



CHAMBER CHATTER

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ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

March 4: American Red Cross Business Emergency Planning Conference. Read article Page 2 for further details.

March 16: Charter One Bank Open House in Bedford. Hors d'oeuvres and Program. Read announcement this page for further details.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

April 20: CHAMBER MEETING.
Details to follow.

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

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President's Message

Springtime will soon be knocking on our doors. That brings thoughts of summer programs, especially Parties in the Park. Chuck St. John is well in control of our biggest project.

As business owners, Chuck and I have discussed at length the kinds of speakers who should be invited to our dinner meetings. We believe wholeheartedly that topics should include using the internet to promote products and services, and protecting yourself and your business from identity theft. Such information could be very helpful to all of our Chamber members. If any of you have suggestions for speakers or topics, please contact the Chamber office.

Mike Guyer

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CHARTER ONE BANK
435 BROADWAY
BEDFORD
MARCH 16, 2005
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Networking, hors d'oeuvres & refreshments.

Mike Cheravich, Director of Business Banking, will introduce Ned Handy, CEO & President of Ohio Charter One. Ned will speak about what Charter One can do to manage your small business.

There will be a raffle of a \$500 gift card. Winner will be chosen on March 18th.

Please Welcome Our Newest Business to the Community !

Vice President's Message

GEARING UP FOR PARTIES IN THE PARK

This is just another reminder to all of our Chamber of Commerce members that you will soon receive information concerning "Parties in the Park" and how you can advertise your business. We will put it in the Bedford Times-Register, a full-page advertisement for 12 consecutive weeks with special discount prices for our members.

This will be inexpensive advertising, and we encourage our members to take advantage of it. There will be different prices for 12, 6, and 4 weeks.

Try to put this into your budget, and advertise your business to the entire Bedford area and surrounding communities. This is another service that our Chamber provides for its members.

Chuck St. John

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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.

The Chamber Board of Directors wishes to apologize for canceling the February Dinner Meeting. Hopefully, it will not be necessary to do so again in the future. Thanks for your understanding and continued support of your Chamber of Commerce.

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

NOACC NEWS

Chamber members can now go to the **Northern Ohio Chamber of Commerce Exchange** at www.nocce.org From there you can view the robust opportunities to make connections through many Chambers—from morning to night—for fun or for serious business. The **Northern Ohio Chamber of Commerce Exchange** can sort by chamber, by month, by type of event. Only upcoming events are shown and reminders will be emailed when requested by a visitor. Chambers can quickly enter their own events into the Exchange making it easy to "spread the word" about member activities.

On Friday, March 4, the **Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross will present TOGETHER WE PREPARE**—a business emergency planning conference and workshop at Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center. This is a program that helps business and industries prepare for, respond to and recover from business interruptions resulting from natural or man-made disasters, terrorism, information technology failures and other crisis events. For more info: Lisa Trudick at 216-361-4413 or trudickl@usa-cleveland.org.

Welcome Our New Members

Dr. Harvey Jaffe, DDS
790 Broadway Ave.
Bedford
440-439-8449

Avis Rent-A-Car
580 Broadway
Bedford
440-232-8359

Elgan Reynolds Insurance Agency
657 Broadway
Bedford
440-374-4001

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Every member who has paid their 2005 Membership Dues will soon receive their small yearly plate which attaches to their membership plaque.

ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS !

The Chamber of Commerce awards two \$500 educational awards each year to area seniors who reside in Bedford. To apply, visit your school counselor's office for an application. Deadline for completing the application is March 28, so don't delay.

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

WHAT'S UP AT LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA?

Second Monday of Each Month
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.

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

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

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HERITAGE CARE
TREAT YOURSELF TO A DAY OF WELLNESS !

Place: Heritage Care Nursing & Rehab Center- Grande Oaks
Date: March 23, 2005
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

- Healthy snacks throughout day
- Memory Testing
- Blood Sugar & Blood Pressure Screening
- Aromatherapy
- Paraffin Dip
- Health Tips

More Info: Betsy @ 440-439-1448

