



CHAMBER CHATTER

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June 14th PARTIES IN THE PARK
7:00-9:00 P.M.
EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

June 16, 17, 18 The Bailey Bros. Circus
See attachment for details

June 21st Dinner Meeting - Guest Speaker
Catered Elegance
5:30 Networking, 6:30 Dinner
See attachment for details

June 28th Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 6:30 p.m.

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Remember-----

***If you bring in a new
member, you can earn
\$25.00 off your own***

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Pig Roast was another big success. Hats off to all those involved who made this event a memorable one.

We have been renting a booth for the Bedford Chamber of Commerce and its businesses at each of our festivals. If you would like to man the booth and present your companies products or services please call us to make arrangements.

The Circus will be here June 16,17, 18 and we are encouraging each business to purchase 10 tickets. Consider using these tickets to comp your employees or good customers. Ticket *presale prices are \$10.00 for adults with children free, but they must have a ticket.* If you purchase them at the Circus they are \$20.00 for adults and \$7.00 per child. **This is a major fundraiser for us and a definite fun time.** Tickets will be available at Bedford Floral, National City Bank, The Coffee Cup, Curves, Zeppé's, Sirna's Café, and De Pompei's.

We are still looking for materials from businesses to include in the chamber's membership folder. Only a few members have posted their business cards on the website. We are now getting close to 300 site visits per week. That's roughly 14,000 a year and you can have your business card on the site for just \$50.00. ***How can you afford not to do it?***

The festival season is upon us. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, this is a great opportunity to market your business. Tens of thousands of people go to these festivals. See the attached schedule for events and contact people.

Mike Guyer

PARTIES IN THE PARK

Dear Members... Opening night of the **PARTIES IN THE PARK** started this summer's Wednesday night event to a crowd of 525 people. The band was well received and willing to play on and on as the audience was enjoying their music. This was one of our best opening nights in years.

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 will have a stand. You can do your shopping, listen to music and enjoy some of Momma LaRosa cuisine.

By the way, it has been six weeks since I experienced my back problem. I am mending, using a walker, and indeed attending the **PARTIES IN THE PARK**. Thank you for your many prayers.

**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."

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.

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

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 your 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.

CT LOGISTICS

NOACC is now offering Shipping Logistics through **CT Logistics**. This is another benefit offered by NOACC to all Chamber members. It does not matter where your company is located, CT works with all carriers to provide service anywhere at a very competitive rate. For more info: www.ctlogistics.com or director@noacc.org.

GRAND OPENING Anderson Insurance Agency

Meet Lloyd Anderson and join in the fun with children's events, food and prizes.

June 10th - 11:00-3:00 p.m.
303 Columbus
440/232-9615

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.

Woodside Village Invites you to join in a

Hawaiian Luau
June 23rd
2 - 4:00 p.m.

*Come and enjoy a steel drum band and
Hawaiian Appetizers & Desserts*

RSVP: 440.439-8666 by June 19th

Welcome To The 2006 New Members

Kaczur Meats
712 Broadway, Bedford 44146
440/232-6556
Hungarian Butcher Shop

Sirna's Farm & Market
19009 Ravenna Rd., Bedford 44146
440/834-0696
Farm Raised Vegetables, Cattle,
Hydroponic Green House

Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc.
19000 Rockside Rd, Bedford 44146
440/232-2000
Automobile Dealership