



CHAMBER CHATTER

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May 17th Board of Trustees Meeting
Chamber Office, 6:30 p.m.

May 24th Pig Roast at Cated Elegance
5:30 p.m. See invitation in attachment.

June 7th PARTIES IN THE PARK
OPENING NIGHT- 7:00-9:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The five Chamber networking meeting, at Birchwood Party Center went very well. Garfield, Maple, Bedford Hts., Nordonia Hills, and Bedford Chambers were present. A lot of business contacts were made and it was agreed that we should do this several times a year.

***PARTIES IN THE PARK – EVERY
WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR 12 WEEKS***

2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 and children are 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, Zeppes's, Sirna's Café, and De Pompei's. Additional sites may be added.

The membership folder is being reengineered. A few months ago I asked in a newsletter if anybody wanted to put something about their business in the folder. Nobody responded! We are still looking for materials from businesses to include. Additionally, very few business have posted their business cards on the website. We are getting close to 300 site visits per week now. 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.

Something New at Parties in the Park! Sirna's Farm Market will have a stand at the Parties. You can do your shopping, listen to music and enjoy some of Momma LaRosa cuisine.

Remember-----

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

Remember the Little Piggy Roast and Reverse Raffle on May 24th – See attachment for details

Mike Guyer

PARTIES IN THE PARK

Dear Members...I write to you at this moment from my bed in Bedford Hospital. Although I am receiving great care, I can assure you that you do not want to have back trouble like I have just experienced. On Saturday April 29th, I cut the lawn, went to the driving range, and on Sunday, I woke up with a painful back. I decided to go the Bally's to stretch it out. This was a big mistake. By 4:00 p.m., the paramedics were struggling to get me out of the house as I screamed bloody murder. AMEN. I am recovering and hoping to go home very soon.

The **PARTIES IN THE PARK** is arriving rapidly. **We need our advertisers to get on-board ASAP.** Don't get shutout. Our membership has grown; therefore we have more interested people. There are only 24 spots, and it is a first come, first serve basis. We expect to have another outstanding year with the **PARTIES IN THE PARK**. We think the crowd will be thrilled with the changes we have made in the band selections.

OPENING NIGHT IS JUNE 7th. I'll be there..... even in a wheelchair. I can't wait. The volunteers can't wait, and Lord knows our fans and followers can't wait.

So to my fellow members, sign-up for the advertising as quick as you can. It is good advertising and we need your support.

**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

NOACC NEWS

University CompCare (UCC) is the PREFERRED PROVIDER for MCO (Managed Care Organization) services of NOACC. As a member of Bedford Chamber, you are also a member of NOACC and are encouraged to make UCC your MCO. We hope you will take advantage of this beneficial relationship.

If you're not currently a UCC customer, now through May 26th is the time to sign-up. There is no additional cost to your business, this is already a service included in your Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation premiums. If you need additional information email director@noacc.org or visit www.noacc.org. or call NOACC at 216/447-9900. You can also download the open enrollment form and fax to 216/983-1182.

You only get this opportunity once every two years.

ADVERTISING SPECIAL

Bedford Chamber members can run a 4" x 4 ½" 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. Again—this is absolutely **FREE!** Counseling is either 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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

There is a part-time, accounts payable position available at the Glenwillow office of Hoover Heating and Air Conditioning. (Flexible Hours) Contact Laurie Hoover at 440/439-2994.

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.

A Special Invitation.....To you, your employees and adult guests to the

**LITTLE PIGGY ROAST
and REVERSE RAFFLE**

May 24th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
at
Catered Elegance
See attachment for details

Welcome To The 2006 New Members

Anderson Insurance/Nationwide
303 Columbus, Bedford 44146
440/232-9615
All Insurance Products

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