

# Chamber Chatter

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## 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

September 7-9<sup>th</sup> 2007 – Oktoberfest  
Parade-City Hall to Square on Sat 9/8/07 11:00  
Warner Batten-440-232-0834

September 14, 2007  
Concert (AKA) 7:00pm  
Bedford City Hall 440-232-1600

September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Chamber Dinner Meeting  
Networking 6:00  
Dinner 6:30  
Catered Elegance  
1160 Broadway Ave., Bedford, Ohio

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007  
St. Peter Chanel 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Clam Bake  
Doors open at 4:30  
Serving 5:00-9:00  
St. Peter Chanel High School  
480 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio  
Reservations: 440-232-5900 ext. 133  
Steak and Clams \$35.00  
Chicken and Clams 32.00  
Beer and pop included  
Music, games, food and fun!  
Proceeds: Dollars for Scholars

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2007  
Polka Extravaganza Benefit Dance  
Noon-5:00  
Light of Hearts Villa  
283 Union Street  
Bedford, Ohio  
\$10.00 per adult-Kids FREE!  
Music, food and Refreshments  
Door Prizes and surprises!!  
Call for Tickets 440-232-1991

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Bedford Firefighters Local #1683  
Annual Clambake/Reverse Raffle  
Ellenwood Center  
124 Ellenwood Ave., Bedford, Ohio  
5pm-11pm

Michael Guyer, L.P.C.C., President  
Guyer Counseling

Phil Switz, Vice President  
Catered Elegance

Joanne Reardon, Secretary  
Light of Hearts Villa

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Dale Witt, CPA

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DeVore Technologies

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**Visit our Website at:**  
**[www.bedfordchamberoh.org](http://www.bedfordchamberoh.org)**  
**For information & updates!**

### New Member!

Welcome Mary Jo Sullivan MSN, RN dba  
Marymount Hospital to the Bedford Chamber  
of Commerce!

### Networking Opportunities Cont.

\$30.00 per person

D.J., Local Prizes

Wash and Beer included!

Info call Bedford Fire Dept 440-735-6542

If you have any upcoming events for the month of October please e-mail the office with the information and I will be happy to place them in the October Chamber Chatter!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Fall Is Around the Corner!

With the Octoberfest, Bedford closes its festival season this weekend. Parties in the Park was very successful as was the Bailey Brothers Circus this summer. The new member picnic went very well and was featured in the Bedford Times.

Our monthly dinner program features a speaker from National City Bank who will detail the difficulties being experienced in the banking industry with special emphasis on mortgage loans. Networking is at 6:00 and dinner starts at 6:30 at Catered Elegance. Several other networking opportunities exist and are listed on this page in the far left column especially if you like Clam Bakes. The Christmas in Bedford Falls Committee will start to meet very soon.

Fall is a very busy season!

*Mike Guyer, President*



### Parties In The Park - A-1 Rating!

We're still thought of as the best – the best Party in the Park anywhere in this part of Ohio, or all of Ohio. This is what our followers tell us, and we believe them.

Actually, about 8000 people came to our Wednesday night Parties to dance or just listen to music and enjoy the company of friends.

That averages out to just about 600 people each night!

What is most interesting is that we did not have one rain-out, not even close. Can't remember the last year that we were so lucky.

Thanks to all the Gracious Volunteers, Generous Sponsors and to the Donors of Door Prizes. Yes, we have the music – yes, we have a great and friendly crowd, yes we have nice door prizes and a very generous 50/50 drawing, but most of all, we have the faithful corporate sponsors that make this event

happen. Without the donations by the sponsors we couldn't afford to hold the Party in the Park every Wednesday in June, July, and August.

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

*Chuck St. John*

### New Member Drive!

It's that time of the year to have our New Member Drive. We are looking for local businesses that would benefit from our Chamber. Our Chamber is one of the lowest cost chambers in the area! The Bedford Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to enhancing business opportunities, promoting economic development and encouraging community involvement through innovative programming. By joining, Chamber sponsored advertising provides an economical way for a business to bring your products and services to the general community. The Bedford Chamber can also help reduce costs for services such as marketing materials and programs, advertising at preferential rates, computer training, information technology and support and website development and hosting. Through the NOACC the Bedford Chamber of Commerce uses the collective buying power of all of the Chambers in Ohio to provide benefits that include The Lowest Workers Comp Rates in the State of Ohio! You know all of our benefits that work for you so why not refer others to join our Chamber! Any current member that refers a new member receives a \$25.00 discount to their membership fees when we receive the new member fees!

