



## CHAMBER CHATTER

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August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<sup>th</sup>

**PARTIES IN THE PARK**  
7:00-9:00 P.M.  
Every Wednesday Evening  
Throughout The Summer

August 23<sup>th</sup> Board of Trustees Meeting  
Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

### Other Coming Events On Pages 3 & 4

August 26 ARTS & CRAFTS FEST

September 15 DeVore Tech. & Microsoft  
Hands-on/Demo of 2007 Software  
(See attachment for details)

September 20 Chamber Dinner Meeting  
5:30 Catered Elegance

September 21 Business & Community Expo

### 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This has been a summer filled with great fun, and I hope as productive for everyone as it has been for the Bedford Chamber.

Several interesting events are being planned for the coming months. We will resume our dinner meetings in September, and of special note is our BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT. On September 15<sup>th</sup> DeVore Technologies, as a gold certified partner with Microsoft, will have a mobile event experience with the latest versions of software and advanced hardware. It will be available for your review and hands-on experience. This is a unique event and we are pleased that the Bedford Chamber is hosting it as well as being joined by several other chambers of commerce. You will get to see and experience this new technology at DeVore's location. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. (See page 4 and attachment)

Christmas in Bedford Falls has begun to gear up. Initial meetings are being held. Last year we were very successful with bringing people to town. Watch for several great advertising opportunities. Anybody with ideas please contact the Chamber office. One suggestion is to expand the event by forming a larger route throughout Bedford and stopping at various businesses. Please contact us if you are interested in participating. We would appreciate your ideas and help.

The new member chamber picnic went well. Although a hot and humid evening, the food and conversation were great. Hats off to Kaczur Meats, Anna Rosa's, Non-Ferrous Heat Treating, Catered Elegance, Joanne Reardon, Rose Grossenbaugh, Judy Grotz and Dana Dabrowski for their help.

**Mike Guyer**

## **PARTIES IN THE PARK**

Dear Members:

**PARTIES IN THE PARK** is going strong and I hear that folks are continuing to enjoy the music this year. Thank you again for your kind words and greeting cards. I'll see you soon at **PARTIES IN THE PARK**.

A special thank you to our sponsors for their support and to all those that support our event with door prizes. We could not do this without you.

Remember there is a new attraction this summer at Parties in the Park! Sirna's Farm & Market opened their stand this year. You can do your shopping, listen to music and enjoy some Momma LaRosa cuisine.

**Chuck St. John, Chairman**  
**Parties in the Park**

## **OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has announced two new programs available to Ohio Chamber members. The first is Corporate Financial Group (CFG), an ISO certified company that specializes in the collections of accounts receivables. The second new program is American Community Mutual Insurance Company, which is offering American's Preferred Employer Plan---a health insurance plan for companies of varying sizes. More info is at [www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com) under "Chamber News."

## **ADVERTISING SPECIAL**

Bedford Chamber members can run a 4" x 4 ½" ad in the Bedford Times Register for a cost of \$47.00 per ad per week. Members can run ads as many times as they like without any contract limits. Record Publishing will bill you directly. So contact Angie at the newspaper office, 440-232-4055.

## **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.

## **WORKERS COMPENSATION NEWS**

NOW is the time to find great workers' comp savings through your chamber of commerce. **Comprehensive Risk Management** has been the endorsed Third Party Administrator of **NOACC** for over a decade, and has saved chamber members millions of dollars in premiums! So why wait?

To evaluate your current workers' compensation program

To maximize your premium discounts

To consider a more aggressive claims management approach

To decide if your current administrator is providing appropriate counsel

Think...CRM. Call the Chamber at 232-0115 for an AC-3 form for a free quote!

*A Special Invitation.....To you, your family and employees from NOACC.....*

### **NOACC Days at Cedar Point**

**Friday and Saturday**  
**August 18 & 19th**

Pay just \$30.00 per adult and \$9.95 for juniors and seniors (62 +) at the Cedar Point Group Sales Booth, Main Entrance, from 9 a.m.-Noon on Aug.18 or 19<sup>th</sup>.

