



CHAMBER NEWS !!

Chamber Luncheon, March 17th

All Chamber members are encouraged to mark Wednesday March 17th on their calendars and plan to attend YOUR business luncheon. It will be held from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. at The Snack Bar 109 Public Square, Somerset. (Please note the location!!)

Christy Lynch, the Governor's Regional Director for Region 11 / Marietta will be our guest speaker. She will be sharing economic development planning for rural communities, and information on attracting/expanding/retaining jobs in our region.

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 17th with numbers. Both a baked steak and a chicken breast lunch will be offered for \$15.00 which includes vegetable, rolls, dessert, beverage and gratuity.

This program is open to the public.

Annual Banquet, March 29th

Invitations have been sent!! Please make plans to attend the Chamber's Annual Banquet on Monday, March 29th!! It will be held at Ludowici Roof Tile in their Factory of Ideas Center.

This is open to all Chamber Members, their employees and family members. Please call the Chamber Office for information or if you have not seen your invitation.

We hope to see you and your guests there!

Thank You Very Much!!

Special thanks to all of you for both taking the time and for sharing your opinions!! We received numerous ballots with your votes for Board of Director members and nominations for New, Large and Small Business of the Year.

Your participation in this opportunity was greatly appreciated and demonstrates your interest in the Chamber's future!

New Directors Elected

You elected Dale DeRolph, Steve Holekamp, JoAnne McFarland and Bruce Ridenour to your Board of Directors.

Special thanks to Tom Hampton and Frank Newlon for their many years of service to the Board!

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2009 Business Award Winners

The following special awards for 2009 will be presented at the Annual Banquet on March 29th:

New Business of the Year– Ridenour Motors
Small Business of the Year– Dodson's on Broadway
Large Business of the Year– Ludowici Roof Tile, Inc.
President's Award– Perry County Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Member Discount Cards Mailed

You should have or will be receiving soon a complete listing of all the businesses offering discounts through this special program, plus enough cards to give to all of your employees.

If you do not receive this mailing, need additional cards, or would like to participate by also offering a discount (we will be mailing out updates!), call us at the Chamber Office!

New Chamber Members

Chamber membership continues to grow each month! We would like to welcome these new members who have joined since our last newsletter.

Alna Energy
Clark's Hardware
Senator Tim Schaffer

Economic Development Summit Well Attended!

Nearly 70 people attended this special event which was held on February 26th.

A panel of representatives from business organizations, various Ohio leaders, USDA, Small Business Administration and Congressman Austria's office presented very useful information and shared resources available to our local businesses.

If you missed this Summit and would like handouts and a list of the speakers, please contact the Chamber Office.

Window Stickers Promoting Perry County Coming!

You see window stickers with letters promoting vacation sites, products, etc. all the time.

The Chamber has designed a unique sticker promoting Perry County. These stickers will be "unveiled" at both the Chamber Luncheon on March 17th and the Annual Banquet on March 29th.

They will sell for \$3.00 and will also be available at the Chamber Office after the 17th!

Attorney General Cordray Hosting Community Forum, March 11th

Financial scams and crimes occur daily throughout Ohio to small businesses and individuals struggling to make ends meet.

Attorney General Richard Cordray will be holding a Community Forum on Thursday, March 11 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at the Athens Community Center, 701 E. State Street, Athens.

He will be there to hear your concerns and experiences with business and household financial issues, scams and crime. He wants to let you know about the programs and services available from his office that can help our community fight back against these predators.

To RSVP go online at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/athensforum or by phone to Kelly Handwork at (740)-380-1838.

Perry County Colorectal Cancer Employer Summit, March 23rd

This free Summit will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd, 9:30 am – 11:00 am in the Ludowici Roof Tile Conference Center located at 4757 Tile Plant Road.

The purpose of this Summit is to develop a community-wide plan to significantly decrease colorectal cancer incidence and mortality in Ohio and improve quality of life for all colorectal cancer survivors by educating employers regarding their health benefits.

Please RSVP to Amy Sampson at (740)-687-8071 by March 12th. A continental breakfast will be provided.

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- 11 Attorney General's Community Forum
- 17 Chamber Luncheon
Board of Directors Meeting
- 23 Employer Colorectal Cancer Summit
- 29 Chamber Annual Banquet

Sincerely,

John Ulmer
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Perry County Chamber of Commerce