### Member to Member Discounts

We are looking for businesses who would be interested in offering member to member discounts to other Bedford Chamber businesses and their employees. This would be a great way to promote your business and support other businesses in our chamber. If you are interested please call our office at

440-232-0115. Once we see we have enough interest we will send out forms and get this program started!

**St. Peter Chanel High School Night at the Races**

St. Peter Chanel High School Athletic Association is looking for sponsors and donations for their Night at the Races on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007. Anyone interested in a program ad or race sponsor should contact Linda Kadusky-Russell 216-695-3640 or Elaine Sever-Bodziony 216-849-1339. No later than October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Your advertisement will be viewed by over 350 guests that attend this event! Race Sponsors will be announced prior to your race and your business card will be listed in the program.

**Congratulations to Lori DeVore of DeVore Technologies!**

Lori DeVore recently learned she will be honored this year as one of *Northern Ohio Live* Magazine's 2007 Rainmakers. DeVore, President/CEO, Chief Strategist of DeVore Technologies, was chosen by *Northern Ohio Live* for her active influence on the business environment, ability to overcome challenges, strong partnerships, sales growth, and community contributions. DeVore will be honored at a Rainmaker Roundtable and "Meet the 2007 Rainmakers Networking Reception" on Wednesday, September 12 at Sammy's at Legacy Village. DeVore will then be presented with the award at the 10th Annual Rainmakers Breakfast to be held Friday, November 9 at the Intercontinental Hotel.

What is a Rainmaker? 1) An influential businesswoman who drives dollars into her organization 2) A creative leader who affects change in herself and in others 3) A goal-oriented woman who strives for a balanced and personal career life and 4) An effective role model, mentor, and magnet for people attracted to excellence. Lori DeVore says, "The support of my loyal clients and strong team has contributed to benchmarks in my career such as this recent honor. I am

delighted by *Northern Ohio Live's* choice to consider me for the 2007 Rainmaker award. It is both an honor and a pleasure to be thought of as a community role model, and I hope that I can be an inspiration to the new and upcoming business leaders of our community. I continually strive to better myself and those around me for the benefit of others."

**NOACC Discount Days at Geauga Lake and Wildwater Kingdom**

Here is information for Geauga Lake Days. You can also go to our website to download the discount coupons.

**NOACC**

*Discount Days at Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom*

**Bring everyone to the 27<sup>th</sup> annual Oktoberfest!**

Don't miss out on authentic live entertainment, ethnic foods to please your taste buds and plenty of brews!

**Friday, September 14 - Sunday, September 16, 2007**

OPERATING HOURS: Friday, September 14, 2007 6:00pm - 11:00pm  
Saturday, September 15, 2007 12:00pm - 12:00pm  
Sunday, September 16, 2007 12:00pm - 8:00pm

Pay just \$20.75 per person when you bring this coupon to the main gate at Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom!

2007	<b>Gaugua Lake</b> Wildwater Kingdom	2007
NOACC GOOD FOR UP TO SIX PEOPLE - 1 2 3 4 5 6 VALID ANY ONE DAY SEPTEMBER 14-SEPTEMBER 16, 2007		
NO RAIN CHECKS    DISCOUNT COUPON    VOID IF SOLD		
<small>PRESENT THIS COUPON PLUS THE AMOUNT INDICATED BELOW AT THE MAIN GATE AND RECEIVE A TICKET GOOD FOR UNLIMITED RIDES AND ATTRACTIONS EXCEPT THOSE THAT REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL FEE. RIDERS ARE UNDER 48" TALL BY RIDES. SENIORS AGE 65 YEARS OF AGE &amp; OLDER. CHILDREN 7 &amp; UNDER FREE.</small>		
REGULAR ADMISSION: \$26.95 Regular \$11.95 Junior/Senior	YOU PAY PER PERSON: \$20.75 per Regular Ticket \$11.95 per Junior/Senior Ticket	NLU 200048 NLU 210022

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- SNOOPY and the PEANUTS Characters
- Great Shows

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It's Ba-c-k-k-k.....pa-s-s-s this along! Have a Spooktacular time at the NOACC Days at Cedar Point Halloween Weekend September 22-23, 2007. Bring Friends, employees, family...all NOACC Chamber Members are included for the special price of \$29 per adult ticket (Jrs under 48" and Srs over 62 years old are still only \$11.95). No coupon or membership id required, the tickets will be

available to anyone who buys them at the Guest Ticket Booth next to the Main Ticket Booth at Cedar Point from the hours of 11:30 to 2:30 Saturday Sept 22 and Sunday Sept 23, 9:30-12:30, for more info on park hours, direction and special promotions visit [www.cedarpoint.com](http://www.cedarpoint.com)!

