

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we anticipate the coming of spring, I would like to bring everyone up to date on some activities and programs that the Chamber of Commerce is working on for 2009.

On March 7th, we will be hosting our 3rd annual "Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz" at Ridge Manor Party Center on Biddulph. The evening will again include the music of the Brooklyn High School Jazz band, under the tutelage of Sean Sullivan. This evening is dedicated to socializing, enjoying each others' company, and getting to know one another outside of a business environment.

We are currently in the planning stages of the Chamber's 2009 Annual Golf Outing, which is scheduled for June 25th. I encourage all of you to plan for a day of fun and sun at the Cherokee Hills Golf Course. Please get your foursomes put together and be prepared to have a great time, while raising money for our Scholarship Fund. More information on the Golf Outing will be forthcoming.

We are also planning to host a fall clam bake this

year, site, date, and time TBD. But again, we would hope this will be a social gathering, outside the business environment, to associate with one another and build relationships.

At the recent Board of Directors meeting we undertook a fundraiser that will allow us to build our Scholarship Fund. We are looking for 10 sponsors to buy pedal car kits at a cost of \$125 per kit. We already have 5 sponsors and are looking for an additional 5.

Once we have the kits, the sponsors will need to have the vehicle assembled and painted using their creativity and resources. You can use the vehicles to advertise your business or message. We anticipate showing the vehicles at a number of cars shows throughout the spring and summer.

At these events we will have raffle tickets available for sale. At the end of the summer, we will hold the raffle and possibly, hold one of these vehicles to use as an auction item at the clam bake. All net proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund. We would appreciate your con-

sideration in helping to underwrite this endeavor.

We continue to work with the City and the Brooklyn Schools to build a strong relationship. Currently, we are trying to establish the feasibility of students posting resumes on our website and/or the City's website. This would give local businesses that are looking for interns or employees, a chance to connect with local students looking for opportunities. We will keep you up to date as this project progresses forward.

We look forward to the upcoming year and being able to work with all of you! Thank you for your continued support!

Greg Frey
President



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Quick Notes!

The next luncheon is being held on Thursday, March 19th at Agostino's. Several banks will be on hand to discuss issues related to small businesses and obtaining loans in today's current economy.

2009 statements have been mailed out to all members who have not yet paid their dues for this year. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Thompson.

Our Assistant Director, Valerie Thompson, will be on maternity leave starting March 6th. She will be returning some time in April. If you need assistance during her absence, please call the Chamber phone at 216-288-5484. You can also send an email to asst-dir@brooklynchamber.org and someone will get back to you.

BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP



The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is once again offering two scholarships to Brooklyn residents who will be attending an accredited college or university this fall. The two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded in two separate categories. The first will be for a graduating high school senior planning to attend college full-time in the fall and the second is offered to any Brooklyn resident who is seeking post-secondary education through an accredited school.

To be eligible for one of the awards, you must: (1) be a Brooklyn resident attending an accredited college or university; (2) You cannot have been a previous winner in the category for which you are applying; (3) Submit an application with recommendations; (4) Prepare an essay of no less than 500 words on ONE of the following essay topics:

Discuss the pros and cons of living in the city of Brooklyn, Ohio, specifically, and what you plan to do with your future. Be sure to include your business and civic concerns.

Given the fact that Congress is voting on a Federal Stimulus

Program, what would you do with the money allotted to Brooklyn to support and improve our community?

Applications may be printed from the Chamber's website at www.BrooklynOhioChamber.org. The deadline for submission is Monday, April 13, 2009 and award recipients will be announced at the Chamber's June luncheon meeting. Contact the Chamber's Assistant Director with any questions by phone at 216-288-5484 or by email at asst-dir@brooklynohiochamber.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS



On Wednesday, April 15th, Polaris Career Center will be hosting the Chamber's luncheon. Superintendent, Bob Timmons will talk about Polaris programs and services and discuss how Polaris connects to the business community. Lunch will be prepared and served by students in the culinary

academy. The meeting and luncheon will be held in room 124A. Please park in the front lot and come in through the main entrance to the welcome center. Room 124A is located directly off of the commons area behind the welcome center. A tour of Polaris will be available following the luncheon. Registration and networking for all our luncheons begin at 11:30am and lunch is served at 12noon. Hope to see you there!!

