



CHAMBER CHATTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall has Arrived!

The first dinner meeting of the year went very well. We had good attendance and the topic "Small Business Loans" by National City Bank was well presented and received. The topic for the October 18th meeting is how to get the maximum advantage for your advertising dollars. It is especially designed for small business with limited marketing dollars. (See attachment)

Christmas in Bedford Falls is 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. From what I have been hearing this year's event will be the best yet.

Lastly, and most important, is the multi-chamber networking meeting. This event will be hosted by Garfield Hts. Chamber of Commerce with Bedford, Nordonia Hills, Maple, Bedford Hts. and Valley View Chambers of Commerce. We hosted one of these events last March and it was VERY SUCCESSFUL! Many introductions were made and business was performed right at the event. (See attached flyer). I can't emphasize enough how beneficial this event can be for your business.

Mike Guyer

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October 18 Chamber Dinner Meeting
5:30 Catered Elegance
Marketing Your Business
(See attachment & Invitation for details)

October 25 Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

November 9 Networking Chamber Style
A Six-Chamber Evening Event
(See attachment & Invitation for details)

Other Coming Events On Page 3 & 4

October 19 "Financial Security for Women"
Bedford Heights Chamber

October 24 Hantz Group Open House
An Invitation from Dale Witt
(See attachment & Invitation for details)

October 26 NOACC Seminar, "Investing in Customer Relationships"
1-4 p.m. at Corporate College

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Vice-President's Message

As I contemplate this message, I glance outside and see what a most beautiful day we're having. You may or may not know that I have had some health problems, and thank God, I am recovering. Amen.

Besides the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony the night before Thanksgiving, a grand event with Santa making an early appearance will occur on December 9th from noon to 4:00 pm. Our Chamber hosts the annual "Christmas in Bedford Falls." It is always well attended and will include such features as ice sculpting, horse drawn wagon rides with many carolers strolling the street. Stores will be sharing special treats and gifts with patrons including a frequent shopper raffle available in some of the shops during the four week prior to the event.

To our Chamber members, whether you have a business in the downtown area or not (mine is not downtown), I encourage you to support this event with some type of donation. I know many will say that it doesn't benefit them, yet to support this event is another way of keeping our city strong. A strong Bedford certainly means much to the future of my business.

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 under "Chamber News."

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.

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.

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 Seminar.....

Investing In Customer Relationships - Maximizing Value and Revenues

**Thursday, October 26th
1 - 4 pm**

**\$50/member
\$200/non-member**

**Learn "Why Customer Strategies Fail"
and "10 Steps To Do Them Right."**

**4400 Richmond Rd.
Warrensville Hts
(I-271 at Harvard Rd. exit)**

**For More Information, contact NOACC
216/447-9900. Additional information on
the speaker, Lior Arussy, is available on
www.strativitygroup.com**

**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 the BWC courses go to www.noacc.org website under Ohio BWC Literature or call 216.447-9900

**Welcome To The September 2006
New Members**

Continuum Transportation Services
Todd Gear, Vice President
4500 Lee Rd.
Cleveland, OH 44128
216/518-4000
Trucking Services

e-designersuits, LLC.
Veda Redrick, Owner
675 Broadway
Bedford, OH 44146
440-786-9980
Quality designer suits and eveningwear
for women

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

Financial Security for Women

Thursday, October 19, 2006

Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

\$20 per person

Bedford Heights City Hall

5661 Perkins Road, Bedford

**Speakers from FSC Securities, Santoli
Insurance, ESP, and Allied Home
Mortgage**

*Contact Bedford Heights Chamber of
Commerce at 440/232-3369 for reservations*

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 9th
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)**

Annual Trick-or-Treat Event at Woodside Village

**October 28th
2-3:30 pm**

Come join the fun and trick-or-treat throughout the community. There will be a pumpkin hunt and Skipper the clown will be making balloon animals.
Refreshments provided.

440.439-8666

*Save the Date...December 9th
"Christmas in Bedford Falls"
Noon-4:00 p.m. in
Downtown Bedford*

Annual Raffle, Craft Fair, Bakery and De-e-e-e-licious Dinner

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

**Sunday, October 22nd
3 Seatings
Call to reserve your time for
11:30, 2:30 or 4:30 pm**

*Chicken or Stuffed Cabbage
Mashed potatoes & Vegetable
Salad, Dessert and Beverage*

RSVP deadline - October 15th

Contact Janet @ 440/232-1991, ext 547

*Remember to check the
attachments for Dale Witt's
Invitation to the Hantz Tax
& Business LLC, Open House,
October 24th - 3:00-8:00 p.m.*