



## Chamber Chatter



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Chuck St. John, President**

Summer still has some life in it for several more weeks. It has truly been good for our Parties in the Park even though we had one rain-out. Crowds have been good and they have enjoyed the program we provide. If any of our members wish to provide a door prize for these Wednesday night events, just call Jeri at the Chamber office and we will make arrangements to pick the prize up.

September will be our first dinner meeting following the summer break and we will have Michael Mallis, Bedford Economic Development Director, as our speaker. Director Mallis will give us some information about changes and improvements involving businesses in Bedford. Hopefully we can give Mike enough information for him to cover but come prepared with your questions. As business people we need to know what is going on.

Just a heads up, three Board members will be stepping down at the end of this calendar year. If you are interested in serving on the board let a Board member know so you can be nominated. We need concerned business people on the Board. Become active!  
Chuck

### **Message from the Vice President**

#### **Mike Guyer**

Gone fishing! See you in September!

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Parties in the Park**

Wednesday Evenings, Bedford Square  
June 11-September 3  
August and September 6:30-8:30 pm

### **Bedford Chamber of Commerce 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing**

. Bedford Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing  
Please join us for a fun filled day of golf

Friday Sept. 12, 2008 at Astorhurst Country Club 12noon shotgun start, Lunch and Dinner included. \$85.00/person. If you don't golf you can join us for dinner or if you would like to sponsor a hole with your companies name contact the chamber office or Mike Romito 440-232-1441. We are also looking for anyone that would like to donate door prizes you will be recognized at the golf outing.

### **August Networking Event**

2008 NETWORKING OLYMPICS  
BRING HOME THE GOLD MEDAL

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TEAMS:  
TEAM BEDFORD, TEAM GARFIELD HTS,  
TEAM MAPLE HTS., TEAM  
WARRENSVILLE HTS.,  
TEAM BEDFORD HTS.  
TEAM NORDONIA HILLS (HOST TEAM)

Thursday, August 28, 2008

“Opening Ceremony” (Registration) - 5:30

Main Event - 6:00 - 8:00 PM

“Closing Ceremony” – 8:00 PM

“Official Site” - Gambitta’s Party Center

160 E Aurora Rd., Northfield, 44067

“Networking Olympics” to start promptly at  
6:00!

Admission for above-mentioned Chambers -  
\$20.00

Non-members - \$50.00

Complimentary hors d’oeuvres and soft drinks  
Raffles

### **FYI SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING!**

Our first dinner Meeting will be held on  
Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup> at Catered  
Elegance. Our speaker for the evening will be  
Mike Mallis, Economic Development Director  
for the City of Bedford. This meeting will be  
very informative and interesting for all of our  
Bedford Businesses! Invitations will be out  
beginning of September

### **IMPORTANT WEB SITE UPDATE!**

Our Chamber of Commerce is committed to  
providing money savings discounts and other

Value Added Benefits to our members.  
Through our association with [NOACC](#)  
([Northern Ohio Area Chambers of](#)  
[Commerce](#)), businesses with current  
Chamber memberships can take advantage of  
the many benefits listed, at no additional  
expense. These special discounts can improve  
your bottom line, saving you both time and  
money. All you do is go to our web site at  
[www.bedfordchamber.org](http://www.bedfordchamber.org), go to the  
Chamber Member Benefits page, click on the  
NOACC news to use and search for the  
information pertaining to your business.  
**Chamber membership doesn’t cost...it  
PAYS!**

### **Welcome New Members!**

**Wal-Mart**

22209 Rockside Road

Bedford, Oh, 44146

216-587-0110

walmart.com



### **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](http://www.scorecleveland.org) for  
more info.

**DON'T FORGET THE GOLF  
OUTING! REGISTRATION IS  
ATTACHED TO THIS  
NEWSLETTER**

## NOACC NEWS

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Course Schedule for Jul-Sep 2008 is available as a download from the [www.noacc.org](http://www.noacc.org). To enroll or learn more about the courses, visit the BWC Learning Center at [www.bwclearningcenter.com](http://www.bwclearningcenter.com)



has been added to the NOACC Resources webpage. A recent copy of the "Tax Centers" document. Internal Revenue Service offers helpful information for small businesses.

A link to the IRS website <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html> offers guidance on business/tax issues. [Viewed or download "Tax Centers" here.](#) The IRS Stakeholder Liaison office serves the tax professional community and small business organizations by providing appropriate resources and key messages. They also solicit feedback from stakeholders on tax matters policies and procedures. Should you want to discuss any of this further, please feel free to contact them directly using the information below.

Anthony J. Palmer, Internal Revenue Service, Stakeholder Liaison, SB/SE CLD Great Lakes Area

3 31-09355 (Badge #)> 1240 East 9th St  
Room 329, Cleveland OH 44199  
( 216-522-8243 (Office) 216-522-7462 (Fax) -  
[Anthony.J.Palmer@irs.gov](mailto:Anthony.J.Palmer@irs.gov) (E-Mail)

After months of study and negotiation, the NOACC Benefits Task Force (BTF) is recommending a new provider for Workers' Compensation Third Party Administration (TPA) services. NOACC is seeking a new collaboration that better supports our vision for our chambers and employer members. The previous provider for TPA services was Comprehensive Risk Management (CRM).

CRM is in the process of contacting their clients/chamber members to advise them of the mutual decision to separate from NOACC as the sponsoring association for the Workers' Compensation Group Rating benefit. You may receive inquiries from these members. Reassure these members that there will be time for them to choose a new TPA through their chamber membership with NOACC.

