



## Chamber Chatter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Chuck St. John, President*  
*HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

I certainly hope the year 2008 is a good one for all of our Chamber members, and for the City of Bedford. I look forward to being your President for this year. We have another strong Chamber Board, and with their help, we should move forward once again.

Membership is strong but we will continue to attract new members and you can help by talking to other businesses to join. As we grow in size we will also grow in our efforts to benefit the membership. Your Chamber Board has many thoughts of how to provide these benefits but we need the cooperation and participation of the members.

We plan to send out a survey. There will be a questionnaire for our members to return with comments of how we can improve our efforts. When you receive the survey, take time to fill it out. We know we will not be able to please everyone, but we will have the pulse of the members and will try our best to make positive changes for the benefit of our Chamber.

## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 - State of the City Address, Bedford City Hall Council Chambers. 165 Center Road, Bedford, Ohio  
Doors open at 6:30, Presentation at 7:00.

## NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Networking Night with the Lake Erie Monsters- Thursday January 31, 2008-Only held if we get enough response. Please respond via e-mail to the chamber office. Details to follow!

**Welcome New Members!**  
**Holy Spirit Academy**  
**Wal Mart Super Store**

## 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!

## 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.

## 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?

### **Hantz Group** **4401 Rockside Road, Suite 404** **Independence, Ohio, 44131**

Believe it or not, tax season is just around the corner!! Do you know and understand the tax law changes that have become effective in 2007?? We, at the Hantz Group, are offering a **free** tax projection analysis to all chamber members for the tax year 2007. Contact me to arrange an appointment to do this tax projection, including recommended strategies to eliminate that **big surprise** on April 15th!!!

Dale Witt, CPA  
440 -520 -1210  
440 -520 -1215 FAX  
[dale.witt@hantzgroup.com](mailto:dale.witt@hantzgroup.com)

### **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>

**Bonne-Tek Inc.**  
**13375 Longspur Court**  
**Valley View, Ohio, 44125**

Jim Rabe of BONNE-TEK, INC., Electrical Contractors, has some 2x2 fluorescent light fixtures in stock, 277-volt type ballasts, used in dropped ceilings, business/office application. Note: these fixtures require a 277-volt feed only. Also we have some fluorescent lighting, wall mount. These fixtures are new, purchased from our suppliers in bulk quantity. Call for detailed list!!! (216) 642-3232

**Bedford Auto Care**  
**803 Broadway Avenue**  
**440-735-4600**

Located between Sirna's Café and DePompei's Broadway Gardens, and operated by Frank and Angie McGroarty to provide "Service you can count on". Frank has over 30 years of automotive experience and is an ASE Certified Master Auto Technician.

The following discounts are offered to Bedford Chamber Members and Employees: "Beat Winter to the Punch": we check coolant condition, heater/defroster performance, tire condition, battery/ charging system, wiper/washer system, plus FREE oil change, lube, filter and tire rotation. ALL FOR 39.95 + TAX!  
 10% Discount on Brakes or Exhaust Oil Change, Lube/Filter plus tire rotation for 19.95 + tax  
 Please call for an appointment.

**Bedford YMCA news**

Southeast YMCA is hosting an Open House on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. Activities include free sample of land and aerobic classes for adults: martial arts demonstration and a free family swim at 2:30pm. Please call the Y at 216-663-7522 for more information.

Adult Men's Basketball League starts the weekend of January 12, 2008. League fees are \$305 (includes t-shirt) or \$275 (no t-shirts). Call Kyle Wilkinson at 216-663 7522 for more information.

Southeast YMCA is looking for help at their front desk. Please call Maureen at 216-663-7532.

Southeast YMCA offers Karate classes, learn-to swim classes, football skills and youth basketball leagues. Registrations accepted now!

Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director, Southeast YMCA, 460 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio, 44146

Phone :216-663-7522, Fax:216-663-9043  
 e-mail: [mmizerak@clevelandymca.org](mailto:mmizerak@clevelandymca.org)

**Wal Mart Grand Opening**

The new Super Wal Mart will have its grand opening on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The store is located on the SW corner of Northfield and Rockside Road in the Meadowbrook shopping area.

