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**Thursday,
November 8th
Annual Meeting
4-6pm
At
Ridge Manor**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Chamber Members,

Seeing as how this is going to be my last solo newsletter, there are some things that I would like to say.

It has been an enormous pleasure for me to work with the members and Board members of this Chamber of Commerce over the last two years. The energy that I receive just from being with these people brightens my days. I have to say thank you to some special people. I want to thank David Hill who has been a great Vice President. He will make a wonderful President. Dave is such a quality person and an outstanding leader. Our organization is blessed to have him.

I also want to thank all the Board members who have given up their time, talents and efforts. We have had a very busy year with events and the help that we received from the following people is much appreciated...David Hill, Sam Watkins, Ann Guess, Denise Christescu, David Nodge, Cynthia Walker, Fran Migliorino, Chris Ellis, Greg Frey, Pam Vizer, Daniel Cliff, Glenn Skorko, & John Bundy. Without their help we would have never accomplished any of the tasks we set out to do in 2012.

It was a very productive year for the Chamber. Our Taste of Brooklyn and Golf Outing were both a huge success. Our 1st Picnic in the Park community event was a learning experience for all of us, yet a profitable one. We have had some very interesting speakers for our luncheons this year...and we still have our Annual Meeting to go.

I would also like to thank the following people for all of their help and cooperation throughout my 2 years as President...Mayor Balbier and his administration, Brooklyn City Schools Superintendent Cynthia Walker and Heather Miller and their Administrative Team, and the teachers and the students of Brooklyn City Schools for their enthusiastic participation with the Chamber.

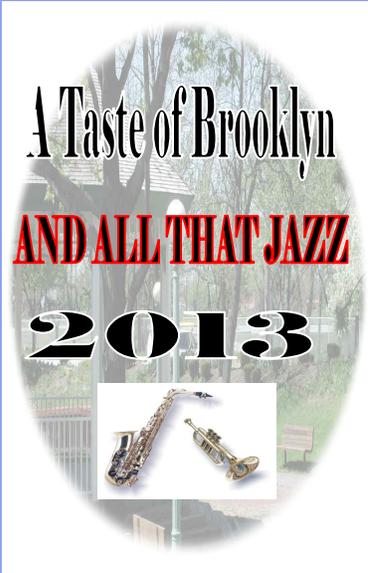
I want to thank Brooklyn City Schools, Carrabba's, Polaris Career Center, Ridge Manor Party Center, and Westbrook Village Apartments, for allowing us to provide very interesting settings for our breakfast and luncheon meetings. I would like to thank Ridge Manor Party Center for their help with the Taste of Brooklyn and all the vendors and Chamber members who participated with us to make our scholarship fundraiser a success.

Of course, NONE of our successes would be possible without all the companies who sponsored the various events we have had during 2012. Many thanks!! I look back on the last two years with a lot of pride. I think this is a strong and growing organization with the best years ahead of us. I hope to see all of you at our next function, the Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 8th at Ridge Manor Party Center from 4-6pm.

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season!

Doug Hogan





2013 Membership Dues



It is that time of year again... time to renew your membership to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. 2013 invoices will be emailed out in December. Payment can be made by check or credit card. If you pay by January 15th, you will receive your membership at a discounted rate based on the # of employees you have. If you choose to pay after January 15th, a new invoice reflecting the increase will be sent to you. If interested in paying by credit, please let Valerie Thompson know so she can send you the link.

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If you are able to help out in any way or if you are interested in purchasing tickets, please let Valerie know.

[Click Here for Flyer](#)

[Click Here for Sponsor Info](#)

2012 Annual City of Brooklyn Thanksgiving Food Drive



The City of Brooklyn along with St. Thomas More Church and School will be collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets to help those in need. If you are able to donate please collect only those food items that relate to a Thanksgiving meal such as potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, vegetables, etc. Monetary donations will also be accepted to help provide the turkeys, rolls and pumpkin pies. Anyone willing to donate food please drop off your collected food items on Friday, November 16 at the Senior Community Center located at 7727 Memphis Avenue between the hours of 8:00am-4:00pm. You can also drop items off to Westbrook Village Apartments Leasing Office from now until November 15th. Monetary donations may be sent to Jill Ludwig 7619 Memphis Avenue Brooklyn Ohio 44144. The food baskets will be assembled on Saturday, November 17 and delivered to families on Tuesday, November 20. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Mastering ChamberMaster

Mastering ChamberMaster with Event Postings on our Website

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!!

