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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Chamber Members,

Happy New Year! Out with the old in with new! This past year was a very successful one for the Chamber and I look forward to continued success in 2014 with the help of all of you. I hope all of you enjoyed your holidays and were able to share them with your loved ones. With a New Year come new resolutions... what are yours? If you are looking for some, here are a just few suggestions:

- Attend chamber luncheons monthly!
- Refer a new member to join the chamber,
- Take advantage of your membership benefits by promoting your business by visiting our Chamber website.

Attendance at our luncheons and membership for the Chamber are on the rise, thanks to the strong support from the Board of Directors and members. One of the most effective ways of spreading the word about you and the work that you do is in the expertise that you provide to others. Remember, you may not be able to control every situation, but you do have a choice in how you respond to each situation. Positive effort and attitude trumps negative reaction every time. Believe in the value of what you are promoting.

In November, we held our Annual meeting, where, in addition to a recap of 2013 we honored two of our business members of the year with an award. Congratulation goes to Chris Ellis of Hampton Inn and David Nodge of Brooklyn Adult Activities Center. I want to thank Ridge Manor Party Center for hosting our annual meeting, as they always do such a wonderful job. In December, we had our luncheon at Polaris Career Center. The culinary students do a superb job and they are to be commended on the food preparation and professionalism they exude.

This upcoming year promises to be a very exciting one as we prepare for our upcoming programs. In January, we will have a speaker from the Ohio Turnpike Commission, and in February, we will hold our State of the City by Mayor Balbier. Also in February, we will have our annual "Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz". This event is held on February 22, 2014 and the event features The Brooklyn High School Jazz Band, along with food and drinks from many local restaurants in Brooklyn. In addition, we will be having many prize drawings. If you would like to sponsor the event or would like to donate food or raffle basket items, please contact Valerie Thompson at (216) 288-5484 or asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org. This is a fun and entertaining evening that is not to be missed!

As 2013 has come and gone, I want to thank all of you for your personal support and support of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Truly without you, we would not have been as successful as we were. And as we move into 2014, be sure to keep those resolutions! I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events in what will surely be a great 2014!!!

David Hill-Dollar Bank
Chamber President

Dollar Bank
Since 1855

Newest Member

Gold's Gym

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Brooklyn, Ohio 44144

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Website:
www.goldsgym.com



Taste of Brooklyn & All That Jazz February 22nd!!



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday February 22nd from 7-10pm. The event is once again, being held at Ridge Manor Party Center. All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 8th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in 2013, we were able to award three \$1,000 scholarships to Brooklyn residents and Rhodes High School students who will be attending an accredited college or university. We are hoping to do the same in 2014.

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If you are interested in sponsoring the event, the cost is \$150. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event. We are also looking for raffle basket donations and food donations. If you are able to help out in any way or if you are interested in purchasing tickets, please let Valerie Thompson know.

Enjoy an evening of fun,



great food and entertainment!

[Click here for flyer...](#)

[Click here for sponsorship info...](#)

Ameriflag
Brooklyn Council President, Kathleen Pucci
Brooklyn Education Association
Dollar Bank
Greg Frey, State Farm Insurance
Hampton Inn



Jinisha Patel, State Farm Insurance and Financials Services
LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center
Mayor & Mrs. Richard Balbier
Teamsters Local Union #436
Triad Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc.
Westbrook Village Staff

Let's DUE It!

It is that time of year again...time to renew your membership to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. 2014 invoices will be emailed out in December. Payment can be made by check or credit card. If you pay by January 31st, you will receive your membership at a discounted rate based on the # of employees you have. If you choose to pay after January 31st, a new invoice reflecting the increase will be sent to you. If interested in paying by credit card, please let Valerie Thompson know so she can send you the link. If you are interested in being a sponsor for Taste of Brooklyn, purchasing a website banner ad, or prepaying for lunches, those costs can be added to your payment for dues. Let us know if you have any questions or if you need a revised invoice to include the additional items.

