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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chuck St. John, President

Chamber Members:

I certainly hope the summer is treating you well, and frankly, that your business is also doing well, or at least holding its own.

With vacations and the like, the summer months for Chamber activity slow down a bit but not completely. Your Chamber Board still has the responsibility to keep the wheels turning and spike the interest of Chamber members as best possible.

We wish to welcome Gionino's Pizzeria as our Wednesday night vendor. They took over the Romito's Smoke Shop building and operate a pizzeria business, eat in or take out. We wish them well as members of our Bedford Chamber and our Party in the Park vendor.

By the way, door prizes are always needed at the Party in the Park, so if you can help one in a while, call Jeri at the Chamber office and offer a door prize. A gift, gift cards, or whatever and we will announce your name and business.

Mark your calendar for our Chamber Golf Outing on Friday September 12th, 2008. Noon Shotgun. This is a needed fundraiser and an enjoyable event. Golfers, sponsors and prizes are needed to make this a super success.

We are always looking for interesting speakers/programs for our dinner meetings. Call us with your suggestion. Also, if you would like to show off your business, plan an "after hours" gathering and host our Chamber members. Call Jeri at the Chamber office if you can do it.

Chuck

Message from the Vice-President **Mike Guyer**

SUMMER HEAT

The dog days of summer are upon us. Vacation and leisure activities are at the forefront of most peoples' attention. We are still looking for a business to sponsor a "Business

After Hours". This is a great way to market your business in a leisurely fashion. They usually run from 4-7 P.M. (suggested) and perhaps serve an appetizer while presenting your business to others in the Chamber or the public.

Golf Outing plans are in the works. Contact Mike Romito for details 232-1441.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Mike Guyer

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Parties in the Park

Wednesday Evenings, Bedford Square
June 11-September 3
June and July 7-9 pm
August and September 6:30-8:30 pm

Bedford Chamber of Commerce 1st 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.

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, 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!

Nature Stone

15 North Park, Bedford, Ohio
440-786-9100

Epoxy-Stone Flooring and Storage Cabinets

Gionino's Pizzeria

703 Broadway Ave, Bedford, Ohio
440-786-7786

Pizza Restaurant

Highland House Manor LLC, DBA Sterling Oaks Independent Living Community

5500 Northfield Road, Maple Hts., Ohio
216-662-6464

Property Management

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.

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

NOACC NEWS

A MESSAGE from the Ohio BWC and NOACC for Chamber Members:

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 Jul-Sep 2008 is attached to this email, and is also available as a download from the www.noacc.org website by [clicking here](#).

To enroll or learn more about the courses, visit the BWC Learning Center at www.bwclearningcenter.com

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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

SOUTHEAST LIBRARY

The Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library is located in Bedford at 70 Columbus Road. 440-439-4997

Children's Summer Programs!

Don't miss all the exciting, free events that will be coming to the Southeast Branch Library for children this summer. Programs range from weekly story times for preschoolers to specials for all ages. A complete list of Children's events is available at the library or on-line at

www.cuyahogalibrary.org. Click on "branches", "Southeast", "view all events", and then view June – August for events.

Jungle Terry's Traveling Zoo!

Join us for this fun, exciting, and educational way to learn about animals! On Wednesday, July 16 at 2pm, Jungle Terry and his assortment of exotic animals will be at Southeast Library. Ages 3 and up are invited. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult, and registration is required for this program!

Author Visit

Local Author Mary J. Shafer will discuss her book, "When in Doubt ... Inspirational Ideas to Lift you up and Dust you Off." Learn to focus on claiming joy and fulfillment. Join us on Tuesday, July 8th at 7pm for this event.

Registration is required.

Space Exploration and How We Know ...

On Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 6:30 PM, join a speaker from the Solar System Ambassador program as we learn more about the mysteries of space and exploration. The

Ambassador will tell us:

- How is a planet discovered?
- See what celestial objects look like with our eyes, through a telescope and finally through the eyes of a satellite.
- What have we learned about our planets through these various techniques?
- Learn why satellites are sent into space and what they have taught us.

- Learn more about Mars, Jupiter and its moons, as well as Saturn and its rings.
Registration required for this event.

Career Transitions

Are you looking for employment or want to try a new career? Tired of being told you have “too much experience?” Job seeking and career transitions after 55 can be frustrating.

On Thursday, July 24th at 2pm, Barbara Goldstein of the Mature Workers Institute will give you ideas on how to make your job-seeking experience a rewarding one. This program is sponsored by the Jewish Family Services Association through a Cleveland Foundation Grant. Registration is required for this program.

Stress and Relaxation

On Wednesday, August 6, at 10:00 AM, learn about stress, the causes of stress, and basics techniques to manage stress through awareness & relaxation techniques. Given by University Hospitals Home Care Services.

Registration required.

Registration and Further Information

Please call the Southeast Library at 440-439-4997 for more information and to register for all our branch programs, or visit our webpage at

www.cuyahogalibrary.org to register online.

To contact Southeast Friends of the Library with news or questions, e-mail them at: southeastlibrarynews@hotmail.com

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 \[@ \] 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>

**SEE NEXT PAGE FOR 2
UPCOMING EVENTS
AND REGISTRATION!**

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

Doors Open 5PM-Dinner Served 6-
8PM

For Tickets Call:

John Lemponen: 216-475-5097

Mike Guyer: 440-773-2835

Bill Scholle: 440-962-3330

Post Canteen: 440-232-9035

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