



January 2020 Newsletter

President's Message

As we've closed out another year we get to look back on 2019 and reflect on the good and the bad. We make goals for the upcoming new year and we evaluate and make a plan to execute those goals. I personally am TERRIBLE at making New Years resolutions. So instead I find a word to focus on for the year. My word for 2020 for me personally is Joy. My word for my business is Success. My word for my role in the Chamber is Change. Don't let that scare you. Change is a good thing! We as a board have started the process of reflecting on the past years of the Brooklyn Chamber and making a plan and setting goals to better it moving forward. We are starting to explore a possible future "partnership" with another area chamber which could prove to be just the change we're looking for! More on that as it develops.

Overall the Brooklyn Chamber had a FANTASTIC year! We had the most successful Taste of Brooklyn in the history of the event! Because of that success we were able to award not just 2 scholarships as we've done in the past but rather FIVE!!! We are anticipating an even larger growth in this event for 2020 so mark you're calendars and plan to be there on Saturday, May 2nd! This is the latest we've ever hosted this event and we're hoping that the spring will be in full swing and we'll have a beautiful evening to celebrate together!

Our Picnic in the Park also grew significantly in 2019 from past years. We added a parade which proved to be a great start to the day! We will continue with the parade moving forward and plan on adding even more surprises in 2020!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are gearing up for a (ADD YOUR "WORD" HERE) 2020! See you at the next luncheon

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff

President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

Program Director, U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy



2019 MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Each year, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce awards businesses as Members of the Year. Recipients of these awards are members that go above and beyond to support the Chamber and its mission. Congratulations to EmbroidMe and Youth for Christ/Campus Life, on being awarded the 2019 Members of the Year! Be sure to congratulate these members the next time you see them!

EmbroidMe

The owners of Brooklyn EmbroidMe, Ken and Sue Grodek, have been strong supporters of the Chamber since they joined in 2003. Ken has donated volunteer shirts to every Picnic in the Park event we have had. Ken has also volunteered countless hours as a current Board of Directors member and as a past President. Ken and Sue can be seen volunteering at our Taste of Brooklyn and Picnic in the Park events. We are lucky to have such a supportive business as a Chamber member.

EmbroidMe offers many types of embroidery and promotional products including: embroidered golf shirts, polo's, hats, outerwear, shirts, custom embroidery, logo wear, team wear, corporate wear, pens, pencils, mugs, premiums, fundraiser's, souvenirs, and many other embroidery and promotional items. They are located at 4311 Ridge Road. They can be reached at 216-459-9250.



Youth for Christ/Campus Life



Nick Maroulis, Director of the Brooklyn chapter of Campus Life, has been a very active Chamber member, serving as Treasurer, Board member, volunteering at all of the Chamber's annual events, and promoting Chamber membership to new and existing businesses. He has been an integral part in making the Chamber's annual Picnic in the Park event a success by providing a free children's area. Along with his wife, Joanne, Nick combines healthy relationships with creative programs to help young people make good choices, establish a solid foundation for life, and positively impact their schools. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and the community are truly appreciative for everything that Nick continues to do to make Brooklyn a great place to live and work.

Campus Life is always looking for donations to help offset the cost of providing support to Brooklyn's teens. If you are interested in supporting the organization, please contact Nick at brooklynclub@aol.com or (216) 252-9881.

Taste of Brooklyn Saturday, May 2nd 7-10pm



The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday May 2nd from 7-10pm. The event is being held at LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center (11500 Brookpark Rd). All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 14th year hosting the event!

This event has had great success in the past. Because of the proceeds made in previous years, we have been able to award countless college scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents and teacher grants to Brooklyn City Schools. In fact, 2019 was so successful we were able to increase the awards to 3 additional \$1000 scholarships! We are hoping to do the same for years to come!

Taste of Brooklyn features a "taste" of cuisine from local restaurants and establishments. The Brooklyn High School Jazz Band entertains all of those in attendance. The cost is \$20 presale and \$25 at the door. Tickets include food, beer, wine, and entertainment. We will also be selling raffle tickets for a chance to win gift baskets and 50/50 tickets! If you are interested in sponsoring the event, the cost is \$225. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.

If you are able to help out in any way or if you are interested in purchasing tickets, please contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.



Thank you to the following members who have sponsored the event so far...

LaVilla Conference & Banquet Center

Wally's Auto Service



Member Spotlight

Each month, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce chooses a different member to be the "Spotlight" for that month. That member submits an article highlighting themselves and their business and what they provide to the Brooklyn community. Featured on this page is the last Member Spotlight. If you would be interested in being featured in an upcoming month, please let us know.

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Tuesday: 8:00 – 5:00

Wednesday: 8:00 – 5:00

Thursday: 9:00 – 6:00

Friday: 8:00 -4:00

NEW PROGRAM OFFERING AT VALLEY COLLEGE!

