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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chuck St. John, President

Just a couple of things I would like to mention!

Membership: Our Chamber continues to grow and we thank those members who have made recommendations. You can always call Jeri, our office manager, and give her names of potential businesses that might join. The bigger, the better.

Dinner Programs: This is a tough area. Your Chamber Board can always use some suggested topics. Do you know someone who could provide an interesting presentation at one of our dinner meetings? Let us know and we will follow up.

Summer Events: Parties in the Park are #1 for our Chamber but don't forget all the festivals and activities at the Bedford Commons this coming summer. Come to enjoy and come to support. For you golfers, remember the Chamber will hold our First annual Golf outing this coming September. More information Later.

Advertising: For Parties in the Park our two local weekly papers will have information and scheduling. You can advertise on the Party in the Park page and the cost is very reasonable. Both newspapers are chamber members. Take advantage of the advertising in both Papers.

Have a great May!
Chuck St. John

A Message from Mike Guyer, Vice President

Summer is around the corner!

Several marketing opportunities are available.

We are in the process of creating a Community Calendar that will be distributed in the Bedford and North Summit area. Total number of Calendars (good for sticking on the refrigerator) will be 50,000. They are front and back (one page) glossy color heavy paper sheets. The Plain Dealer is printing and distributing them and they will also post them on their web site with a hot link coming back

to our web site. We are looking for approximately ten businesses to post their company logos and phone numbers for \$150.00 a piece. The calendars will run through activities in December, so they have some shelf life. We need to know quickly so we can get this to print.

Also, last year we rented a booth at The Blossom Time Festival in Chagrin Falls. This is a huge festival which kicks off summer events in the region. We got many compliments about the booth, but we need businesses to work the booth if we are going to get on board again. You can promote your business while at the booth. The Festival attracts 50,000 people over five days. Call the Chamber office (232-0115) or e-mail me mguyer@msn.com if you are interested in these programs.

Mike Guyer

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

May Chamber Dinner Meeting

Chamber Annual Piggy Roast
Wednesday May 21st, 2008
Dinner, Open Bar, Side Boards,
Chinese Raffle
Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio, 44146
Cost: \$25.00 per person
Open to Business members, employees and
adult guests.
RSVP by May 16, 2008

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

Friday September 12th, 2008
Astrohurst Golf Course
More information to follow.

City of Bedford Events

Memorial Day Parade
Monday May 26th

10:15 am

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Saturday May 31st

More info to follow.

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.

Member of the Month

Each Month I will be contacting members to see if they would like to send me information and any promotional interests for our member of the month. I will normally have 2 members, however this month I only had one response. I hope when it is your turn you can give me information for your business so I can pass it along to others!

Star Glass & Fine Art
704 Broadway Avenue
Bedford, Ohio 44146
440-439-9299

About Us

Star Glass and Fine Art is an art gallery located in the Historic District of Downtown Bedford, Ohio offering an extensive selection of artwork, custom framing and gift items. Here at Star Glass & Fine Art we offer over 120 thousand pieces of art. A world of images is at your fingertips!

Events and Promotions

These events include:

- Art
- Artist Sessions with Live models

- Artist on-staff to create your portrait
- A pianist and or full band
- Wine tasting
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Free and Open to the public

Please check back for upcoming events!

News from our current Members

Holy Spirit Academy

Congratulations Mrs. Vejdovec Mrs. Vejdovec has been awarded the Star Principal Award for 2008 from the Catholic Parent-Teacher League of the Diocese of Cleveland!

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! Gina Pieragostine at 216-780-8444 Lisa DeLuca at 440-439-2537 Thank you for your support!

St Peter Chanel High School

Please join us at a Retirement Reception in honor of Mr. Roger R. Abood, President and Principle of St. Peter Chanel High School. Sunday, May 18th, 2008, Mass at 1:00 pm Reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter Chanel High School 480 Northfield Road, Bedford, Ohio, 44146

Bedford YMCA News

The Southeast YMCA, 460 Northfield Rd., Bedford, is offering a Red Cross Certified Lifesaving Class starting Friday, May 9, 2008. Cost is \$195 which includes CPR, AED, First Aid and Lifesaving. For more information, call John Doyle at 216-663-7522

FREE Learn to Swim

The Southeast YMCA is offering a FREE

Learn-to-Swim for youths, ages 5-12. This program called SPLASH starting Friday, May 30 and ending Sunday, June 1, 2008. This learn to swim is a comprehensive program, which includes water safety, swimming, games, and videos. For more information, call 216-663-7522.

Amnesty Day

The Southeast YMCA is offering former members the opportunity to save \$100! Join the YMCA on May 9 or 10 and we will waive the \$100 joiner fee! You can sign up only on one of these 2 days! For more information, call 216-663-7522.

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

Southeast Library

Contact Joan Curtin or Linda Sleeman The Southeast branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library located in Bedford at 70 Columbus Road., 440-439-4997

Drop-In Mother's Day Craft (ages 12 and under)

On Friday, May 9 and Saturday, May 10, drop in at the Children's department at the library to make mom or grandma feel extra special this Mother's Day by creating a lovely gift for her to treasure. All materials will be supplied.

Monday Morning Health Talks

Join us at Southeast Library for this series of talks presented by University Hospitals on the following Mondays at 10am. Enjoy refreshments and gain knowledge on the following topics:

May 5 – Maximize your Memory

June 9 – Pains You Shouldn't Ignore

Our April program was a hit! Please join us for these informal and informative talks.

Benefits Check-up

Come to the Southeast Branch on Wednesday, May 14 at 10am for your

Benefits Check-up. This web-based program, developed by the National Council on Aging is for Adults 55+. By completing the Benefits Check-up with a specialist, you may identify assistance programs that can help you. It's fast, safe and free! Registration is required for this program.

Victorian Tea

On May 17, at 2pm return to the world of Titanic in this fascinating program presented by Laura Loew of "Lost in the Past." From luxurious ball gowns to everyday apparel, Laura will take you on a journey to the past via the fashions worn by passengers on the ill-fated voyage. Tea and pastries will be served following the presentation. Reservations are required for this program as space is limited.

African American Authors and Thursday for Books Combined Discussion

On Thursday, May 15 at 7pm will combine to present a special spring event. The groups will discuss "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez, one of the great classics of modern literature. The books will be available at the library in April.

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:

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>