



CHAMBER CHATTER

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July 2006

July 5, 12, 19, & 26th

PARTIES IN THE PARK
7:00-9:00 P.M.
Every Wednesday Evening
Throughout The Summer

July 19th Dinner Meeting - Guest Speaker
Catered Elegance
5:30 Networking, 6:30 Dinner

Stamp Out Stupid People Syndrome in Your Company: Using Common Sense Management
Doug Johnson - Common Sense University

July 26th Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

July 27th New Member BBQ Picnic
Chamber Office, 5:30 p.m.

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Non-Ferrous Heat Treating

This has been a summer filled with great fun and community activities. The Chamber sponsored Bailey Brothers Circus was certainly one of the special events during June. Even though the circus arrived at the same time as high temperatures and humidity, it was a success. We have received many positive comments and endorsements to repeat the event next year. Thank you to the many members that assisted in this project. Your help was definitely appreciated.

*Calling All New Members
since August, 2005*

Bring your appetites to the Chamber Office for a great BBQ Picnic – We promise a great meal and an opportunity to meet each other and the Board of Trustees. Hope to see you on July 27th at the chamber office, 5:30 p.m.

We were three cars strong in the **July 4th Parade**. We had a great time and pass along special thanks to the following for making our presence in the parade a possibility:

Fast Signs – Harold Sims
Catered Elegance – Phil Switz
Fred Baker Porsche/Audi – Mark Rigby
DeVore Technologies – Lori & Craig DeVore
Heritage Care & Rehabilitation Ctr– Sharon Snow

One of the most underutilized programs that we have is **Business After Hours**. Summer is a great time for this event. It is the equivalent of having an open house and inviting chamber members and the public into your place. All too often we believe that people know what our business is all about, yet I've been surprised at what goes on in businesses that I've been passing by for 30 years. I really find out when I visit their location.

Please continue to page 2 for information on this business opportunity.

Mike Guyer

Business After Hours

In general, the business that sponsors the event, usually between 4:30-7:30 P.M., provides refreshments and a snack while visitors mingle with your staff or check out products. It's a great way to get people into your business. We will do a press release and help distribute information through an email and this newsletter.

PARTIES IN THE PARK

Dear Members:

PARTIES IN THE PARK is going strong and I have been able to make each evening until my more recent health challenge. Thank you again for your kind words and I'll see you soon at **PARTIES IN THE PARK**.

There is still an advertising opportunity. See the information further on in the newsletter for exceptional prices.

A special thank you to our sponsors for their support and to all those that support our event with door prizes. We could not do this without you.

Something New at Parties in the Park! Sirna's Farm & Market opened their stand on July 5th. You can do your shopping, listen to music and enjoy some of Momma LaRosa cuisine.

***Chuck St. John, Chairman
Parties in the Park***

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 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 @ the newspaper office at 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 Invitation.....To you, your family and employees from NOACC.....

Discount Days at Geauga Lake & Wildwater Kingdom

July 29, 30, & 31

Pay just \$20.00 per person when you bring a coupon to the main gate. Click on the NOACC Website, www.noacc.org to obtain your coupon.

Have a great time!

LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA

Bingo Volunteers are still needed for every Tuesday @ Catered Elegance at 6:45 pm (early birds) and 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.

Volunteers are needed to Teach/Assist our seniors on the **Computer!** Call Sharon at 440-232-1991, ext. 560. Our free computer classes are for seniors 62 years and older. Sign up by calling 440-232-1991, ext. 560. \$5.00 fee for Material & Book.

Light of Hearts is currently a processing site for **Cuyahoga County Dept. of Senior and Adult Services**. They have a representative, Cecelia Smith, who comes the 1st, 2nd and 4th Friday of each month to process benefits check-up. Call 440-232-1991.

Donate your **inactive cell phones** today to Light of Hearts, 283 Union Street, Bedford.

Welcome To The June 2006 New Members

Steven Cole, DDS, Inc.
21202 Oakwood Commons Dr.
Suite A
Oakwood Village, OH 441146
440/735-1600
Dentistry

Creager Leasing Corp.
580 Broadway Ave. #23
Bedford, OH 44146
440-439-6666
Auto/Truck/Equipment Leasing
Used Car Sales

Star Glass & Fine Art
704 Broadway Ave
Bedford, OH 44146
440-439-9299
Custom Art Framing and Matting

"Wunder Weld" Inc.
21155 East Court and Rt.8
Bedford, OH 44146
440-232-6360
Metal Manufacturing

Membership Reminder

Invoices for 2006 membership dues have been mailed to Chamber Members. We would appreciate your payment as soon as possible. The original deadline was March 1st. Thank you for your help on this.

ALSO: If any member needs a Plaque showing your membership to the Bedford Chamber of Commerce, please contact the office at 440-232-0115.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Have you been thinking about volunteering for something important? Hospice of the Cleveland Clinic is looking for weekday volunteers to support the terminally ill right here in Bedford. For more info, contact Ann Catanese at catanea@ccf.org or call 216-636-8666. Training is provided.