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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chuck St. John, President

I would like to start by thanking Sean McKibben, President of UH Bedford Medical Center for his very informative presentation at our October dinner meeting. We truly had a very good turnout and those who could not make it missed a good one.

I am reminding everyone that we are experimenting with the November meeting by having a luncheon. You should be receiving details very soon and we do need reservations. We will begin on time and get everyone out timely so you can get back to work.

Another reminder is that we have our annual election for Board members at the December Christmas Party. I for one will be stepping down as the by-laws dictate and any paid in full member may be nominated for the Board. If you have any interest and would like to know more about what you would do, call me at 440-232-1155.

Do not forget the Christmas in Bedford falls. If you would like to be part of it advertising or making a donation you support would be greatly appreciated. Call Jeri at the Chamber office and express your help.

To everyone, have a most wonderful Thanksgiving, give thanks and remember those who are less fortunate.
Chuck

A Message from the Vice President Mike Guyer

We are again working on distributing a flyer to the area. The quality is the same as the calendar we put together in the spring. It is a color, glossy, front and back flyer that will be distributed in the North Summit, Cuyahoga Valley area. There will be 50,000 produced. Cost for an advertising square is \$150.00. We envisioned these as possibly being coupons for goods and services, but the space may be used for whatever you would

like. As of this date half of the available squares have been spoken for. Please call or email me for details. Mguyer@msn.com or 439-4511.

Don't forget to attend our luncheon meeting on November 19th!

Mike Guyer

NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

Chamber Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday November 19th, 2008.

Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue

Bedford, Ohio, 44146

Networking- 11:45 am

Luncheon- 12:15pm-1:00 pm

\$10.00 per person

City Event

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday November 26th, 2008

6pm - ?

At the Square in Downtown Bedford

Christmas in Bedford Falls

Saturday December 13th, 2008

Noon-4PM

Please check your e-mails for advertising opportunities and ways to become sponsors of this event that draws thousands to our community!

December Chamber Christmas Party

Wednesday December 17th 2008

More info to follow!

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

Christmas in Bedford Falls

We are still looking for last minute sponsors for the Christmas in Bedford Falls Event. By becoming a sponsor your supporting our community for this event and your business will be in the programs that will be passed out to hundreds or more of people who come to Bedford for the event that day!

The Boy Scouts will also be having a food drive during the event to help Harvest for Hunger and we ask you to bring canned goods or non- perishables the day of the event to donate.

We are asking all of our businesses in downtown Bedford to decorate their storefronts for this holiday season. Starting the beginning of November on through the Christmas holiday. The uniformity makes it look that much nicer for people to see and catches their eyes to come in to your business! Don't forget the date is Saturday December 13th,2008 from noon-4.

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 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. 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 for more info.

NOACC NEWS

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

News from our Current Members

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 or call for a free consultation at 216-661-8888. Support our chamber members!

Red Carpet Boutique

Check out one of the new businesses in downtown Bedford! Located at 668 Broadway Avenue. Clothing and accessories for women. Please visit this new store in downtown Bedford and support all of our local businesses!

SOUTHEAST YMCA

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

Breakfast with Santa Clause coming in December!

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Pool Rental

Looking for a fun place to host a party? Rent our pool and /or gym! Call (216) 663-7522 for details.

Sincerely,
Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director
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460 Northfield Rd. Bedford, Ohio 44146
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ST. PETER CHANEL HIGH SCHOOL

3rd Annual Turkey Trot

St. Peter Chanel is proud to host the third annual Firebird Turkey Trot. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 29,2008. Come and enjoy the fall beauty of suburban Bedford as you run or walk the 3.1 miles. Experience our spectacular students as they cheer you on or offer you a beverage along

the course. This race is open to the entire Chanel community, as well the general public. Race registration begins at 7:00 am in the school cafeteria with the race start time of 9:00 am. After you run or walk enjoy a light breakfast as you mingle with the family and friends of Chanel. Pre-Registration is \$15.00 and day of the race cost is \$20.00. Both of which include a souvenir t-shirt and breakfast. Open to all ages. All proceeds from the race benefit the St. Peter Chanel scholarship fund. Registration deadline is November 22, 2008. Please contact Pat DeFranco at 440-232-5900 ext. 145. pdefranco@stpeterchanel.com to register or Jule Kennedy at 440-232-5900 ext. 133.

Open House

St. Peter Chanel is having their open House on Sunday November 16th, 2008, Noon-3pm. Visit the school and see what is going on at Chanel. Secret Treasure Chest where each visiting student will be presented with a key and have the chance to win \$100.00!

SCHOLARSHIP/ENTRANCE EXAMS:

\$20

Wednesday, November 12, 2008: 5:30pm-8:30pm; Scholarship Exam

Saturday November 22, 2008: 9:00am-12:00pm; Scholarship Exam

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

NIGHT AT THE RACES

Fr., Nov. 21, 2008 6:00 pm

Tickets \$20

[click here for more information](#)

CHANEL CRAFT SHOW 2008

sponsored by the Parents Association

Sat. Nov. 22, 2008

10am- 5pm

Vendors needed! [download application here](#)

Call 440-232-5900 ext 165 for more information.

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.

Southeast Library-Bedford Branch

Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 PM

Join "Let's talk about..." Youth Enrichment Program on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m. for an engaging session where you will learn to expand your memory for more effective and efficient work in the classroom and your life. Each student who attends will receive a book provided by the Cleveland Foundation . Pizza and light refreshment provided.

Open to parents and children Grades K-6. Registration is required. If there are spaces available, you will be able to register online, by phone, or in person beginning September 3, 2008 at 9:00 AM

Saturday, November 15, 2008 11:00 AM

America Saves/Cleveland Saves is a workshop for the public in regards to creating financial goals and working towards achieving them. The class is taught by a Community Reinvestment Act Officer. The main discussion of this workshop involves financial solutions for the consumer in regards to Building Net Worth, paying off debt, increasing savings, etc. This workshop is presented by a Certified Cleveland Saves Representative who instructs the class through a guided workbook that the customer takes home with them and references throughout their financial planning. Registration required.