### **Your workers comp corner**

The time is approaching for the 2008 Group Rating Discount Program for employers workers comp.

Don't forget if you are a Chamber Member you **DO NOT HAVE TO JOIN ANOTHER ASSOCIATION TO BE QUALIFIED FOR THE GROUP RATING DISCOUNT PROGRAM** . Your membership with the Chamber allows you the ease of the quote process through your Chambers benefits provider **CRM Comprehensive Risk Management** . **Members are precluded from paying additional membership/association fees**. Take advantage of your membership and inquire with CRM if your company may qualify for Group Rating. You can call account executive Rochelle Kozuch directly at CRM 216-901-0066 ext. 113 or email the attached authorization form directly to her at [rochellek@crmoh.com](mailto:rochellek@crmoh.com).

Don't miss the opportunity of saving on your premiums through our benefits provided to you for being a member of our chamber.

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### **Worker's Compensation Training Classes**

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division of Safety & Hygiene Training Center offers 64 occupational safety, health, and ergonomic courses in twelve locations statewide and seven online courses. All courses are offered at no additional cost to Ohio employers who pay into the Ohio workers' compensation insurance fund. 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.

The Safety Course Schedule for Oct-Dec 2007 is available as a download from the [www.noacc.org](http://www.noacc.org) website.

To enroll or learn more about the courses, visit the BWC Learning Center at [www.bwclearningcenter.com](http://www.bwclearningcenter.com)

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### **News from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce**

#### New Posters Required For Minimum Wage Increase

Because of the federally mandated minimum wage increases enacted July 24, 2007, companies are legally required to post information in prominent places where employees and applicants can easily see them. Even in states and localities with minimum wages higher than the federal rate, businesses must post the legally required information. Free federal minimum wage posters are available from the U.S. Labor Department's Web site at [www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/flsa.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/posters/flsa.htm). Next year, minimum wage will be increased

once again from \$5.85 per hour to \$6.55 per hour. And it goes up again in July 2009 to \$7.25. Each time the minimum wage changes all employers are required to post new information.

#### September Is National Preparedness Month

The Ohio Chamber is just one of thousands of organizations across the nation that is getting the word out that September is National Preparedness Month. Through the national Web site [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) and Ohio's Web site at [www.Ready.Ohio.gov](http://www.Ready.Ohio.gov) your company can learn more about how to prepare for many types of situations that could cause business disruptions. Tips on preparing for natural disasters, fires and other emergencies, along with downloadable posters and brochures are available. Also, see this July/August issue of *Ohio Matters* for information on National Preparedness Month.

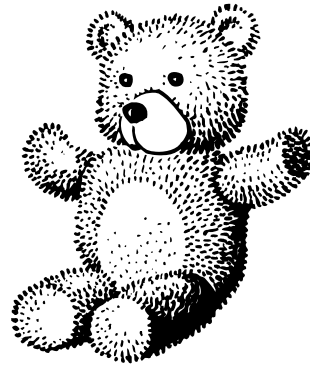
#### Get on Track with WCU 2007

This fall, get the information you need to run a safe, successful workers' compensation program through Workers' Compensation University (WCU). WCU sessions, presented by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC), are great information and training resources, provided free to Ohio employers. Courses this year are organized in tracks, which you can follow or mix to create a personal experience.

Participants may obtain continuing education credit, as well as Step 6 credit for BWC's 10-Step Business Plan and One Claim Program, by participating in these full-day sessions, held around Ohio:

September 11 – Akron

September 13 – Cleveland



## Would You Like To Dress a Bear?

Light of Hearts Villa is dressing Bears for Christmas gifts to children or in some cases for patients in nursing homes, Outfits should be done accordingly. No pins, trinkets or buttons that a small child could swallow. What a great gift to go to Salvation Army Dress a Bear Program-Call Janet Kodrich @ Light of Hearts Villa- 440-232-1991. All Bears must be returned by October 3rd, 2007.