



**CHAMBER CHATTER**

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**ACTIVITY SCHEDULE**

February 11: Light of Hearts Villa St.  
Valentine's Day Dance. RSVP: 440-232-1991.

February 14: Grande Oaks and Grande  
Pavilion of Heritage Care will be having a  
Valentine's Day Dance. More info:  
440-439- 7976

February 16: CHAMBER  
NETWORKING/DINNER MEETING at  
Ellenwood Senior Center in Bedford.  
Networking: 6:30pm Dinner: 7:00 pm.  
TOPIC: First Energy & Your Business

March 16: CHAMBER MEETING at Bedford  
Charter 1 Bank Open House. Details to  
follow.

April 20: CHAMBER MEETING at Southeast  
Cuyahoga County Library in Bedford.  
Details to follow.

May 18: ANNUAL CHAMBER PIG ROAST.  
Details to follow.

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**2005 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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St. John Funeral Home

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**President's Message**

At the January Board of Trustees meeting on January 24, 2005, the annual election for President and Vice President took place. I was elected President for 2005, and Chuck St. John was elected Vice President. Both Chuck and I look forward to a busy and rewarding (for our membership) year. All on the Board wish to thank Rich Novak and Trish Karabowicz for their tireless efforts this past year as President and Vice President. Thankfully, they are still Board members, so we will still be on the receiving end of their good ideas.

The State of the City Address went very well and was well attended.

We offer a big welcome to our newest Board of Trustees member: Laura Crow. Laura is manager of the Bedford branch of National City Bank. I'm sure she comes with many valuable ideas for our Chamber.

*Michael Guyer*

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**NOTE TO ARABICA FANS:**Our Bedford location will not be closing (as has been rumored). Jeff and Bonnie are looking for someone to buy the franchise, however.  
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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.

**Vice President's Message**

Let me preface my message by saying that I am very happy to be serving as the Vice President of the Bedford Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees.

Although the cold and snowy weather looks like it could last forever, we all know that summer WILL come again. And that means Parties in the Park. During the month of February, letters will be mailed to local businesses asking for corporate sponsorship each week. We hope you will consider being part of this fun event each Wednesday evening. Quickly send in your reservation and the week that you wish to sponsor. We anticipate an early fill-up this year!!

*Chuck St.*

*John*

**NATIONAL CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK EXPO:**

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**TOPIC: Identity Theft:** What to do when fact becomes fiction. Fairview Park Senior Center Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005 . More info: 1-800-353-3767.

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**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.**

**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](http://bedfordchamberoh.org).**

For members who receive their health care benefits through NOACC, the new **Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Individual and Small Business** sales rep for Northeast Ohio is Fred Awad @ 216-573-4511.

**OSHA** is offering various seminars regarding new rules and changes in OSHA compliance, understanding the basics of OSHA recordkeeping, training managers and employees on safety essentials, and how to prepare for an OSHA site visit. The Ohio schedule is as follows:

- Akron: April 4**
- Canton: May 13**
- Cincinnati: April 8**
- Cleveland: April 22**
- Columbus: April 21**
- Dayton: April 20**
- Toledo: April 13**

For more information or to register:

**[www.natsem.com](http://www.natsem.com)** or call 1-800-258-7246

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER:**

Sun Home Services  
751 Broadway Avenue  
Bedford, Ohio 44146  
440-232-5958

Replacement windows, siding and insulation.

**NOACC NEWS**

On the fourth Friday of each month, **NOACC** holds a meeting at their office in Independence. Several of our members have offered to attend these meetings and report back to us as to what was discussed. We're sure each meeting will provide us with good information that will benefit our local member businesses. January's representative was Krista Hahnenburg of Aspen Woodside Village.

**OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MEMBERSHIP NOTES**

From "Legislative Wrap-Up" bulletin published by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce:

" Ohio businesses navigated through rough waters on their way to victories during the 125<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly. Nothing came easy, but the reforms that were won are meaningful advances toward improving Ohio's business climate. Reforming a costly legal system riddled with unfairness and uncertainty was a top priority for the Ohio Chamber. Passage of comprehensive civil justice reforms, liability protections from obesity lawsuits, a pioneering response to Ohio's asbestos litigation crisis, and protections against frivolous lawsuits based on exposure to silica and mixed dust were huge victories. As a package, these reforms will help Ohio businesses gain the competitive edge they need to compete in the global market." For more info, log on to **[www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com)**.

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The **Ohio Chamber of Commerce's 2005 Annual Meeting and Legislative Reception** will be held Tuesday, **May 3**. It will take place in the Capitol Theatre of the Vern Riffe Center with a reception following in the Statehouse Atrium. For more info: 614-228-4201 or **[www.ohiochamber.com](http://www.ohiochamber.com)**.

On **March 29-31** the **Ohio Safety Congress and Expo** will celebrate 75 years of workplace safety education. It will be held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. More info: 1-800-OHIOBWC or **[www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com)**. The Ohio Chamber is partnering with **Compdata Surveys** to provide you with comparative compensation info to **attract and retain the best employees**. To participate or obtain more info: 1-800-300-9570 or **[www.compdatasurveys.com](http://www.compdatasurveys.com)**.

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**ABOUT OUR 2005 BOARD**  
**PRESIDENT AND**  
**VICE PRESIDENT:**

**Mike Guyer, President:**

Mike is licensed by the State of Ohio as a **Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with a Supervision Endorsement**. He has been in clinical practice for over 20 years. His services include counseling, assessments, testing, referrals and consultations. During 2004, he was a Board of Trustees member and served as Membership Chairman. During that time, our membership increased by 23 new members!

**Chuck St. John, Vice President:**

Chuck is owner/operator of **St. John Funeral Home** which has been a family-owned business since 1913. He has been on the Chamber board since 1992. Some of his positions include President, Parties in the Park chairman and Master of Ceremony (for 10 years). He has been active in many Bedford organizations and was named "Citi-Sun of the Year" by the Sun News. He has also been named Bedford Citizen of the Year. He has 8 children and 21 grandchildren. He is married to Lois who understands his need to join so many organizations!!!!  
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**Please stop in at Heritage Care in Oakwood and donate \$1.00 to benefit the American Heart Association.**

**Bingo volunteers are needed at Light of Hearts Villa. Call Janet at 440-232-1991 ext. 560.**

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**NOACC NEWS CONTINUED:**  
The **Ohio Chamber Care Program** (developed in conjunction with the OSMA Insurance Agency) addresses members' concerns about the ability to provide **affordable health insurance** coverage for their employees. More info: 614-228-4201 or **[chambercare@ohiochamber.com](mailto:chambercare@ohiochamber.com)**

***YOU ARE INVITED TO THE BEDFORD CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE FEBRUARY DINNER/MEETING***

***On Wednesday, February 16, 2005***

***At Ellenwood Senior Center Room 4***

***124 Ellenwood St., Bedford, OH***

***6:30 pm: Networking (bring business cards, flyers, etc. to  
exchange and to display in the Chamber Office)***

***7:00 pm: Dinner***

***8:00 pm: Program***

***Speaker:***

***Brian Grezeny, Senior Electrical Engineer  
“First Energy and Your Business”***