## St Peter Chanel High School

### ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Auction to Benefit Scholarship Fund.***

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Auction for St. Peter Chanel High School will be held at the Caterers of Landerhaven on Saturday February 9, 2008 starting at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 7:30pm. In the past years the auctions have raised a total of over \$600,000.00 for the schools Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance to those families in need. This years theme is “putting on the Ritz” in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Peter Chanel High School. Landerhaven will be transformed into a scene from New York City in the earlier days. A live an silent auction will follow an elegant sit down dinner with a complimentary full service bar and a special Martini Bar. Live entertainment with dancing will complete the evening. The auction items will range in value from twenty-five dollars to several thousands dollars. Included will be vacation excursions, hotel packages, sports memorabilia, special event tickets, toys and much more. A special Golden Goose Will make her appearance to lay the Golden Egg for some lucky winner. This will be one of the many special attractions at this auction. All staff, parents, alumni, and friends are cordially invited to attend. Please try to attend, as this will be Mr. Roger Abood’s last auction after forty-one years of service to the school. We would all like to see him off in a blaze of glory.

Ticket information and other information concerning the auction can be addressed to Mrs. Pat DeFranco, St. Peter Chanel High School, 440-232-5900 Ext. 145 or 440-669-5915.

St. Peter Chanel Parent Association is hosting its First Annual Spring Fashion Show. The theme is “So Chic-So Chanel”. The date is Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from noon-3pm. The location is the Mediterranean Party Center on Rockside Road in Bedford Heights. Ticket price is 25.00 a person. Fashions by TJMAXX and our guest emcee is Nancy Alden radio DJ from 102.1 WDOK. We are

looking for donations from local businesses either for our Chinese Raffle Baskets or through advertising in our program to off-set the costs of running the show. Your business will also be advertised in our local papers, and any other advertising we do for our show. If you are interested please contact Jeri Smith at 440-821-5906. More information and ticket information will be on the St. Peter Chanel Web Site for all of these events. [www.stpeterchanel.com](http://www.stpeterchanel.com)

## Marymount Hospital

**GO RED FOR WOMEN 2008- A free cardiac health and networking event for women.**

Friday, February 1,2008

Pazzo’s Grand Ballroom

Knights of Columbus Hall

10808 Granger Road

Garfield Heights, Ohio

Doors open at 11:00 am for complimentary health screenings and wellness displays.

12:00 PM Complimentary Lunch

12:30 PM “Heart Health Mistakes Smart Women Make” with Wael Khoury, MD

Limited Seating:Advanced Registration

Required, Call 216-587-8093 to Register.

**SEE THE NEXT PAGE FOR OUR NEW 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES! YOU CAN ALSO DOWNLOAD THIS OFF OF OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.BEDFORDCHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.BEDFORDCHAMBER.ORG)!**

# BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

33 South Park Street, Bedford, Ohio  
44146 Tel: 440-232-0115 | Fax: 440-232-0521

## 2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**Please print, complete this form, and return to the Bedford Chamber of Commerce**

COMPANY NAME (if joining as a company) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

INDIVIDUAL NAME (if joining as an individual) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEBSITE: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEND MEETING NOTICES TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS IN BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT OR SERVICES:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUES PER YEAR: 1-10 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$125.00

11-25 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$225.00

26-99 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$325.00

100-299 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$425.00

300-500 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$525.00

501+ FULL TIME EMPLOYEES: \$750.00

NOT FOR PROFIT RETIREMENT FACILITIES: \$150.00

HOTELS, MOTELS, CONDOS, APARTMENTS: \$150.00

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS (CITY OF BEDFORD RESIDENTS): \$40.00

ONE TIME PROCESSING FEE FOR FIRST TIME MEMBERS: \$35.00

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR:.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your interest in joining the Bedford Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to meeting you.**