All current NOACC/CRM group members will continue to receive the services they require from the existing TPA under the agreements they have with that TPA. Current and new chamber member groups will then have the opportunity to review the new arrangement that NOACC will be offering with a different TPA and will be able to choose a TPA within the enrollment deadline of February 2009 for the 2009-2010 program year. **There will be plenty of time to review all choices.**

The NOACC BTF has worked hard to provide a compelling value for chambers with the new Workers' Comp TPA. Information will be sent as soon as the arrangement has been finalized.

### News from our current Members

#### **Holy Spirit Cookbooks for Sale!**

The families and friends of Holy Spirit Academy have generously donated this collection of recipes. Cookbooks are professionally bound and colorfully printed. This special keepsake makes a wonderful gift! Our "Bon Appetit" cookbooks are available for \$10 each. Place your orders now! Call to order: Gina Pieragostine at 216-780-8444 or Lisa DeLuca at 440-439-2537.

## Southeast Library

Pass to see a space shuttle launch at Kennedy Space Center Summer Reading is Winding Down!

There are just a few more weeks for Readers to “Imagine and Explore” through the Cuyahoga County Summer reading program at the Southeast Branch Library. This program is open to all readers’ birth – seniors. Every week the reading prizes will change. You will also have a chance to win free books, and larger prizes that include a VIP. The more you read the more chances you have to win.

### STERLING OAKS

Business Name  
Sterling Oaks Independent Living Community  
Business Owners  
Clyde and Christina Dubeansky  
Business Address  
5500 Northfield Road  
Maple Heights, Ohio 44137  
Business Phone/Fax/email address/website  
Bus. 216/662-6464  
Fax 216/662-4422  
email: [sterlingoaks@hotmail.com](mailto:sterlingoaks@hotmail.com)  
website: [www.sterlingoakscommunity.com](http://www.sterlingoakscommunity.com)  
TYPE of BUSINESS  
Independent Living / *Adult Day Services*

Saturday, August 23rd, 2008  
Sterling Oaks Vendor Extravaganza  
from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Sterling Oaks  
Independent Living Community  
on 5500 Northfield Road in Maple Heights  
Contact Sterling Oaks at #216/662-6464

### SOUTHEAST YMCA

1. The Southeast YMCA will host a Back to School Rally and Community Yard Sale on Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 11am-1pm. We are looking for donations of paper, pens, pencils, notebooks for the needy children in our area. All donations will be given to children in the surrounding school districts. Tables for the Community Yard Sale are \$15

each. Clean out your garage, closets and basement and bring your stuff to sell!

For more information, contact the YMCA at 216-663-7522.

2. On Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> the Southeast YMCA will offer a savings of \$70 off the joiner fee! So sign up for a membership on August 16<sup>th</sup> and save \$70!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director  
Southeast YMCA  
460 Northfield Rd. Bedford, Ohio 44146  
Telephone: 216-663-7522,  
Fax: 216-663-9043  
Email: [mmizerak@clevelandymca.org](mailto:mmizerak@clevelandymca.org)

### ST. PETER CHANEL HIGH SCHOOL

St. Peter Chanel High School will be holding their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fr. Gilbride Golf Outing at Astorhurst Country Club on Sunday, September 28, 2008. Proceeds from this event benefit the Scholarship Fund at Chanel and assists those students with financial needs.

EVENT: Fr. Gilbride Golf Outing  
WHEN: Sunday, September 28, 2008  
Lunch at 11:30am  
Shotgun start at 12:30pm  
WHERE: Astorhurst Country Club  
7000 Dunham Road.  
Walton Hills, Ohio 44146  
COST: \$110.00 per golfer  
Includes: lunch, beverages,  
steak dinner, golf, and cart rental  
Raffle prizes include:  
Nintendo Wii, Ipod nano, and a GPS

RESERVATIONS: Jule Kennedy: 440-232-5900 extension 133 or 144

HONOREE: Jule Kennedy

### 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.

**The following discounts are offered to Bedford Chamber Members and Employees: See Next Column!**

**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 \[at\] 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>

# BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING

Astorhurst Country Club  
September 12, 2008  
Noon Shotgun

\$85.00 per Person      Foursome \$340      Dinner Only \$25

Price Includes  
Lunch 11-12noon  
18 Holes of Golf with Cart  
Steak Dinner

Sponsorship Opportunities  
Hole Sponsor \$100.00

*Please call Mike Romito 440-232-1441 regarding other Sponsorship Opportunities  
To donate a prize please call Jeri at the Chamber 440-232-0115 or Mike Romito 440-232-1441*

**Contact Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer#2 \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer#4 \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Name for Sign \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Mail back to:  
Johnson-Romito Funeral Home  
521 Broadway Ave.  
Bedford, OH 44146*



## PIG AND CHICKEN ROAST

Sponsored by VFW Post 1082  
343 Northfield Rd., Bedford, OH,  
44146

Date: August 23, 2008

Donation: \$35.00

Each Ticket Includes a  
Chance on the \$10.00 Board

Open Bar - D.J. Side Boards-Chinese Raffle
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Doors Open 5PM-Dinner Served 6- 8PM
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For Tickets Call:

John Lemponen: 216-475-5097

Mike Guyer: 440-773-2835

Bill Scholle: 440-962-3330

Post Canteen: 440-232-9035

Pig and Chicken supplied by *Holycross*  
and Company