



CHAMBER CHATTER

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President's Message

Winter is over and Spring has Sprung!

Several important pieces of news: The Chamber is offering "Bedford After Hours". This is another opportunity for businesses to network. Darla Perkins of Grand Oaks Pavilion has agreed to chair this committee. A complete description of "Bedford After Hours" can be found on page 2.

The Monthly Program

The monthly program is "The ABC's of Website Building: What not to do and what to do to increase website success for business." This program explores the ups and downs of website development for both small and large businesses, how to increase hit rates, and costs involved. It surprised me how affordable and easy a website can be to maintain.

Website Advertising

Businesses who would like to place their business card on the Chamber's website may do so for the cost of \$75.00. For that, you get 365 days a year of 24 hour advertising. This is a chance to link your website or email to the Chamber's website. Specials, coupons or other advertising is available by arrangement.

The Circus is Coming to Bedford!

The Chamber is also bringing the Bailey Brothers Circus to town. Tentative dates are June 3rd and 4th. We need businesses who would be able to be ticket distributors. According to the Circus publicity department, there will be a lot of media attention for Bedford from this project. Also, anybody who would like to work on this committee, please contact Mike Guyer at 440-439-4511.

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Vice President's Message

PARTIES IN THE PARK UPDATE

We have had a terrific response to letters to our members asking for *Parties in the Park Sponsors* for our 2005 season. We have only a limited number of openings, so let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in becoming a sponsor.

Our page of advertisements in the Bedford Times Register is filling up quickly as well, but there is always room for more! The excellent response is because the rates are extremely good! Contact Karen at the Chamber office if you are interested in becoming a sponsor and/or advertiser.

We're all looking forward to a summer of wonderful activities here in Bedford.

Chuck St. John

**NOTE TO MEMBERS:
INVOICES FOR MEMBERSHIP
DUES HAVE BEEN MAILED.
PAYMENT IS DUE IN THE
CHAMBER OFFICE AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. THANKS MUCH
FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Recruitment

Get another business to join the Chamber and receive \$25.00 off your dues!

Mike Guyer

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

APRIL 4: Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm.

APRIL 9: Barnes Roofing 6th Annual Grand Opening "Cruise for 2". More info: 440-439-1210

APRIL 20: Chamber of Commerce Dinner/ Meeting at the VFW (393 Northfield Rd., Bedford). Networking at 6:30 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm and Program at 8:00 pm. See invitation for more details.

APRIL 25: Chamber of Commerce Board Of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm.

MAY 18: ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PIG ROAST. Details to follow.

2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Michael Guyer, L.P.C.C., President
Guyer Counseling
- Chuck St. John, Vice President
St. John Funeral Home
- Joanne Reardon, Secretary
Light of Hearts Villa
- Dale Witt, Treasurer
Dale Witt, CPA
- Laura Crow, National City Bank
Rose Grossenbaugh, Bedford
Resident
- Trish Karabowicz, Bedford Resident
- Nancy Lograsso, UHHS Bedford
- Rich Novak, Bedford Resident
- Dr. Joseph Vishey, DDS

Thanks to the efforts of member Todd Papes, our Chamber website is now "up and running". Be sure to log on and check us out at bedfordchamberoh.org.

Welcome Our New Members

Avis Rent-A-Car
580 Broadway
Bedford
440-232-8312

Walton Manor Health Care Center
19859 Alexander Road
Walton Hills
440-439-2394

Birchwood Party Center
7540 Northfield Road
Walton Hills
440-232-6590

VFW
393 Northfield Road
Bedford
440-232-9035

If you would like Chamber Chatter to be e-mailed to you rather than "snail-mailed", please send your e-mail address to:
BEDFORDCHAMBER@MINDSPRING.COM.
Thanks

OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception is scheduled for May 3 in the Capitol Theatre of the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus. General Colin Powell will be the keynote speaker. More info:

www.ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Save the date for the biannual legislative retreat at Salt Fork State Park: September 7,8,9, 2005.

The annual Ohio Employers' Summit on Solutions to Soaring Health Care: April 19 at Radisson Hotel, Columbus. More info: 614-229-7990.

WHAT'S UP AT LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA?

Second Monday of Each Month beginning April 11th, 2005:
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Seminar and Veterans Coffee Social
Learn about the new programs that exist to help veterans and spouses of veterans. These monthly seminars are FREE, so join us at 283 Union Street (corner of Northfield Rd. and Union St.) More info: 440-232-1991 ext. 560.

CONCERT

Hillcrest Concert Band will be performing on Tuesday, April 26th 7:00-9:00 pm. Donations will be accepted.

FLEA MARKET

April 7th and 8th
10:00 am. To 4:00 pm
FREE ADMISSION

Exercise Program

Mondays 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$1.00 per class . Southeast YMCA Certified Instructor.

BINGO VOLUNTEERS

Are still needed on Tuesdays at Catered Elegance. Call Janet Kodrich 440-232-1991 ext. 560.

"BUSINESS AFTER HOURS"

In an effort to promote area Chamber businesses, the Bedford Chamber of Commerce will be implementing a "Business After Hours" program. This is an opportunity for you, as a Chamber Member, to promote your business by inviting other Chamber members and their guests into your organization to meet, exchange business cards, discuss business and just get together in a relaxed atmosphere.

We are currently searching for businesses that are interested in hosting such an event. The host business will provide an overview of their business, serve refreshments and raffle doorprizes. The Chamber will do all of the advertising and promoting. Admission to the event is free!

We encourage all Chamber members to attend "Business After Hours" to show their support for fellow Chamber members.

For more info or to host a "Business After Hours", please contact:

Darla Perkins,
Executive Director
Grande Oaks/ Grande Pavilion
440-439-7976 or 330-317-5141.