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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chuck St. John, President

The March meeting was again very informative. Your Chamber Board is trying to schedule speakers and programs that are of interest to our businesses.

We begin our networking at Chamber dinner meeting at 6 PM. Purposely so members can come directly from work. Then we go on with the dinner and the meeting, in timely order, so as to be finished by 8:30 PM. This will get everyone home at a reasonable hour. So, with that being said, make an effort to come to the dinner meetings.

Just a reminder that we are gearing up for the Parties in the Park. We will need door prizes and your help would be appreciated. You can give a door prize every night or once in a while. That is up to you.

Polite reminders are being sent, or have been sent, to those members who have overlooked their 2008 dues. Please take care of that ASAP.

Mark you calendar now for the annual Pig Roast being held Wednesday, May 21st, at Catered Elegance. We always have upwards to 90 people attending. This is casual, much fun and just a very good time. It is open to our members and their adult guests. So, bring some of your employees or Family members!
Chuck

A Message from Mike Guyer, Vice President **Spring Has Sprung!**

This month's speaker is going to address the financial crisis occurring in the United States. With all that is going on in the U.S. market this should be a very good program.

May is our traditional Pig Roast. In the summer we look for businesses to host Business After Hours. These programs usually involve businesses who invite Chamber Members and the public into there place of business. They usually run from 4-7 and serve hors d'oeuvres etc and present there product or service. You can make it as

simple or sophisticated as you would like. We have had some very successful After Hours events.

Currently we are putting together a survey or our member's needs. If you have any suggestions please contact the Chamber Office.

This summer the Chamber will have a table at most of the festivals. If you have any literature etc. that you would like distributed or you would like to sit at the table please contact the Chamber Office.

The Golf Outing will be Friday September 12th, 2008. Please contact Mike Romito (440-232-1441) if you are interested in participating or sponsoring.

On to summer,
Mike Guyer

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Chamber Dinner Meeting
Wednesday April 16th, 2008.
Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio, 44146
Featuring a presentation by:
Tony Sawtelle, Regional VP for
Transamerica Capital
Topic: "The State of Today's Financial
Markets and Market Alternatives"
Networking- 6:00 pm
Dinner- 6:30 pm
Program- 7:15 pm
\$15.00 Per Person

May Chamber Dinner Meeting
Chamber Annual Pig Roast
Wednesday May 21st, 2008
Dinner, Open Bar, Side Boards,
Chinese Raffle
Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio, 44146
More Details to follow.
Mark your Calendar!

Welcome New Member!
Dennis Grossman M.D., Inc.
88 Center Road, Suite 280
Bedford, Ohio, 44146
440-232-5215
21 years in Business!

SCORE - Counselors to America's Small Business

For Chambers of Commerce Members: **SCORE** is offering **free and confidential mentoring** to help keep your business on track. **SCORE** counselors are experienced business owners or managers who have had the same or similar concerns in their business careers that you might be experiencing. They will listen and guide you through ANY concerns you might have at your business or a **SCORE** location. **SCORE** offices are located in Lake, Geauga, Lorain, Huron and Erie Counties. The main office is located at 1350 Euclid Ave., Cleveland. Or stop in or call 216-522-4194 to arrange an appointment. Check out: www.scorecleveland.org for more info.

News from our current Members

5th Annual "Taste of Bedford"
 A fund raiser sponsored by Mayor Dan Pocek
 Guest of Honor- Ohio Attorney General Marc
 Dann
 Come and sample the best of Bedford Area
 Restaurants at Catered Elegance
 1160 Broadway, Bedford
 Thursday April 24th, 2008 5:30-8:00 PM
 Make checks payable to the Dan Pocek for
 Mayor Committee (No Corporate Checks
 Please) Donation \$25.00 per person
 Dan Pocek for Mayor Committee: Francis
 Zubek Treasurer, 85 Wandle Ave. Bedford,
 Ohio, 44146

Bedford High School After-Prom

We are very proud to sponsor our 2nd annual audience-participation Murder Mystery Dinner Show and Silent Auction event. Join us for an evening of fun, mystery and intrigue. Guests will enjoy a buffet style dinner with two entrees, vegetables, salad and desserts. They will engage in a murder mystery game, clue hunt and bid on a wide range of items in the silent auction. For your added enjoyment, we will have live musical entertainment. All proceeds will help sponsor the 2008-BHS After - Prom.

When: Friday, April 11, 2008
 Where: Catered Elegance
 1160 Broadway Ave.
 Bedford, OH 44146
 (Free Parking)

Welcome Reception: 6:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Murder Mystery:

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Auction Winners & Closing Statements: 10:30
 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 per person

\$60.00 couples

(Table of 10 - \$300.00 includes bottle of
 wine and prime seating)

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT
 EVENT

For tickets, call 216-288-3397
 or 440-227-4165

St Peter Chanel High School

Sat. April 12, 2008: \$2,000 Reverse Raffle & Chinese Auction

Dinner & Raffle Tickets \$35.00 per person.
 Reserve tables only for 10 or more.