Save the Date...



Please mark your calendar for June 25th ...our 2nd annual Golf Outing....details to follow.

TASTE OF BROOKLYN



The 3rd annual "Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz" Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, March 7th at Ridge Manor Party Center from 7pm-10pm. All net proceeds benefit

the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Fund. The cost per ticket is \$20, which includes food, beer, and wine. Local Brooklyn establishments, including Agostino's, GFS Marketplace, Panera, Rooster's, and The Sausage Shoppe will provide the food. The Brooklyn High School

Jazz Band will be providing entertainment. Each year, we have been able to raise over \$1,000 for the scholarship fund. We are hoping to do even better this year. Mark your calendars for March 7th...we hope to see you there!!

PEDAL CAR FUNDRAISER



The Chamber is very excited to announce a new fundraising idea involving pedal cars. All net proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Chamber's Scholarship Fund.

We are looking for Chamber members to purchase the car for \$125 per pedal car kit. This price includes the price of the kit and the shipping. You and/or your company will be responsible for finding a business or person to

put the car together and customize or paint it. The car must be functional. If you choose, the pedal car can be customized with your name or company name on it, along with the person or company who did the work.

Beginning this spring, the Chamber will be selling raffle tickets at all of our events for the cars. Your business can keep the car on display until the actual raffle. We are planning on holding the raffle during Labor Day weekend.

All finished cars will be advertised on our website and upcoming newsletters, which in turn, advertises your business. The Chamber will also be participating in the Friday night Cruises at Ridge Park Square. Photos and/

or the actual cars will be on display at these events, as well.

If you are interested in purchasing a pedal car kit and participating in the fundraiser, please let Mike Kissel know **NO LATER THEN MARCH 31ST**. He can be reached at 440-781-4495 or kiddiepark@aol.com.

We already have 5 sponsors who have agreed to participate. We hope you will join them!



OHIO REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION



The speaker for our January luncheon was Dr. Bernard Henri with the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center. He discussed the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission and how they can assist employers who would be interested in hiring the handicapped.

RSC, the designated state commission, provides vocational rehabilitation by helping people with disabilities prepare for careers consistent with their interests and abilities. Services include: evaluation, counseling and guidance, training, treatment and job placement assistance for individuals.

Benefits to Employers:
Trained workforce in identified occupation disciplines; Equip-

ment grants: textbooks, tools, equipment necessary to begin an occupation; Follow-Up On the Job by RSC representative: to insure that the employer/employee are satisfied.

Northeast Ohio ORSC Office:
14650 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300, Lakewood, OH 44107
(216) 227-3250

VITA OFFER



Vita Chiropractic and Wellness Center is offering a March special!!!

90 Minute Massage for only \$60.00! or
3- 30 Minute Massages for \$60.00!

Limited Time Only
Ends March 31st

For appointments, please call
216-749-7888

Vita is located in Biddulph Plaza



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BROOKLYN LIBRARY UPCOMING EVENTS



In addition to our ongoing Friends of the Library book sale we have 3 separate book discussions: The first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m., the first Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m., and the third Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Please call the branch at 216-398-4600 for title selections.

Our program lineup for March is as follows:

Wednesday, March 11 from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. we'll be celebrating "A Bit 'O The Irish" with Irish music and step dancing featuring Michael Kilbane and friends.

Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. join us for a program that will help you make the right money decisions in these tight economic times as we host "Is My Money Safe?" with economics professor Art Bakala.

Registration is requested for all programs – please call 216-398-4600 to register or for more information.

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Council President Richard Balbier for speaking at our February luncheon on the State of the City. We truly appreciate the time and effort it took to prepare and deliver the information!