Mastering ChamberMaster

Mastering ChamberMaster by logging into your member portal!

This section is dedicated to giving you tips on how to get the most of our partnership with ChamberMaster. We hope you find them useful!!

We are so glad that all of you have decided to be members of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. Benefits gained by being a chamber member are available in many ways. Remember to take advantage of excellent opportunities for your business to attract new customers and share information with our community and the world.

Log in today to your chamber member portal to take advantage of these features!

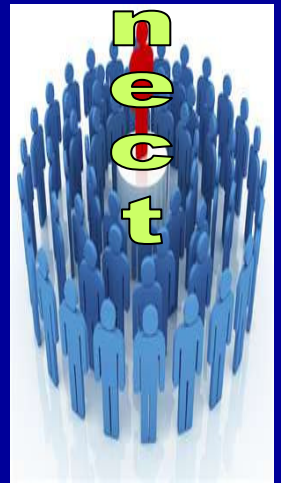
- **Business Directory Listing** - your business information is available to consumers through the chamber's website – visitors can search by category, keyword or alphabetically
 - **Online Informational Brochure** - your own page on the chamber's website which can include your business description, hours of operation, location information, and up to eight keywords (these help identify your business when a website visitor does a keyword search on the Business Directory)
 - **Job Postings**– add your own job openings to the Chamber's website
 - **Hot Deals** – include store coupons and special offers on the Chamber's website
 - **Event Posting** - add your business' events to the Chamber's Online Events Calendar – chamber website visitors can add your event to Outlook, e-mail the details to a friend and request an automatically generated email reminder for your event
- "Email to a friend" link** - visitors to your Online Informational Brochure may select a link to email your business information to a friend

Enter your login name and password to gain access to all of these features, update your information and more at www.chamberlogin.com. If you need your login information, please contact Valerie Thompson.

Try it out and contact us with additional questions or for more information



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Upcoming Events!

Thursday, January 9th Luncheon - A representative from the Ohio Turnpike Commission will be speaking at this month's luncheon. The presentation will focus on the history of the turnpike, E-ZPass and HB51, followed by a Q&A. The luncheon will be held at the Hampton Inn in Brooklyn. Networking and registration for all of our luncheons begin at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12noon. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Thursday, February 13th State of the City Luncheon - Join us for Mayor Richard Balbier's annual State of the City address. The luncheon is being held in the community room of Westbrook Village Apartments, located at 4000 Westbrook Drive off of Memphis Ave in Brooklyn. Networking and registration for all of our luncheons begin at 11:30am and lunch will be served at 12noon. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Ridge Manor Party Center will be providing the food.

2013 Brooklyn Cares Holiday Program



The Brooklyn City Schools developed a program to help Brooklyn families in need during the holiday season. This program, called Brooklyn Cares, was organized by teachers Suzy Marquis and Hayley Toerek several years ago. The Brooklyn City School District vision is that the community of the Brooklyn City Schools, through collaborative efforts, will be a dynamic learning environment in which all students will maximize their intellect, as well as their physical, social, and emotional well-being. Everyone in the Brooklyn City Schools will be respected, acknowledge differences, have a sense of safety, belonging, and pride in their respective learning environments. The Brooklyn Cares program helped to foster this vision.

With the help of many caring groups and individuals, the Brooklyn Cares program was proud to help a total of 45 families and 100 children, ages newborn to high school, this holiday season. We are hoping to reach even more families during the holidays next year, but this program will also continue throughout the year. Please contact Suzy Marquis at suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us if you are able to offer assistance to others. The strength of our community makes learning possible.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the following Chamber of Commerce members that helped to make this holiday season so wonderful for our community:

Ameriflag
Brooklyn Adult Activities Center/Cuyahoga County Board of
Developmental Disabilities
Brooklyn Board of Education
Brooklyn City Hall
Eaton Corporation
Ferrous Metal Processing
JB Stamping
Ridge Park Square



Polaris Food Drive



Polaris Career Center's Thanksgiving Food Drive Brings in Record Donations!

