



## Chamber Chatter



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Chuck St. John, President*

We had our first Board Meeting of the year and it was quite productive. It's important our members realize that we are a small Chamber, not like Lakewood, Solon, even Twinsburg, to mention a few, so we work much harder to reach our goals.

Several things are in the planning stage, activities that we as a Chamber Board feel our members will find interesting. As the plans develop, everyone will be informed and we hope you will take an active interest!

You can start by attending the dinner meetings. The next one this February will feature a program by the Cleveland Indians promotional department. Should be an evening of fun for all and how about bringing some friends or prospective members.

Among the thoughts and ideas presented at the Board meeting were decisions to continue with the Circus as a fundraiser and a Chamber Golf Outing in late summer. We need fund raisers to help us support programs for our businesses.

Lastly, time to think about the Parties in the Park, which by the way is a fundraiser for our Chamber.

Hope to see the regulars and some new faces at our dinner meetings beginning with the Indians night on February 20<sup>th</sup>!

Chuck St. John

### **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Chamber Dinner Meeting**

**Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

**Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway Avenue  
Bedford, Ohio, 44146**

**Featuring a presentation by the Cleveland  
Indians front PR Assistant Nate Janoso  
"A Sneak Peek into 2008"**

**Networking- 6:00 pm**

**Dinner- 6:30 pm**

**Program- 7:15 pm**

**\$10.00 member/\$13.00 Non Member**

## Emerge- A Celebration

Saturday, February 23, 2008

7:00 pm - Private Reception

8:00 pm to midnight - Party

Please join us at The Museum to celebrate the merger of EcoCity Cleveland and The Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

The evening includes:

\* Party (with food, drink, dancing, and fond memories from EcoCity Cleveland's 15-year history of creating green cities on a blue lake in Northeast Ohio)

\* Hearty hors d'oeuvres made with organic and local ingredients

\* Cash bar with organic wine and beer by Great Lakes Brewing Company

\* Music by "Abby Normal"

Plus:

\* Learn more about the new Center for Regional

Sustainability from its director, David Beach

\* Enter a raffle for cool prizes - \$20 per chance or five for \$80 - available at the door

\* Purchase a \$100 event ticket and join David Beach and Museum Executive Director Dr. Bruce Latimer for a private reception at 7 pm

Reservations: For reservations please call: 800-317-9155, ext. 3279, or (216) 231-1177 RSVP by February 20 at (216) 231-1177 or register online

\$35 members (\$15 tax-deductible)

\$45 nonmembers (\$25 tax-deductible)

\$100 for "Meet the Directors" private reception (\$75 tax-deductible)

Your ticket includes food, entertainment and 2 free drink tickets.

Tickets will be held at the door.

All proceeds benefit the Center for Regional Sustainability.

Optional donations are also welcome.

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The Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
1 Wade Oval Drive, University Circle  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106-1767  
(216) 231-4600  
www.cmnh.org

## St Peter Chanel High School

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 offset 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.

### **CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - SATURDAY, MARCH 15th**

call Kelly Harvan 440-232-5900 ext 151 for more information

### **Sat. April 12, 2008: \$2,000 Reverse Raffle & Chinese Auction**

Dinner & Raffle Tickets \$35.00 per person. Reserve tables only for 10 or more.

**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)

## Bedford YMCA news

Southeast YMCA updates:

- 1) The new program session starts the week of February 25. Classes include swimming lessons, youth basketball league, yoga, martial arts and more! Financial aid is available for those who may be in need of assistance for membership or program classes. Please call the Y at 216-663-7522.
- 2) Men's Basketball League starts in February and will include 14 game

schedule. Cost is \$275. Call Kyle Wilkinson if you are interested at 216-663-7522.

- 3) Co-ed Softball League will be starting in the spring. Please call Kyle at 216-663-7522.
- 4) The Southeast YMCA of Greater Cleveland Strong Kids Campaign kicks off in February. The funds raised during this campaign stay at the Southeast YMCA and help families and children develop healthy spirit, mind and bodies through a variety of social and physical programs. For more information, call Maureen Mizerak at 216-663-7522.

Sincerely, Maureen Mizerak, Executive Director, Southeast YMCA, 460 Northfield Rd., Bedford, Ohio 44146

Telephone: 216-663-7522

Fax: 216-663-9043

E-Mail: [mmizerak@clevelandymca.org](mailto:mmizerak@clevelandymca.org)

## IHOP

### National Pancake Day Celebration

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

6 am – 10pm

Northeast Ohio IHOP restaurant, in partnership with the Cleveland Food bank, ESPN Radio 850 and Cleveland's AM 1540

KNR2, invite you to celebrate National Pancake Day with them Tuesday, February 12, 2008.

In recognition of National Pancake Day, participating IHOPs will offer a FREE short stack of buttermilk pancakes to all guests from 6am – 10 pm. In return, IHOP asks patrons to consider making a monetary donation to the Cleveland Food bank.

For more details or to find the IHOP location nearest you, visit [www.ihop.com](http://www.ihop.com) or [www.wspncleveland.com](http://www.wspncleveland.com). Help celebrate National Pancake Day, while at the same time assisting the Cleveland Food bank in our area's fight against hunger!

## 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.

## RAVE

**Raffle to Aid Veterans' Efforts  
Sponsored by VFW Post 1082  
343 Northfield Rd., Bedford, OH,  
44146**

**“Reverse Raffle”**

**Winners Share \$4000.00!**

**Date March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Only 125 tickets sold!**

**Price: \$65.00**

**Dinner Ticket only: \$25.00  
Prime Rib Dinner- Open Bar  
Side Boards-Chinese Raffle**

**Doors Open 5PM-Dinner 6:30**

**For Tickets Call:**

**Joe Bright: 216-470-9623**

**Mike Guyer: 440-773-2835**

**Bill Scholle: 440-465-2918**

**Post Canteen: 440-232-9035**

**Bob Adler- Coordinator**

## 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!

## 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 \[ @ \] 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!

**Bedford Auto Care Continued:**

10% Discount on Brakes or Exhaust Oil Change, Lube/Filter plus tire rotation for 19.95 + tax

Please call for an appointment.

**This Could Be Your Space! Just e-mail me at: [bedfordchamberoh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bedfordchamberoh@sbcglobal.net) And I can get your discounts for our members in! Great way to advertise your company at no cost to you!**

**\$50.00 can get your business card put on our website for the whole year. Another great way to advertise your business! Just send business card and check to Chamber Office and we will get you on the web page!**

**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.**