2007-2008 Production Seasons

CTC Spring Production

Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor

Dreamcoat

**Coming to Chanel - April 17th, 18th, 19th
 & 20th Andrew Lloyd Webber/Tim Rice**

**More information and ticket information
 will be on the St. Peter Chanel Web Site for
 all of these events.**

www.stpeterchanel.com

Sunday April 20th, 2008

4:30-8:30

Eight Buck Cluck

**St. Peter Chanel High School Cafeteria
 \$8.00 for 2 Chicken Quarters, 2 sides and a
 roll.**

**Benefits Baseball and Softball Team
 Pre sale tickets Call Mark Svoboda-216-
 581-2965.**

Bedford YMCA News

The SE YMCA is offering DARE TO CARE,
 a free screening for older adults for blood
 pressure, carotid artery and abdominal aorta
 check ups.

Southeast YMCA of Greater Cleveland Healthy Kid Day!

Saturday April 12th, 2008; 10am-12pm

Free Health Screenings

Healthy Refreshments

Healthy and Fun activities

Child Care: Fun days during Spring Break

Grades K-5

\$25 a day

Expert care for your child during Spring
 Break!

Sincerely, Maureen Mizerak, Executive
 Director, Southeast YMCA, 460 Northfield
 Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146

Telephone: 216-663-7522

Fax: 216-663-9043

E-Mail: mmizerak@clevelandymca.org

Light of Hearts Villa Upcoming Events

283 Union, Bedford, Ohio, 44146

Mini Flea Market

Thursday and Friday

April 10th and 11th

10am-4pm

Jewelry, Music, Gifts, Collectibles, Antiques,
 Glass, lots of Crafts.

HUMOR FOR HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

Friday May 9th, 2008

Doors open at 6pm

**Heavy Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, martini
 bar, side boards and Chinese auction
 Entertainment by a professional comedian
 to be announced!**

\$40.00 per person via mail or phone

Proceeds to Benefit Healthy Lifestyle

Programs at LOHV.

Contact: Paula Stepanski

440-232-1991 ext. 519

**open seating or Table of 8 sponsorships for
 \$25.00.**

Deadline for Reservation is Fri. May 2nd

Information from South Pointe Hospital:

“South Pointe Hospital is offering FREE colon cancer screenings during the month of April. This simple test could save your life but less than 25% of people over 50 get tested, and they’re the ones at highest risk of colon cancer. Call today to schedule your free screening between April 8 and April 22. Call 1.800.621.0004.”

Jennifer Mintz | Community Wellness | Marketing Department South Pointe Hospital | 20000 Harvard Road | Warrensville Hts, OH 44122

Member-to-Member Discounts

We are looking for businesses that 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.

Here is our Businesses that have sent in their information to give you discount offers. I wanted to get out their information to you so you can see how this will work and benefit your business! How about your business?

Bedford Auto and Van Rentals **320 Broadway Avenue** **Bedford, Ohio** **440-232-4265**

We are offering a 10% discount on any rental needs to other chamber of commerce members!

The Bedford Auto and Van Rentals motto is: Personalized, honest service. We're here to assist you with any aspect of customer service. If any questions arise as you surf through our site, you may call us at 440-232-4265.

We are the oldest car & van rental business in Bedford, a suburb of Cleveland about 8 miles southeast from downtown Cleveland. We have recently moved our office less than a quarter mile from our old location where we were for

over 20 years, into a brand new building at 320 Broadway, at the corner of Harrison Street, between AutoZone and Nero Lincoln-Mercury. If you have any questions you can [email us at info \[@ \] bedfordautorentals.com](mailto:info@bedfordautorentals.com) or call either Mary, Dan or Jim at 440-232-4265.

Berwyn Technologies **50 South Park Bedford, Ohio** **440-232-0682**

Discounts that apply to members would be free pickup/delivery at locations within the city.

Also, Bedford residents and businesses get a 50% discount on labor charges.

We offer discounts on purchases of new systems and software to employees of our commercial customers.

More info is available on our website.

<http://www.berwyntech.net>

The following discounts are offered to Bedford Chamber Members and Employees:

This Could Be Your Space! Just e-mail me at:

bedfordchamberoh@sbcglobal.net
And I can get your discounts for our members in! Great way to advertise your company at no cost to you!

\$50.00 can get your business card put on our website for the whole year. Another great way to advertise your business! Just send business card and check to Chamber Office and we will get you on the web page!

New Member sign up forms are on our website!