



# CHAMBER CHATTER

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## ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

*Christmas in Bedford Fall is Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 12-4 PM --- ALL ARE WELCOME!*

Chamber of Commerce Holiday Dinner/Meeting: December 21 at Catered Elegance. Invitations have been mailed separately.

State of the City Address: January 18, 2006. More info 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

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Dale Witt, CPA

Rose Grossenbaugh, Bedford Resident  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays to All Chamber Members and Their Families

The Chamber has been busy this fall with the planning of CHRISTMAS IN BEDFORD FALLS. This event starts Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. with ice sculpting next to Romito's Smoke Shop. The actual event starts at 12:00 noon and lasts till 4:00 pm. There are many events, including pictures with Santa Claus. See our NEW WEBSITE at [bedfordchamberoh.org](http://bedfordchamberoh.org) for details. Click on the hyperlink on the first page. Our new

website was developed by DeVore Technologies, and photographs were provided by Jules Rhines. We intend to put our membership list on the site, so make sure your information is current. We are also offering business card size ads on the site. Call the Chamber office for details.

The Christmas Party is coming up on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Catered Elegance. This is always a lot of fun. It's a chance to network and have a very good time. You may bring whomever you like to the party. Please make reservations through the Chamber Office.

The 2005 year has been a busy one. Parties in the Park went well, we kicked off a very successful membership drive, the Circus came to town, and we hope this becomes a yearly event, the website is up, we replaced our computer equipment, and we are developing relationships with other surrounding Chambers.

At our Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, Darla Perkins of Heritage Healthcare was appointed as our newest Board Member. Welcome, Darla. I'd like to thank Vice-President Chuck St. John for his support during my year as President and the other members of the board. Also, our tireless office manager Karen Seyboldt. And, finally, I'd like to thank all those members of the community that help make the job of building a successful Chamber of Commerce a reality. There's more in store in 2006.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays and a Very Happy New Year from the St. John Family!  
-Chuck St. John

Check out the Chamber's New, Wonderful Website! A great big thanks goes out to DeVore Technologies for our new website! Much time and effort was put into this project by Lori, Craig and Drew. Be sure to visit our new website at: <http://www.bedfordchamberoh.org/>  
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Our **Christmas in Bedford Falls** event is quickly approaching - mark your calendar for Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon till 4:00 pm. It promises to be a lot of fun for your whole family. For a listing of the activities, pick up a brochure at many places around town— City Hall, Library, etc. Also—volunteers are still needed for the event. If you can help, please contact Dot Schwende @ 440-735-1344.

**WHAT'S UP AT 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.

On Mondays @ 10:30-11:30 a.m., **Senior Strength Training Classes** are being offered. The fee is only \$1.00 per class and is being led by a Southeast YMCA Certified Instructor.

Sign up now for **Gentle Yoga Classes** on Tuesdays 2:00 pm (Chair class) or 3:15 pm (Mat Class). Fee is \$20.00 for 8 classes. Call 440-232-1991 to register.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

### OFFICE MAX

23350 Broadway  
Oakwood Village, OH 44146  
440-786-8020

Office supplies, furniture, print & document services.

### ZEPPE'S PIZZERIA ON THE AUTOMILE

320 Broadway  
Bedford, OH 44146  
440-232-3100  
Upscale Pizzeria

### NON FERROUS HEAT TREATING

14450 Industrial Avenue  
Maple Hts., OH 44137  
216-662-0800  
Aluminum Heat Treating

Invoices for membership dues for 2006 have been mailed to most Chamber members. We would appreciate it very much if it could be paid in a timely manner. Thanks much.

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL PROGRAM

The Salvation Army is continuing the 2005 Christmas Angel Program in Bedford, Bedford Hts., and Oakwood.

The goal is to provide Christmas gifts to over 100 needy children. Information about each child is put on an Angel card. Then, the Salvation Army solicits local individuals and businesses to take these angels, purchase new gifts, and deliver them anonymously to the needy families. Often, these are (unfortunately) the only gifts from Santa under the family's tree.

Please consider helping the Salvation Army make a child's Christmas special this year. Your gifts are tax deductible. For more info, please call: Robin Polack at 440-442-0704 or Diane Astalos at 440-439-6785 or Warner Batten at 440-232-0834.

### ASPEN WOODSIDE is having

a PJ party with Santa on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm. Join them & Santa as he reads Polar Express. Pictures with Santa as well as Cookies and milk will be provided.

### TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

DeVore Technologies @ 466 Northfield Rd., Bedford offers some of the best technology training available. Occasionally, free classes are available to Chamber members. I took one two of those classes last month and learned a lot! For more info, call 232-3846

-Karen, Chamber Office Manager

### ELECTION REMINDER

Elections for Chamber of Commerce Board members will take place at the Holiday Party on Dec. 21, 2005 at Catered Elegance.

Nominations are being accepted. Call or e-mail the chamber office if you would like to make a nomination. All nominees must accept the nomination in advance.

-Chuck St. John

**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. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. at Anthony’s Event Center on Rte. 82 in Northfield. Lunch is \$15 for members of the Nordonia Hills Chamber of Commerce, \$20 for non-members. 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. It’s an “eat fast talk often” occasion.” For more info: [laura@nordoniahillschamber.org](mailto:laura@nordoniahillschamber.org)  
To RSVP, call 330-467-8956

**NORTHEAST OHIO CHAMBER BUSINESS  
NIGHTS AT THE BARONS:**

Invite your business associates, family & friends for a fun winter outing. Join fellow businesses from all over Northeast Ohio on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 or Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006.  
For more info, contact Josie at 216-420-2546

**UPCOMING OHIO CHAMBER MEETINGS**

Tax Committee Meeting: Dec. 13 at 10:00 am at Ohio Chamber Headquarters (230 E. Town St., Columbus, OH)

15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tax Conference: Jan. 26,27, 2006 at Greater Columbus Convention Center  
For more info, call 614-229-7990.

**CHAMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Check your mailbox for your personal invitation to our Chamber Christmas Party on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at Catered Elegance Party Center at 1160 Broadway here in Bedford. Networking is at 6:30 pm and Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend—bring friends and family members!

**PLEASE NOTE:  
THE CHAMBER OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DEC.  
5,6,7 AND CLOSED DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>.**