- Do you have an upcoming event?*
- Are you trying to generate additional traffic to your store?*
- Do you want your event to reach an audience outside our area?*

Advertise your event on www.brooklynohiochamber.org...It's free! It's easy! It's included in your membership!

Log into your chamber member portal to submit your event for inclusion on the chamber calendar!

1. Access www.chamberlogin.com
2. Enter your login name and password.
3. Click **Events** in the left-hand menu.
4. Click **Add an Event**.
5. Complete the fields in the **Request to Add New Event** screen.
6. Click **Submit for Approval**.



Upon approval, your event will appear on the www.brooklynohiochamber.org public website calendar which is viewed daily by potential customers from our community and around the world.

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



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Polaris Awarded

Polaris Chef Training Instructor Receives "Teacher of Distinction" Designation

Chef Chris Olszewski, Polaris Chef Training Instructor, was recently honored with the Ohio ProStart "Teacher of Distinction" award. Each year this designation is given to the most engaged teachers in the Ohio ProStart program, a two-year curriculum for 11th and 12th grade students developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation. Recipients of this honor are recognized for their commitment to education and participation in ProStart-related activities and events including the Ohio ProStart Invitational, a statewide skills competition. **Chef Olszewski was one of only seven out of 74 eligible teachers statewide to receive this honor. Congratulations, Chef O!**





Welcome to our newest member....

State Farm Insurance and Financial Services

Jinisha Patel
7413 Memphis Ave
Brooklyn, OH 44144
Email:

jinisha@patelinsurance.net

Website:
www.statefarm.com



Advertise Here



Our new website lends itself to offer advertising opportunities to our members. For only \$100 you can have a banner space ad on our site that will stay up for 6 months (January-June 2013)! In September alone, we had over 250 visits to our homepage and over 700 page views. We are definitely seeing traffic on our new website! We would like to thank Hampton Inn for being the 1st to advertise on our website. If you are interested, please contact Valerie Thompson for more information.

Hooley House Opens

One Fun Pub is now open in Brooklyn Ohio, 10310 Cascade Crossing

What happens when a highly energetic and diverse group of family and friends decides to weave their extensive experience and talent together to create a new sports pub restaurant?

Hooley House Sports Pub & Grille!

What's a Hooley, you ask?

Hooley (who-lee) – an Irish boisterous party; a noisy, merry party; (informal) home kitchen party. Traditionally, a Hooley was a social party that took place in a private residence, often in the kitchen. Everyone brought their favorite dish, their instruments, of course their favorite brew, and they ate, sang, and danced long into the night!

Yes, it's all about having fun. In keeping with the Hooley tradition, the Irish/American Sports Pub serves moderately priced, fresh and tasty favorite foods, with a spotlight on classic Irish dishes. Imported and domestic brews will be served. Dine in, carry out, catering, and online ordering is available.

The spacious, yet cozy dining room is designed to deliver a hi-tech viewing experience for sporting events and live entertainment. Wi-Fi Internet service will be available anywhere in the pub! On the outside patio, you will enjoy seasonal dining in front of a large stone fireplace. Three large projection HD screens, complemented by over twenty-five 55" LED TVs, will show every sporting event that interests you. A cutting edge, custom sound system will ensure a surround sound experience for sports and other televised events.

All are welcome at the Hooley House; it is sure to become your favorite place for family fun, a business lunch, or a get-together with friends. Come and enjoy the game, experience great entertainment, or stop in to relax anytime while enjoying a great meal! As any Hooligan will tell you, "Every day is a Hooley day!"

The Hooley House is open seven days a week, from 11am to 2am Monday through Saturday, 12am to 12pm Sunday (Sunday Brunch till 4:00), and serves lunch, dinner, and late night menus.

Visit their web site at www.1FunPub.com for more information, check out their menus and entertainment schedules, or join the Gang and become a Hooligan. (online employment application)

Contact – Ward Lawson
216-362-7700



Bringing Wellness to your Workplace: Available BWC Grants

Tuesday November 13, 2012

12 noon - 1 p.m.

3 Summit Park Auditorium (Lower Level)

Independence (just west of Rockside at 77 exit) .

Benefits 1 Group, NOACC's Preferred Provider for Workers' Compensation Third Party Administration and fellow chamber member, presents along with a BWC representative how to decrease medical insurance costs & increase safety and employee engagement by using the BWC wellness Grant program.



Research indicates that more and more companies are investing time and resources into supporting a more health-conscious environment and health-minded workforce. Trends indicate that employers who participate in these programs, large and small, have experienced marked decreases in health insurance and workplace medical costs, as well as increased employee buy-in and engagement.

