

# President's Message

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## Upcoming!

The December 10th luncheon will be held at Polaris Career Center. We will be honoring Mayor Balbier's retirement at this luncheon. Polaris will also be speaking about their programs. The food will be provided by the Culinary Arts students at Polaris. Networking and registration begin at 11:30am and the luncheon will start at 12noon.

2015 has been a banner year for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. We are now over one hundred members strong and growing. Thanks to our memberships' support, we continued our scholarship program with the Brooklyn City Schools and presented three \$1,500 scholarships to well deserving Brooklyn students recommended by the Chamber Scholarship Committee chaired by Board Member, David Nodge. We also presented two \$500 teacher grants to deserving elementary educators for innovative projects.

We were very successful with our \$2,000 Beautification Grant program, and helped four organizations enhance their business appearance: the Brooklyn Historical Society, 6676 Memphis Avenue, U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy, and the City of Brooklyn. Our "Bright Star" Award recipient sponsored by NOACC (Northeast Ohio Association of Chambers of Commerce) was Jessica Cliff, owner of the Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy. Jessica worked tirelessly for the success of the Chamber this year. Congratulations to her.

Our Luncheon Series had over 200+ guests/members attending. We are always looking for new topics that would be beneficial to our Chamber members and we welcome any and all suggestions. We have scheduled several speakers for 2016, topics that relate to the success of your business. Look for more information during the year.

Every year we like to recognize contributions made by our businesses that promote and support the Chamber and this year our outstanding Large Business Member for 2015 was *Ferrous Metal Processing*; and Small Business Member was *Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy*. We want to thank them for their continued support and numerous contributions.

We received several responses to our "Hire an Intern" program initiative. If you missed the survey deadline, and would be interested in learning more about the program, and possibly participating, please contact Valerie Thompson, Executive Director of the Chamber for more information at [exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org) or 216-288-5484.

We look forward to 2016, and wish everyone a very Merry, Safe, and Happy Holiday Season & New Year.

Our success is only achieved through its Chamber members.

Chris Ellis - Hampton Inn



# 10th Annual Taste of Brooklyn

**Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 7-10pm at Agostino's Catering and Event Center**

The Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz will take place on Saturday February 27th from 7-10pm. The event is once again, being held at Agostino's Catering & Event Center (formerly Ridge Manor). All of the net proceeds benefit the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship & Education Fund. This is the Chamber's 10<sup>th</sup> year hosting the event!

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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 Thompson know.

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

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

[Click here for food vendor info...](#)



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



## **DUE it Right...**

**2016 Membership Dues**

2016 invoices will be emailed out in December. If you pay by January 31st, you will receive a FREE luncheon coupon that can be used at anytime in 2016. 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.

## 2015 Beautification Grants a Success!

In April 2015, the Brooklyn Chamber Board of Directors launched the “Beautification Grant” program which was designed to assist our member organizations in enhancing their properties in Brooklyn. We were pleased to approve four organizations who applied for the grant: the Brooklyn Historical Society (a complete reseed of their front lawn), U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy (new advertising signage), 6779 Memphis Avenue (a complete new surface to their parking deck), and the City of Brooklyn (hanging baskets in strategic sites throughout Brooklyn). Each grant recipient received \$500. The variety of enhancements was impressive. Congratulations to all our recipients. We hope to continue this “give back” program next Spring 2016. All of our members are welcome to apply for the Beautification Grant.



## Brooklyn Cares Holiday Wishes Program

Brooklyn Community Cares and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is again providing holiday wishes. Below you will find a website of the families in need this holiday season. Each family is designated by a number, and you will see how many children, their ages, and if there are food needs. Click on a family if you would like to see details about their needs. If a family is designated in red, with a line through it, that family has already been taken.

To request a family, please send an email to Suzy Marquis at [suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us](mailto:suzy.marquis@brooklyn.k12.oh.us) or (216-485-8191 ext. 8323) Please include the number of the family you would like to request. We are asking for donations to be delivered to Brooklyn School by December 11th (unwrapped). Please also check the website frequently. Families are continuously added. Thank you for all of your generosity!