During our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, our students brought in over 8,000 food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, and health and beauty aids valued at over \$10,000 to support local families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday and beyond. Congratulations to Mr. Stone's Criminal Justice class for finishing in first place (AGAIN!). They brought in a whopping 1,986 items. Not too far behind were Ms. Holtz's Cosmetology class (1,173 items), Ms. Coldiron's Medical Professions class (788 items) and Chef Chris Olszewski's Chef Training class (756 items).

This year's grand total nearly doubled last year's record collection...fantastic job to all who donated this year!



Best Wishes
Happy Thanksgiving

Bright Star Award



The Chamber Bright Stars for 2013 were recognized on Wednesday, October 30th at the semi-annual Chamber Leadership meeting and sixth annual Chamber Bright Star Awards presentation of the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) in the Legends Club at the First Energy Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio.

Over 50 chambers of commerce across northern Ohio nominated a person from their chamber as their "Bright Star," to recognize a chamber member who has "made a significant impact on the chamber through membership, retention, sponsorship, economic development, operations and/or education." Each Bright Star is an active chamber member for no less than two years and is likely to be an unsung hero or a dedicated behind-the-scenes volunteer.

Fran Migliorino with the City of Brooklyn was chosen as the 2013 Bright Star recipient from the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. She accepted her certificate and trophy from Tony Gallo, NOACC Chairman and Director of Business Development for Lorain County Chamber at the presentation. Fran Migliorino has been a very active member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce for several years, serving as a Board member, event planning committee member, volunteering at all of our annual events, and promoting Chamber membership to new and existing businesses.

These volunteers represent a wide range of involvement with their respective chambers, some having been a member and or officer or committee chairman for 20+ years and some being newly involved but each of whom has given freely of his/her time, working hard for their chambers without any expectations.

This is the sixth year for the Chamber Bright Star Awards, and again has given an opportunity to recognize these volunteers among their peer groups, as chamber representatives, board members and spouses were also in attendance.

Tony Gallo, NOACC Chairman said "our volunteers are the common bond in each chamber. Giving recognition to our Bright Star in a public way lets our membership and community know we appreciate the time, talent and treasure that they provided."

All the Bright Star photos and information from previous years is available at www.noacc.org/brightphotos.html. A link to the photos and video from this year's event are posted on the www.noacc.org website.



2013 Member of the Year Recipients



Congratulations to Hampton Inn Brooklyn and Brooklyn Adults Activities Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, on being awarded the 2013 Member of the Year awards! The awards were presented at our Annual Meeting on November 14th. Be sure to congratulate Chris Ellis and David Nodge the next time you see them!



Large Business Hampton Inn Brooklyn



Hampton Inn Brooklyn was one of the Chamber's founding members, back in 2002, and has been active ever since. The manager of that location, Chris Ellis, has volunteered countless hours serving on our Board of Directors, volunteering time at our events, and participating in our Picnic in the Park planning committee. In addition, Chris has recently stepped up to become Treasurer when we had an unplanned vacancy to fill. Hampton Inn Brooklyn has supported all of the Chamber's events through sponsorships, along with taking out website banner ads. Hampton Inn Brooklyn was one of our Gold sponsors the last two years for Picnic in the Park, the highest level of sponsorship for that event. They have donated hotel stay certificates, as well, to be used as prizes at our various events. Chris Ellis and the Hampton Inn Brooklyn have been integral in the success of the Chamber and its various events. The Brooklyn Chamber and community are lucky to have such a supportive business in the area!

