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February Dinner/Meeting: Feb. 15th. Guest Speaker: Bedford Chiropractic. See attached invitation for times.

February 22: Next Bedford Chamber Board of Trustees Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Chamber Office (Train Depot).

March 15: Dinner/Meeting at Catered Elegance at 5:30 p.m. More info to follow.

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Reminder: If you bring in a new member, you can earn \$25.00 off your own membership dues!

CHAMBER CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The attendance at the State of the City Address, that the Bedford Chamber of Commerce sponsors, was low this year. Maybe because of the return of winter that day after the balmy January that we've had. Of more note was the total lack of any mention of The Bedford Chamber of Commerce by either of the weekly publications in their coverage of the event. From what I'm hearing from community groups is that there has been historically poor reporting on community events. You as Chamber members should be concerned since it was your dues money etc. that paid for the event, and not one word was mentioned about Chamber progress in the past year. When I called the Bedford Times, the editor offered me the excuse that "It would have been a good idea." That is after a Christmas conversation where they said they were trying hard to improve community coverage. This was a wimpy explanation. As for the author of the Sun Banner article, I am still waiting for a call back. Evidently, he feels so important that he doesn't have to explain his rationale at all.

In the coming year, we hope to improve our programming with Phil Switz providing guidance in the selection of speakers, etc. We want to increase our membership and generally improve our performance for the members. We have a regional networking meeting scheduled for April 18th at the Birchwood Party Center. So far, we have the Garfield, Maple, Bedford Hts., and Nordonia Hills Chambers attending. This will be an excellent chance to network your businesses. More details to follow.

Mike Guyer

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I found the State of the City message to be quite encouraging, even though I've never been DIScouraged. Bedford is a "grand old town" and old towns need to be continually improved. I believe the leadership, the administration of our city, has terrific plans and goals so we will remain a "grand old town" for decades to come. We better realize that the optimism of the future does include our support. As business people, we need to think and do things that are positive. Every so often I hear negative remarks about our town. Most of these comments are unfounded and cannot be supported. Certainly, there is a lot of work to do to keep Bedford stabilized, but constant negativism is harmful to the positive efforts. I don't know about you, but I'm willing to work for the future of Bedford.

You will notice soon the increased role of your Bedford Chamber of Commerce in working with the City Administration for the good of Bedford. We will be offering programs that will be useful to your business and to many as individuals. The Chamber Board is striving to make your Bedford Chamber the best in the area.

Chuck St. John

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 under "Chamber News."

BEDFORD CHIROPRACTIC & REHABILITATION CENTER

Our guest speaker in **February is Dr. Frank Dachtler**. He has been a member of our chamber since 2000. He will be telling our members about the importance of chiropractics in caring for the total body. There is a new technology to aid individuals suffering from severe, chronic back pain, even failed back syndrome. His practice has been featured on Channel 19 news and in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Come to our **Feb. 15th** meeting to find out more about caring for your back.

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

IF ANY MEMBER WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE NEXT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHAMBER OFFICE. IT'S A WONDERFUL WAY TO MEET OTHER MEMBERS AND PROMOTE YOUR OWN BUSINESS. PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A HOST.

LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA

Bingo Volunteers are still needed for every Tuesday @ Catered Elegance at 6:45 pm (early birds) & 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 for Material & Book Fee.

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 1st, 2nd and 4th Friday of each month to process benefits check-up. Call 440-232-1991.

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Annual **Valentine’s Day Dance** featuring
Accordion Man and fellow musicians. Mark
your calendar for Friday, Feb. 10th 6:30 – 9:30
p.m. Price is \$7.50 per person. To make
reservations, call 440-232-1991.

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

Low Vision Group Meeting at Light of Hearts
Thursday, Feb. 9 at 2-3:00 p.m. Sign up by
calling 440-232-1991 ext. 547.

Soup & Bread: Feb. 21st at 11:30 to 12:30
pm. Call for reservations 440-232-1991 ext.
560.

Member Reminder

**Invoices for membership dues for
2006 have been mailed to Chamber
members. We would appreciate it
very much if it could be paid by the
deadline which is March 1st. Thanks
much.**

**ALSO: If any member needs a
Plaque showing you are a member of
the Bedford Chamber of Commerce,
please contact the Chamber office at
440-232-0115.**

NOACC NEWS

The Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
of Ohio is extending an invitation to all
NOACC members to the 2006 Ohio Business
Women’s Conference and Expo. The
conference will offer many tools for growing
entrepreneurs. For more info, go to
www.hbahcco.org.

INVITATION FOR “NETWORKING MADNESS” FROM NORDONIA HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

“Every February, we have our Networking
Madness lunch meeting. This year, it’s on
Thursday, Feb. 9th, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at
Anthony’s Event Center on Rte. 82 in Northfield.

This is a perfect chance for business
owners to get to know other local businesses.

Bring at least 20 business cards,
brochures, menus and flyers. Prepare a 3-minute
speech regarding your business. You will be
seated at a table of 5-6, give your presentation,
listen to others and then move to another table.
Our “eat fast Lunch” is \$15 for members of the
Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce, \$20 for
non-members.

For more info:
laura@nordoniahillschamber.org.

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 @ the newspaper office at 440-232-
4055.

BARNES ROOFING PARTY

Barnes is hosting their 7th Annual Opening.
The theme this year is 70’s Disco. The event
will take place on April 1st. For more info and
tickets, call: 440-439-1210.