<https://sites.google.com/site/brooklyncommunitycares/>



# Our Newest Board Member



## Brooklyn City Schools Superintendent Mark Gleichauf

Superintendent Mark Gleichauf has been in education for 27 years. Initially, he was a high school and middle school language arts teacher, coached baseball, basketball and volleyball. He spent 6 of those years teaching and coaching in Brooklyn. Mark worked as a middle school principal in Brooklyn for 3 years. He spent 10 years as an elementary principal in Wellington and Lakewood. In 2004, the school he was a principal at, Grant School in Lakewood, was named a US Department of Education Blue Ribbon School. Superintendent Gleichauf also worked 3 years as Director of Teaching and Learning in Lakewood and 2 years as Deputy Superintendent in Cuyahoga Falls. Mark has been married 19 years to Sue and they have three children, Ben (15), Kate (13), and Claire (11). He grew up in Rochester, NY and attended John Carroll University for his undergraduate study. Mark received his master's degree from Cleveland State in educational administration and recently defended his dissertation in educational leadership from Concordia University-Chicago to attain his doctorate degree.

Superintendent Gleichauf is happy and proud to be back in Brooklyn as Superintendent and we are happy he is a part of our Board of Directors. Next time you see Mark, be sure to welcome him to the community!

## Spotlight Newest Member



Hi, we are North Shore Gastroenterology. We are proud to have just set up a new location in Brooklyn as well as be part of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce! On October 8<sup>th</sup> we had a lovely ribbon cutting ceremony with Mayor Balbier and some of you in attendance. Thank you to those who made it out. We had great food, great weather with fantastic friends and family to support us.

Our Brooklyn Office and Endoscopy Center is our second Endoscopy location. Second to our original location at 850 Columbia Rd. Suite 200 Westlake, OH 44145, Our Ridge Park Brooklyn location is right off of I-480 and Ridge Road at 750 Northcliff Ave Suite 1000, Brooklyn, OH 44144.

We currently have three doctors practicing at our Ridge Park office: Dr. Owen Tully, Dr. James Harris, and Dr. Jason Vollweiler. They have expressed on several occasions, at our open house, to staff, other doctors and patients how thrilled they are to be in Brooklyn, how wonderful the people of the city are, and how welcoming the city in general has been to them.

North Shore Gastroenterology has been proud to be serving the Cleveland Community since 1989, founded by Drs. Mousab Tabbaa and Peter Greenwalt and we hope to better serve its south and west suburbs with our new center in Brooklyn. North Shore currently has 23 providers and covers all GI patient needs. Our services include: EGD/ Upper Endoscopy, Colonoscopy/ Lower Endoscopy, ERCP. BARRX, BRAVO, Flex Sig, EUS, Anorectal Manometry, Fecal Transplant, Fibroscan and Breath Testing.

Again, we are proud to be in Brooklyn, and look forward to getting to know all of you better!

Thank you,  
The North Shore  
Gastroenterology  
Family



## Newest Members

Welcome to our newest members....



### American Cancer Society- Relay For Life of Brooklyn

10501 Euclid Ave  
Cleveland, OH 44106  
Contact: Joelle Kluck  
Email: [joelle.kluck@cancer.org](mailto:joelle.kluck@cancer.org)  
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Phone: 330-342-0530  
Website: <http://paychex.com>



### Sheetz

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Website: <http://www.sheetz.com>





# 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](http://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!

Access [www.chamberlogin.com](http://www.chamberlogin.com)

Enter your login name and password.

Click **Events** in the left-hand menu.

Click **Add an Event**.

Complete the fields in the **Request to Add New Event** screen.

Click **Submit for Approval**.

Upon approval, your event will appear on the [www.brooklynohiochamber.org](http://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.



## 2015 Annual City of Brooklyn Thanksgiving Food Drive

The City of Brooklyn along with St. Thomas More Church and School collected food for Thanksgiving Baskets to help those in need during the month of November. Those donating were asked to collect only those food items that relate to a Thanksgiving meal such as potatoes, cranberries, stuffing, vegetables, canned fruit, etc. Monetary donations were also appreciated. Food Baskets will be delivered on Tuesday, November 24. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!



Happy Thanksgiving

# Polaris Earns Straight A's on State Career-Technical Report Card



The Ohio Department of Education recently released the new A-F report card for Polaris Career Center and the state's 90 other career-technical institutions. **The career-technical report card includes letter grade ratings in four areas including: post-program placement, technical skill attainment and four- and five-year graduation rates.**

Post-program placement measures the proportion of students who were enrolled in postsecondary education, advanced training, military service or employed within six months of leaving high school. Technical skill attainment measures the proportion of students passing technical skills assessments related to their career-technical program. The graduation rates measure the proportion of career-technical students who graduated within four and five years after entering the ninth grade.

