



## Chamber Chatter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Chuck St. John, President

We are back to having meetings for our membership after the summer break. I would like to encourage everyone to attend one or another of the meetings. We do try to have an interesting presenter and the food is always good.

Frankly, our attendance is down a bit, but believe it or not we draw more for our meetings than many of the other larger chambers.

For October, we have Sean McKibben, President of UHHS Bedford Medical Center. I believe you have been sent a notice of the meeting by now. The topic is of much importance to all businesses.

For November 19<sup>th</sup> we are going to try something different, a lunch meeting, short, sweet and to the point. We have had requests for this so let us see what kind of turnout we get.

For December 17<sup>th</sup>, the usual Christmas Party, which is always well attended and we have a great time.

For January 21, 2009 we have the State of the City message from our Mayor and City Manager.

Your Chamber Board labors over trying to provide meetings of interest and or fun and we try to keep the cost down. We need better attendance so I am asking everyone to put us on your schedule for the **THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.** Happy Halloween!!!!  
Chuck

### CHAMBER GOLF OUTING

The first chamber golf outing was very memorable. We had great cooperation from many businesses as hole sponsors, donating prizes and signing up to play. The only thing we couldn't control was the weather. With Mother Nature raining on our day we did what we could having a wonderful steak

lunch/dinner and raffling all of the prizes. Thanks to everyone who donated prizes all golfers went home with something besides being wet. A special thanks to Doug Smith at Astorhurst Golf Course for making the best out of a wet day. We look forward to next year and a sunny day.

The golf committee Mike Romito, Scott Schick and Mike Guyer

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Chamber Dinner Meeting  
Wednesday October 15th, 2008.  
Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue  
Bedford, Ohio, 44146  
Featuring a presentation by:  
Sean McKibben, President of UHHS  
Bedford Hospital  
Networking- 6:00 pm  
Dinner- 6:30 pm  
Program- 7:15 pm  
\$15.00 per person**

**Christmas in Bedford Falls  
Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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!**

**City Event  
Harvest Festival  
October 3-5, 2008  
Children's Pumpkin Festival  
October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
10am-2pm**

**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**

**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!

**Welcome New Members!**  
Meador Supply Company, Inc.  
20437 Hannah Parkway #7  
Walton Hills, Ohio, 44146  
440-232-5767  
[www.meadorsupply.com](http://www.meadorsupply.com)

Regency Technologies/IT Scrap  
30700 Carter St.  
Solon, Ohio 44139  
440-248-3991  
[www.regencytechnologies.com](http://www.regencytechnologies.com)

## **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**

### **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](http://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!**

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

#### **Devore Technologies**

DeVore Technologies, Inc. is proud to announce a partnership with *Mindsharp* to deliver Microsoft SharePoint training to the region. *Mindsharp* is a global education company that specializes in SharePoint. DeVore is excited to work with Mindsharp's

nationally recognized experts to bring additional high quality training and consulting services to our clients.

We'll be kicking off this new joint venture with 4 SharePoint classes running the week of November 17 – 21. Click on the links below for more course details, class prerequisites, and target audience information. To register or for more detailed course information, contact Jennifer Hughes, Training Manager, at 440-232-3846 or [jhughes@devore.com](mailto:jhughes@devore.com). Sign up today – space is limited!

### **Light of Hearts Villa**

CRAFT TABLE OPPORTUNITY-Light of Hearts Villa is holding its annual dinner and craft fair on Sunday, October 12, 2008. If you have talent, bring it along and display it on an 8Ft. table for \$25.00. Call Lynn Veres at 440-232-1991 to reserve your space.

October 5<sup>th</sup> Light of Hearts is participating in the Alzheimer's Walk – Call Janet Kodrich @ 440-232-1991, ext. 547. Currently we have 14 walkers and have raised over \$2,000.

October 12<sup>th</sup> Light of Hearts Villa's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Anniversary Event ~ Fall Dinner & Raffle! Raffle Grand Prize of \$3000.00. Total of raffle prizes \$7500.00! Call Today for your tickets and dinner reservations 440-232-1991

### **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*

#### **Special Events Calendar for Fall 2008**

#### **HALLOWEEN AT THE Y**

Friday, October 24th

Cost: \$5 per family

Fun activities for the whole family! All children must be with a parent! Call 216-663-7522 for details.

### **Breakfast with Santa**

Coming in December

**New** sports and aquatic classes start the week of October 27

**NEW! Girls** Basketball League starts this fall  
**NEW YOGA CLASS** – Mondays at 7:30-8:30pm

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](mailto:mmizerak@clevelandymca.org)

## **ST. PETER CHANEL HIGH SCHOOL**

### **OPEN HOUSES:**

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

6:30pm-8: 30pm

Sunday, November 16, 2008: 12:00pm-3:00pm

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

**\$20** Saturday,

October 25, 2008; 9:00am-12:00pm;

Scholarship Exam

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 **Homecoming**

**Football Game Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm!**

**Chanel Powder Puff football game**

**Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

### **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.

### **Halloween Party for All Ages:**

Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Joseph and Beth Booksellers and Café, Legacy Village, 24519 Cedar Road, Lyndhurst, 6-8pm, Scary Stories read by Chanel Students, required to wear costumes with prizes given to best, and scariest