



## CHAMBER CHATTER

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**November, 2006**

**November 9 Networking Chamber Style  
A Six-Chamber Evening Event**

**November 15 Chamber Dinner Meeting  
5:30 Catered Elegance  
*Stamp Out Stupid People  
Syndrome in Your  
Company: Using Common  
Sense Management,  
Doug Johnson  
(see attachment)***

**November 23 Happy Thanksgiving**

**November 29 Board of Trustees Meeting  
Chamber Office, 6:30 p.m.**

**Other Coming Events On Page 3 & 4**

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

**December 20 Christmas Party**

### 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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As 2006 comes to an end we have many good opportunities for business development. The multi-chamber networking event is November 9th and includes the Chambers from Bedford Heights, Cuyahoga Valley, Garfield and Maple Heights, and Nordonia Hills (see attached flyer).

Our dinner program is November 15th and you will again enjoy a great dinner and while we hear some tips on Common Sense Management from Doug Johnson.

Christmas in Bedford Falls is Saturday, December 9th, just around the corner. We will again offer advertising specials in the Bedford Times and a flyer that is stuffed in all the newspapers in North Summit, Twinsburg, and Solon. This amounts to at least 20,000 flyers. This event brings thousands of people to town and there are several advertising opportunities available. Call the Chamber office for details.

The Holiday Party is a great time to bring your colleagues and guests to a very well received party at Catered Elegance. The date of this event is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Happy Thanksgiving to all.*

**Mike Guyer**

## Vice-President's Message

I am going to highly suggest that our members attend the monthly dinner meetings. First of all, it's a chance to network with other members, and even more so you will hear from some selected speakers of interest to you and your business. Our October meeting was both well attended and interesting. Throw caution to the wind and join me at a dinner meeting.

Here are a few things to think about as November and December approach. The November dinner meeting will again provide good food and a good program. Then there is the annual "Tree Lighting Ceremony," on the Commons. We have by far one of the best Christmas displays in Cuyahoga County. It's also a fun event.

A grand event with Santa making an early appearance will occur on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 pm. The "Christmas in Bedford Falls," will be held in Historic Downtown Bedford. We understand that one of our weekly papers is doing a special advertising section for that event and we recommend you take advantage of the special pricing.

Lastly, our Chamber Christmas Party is always a winner. If you haven't attended in the past, prepare to do so on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Catered Elegance. An invitation will soon be on its way for this adult event open to Bedford Chamber members and invitees. Treat some of your employees to a most enjoyable night and, again, get to know other members of the chamber.

**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 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 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](http://www.healthyohio.org/quitnow) or call Vicky Hawke from NOACC 216/447-9900 or Steve Musgrave at 440.354.8057.

**Welcome To The October 2006  
New Members**

Jordan Construction, Inc.  
Rich Carnevale, President  
7603 First Place  
Number B-9  
Oakwood Village, OH 44146  
440-232-4157

General Contracting Service

**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](http://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

## **REGIONAL NETWORKING EVENT**

Six Chambers Will Join  
Together on  
Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

to

***Score a Touchdown – Forward  
Pass Networking***

at

**The Knights of Columbus Hall  
Garfield Heights**

*(See attachments for details)*

## **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.

***Save the Date***

***December 9<sup>th</sup>***

***“Christmas in  
Bedford Falls”***

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

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

***(see attachment for details)***