Hampton Inn Brooklyn provides complimentary shuttle to Cleveland Hopkins Airport, which is located just 4 miles away. The hotel has an indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, and fitness center. There is also meeting space for up to 80 people and a business center. Included in every stay is free hot breakfast and complimentary Internet access in every room and public spaces. Hampton Inn Brooklyn is located at 10305 Cascade Crossing off of Tiedeman Road. They can be reached at (216) 929-8400

Small Business Brooklyn Adults Activities Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Brooklyn Adults Activities Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities was also one of the Chamber's founding members, back in 2002. David Nodge, manager of the Brooklyn location, has served on the Board of Directors, chaired the Scholarship and Education committee, and recently, became the Chamber's Vice President when asked to fill an unexpected vacancy. David has volunteered countless hours at all of our events, donated prizes, and solicited donations from other local businesses. He has been extremely supportive of the Chamber's mission and in making our events a success. David Nodge and the Brooklyn Adults Activities Center, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, is a true asset for both the Chamber and the Brooklyn community!

The mission of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community. This is accomplished through the full range of services that they provide, everything from in-home early intervention programs for very young children and their families to leisure programs for seniors and specialized therapies (speech-language, occupational and physical), psychological services, support administration, family resources and respite care, supported living, vocational training, community employment, rehabilitation engineering and crisis intervention. Brooklyn Adults Activities Center is just one of the many locations that provide services to people with developmental disabilities. They are located 10991 Memphis Ave in Brooklyn. They can be reached at 216-941-8800.

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Things To Know



2014 Website Banner Ads Available

Are you looking for an economical way to advertise your business? For only \$100 you can have a banner space ad on the Chamber's website that will stay up for 6 months from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014! The ad size is 468 pixels wide by 60 pixels tall. In the last month alone, we have had over 275 visits to our homepage and over 875 page views! We are limiting the number of website banner ads to only 5 members so be sure to contact us ASAP if you would like to take advantage of this great opportunity! If you are interested, please contact Valerie Thompson at asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org for more information.



Recycling grant available!

The 2014 Recycling Container Grant Application is available on the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District homepage at www.cuyahogaswd.org Each grant is up to \$2500.00 and may be used for recycling or composting containers and some supplies. This reimbursement grant is for non-profit organizations, religious institutions, colleges, universities, and schools. The application is due February 14, 2014 and previous recipients are eligible.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors would like to wish all of you happy holidays and a New Year filled with prosperity and success!





The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents

A Taste of Brooklyn **AND ALL THAT JAZZ** **2014**

Saturday, February 22, 2014

7pm - 10pm

**Ridge Manor Party Center
4630 Ridge Road (Brooklyn)**

\$20.00 donation per person



*Enjoy an evening of fun,
great food and entertainment!*



**Entertainment provided by
the Brooklyn High School Jazz Ensemble**

Tickets available through the Chamber of Commerce and Brooklyn High School. For more information contact Valerie Thompson at asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org or (216) 288-5484.

Net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Scholarship & Education Fund



8th Annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Sponsors needed...

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” on Saturday, February 22, 2014. The event is being held at Ridge Manor Party Center from 7-10pm. All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship & Education Fund.

We are looking for sponsors to help offset the cost of the event and generate more money for the scholarship & education fund. If you are willing to be a sponsor for the event, your name and logo will appear in the event program, on our website, in newsletters and emails leading up to the event and you will be recognized the evening of the event. **The cost for a sponsorship is \$150. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.** If you are interested in being a sponsor, please fill out the attached form.

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If you would like more information or if you are able to donate a gift basket, purchase tickets, etc.; please contact Valerie Thompson at asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org or 216-288-5484.

We thank you for your support!

Taste of Brooklyn Committee



Please fill out the sponsorship form below for the Taste of Brooklyn. The cost is \$150. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.

Contact Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Total: \$150

Pay by Check

Pay by Credit Card

Bill Me

Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. If paying by credit card, please email asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org to be emailed the link. Mail checks and forms to:

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
PO Box 44038
Brooklyn, OH 44144**

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Thompson at 216-288-5484 or asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org.

Net proceeds benefit the Chamber's Scholarship & Education fund.

Happy New Year!!

Thank you for a great year of business! Please come in for a free trial class and 10% off your membership fees!

To: Chamber of Commerce Members and their Families

Authorized by: *J.M. Cliff*

Not redeemable for cash. Offer expires February 28, 2014

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