Click on the NOACC Website,  
[www.noacc.org](http://www.noacc.org) for more details.

*Have a great time!*

*Save the Date...*  
*Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*  
*10 - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Autumn Harvest Fest*

### **LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA**

**Bingo Volunteers** are still needed for every Tuesday @ Catered Elegance at 6:45 pm (early birds) and 7:00pm (regular games). Call Janet at 440-232-1991 ext. 560.

Free **Blood Pressure screening** every Monday 11 am – Noon. More info, call 440-232-1991.

Volunteers are needed to Teach/Assist our seniors on the **Computer!** Call Sharon at 440-232-1991, ext. 560. Our free computer classes are for seniors 62 years and older. Sign up by calling 440-232-1991, ext. 560. \$5.00 fee for Material & Book.

Light of Hearts is currently a processing site for **Cuyahoga County Dept. of Senior and Adult Services**. They have a representative, Cecelia Smith, who comes the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month to process benefits check-up. Call 440-232-1991.

Donate your **inactive cell phones** today to Light of Hearts, 283 Union Street, Bedford.

### **Welcome To The July 2006 New Members**

Holiday Inn Express  
Chris Ellis, General Manager  
23303 Oakwood Commons  
Oakwood Village, OH 441146  
440/336-1426  
Hotel

**Bedford Heights Chamber of Commerce**  
**Is Hosting A**

### **Business and Community Expo**

*Thursday, September 21, 2006*  
**4:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

*Jimmy Dimora Community Center*  
*5615 Perkins Road, Bedford Heights*  
**Registration Deadline – August 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Contact Bedford Heights Chamber of Commerce at 440/232-3369 for details and booth application.*

### **RUMMAGE SALE**

**LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA**  
**283 Union, Bedford**  
**(Union & Northfield Rd)**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday & Friday**  
**9:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**August 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Saturday 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Donations Accepted, contact Janet @**  
**440/232-1991, ext 547**

## DeVORE TECHNOLOGIES.....

### Invites you to participate in the **Microsoft Across America Mobile Event Experience** *(See Attachment)*

The Mobile Event Experience is a hands-on interactive environment complete with workstations, a Tablet PC, a server, and powerful software solutions. Here's your chance to test drive the new Windows Vista, Office 2007, SQL 2005 and attend various breakout sessions on these and other topics. Come meet with us to view live demos and get your questions answered.

#### **Register today!**

Space on the Microsoft Across America Mobile Event Experience truck is limited, so secure your place now.

**Date: September 15, 2006**

DeVore Technologies Headquarters

Time: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To register, contact Jen Hughes or Jon Franks:

Phone: 440-232-3846

E-mail: [jhughes@devore.com](mailto:jhughes@devore.com)

**Registration: [www.devore.com/events](http://www.devore.com/events)**

## **ARTS & CRAFTS FEST**

**Saturday, August 26th  
10 – 4:00 PM**

***Meadowbrook Market Square*  
Northfield & Rockside Roads**

**Many artisans and craftsmen will be participating. Come and enjoy the *live entertainment* while you browse through the many booths at the Arts & Crafts Fest.**

*This is a jointly sponsored promotion by  
25 local businesses.*

**V.F.W. Post 1082.... Invites you to  
join them for a bus trip to**

***Washington, D.C.***

***October 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>***

**Visit Memorials & Monuments  
The White House  
Arlington National Cemetery**

**\$309.00 per person includes:**

**(Double occupancy)**

**- 3 days with 2 nights lodging**

**- tour fees and guide**

**- some meals**

**Contact Richard Kendzierski:  
440/232-7996**

### *A Special Note...*

The V.F.W. Post 1082 has helped the following groups through generous charitable donations of \$121,412 during 2004-2005:

Bedford Rotary Foundation Scholarships  
Bedford Lions Club  
Lions Club Eye Clinic  
Bedford Historical Society  
Bedford Fire Department  
City of Bedford (Senior Citizens Van)  
Chanel High School (Wrestling Room)  
Boy Scout Troop #447  
Cleveland Area Soap Box Derby  
Light of Hearts Villa  
V.F.W. Charities of Ohio  
Joint Veterans Council