



## Chamber Chatter



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## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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

Before I ramble on, I would like to extend to all of our Chamber members, and families, a most blessed Christmas and a very healthy New Year from my wife, Lois, and myself. This is my final message as president of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce. My term will end with December and I thank the Board members and all others for your participation and cooperation. I think we have had a good year.

Membership is up and activities are growing. What we do need is the continuing support of the membership. I believe you can look forward to a few changes in the next year, changes I think you will like. The new Board will be challenged with the task of building a bigger and better Bedford Chamber and I believe they will succeed.

A stronger Chamber of Commerce will make all members that much stronger and as we net work among each other we will make our businesses much stronger.

I certainly hope and pray that all our members experience an upswing in their business in 2009.

*Chuck*

### **A Message from the Vice President** **Mike Guyer**

Happy Holidays to you and your families! I would like to thank all of the 13 companies that advertised in our Christmas in Bedford Falls insert. These inserts will be going out in 50,000 Plain Dealer papers through out the area and will bring many people to downtown Bedford on December 13, 2008 for this special event. What a great way for companies to advertise and to help promote our events. We hope to do more of these in the future. The insert is also up on our web site at [www.bedfordchamberoh.org](http://www.bedfordchamberoh.org). Thank you all again,

*Mike Guyer*

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

### Chamber Christmas Party

Wednesday December 17, 2008.

Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue  
Bedford, Ohio, 44146

6:00pm - ?

Hors d'oeuvres, Dinner, Open Bar and  
Mini Reverse Raffle

### Christmas in Bedford Falls

Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Noon-4PM

## Member-to-Member Discounts

### WE NEED YOU!!!!

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.

## News from your Bedford Chamber of Commerce Office

### Support our Local Businesses!!

Don't forget our many businesses in historic local downtown Bedford for all of your Christmas needs. From jewelry, clothing, hobbies, music, fine art, flowers, restaurants, gift cards, fresh cut meats, and many other great gift ideas. Why wait in lines when you can get so many wonderful, unique and fun gifts for family and friends!

2009 Schedule for meetings and other events will be posted in the January Chamber Chatter. Watch for it next month so you can plan early!

## Payroll and Supply Discounts for Members

There is now a discount available to our members through the chamber and NOACC

for payroll through Heartland and business supplies through Independence Business Supply Company. Please go to our website at [www.bedfordchamber.org](http://www.bedfordchamber.org) and I have put the forms and information up under chamber member benefits. I can also mail them to you if interested. Just call 440-232-0115 and let me know!

### Storefront Renovation Rebate Program:

Some of you may have gotten mailings for this from the Economic Development Department and some of you have already taken advantage of the program. Through the First Suburbs Development Council in which The City of Bedford is one of the eligible communities of this program there is County money that financially assists Businesses with Exterior renovations, signs, awnings, windows and exterior code violations. The rebate is 40%, which cannot exceed \$8000.00. (Project cannot exceed \$20,000.00.). For more information go to [info@fscdc.org](mailto:info@fscdc.org) or contact the FSDC at 216-291-2855.

Ohio Chamber of Commerce is going to be announcing in November ways members will be able to save money on entertainment, travel, dining, and everyday shopping just by clicking on [www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com). Shop Ohio, the newest member benefit will be an online supermarket with new deals everyday from the county's top retailers. Members will also be able to sell their own products and services alongside nationwide companies and offer deals to members. I will keep you up to date on this newest benefit!

## 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.

## **NOACC NEWS**

Do not forget to check the NOACC website for all member discounts you can receive including the sign up for BWC and health insurance with discounts to benefit our members! Go to [www.bedfordchamberoh.com](http://www.bedfordchamberoh.com) and click on the link to NOACC for your savings!

This is the best time of the year to change payroll processing companies. As a valued Chamber member, get a free price quote from Heartland Payroll. Now through Dec 10, 2008, get at least 10% off the normal payroll pricing\* and save your business time and money. Rates guaranteed for three years. \*This is in ADDITION to the already discounted NOACC price for chamber members. Use the flyer attached to your website or the NOACC website to ask for a FREE Quote—you won't know how much you'll save until you ask! This is a negotiated benefit made available through the chamber's membership in NOACC, the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce.

### **News from our Current Members**

#### **Berwyn Technologies**

Berwyn Technologies will continue to offer a 50% labor discount to residents and business in the city, when they purchase products from us. Residents and businesses in Bedford get free pickup/delivery as always. Senior citizen discounts are also available

Thanks!