20-Month* Professional Veterinary Technician Training Program in Cleveland, OH



Are you ready to start a career in the rewarding field of veterinary medicine? Are you interested in being part of a technologically growing field where you can heal and improve the wellbeing of animals? If you have always had a love for animals, consider a career as a Veterinary Technician.

Valley College now offers an Associate's Degree (AAS) program that will introduce you

to a wide assortment of advanced veterinary-based concepts and techniques. This highly interactive program will also enhance your skills by training you to educate clients and the public on goal. The best way to see if Valley College is the right fit for you is to come and tour the school. You can tour our facilities and meet with students and instructors. [Schedule a tour now](#)

The Veterinary Technician program will provide you with hands-on training for over 350 essential skills. These essential skills will help prepare you for a fast-paced field where you are constantly learning on the job.

As a Veterinary Technician, you have the opportunity to further your love of the veterinary field by specializing in areas that require additional training and education. You can undergo specialized training in areas such as internal medicine, zoological medicine, emergency care, dental technology, anesthesia and more.

You will receive a balance approach of classroom instruction and practical hands-on work in a laboratory setting that will enable you to master the core competencies needed to become a successful Veterinary Technician. Throughout this program, you will be exposed to many different types of species so you are prepared for a variety of animal-related careers. Types of species include large animal, small animal, avian, and exotics.

Ohio Registration Number: 2142. In addition, Valley College has applied for programmatic accreditation by the Committee on Veterinary Technician Education and Activities (CVTEA). Pre-accreditation status of affiliation with the CVTEA means the program is progressing toward accreditation. While the process to secure programmatic accreditation is designed to run concurrent with the first cohort of students to progress through the program and, if all criteria are met by the college, to be complete on or about the time the first student graduates, Valley College cannot make a guarantee that it will obtain approval by that time. Please be advised that you must be a graduate from an AVMA approved veterinary technology program in order to be eligible to sit for a Veterinary Technician certification exam following graduation.

2019 Brooklyn Cares Holiday Program a Success!



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.

Brooklyn Cares was able to assist 60 families with a total number of 146 children this holiday season! New this year, the Chamber asked its members for a donation goal of \$500, and the Chamber would match that. Our members went above and beyond and donated over \$3,800! Words cannot express how grateful we are! Suzy Marquis would like to thank Brooklyn City schools, community members, Brooklyn City and Brooklyn businesses. Many employees from these companies also adopted families on their own. It truly shows how a community comes together.

Brooklyn Cares 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.

Thank you again for everyone's support in making holiday wishes come true for Brooklyn families in need!

Thank you to the following members who donated and adopted several families this holiday season!

Brooklyn Police & Fire Depts.

Dollar Bank

Dr. Mark Gleichauf, Brooklyn City Schools

Eaton Corp/Airflex

Ferrous Metal Processing

EmbroidMe (Grodek Family)

John M. Coyne Recreation Center

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2020 Membership Dues



2020 invoices were emailed out in December. If you pay by January 31st, you will receive a FREE luncheon that can be used at anytime in 2020. If you are interested in being a sponsor for Taste of Brooklyn or prepaying for lunches, those costs can be added to your payment for dues.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday, January 9th Luncheon at Valley College - Join us for our first luncheon of 2020 on January 9th! The luncheon will be held at Valley College (8700 Brookpark Rd). Katherine Miracle, CEO of Miracle Resources and Founder of Brand+Team=Revenue National Training Program, will present "Build your Brand to WIN the clients you desire". This interactive training will provide you with resources, gifts, fun and honest conversation about getting the clients you want. You will learn ways to communicate to attract the perfect client and laugh at Katherine's true stories. Together we will design a strategy that builds your brand, team and revenue! The luncheon will begin at 12noon and the cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for non members. [Click here to register...](#)

Thursday, February 13th Luncheon at Brooklyn Pointe – Stay tuned for more information on the speaker. Lunch will begin at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)



Utility Tariff Update

Attention Members in Ohio Edison, Toledo Edison, or Illuminating Company Utility Regions



Residential & commercial customers may be seeing a reduction in their electricity bills due to the removal of the Distribution Modernization Rider (DMR). The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that it can no longer be charged to customers and has required that DMR costs charged between 7/2/19 to 8/31/19 be refunded on the October billing cycle.

Budget reductions can vary greatly based on rate classification, monthly use, and demand. For a small business using 100,000 kwh per year, the removal of DMR could save approximately \$25 per month on their electricity bill.

Members can request a bill review and budget impact estimation by simply calling 330-208-2082 or emailing chamberenergy@ceateam.com.

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7th Annual Support our Schools

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



January 25, 2020

Brooklyn High School Cafeteria

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10.00

Spaghetti, salad, roll, dessert, water, coffee and juice

50/50 Raffle, Baskets and Door Prizes!

Tickets are available at the Board of Education and all school offices.

Thank you for your support!



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