Polaris earned "A" grades with a 94.4% post-program placement rate and 82.6% technical skill attainment rate. In addition, Polaris received an "A" for its 97% four-year graduation rate and an "A" for its 97.3% five-year graduation rate. Polaris also fared well in other state measures including: industry-recognized credentials, academic attainment - reading, academic attainment - math, nontraditional participation and nontraditional completion. Polaris met or exceeded target levels on all of these state measures.

"The report card confirms the educational value Polaris provides the community," says Bob Timmons, Polaris Superintendent. "These results validate the great things our teaching staff is doing in our labs and classrooms," he adds.

Measures and grades for industry-recognized credentials will be added to future career-technical report cards. For additional information, [click here](#).

## U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy (West) Food Drives!

For the past 4 years we have dedicated our November to gathering food items for families in the community who may be going through a hard time during the holidays. Below is a list of events that we held in November. Each event was held from 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. and the cost of admission was a non-perishable food item. We provided popcorn and lemonade for the movie nights and snacks and lemonade for the family game night.

### NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE EVENTS:

Friday, November 6th: Movie Night  
Friday, November 13th: Family Game Night  
Friday, November 20th: Movie Night



If for some reason you were unable to make the events, please feel free to drop off your donation at the Martial Arts School at 6775 Memphis Ave anytime between 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Thanks for your help!!

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff, Program Director-U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy (West)

phone: 216-351-3222

Find us on [FACEBOOK](#) at [www.facebook.com/kungfuwest](http://www.facebook.com/kungfuwest)





## **Sheetz Family Charities is currently accepting donations for their holiday program “Sheetz For The Kidz”**

Our tradition was born in 1992 when Sheetz employees in Blair County, PA created a way to give needy children clothes and other basic needs. They began the Sheetz For The Kidz holiday event (previously known as Sheetz Family Christmas). The \$12,000 raised that first year was enough to take 126 kids on a Christmas shopping spree.

Our level of giving throughout the charity today is outstanding! Sheetz Family Charities raised more than \$1.8 million in 2014 alone, making the holiday season brighter for more than 7,400 children in PA, OH, VA, WV, MD, and NC.

Our goal is for each store to support 16 kids from the area, selected by our partner, The Salvation Army. They give us a wish list for each child, and each store's employees have a shopping trip to try and get as much as they can for each child. We bring it back to our store, wrap everything, and then have a party with the kids! They get a picture with Santa, a craft or two, a great Sheetz lunch, and a bag full of presents purchased just for them.

To date, Sheetz Family Charities has raised more than \$6.7 million dollars and helped more than 56,000 kids.

In the past few years, Sheetz has actually collected more than needed for our annual Christmas event. So we have expanded our giving to include a partnership with Make-A-Wish. In 2014 alone, we donated \$210,000 to the Make-A-Wish foundation, making it possible to send 42 families of seriously ill children to experience the magic of a dream vacation at Disney World in Orlando.

If you are interested in donating to this wonderful cause, please contact Sheetz in Brooklyn, located at 10315 Cascade Crossing at 216-205-4748.



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[exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org)

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## 2016 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 or \$200 for a full year! 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 [exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org) for more information.

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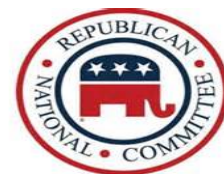
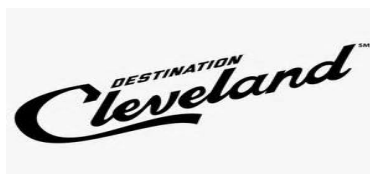
## Upcoming Meetings & Events



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**January 14<sup>th</sup> Luncheon** - A representative from Destination Cleveland will be giving a presentation on the RNC Convention in Cleveland at this luncheon. The luncheon will be held at Hampton Inn in Brooklyn. Networking and registration begin at 11:30am and the luncheon will start at 12noon. [Click here to register...](#)







*The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Proudly Presents*

# **A Taste of Brooklyn**

## **AND ALL THAT JAZZ**

### **2016**

**Saturday, February 27th**

**7pm - 10pm**

**Agostino's Banquet and Catering Center  
(formerly Ridge Manor)  
4630 Ridge Road (Brooklyn)**

**\$15 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 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact Valerie Thompson at [exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org) or (216) 288-5484.

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## 10<sup>th</sup> 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 27, 2016. The event is being held at Agostino’s Banquet and Catering Center (formerly Ridge Manor) 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 \$175. 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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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 \$175. All sponsors receive 2 admission tickets for the event.**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: \$175**

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**Please make checks payable to Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. If paying by credit card, please email [exec@brooklynohiochamber.org](mailto:exec@brooklynohiochamber.org) to be emailed the link. Mail checks and forms to:**

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