Chris Bulanda

Visit us on the web! [www.berwyntech.net](http://www.berwyntech.net)

### **Sun News December Special Offer**

Garfield/Maple Sun ad free with the purchase of an ad in the Bedford Sun  
2 column x 3", Black & White Ad  
\$90.00

*Thank You!*

Jo Lynn Garner, Sun News/Plain Dealer  
Phone 216-986-2461, Fax 216-986-2470  
Email: [jgarner@sunnews.com](mailto:jgarner@sunnews.com)

### **Hudec Dental Centers**

Hudec Dental is celebrating their grand opening in Bedford at 466 Northfield Road. They are offering \$30.00 off your first visit for new patients, and have interest free financing available. They also accept dental insurances and Medicaid. For more information go to [www.hudecdental.com](http://www.hudecdental.com) or call for a free consultation at 216-661-8888. Support our chamber members!

### **Meadowbrook Market Square**

#### **Santa Is Coming!**

Visit our many retail stores and restaurants during the Holiday Season and don't forget Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 2:00pm Santa will be in the market area!

### **Southeast YMCA**

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

December 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 10:00 am the Southeast YMCA is hosting its annual breakfast with Santa Clause. The price is \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Children 12 and under. Tickets are available at the YMCA. 460 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio, 44146

#### **CPR TRAINING - EVERY MONTH**

Do you or your staff need CRP training? The Southeast YMCA offers a Red Cross CPR certification class each month. For more

information, call Kyle Wilkinson at 216-663-7522.

*Times: 6:00pm-10:00pm*

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director  
Southeast YMCA  
460 Northfield Rd. Bedford, Ohio 44146  
Telephone: 216-663-7522,  
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### **ST. PETER CHANEL HIGH SCHOOL**

Dec 6 - Holiday Shopping Fund Raiser to benefit St. Peter Chanel HS on Sat., Dec. 6th Noon to 5pm at Joseph-Beth Booksellers at Legacy Village A portion of the proceeds from Joseph-Beth bookstore and Bronte Bistro will benefit Chanel.

Dec 7 - Annual Christmas Party for Children with Cerebral Palsy Sunday, Dec. 7th 2-4p

Dec 7 - Grade School Auditions for Peter Pan Sunday, Dec. 7th 1-4p

### **SCHOLARSHIP/ENTRANCE EXAMS:**

**\$20**

Saturday December 13, 2008: 9:00am-12:00pm; Scholarship Exam

### **Holy Spirit Academy**

Cookbooks to support Holy Spirit Academy are still available for sale. They are \$10.00 and a great gift for Christmas. I bought one and they have a lot of really good recipes! Contact: Gina Pieragostine at 216-780-8444 or Lisa DeLuca at 440-439-2537.

### **Light of Hearts Villa**

#### **12/09/2008-Soup and Bread**

Spiritual Gathering Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except in July. 11:30am-12:30pm

#### **12/13/2008 – Light of Hearts Resident and Family Christmas Party. 1pm**

### **12/14/2008 – Villa Bell and Voice Christmas Concert.**

This year the Light of Hearts Villa Voice and Bell Choir will perform, Sunday, December 14th. Don't miss this spectacular performance and the delicious homemade Christmas cookies made by our very own employees in dietary. For further information please call (440)232-1991 Residential Life Programming.

### **12/18/2008 – Annual Christmas Open House**

Come see all the spectacular beauty at Light of Hearts Villa at Christmas time. For private tours please call Janet Kodrich or Paula Stepanski at (440)232-1991. View the Angel Display.....it's up all year-round! Each figurine has a story to tell. Every one of us has an angel that looks like us...come and see which one resembles you!

### **Bedford Historical Society**

#### **December 13, 2008- Noon to 4 pm-**

Our Annual Christmas Open House in conjunction with the Christmas in Bedford Falls festival. The halls will be decked for you and your family. The Town Hall museum will feature Phil Sounder's Christmas Village and Bob Pallat's train layout to add to the festivities. The Golden Tones Choir will be caroling. Story time will be in the old school room. Of course, the world's best bakers will have tasty refreshments.

**Save the Date! March 7, 2009** is our annual Reverse Raffle. The main prizes will be \$1000 and there will be a cash bar and live music. Ticket cost \$45.00 per person. Tickets will be available through the museum or from Trustees.