



CHAMBER NEWS !!

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Chamber Luncheon, January 20th

Chamber members are encouraged to mark Wednesday, January 20 on their calendars and plan to attend YOUR business luncheon. It will be held from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. At Dodson's Pizza and Chicken (note the location!) 313 W. Broadway St., New Lexington. This will be in their newly renovated dining area.

Tara Brown, Small Business Liaison and Kelley Handwork, Regional Public Affairs & Outreach Director, both from the Ohio Attorney General's Office, will be speaking. They will be sharing information on Consumer Protection for small businesses. The Attorney General's Office regulates the marketplace and ensures it is a fair place to compete and works to stop those who are taken advantage of by unfair practices.

Reservations are not required, but we would like a tentative head count. Please call the Chamber Office at 342-3547 by 10:00 a.m. on the 20th with numbers. Both a baked steak and a chicken breast lunch will be offered for \$10.00 which includes vegetable, dessert, beverage and gratuity.

This program is open to the public.

Still Accepting Nominations for Board of Directors

We are still accepting nominations for YOUR Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors until Wednesday, January 20th. Four Directors will be elected this year for a three-year term.

To make a nomination (can be yourself!), either call the office, or do it online!

Economic Development Summit To Be Re-Scheduled

This Summit, originally scheduled for last Friday, had to be postponed due to the weather.

As of now, a new date has not been set, but we will send out an email with all the information as soon as we receive it from Senator Tim Schaffer's office.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this very informative event. Nearly 50 individuals were registered for the original meeting, and we anticipate even more for the new date.

New Chamber Members for 2010

The 2010 membership year has just begun and we would like to both recognize and welcome these new members for this year thus far:

BAM Wine Distribution
CFLP Solid Waste District
Edward Jones– Jason Daly
Forgrave Auto Body
Oak Tree Hunting Club

You should have received your invoice membership renewal materials! Please contact the office if you have not yet seen it and/or if you have leads for additional new members!

Membership Discount Program Materials To Be Sent

A complete listing of participating businesses and their discount offerings, along with special cards for all your employees, should be sent to you by the end of the month.

A new, special framed sign will be made available to participating businesses promoting your acceptance of the Chamber Discount Card for all members and employees.

IF your business would like to offer a special discount to chamber members and their employees, either (1.) complete that information on the Membership Renewal Form in your packet or (2.) contact the Chamber Office and let us know of your interest.

Thanks to those members already participating in this program by offering discounts!

Festival Of Wreaths Donors Recognized

We would like to express our appreciation to these businesses/individuals that donated the 15 Christmas Wreaths:

American Cancer Society	Blacker's Pharmacy
Century National Bank (2)	McDonalds
National City Bank	
New Dimensions Tanning & Fitness	
North Valley Bank	Ogden Insurance
Peoples National Bank	Perco
Perry County Farm Bureau	Roberts Funeral Home
Sawyers Insurance Group	Tracy's Flowers & Gifts

Proceeds from this activity go into the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, which awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from the county, with preference to a student who plans to pursue a business degree.

2010 Calendar Of Events

We are in the process of creating this flyer listing county festivals, shows, community celebrations, fairs, etc.

If you have something that might be included in this publication, call the Chamber Office before February 1st.

EODA's Upcoming Events

EODA's (Eastern Ohio Development Alliance) Business Development/Marketing Committee has asked me to inform you of these "Upcoming International Trade Missions":

- * Aerospace Executive Service Mission To Singapore February 1-4
- * Executive Trade Mission To Algeria and Libya February 17-22
- * Executive-led Trade Mission To Senegal and South Africa March 7-12
- * Medical Trade Mission To India March 8-13

For specific details contact Roberta Ford at (614) 365-9510 or www.export.gov

GOBA Annual Tour. June 19-26

The Greater Ohio Bicycle Adventure 22nd Annual Tour will be held June 19-26, and feature the Southeastern section of Ohio.

The expected 3,000 riders will start gathering for the tour on Saturday, June 19 at the Hocking County Fairgrounds in Logan. They will cover an average of 50 miles per day, going through Hocking, Morgan, Washington, Athens and Vinton Counties.

Registration information and tour details can be requested by calling (614) 273-0811.

Upcoming Local Calendar of Events

January

- 17 Sheridan FFA Alumni Farm Toy Show 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Office Closed
- 20 Chamber Luncheon
Board of Directors Meeting
- 26 Point-In-Time Housing Survey Begins

**WISHING YOU A
GREAT 2010 !!**

Sincerely,

John Ulmer
Executive Director,