Clinical professional, business owner and fellow chamber member, Karen Agnich will present to NOACC members on the astounding short- and long-term cost-savings potential of workplace wellness programs. Agnich will discuss how these programs work, the variety of services available (on- and off-site), benefits provided to employees and employers alike, as well as ways to receive available grant money to fund new programs. While cost is always a concern for employers of any size, Agnich will discuss how companies, including her own, have implemented programs that can accommodate businesses of any size.

Karen Agnich is president and co-founder of AdvoCare Group, the parent company to Benefits 1 Group, NOACC's preferred provider for Workers' Compensation Third Party Administration. Karen is a registered nurse in the state of Ohio, and holds a specialty certification as a certified case manager. She earned her BA degree in Health Services Administration from Ursuline College, and a Master's Degree in Business from Cleveland State University. AdvoCare Group is a fellow member of NOACC.

For free online registration go to:

<http://www.healthyohio.org/regis.asp>

Eric Chester at Polaris



Polaris is hosting Eric Chester, nationally-known speaker and author, for a seminar focused on work ethic and the emerging workforce entitled, **"Turning Rookies into Business Superstars: How to Get Young Talent to Perform Better, Lead Faster, and Stay Longer."**

This free event will take place at Polaris on Monday, November 5, 2012, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

According to Chester, today's emerging workforce is streetwise and techno-savvy, but many young people have not been taught how to work, making their success in a business environment difficult. Business owners, educators, and parents are encouraged to attend this fast-paced, interactive session that will provide solid, actionable ideas and tools for developing the young worker and restoring the pride of a job well done.

Registration is Fast and Easy!

Online: www.polaris.edu/eric-chester

By Phone: (440) 891-7607

Registrations must be submitted no later than Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 3:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided.



About the Presenter:

Eric Chester is a bestselling Author of "Employing Generation Why," Hall-of-Fame speaker, and the Founder and CEO of Reviving Work Ethic and the Bring Your A Game to Work Initiative.

[Click on flyer for more information...](#)

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NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, November 8th Annual Meeting 4-6pm
The Annual Meeting will be held at Ridge Manor Party Center from 4-6pm. The cost is \$20 per person, which includes beer, wine, and hors d' oeuvres.

If you are a sustaining member and choose to use one of your lunches for the event, you will need to pay an additional \$6 to cover the cost. The 2012 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Awards will be given out at this event.

Thursday, December 13th Luncheon - We invite to a luncheon at Polaris Career Center to enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by the Culinary Arts students. The presentation is titled "Spotlight on Student Success". Several Brooklyn students will be on hand to discuss their experiences and goals for the future. Networking and registration begin at 11:30am. The cost for members is \$15 and non members is \$20. Hope to see you there!



ZANE AVE

On Saturday, September 22nd, the City of Brooklyn dedicated Westbrook Drive in honor of George and Patricia Zane with a commemorative street sign including their names. Mayor Richard Balbier gave the opening remarks, followed by speaker Brent Collins, the reading of the resolution by Councilwoman Kathy Pucci, and the unveiling of the new sign. George Zane was one of the "founding fathers" of the city of Brooklyn, he was very active in city politics during the 60-70's and was part of the major growth of the city including being a part of the team that built Westbrook Village Apartments. As a part owner of Westbrook, Mr. Zane actually lived at Westbrook in its' heyday and was well respected and much admired by residents and city administration. Councilwoman Kathy Pucci, has been the impetus behind this commemorative honor.



Volunteer Program Opportunity~ Project MORE at Brookridge Elementary School

If you have time in your schedule and a desire to work with young people, then please consider becoming a volunteer reader this school year. Brookridge Elementary will once again provide literacy instruction and one on one attention to many of our youngest students. **Project More** will be implemented in grades 1, 2, and 3. Teachers in those grade levels will coordinate volunteers, lessons, and track student data. Contact Sue Grodek at 216-485-8100, ext 8327 to sign up. Volunteers are needed during the following times: 8:40-9:10 a.m., 9:50-10:10 a.m. or 12:25-12:55 p.m. Hope to see you there.





The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents

A Taste of Brooklyn **AND ALL THAT JAZZ** **2013**

Saturday, February 9, 2013

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 (216) 288-5484

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



7th Annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Sponsors needed...

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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. 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.

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**

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Polaris Career Center

Cost: **FREE!**

Who wouldn't want to employ a workforce that's **engaged, enthused, and ethically unassailable**? The reality, of course, is that the emerging workforce is **streetwise** and **techno-savvy**, but they've **not been taught how to work**, making their success in a business environment difficult.

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