chambered networking meeting will take place on March 15th at the Winking Lizard in Bedford Heights (see attached flyer). There are also several local business expos, as well as our dinner meeting on March 21st.

St. Peter Channel had a very nice fundraiser at Landerhaven and anybody who donated had a crowd of over 400 who perused their products and services all night long.

The Bedford Festival schedule which attracts tens of thousands each summer will be starting in May. They are always looking for vendors or display tables. The schedule will be available by April 1st. We will be posting it on our website.

Finally, our First Annual Golf Outing is taking shape, don't miss it, it promises to be a lot of fun. Attachments include Golf Outing Sponsorship and registration forms.

Mike Guyer

*Please remember
to send in your 2007
Membership Dues.*

Vice President's Message

Are you ready for spring?

Finally, this month will launch us into spring. It seems like it has been such a long winter when actually it has not been. But never the less, remember on March 21st we will officially begin spring. However, the 21st is only one sign of spring, we also have Daylight Savings, which the government has voted to extend this year by a full month. In the fall we gain one extra hour of Daylight Savings Time and the rest of the time is gained by springing forward three weeks early. So don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday March 10th. And as long as we are accepting change don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarms this weekend.

Anyway, with the reminder to adjust your clocks and change your batteries, I wanted you to take advantage of this opportunity to think about springing ahead in your business. What will you do with the extra hour of daylight each day? How can you spring ahead of the competition? What can we do at the Chamber to help promote your business?

I'm not sure what your answers would be to the first question, but I can answer the second and third questions. Sign up as a sponsor, donate door prizes, supply company logo items for the gift bags and get your foursome together for our **First Annual Golf Outing**. If you're not a golfer, still join in by sponsoring or donating items from your company. You will be recognized during the event, and, then you and your staff can join us under the pavilion for the steak dinner. Remember to fill out your reservation and sponsorship forms to take advantage of this great opportunity in promoting your business.

Don't forget to save the date of June 15, 2007, for the Golf Outing and save some money by registering your foursome by April 30, 2007.

Have a great day and I will see you at the March 21st dinner meeting.

Philip Switz

OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has announced two new programs available to Ohio Chamber members. The first is Corporate Financial Group (CFG), an ISO certified company that specializes in the collections of accounts receivables. The second new program is American Community Mutual Insurance Company, which is offering Chamber members. The first is Corporate Financial Group (CFG), an ISO certified company that specializes in the collections of accounts receivables. The second new program is American Community Mutual Insurance Company, which is offering American's Preferred Employer Plan---a health insurance plan for companies of varying sizes. More info is at www.ohiochamber.com under "Chamber News."

WORKERS COMPENSATION NEWS

NOW is the time to find great workers' comp savings through your chamber of commerce. **Comprehensive Risk Management** has been the endorsed Third Party Administrator of **NOACC** for over a decade, and has saved chamber members millions of dollars in premiums! So why wait?

To evaluate your current workers' compensation program

To maximize your premium discounts

To consider a more aggressive claims management approach

To decide if your current administrator is providing appropriate counsel

Think...CRM. Call the Chamber at 232-0115 for an AC-3 form for a free quote!

REGIONAL
NETWORKING EVENT

Five Chambers Will Join
Together on
Thursday, March 15th
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
to
***Score a Touchdown – Forward
Pass Networking***
at
Winking Lizard Party Center
25200 Miles Rd.
Bedford Heights

Members \$20
Non-members \$50

Call 440.232-0115 or see
attachment for details

Nordonia Hills Chamber
presents their
15th Annual
Community Expo

Saturday, March 24th
9:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Nordonia High School, Macedonia

For more information go to.....

www.nordoniahillschamber.org

March 21st Dinner Meeting

E-Mail DOs and DON'Ts

William Proctor, founder and President of Epicenter Development Group has 20 years of hands-on experience working with nearly 100 diverse organizations.

Bill will get to the heart of the E-mail issue. He will address the use and abuse of electronic communication, and how to get the most benefit from this powerful medium. Bill will talk about how an organization might implement an E-mail Use Policy and lead the audience in a quick game of "Spot the Flamer – I wish I Hadn't Sent That!"

This presentation promises to be informative and fun. The guidelines and tips will help you make the most of your communication efforts, improve your "netiquette" and keep you out of the, "I-wish-I-hadn't-sent-that" corner.

Call 440-232-0115 or click on the attachment to make your reservation.

Welcome To The February 2007
New Members

ART EXPERIENCES
Kristen Boyesen, Owner
64 Wandle Ave., Bedford, OH 44146
216.577-9874
www.imagination-arts.blogspot.com
Imagination Arts: Interactive events for wellness. Art classes and Wilderness Art

Berwyn Technologies
Chris Bulanda, Owner
50 South Park, Bedford, OH 44146
440.232-0682
www.berwyntech.net
Computer Services for Small Businesses

Safety and Health Classes for Ohio Workers

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division (BWC) of Safety & Hygiene Training Center offers 74 occupational safety, health, and ergonomic courses. These courses are offered at the training center in Pickerington at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health (OCOSH) and at branch sites and BWC service offices across the state including Canton, Cambridge, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Portsmouth, Toledo, and Youngstown.

All courses are offered at no additional cost to Ohio employers who pay into the Ohio workers' compensation insurance fund.

Employers may enroll any number of employees. Courses are designed to emphasize practical application of safety principles, to help develop a safety culture, and to provide current and proposed standards for regulatory compliance.

For more information about BWC courses see www.noacc.org under Ohio BWC Literature or call 216.447-9900

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

This is a non-paid volunteer position for 5-10 hrs/week to recruit, train and schedule new volunteers. If you have good people skills and are well connected in the community, this could be a rewarding position.

For more information, please contact:

**Janet Kodrich
440-232-1991, ext. 547**

Save the Date

June 15, 2007

Bedford Chamber's First Annual Golf Outing

Gleneagles Golf Course

*Go to bedfordchamberoh.org
for details and
registration forms*

Brendan Manor Benefit

**Sunday, March 18th
Noon – 6 p.m.**

Polka Dance & Entertainment

**Light of Hearts
283 Union (Corner of Northfield)
\$10/person donation
Kids under 12 Free**

**For Tickets:
Call 440.232-1991, ext. 547**

ADVERTISING SPECIAL

Bedford Chamber members can run a 4" x 4 ½" ad in the Bedford Times Register for a cost of \$47.00 per ad per week. Members can run ads as many times as they like without any contract limits. Record Publishing will bill you directly. So contact Angie at the newspaper office, 440-232-4055.