



CHAMBER CHATTER

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December 9 Christmas In Bedford Falls
Noon – 4 p.m.
(see “Program” attachment)

December 20 Chamber Christmas Party
6:00 Catered Elegance
(see attachment)

December 25 Merry Christmas
December 27 Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 6:30 p.m.

Other Coming Events

January 17 State of the City Address
Bedford City Hall, 7:00 pm

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Guyer, L.P.C.C., *President*
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOLIDAY GREETINGS.....

As we come to the end of the year I would like to reflect on some of accomplishments of The Bedford Chamber of Commerce. Our web page continues to get more attention and we hosted the first regional chamber-networking meeting. We co-hosted a technology seminar with DeVore Technologies with our dinner meeting programming showing definite improvement and interest. Membership has also grown in 2006. A golf outing and plans for a business expo are in the works for the coming year.

As you may know “Christmas in Bedford Falls” is Saturday, December 9th from noon to 4 pm (see “program” attachment). The committee has worked particularly hard this year to ensure a successful event. I would like to especially thank the steering committee and the Chamber’s Office Manager, Judy Groty, for her diligence in seeing that we accomplished all the details that this project entails.

Welcome to our new board member, Scott Schick! He is the branch manager of National City Bank in Bedford and is a Bedford native. Scott resides in the city with his wife and son. We are very pleased he is joining our efforts.

The Holiday Party, December 20th is a great time to bring your colleagues and guests to a fun evening. It is very well attended so get your reservations in early. (Open to the public - see attachment)

Happy Holidays.

Mike Guyer

Vice-President's Message

Remember to be in Historic Downtown Bedford on Saturday, December 9th. "**Christmas in Bedford Falls**" is a grand event with Santa arriving at noon at the train depot on the Commons. Check out the many fun activities and participating businesses in the event schedule attached.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Chamber Christmas Party, December 20th at Catered Elegance.

*The Very Best
of the Seasons'
Blessings to You and
Your Family*

Chuck St. John

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.

ADVERTISING SPECIAL

Bedford Chamber members can run a 4" x 4 1/2" 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.

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 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 under "Chamber News."

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 NOACC New Benefit

SMOKING CESSATION BENEFIT

**Receive \$500 of Smoking
Cessation Aids for \$66**

Take advantage of a new partnership formed with the Ohio Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Foundation (TUPCF) to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line, 800-Quit-NOW, and receive subsidized nicotine replacement therapy patches. Through The Wellness Council of Northeast Ohio, NOACC is the first Chamber Association in the Country to offer subsidized patches in conjunction with the national Quitline.

The Quitline offers a personal counselor (\$250 value) and 2 four-week supplies of nicotine patches (\$250 value). If you quit smoking or the program before being sent the second four-week supply of patches, you will be sent a \$33 refund of your \$66 payment.

As a chamber member, you and your employees can enroll at www.healthyohio.org/quitnow or call Vicky Hawke from NOACC 216/447-9900 or Steve Musgrave at 440.354.8057.

**ATTENTION
2006 NEW MEMBERS**

*PLEASE BE SURE TO JOIN
IN THE FUN AT THE
2006 CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 20th
See attached invitation*

**Safety and Health Classes
for Ohio Workers**

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Division (BWC) of Safety & Hygiene Training Center offers 74 occupational safety, health, and ergonomic courses. These courses are offered at the training center in Pickerington at the Ohio Center for Occupational Safety and Health (OCOSH) and at branch sites and BWC service offices across the state including Canton, Cambridge, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Portsmouth, Toledo, and Youngstown.

All courses are offered at no additional cost to Ohio employers who pay into the Ohio workers' compensation insurance fund. Employers may enroll any number of employees. Courses are designed to emphasize practical application of safety principles, to help develop a safety culture, and to provide current and proposed standards for regulatory compliance.

For more information about BWC courses see www.noacc.org under Ohio BWC Literature or call 216.447-9900

Volunteers Needed

Are you geared to volunteer?
Heritage Care Nursing
and Rehabilitation Centers are
looking for outgoing people to
help in our activity departments.

For more information, please contact:

Jody Smith
440-439-7976

Christmas Wonderland

Open House & Tours

At

Light of Hearts Villa

Sunday, December 10th

10 – 2:00 pm

Annual Christmas Voice and

Bell Choir Concert

2:00 pm

LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA

283 Union, Bedford
(Union & Northfield Rd)

Volunteers are needed to
Teach/Assist our seniors to use
the computer. Call Sharon at
440/232-1991, ext. 560.

LOW VISION GROUP MEETINGS

**Do You Have Low Vision
Due to Eye Disease?**

There is a group meeting
every month with the
Cleveland Sight Center
at Light of Hearts
283 Union (Corner of Northfield)

Call 440.232-1991, ext.547
for further information.

December 9th

***“Christmas in
Bedford Falls”***

***Noon-4:00 pm in
Downtown Bedford***

***Bring your friends to
this fun-filled
afternoon.***

*(see “program” attachment
for details)*