



November 2019
Newsletter

President's Message

Dear Chamber,

As the calendar year is winding down we are all preparing for the business of the holidays that are right around the corner! After many emails and phone calls and coordinating calendars we were finally able to secure a date for our annual Taste of Brooklyn Fundraiser! This will be our 2nd year hosting the event at La Villa on Brookpark Rd. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2nd. You truly won't want to miss it!

Last month we had the opportunity to hear from some of the candidates for the upcoming election. If you weren't in attendance, it was recorded and can be found on our facebook page.

This month will be our Holiday Social at Copperstone Catering and Events Center on Ridge Rd and we hope to have record numbers in attendance. We will be honoring our 2 businesses of the year (Congrats to EmbroidMe and Brooklyn Campus Life/Youth for Christ!) as well as going over the successes we've seen in 2019. If you haven't registered yet, do so! The cost includes a wonderful spread of food as well as beer and wine. This event is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at 5:00 p.m. and is replacing our monthly "luncheon". I hope to see you all there.

Best,

Jessica M. Cliff

President, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce

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



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. Below are the last 2 Member Spotlights. If you would be interested in being featured in an upcoming month, please let us know.

Rockne's at Ridge Park Square



Hello Brooklyn! I'm Amy Sabelli, GM of Rockne's at Ridgepark Square. Rockne's has been in Brooklyn for 17 years. We are a casual, family, restaurant with a little bit of everything on our menu; from appetizers, sandwiches, and burgers to salads, dinners, and desserts. Rockne's also has a full service bar/lounge. Our hours are Sunday-Tuesday 11am-9:30pm, Wednesday and Thursday 11am-10pm, and Friday and Saturday 11am-11pm. Stop in, we would love to see you!

U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy

Just a few weeks ago, Brooklyn business owners Jessica and Daniel Cliff and Brooklyn resident, Brandon Smith traveled to the Pan-American Cup in Araraquara, Brazil representing Team USA Shuaijiao! A lot of you supported our efforts to get there and we greatly appreciate everything you did for us! We are happy to say that Brandon took FIRST place in the 220 lb division AND received MVP of the entire tournament! Sifu Daniel Cliff took FIRST place in the 165 lb division and Jessica Cliff took SECOND place in the 140 lb division! Overall as a team, Team USA took 3rd in the tournament! It was quite an experience, a lot of tough competition but we couldn't have done it without the support and love from our community in Brooklyn!

Brandon Smith has been training at the U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy for 6 years and holds 4 National Titles, 3rd in the World Cup, and 1st in the Pan-American Cup! At our school we teach men, women and children as young as three years old. We teach traditional Kung Fu with a focus on Shuai Chiao and San Shou. Once you join our classes you'll see the benefits of focus, concentration, stress-relief, weight loss, and self-defense etc.... We offer classes Monday - Saturday. If you are interested in getting more information about our schedule or our classes, please reach out to Jessica at 216.351.3222 or at kungfuacademywest@hotmail.com or visit us online at www.kungfuacademywest.com

If you're interested in checking out our pictures and videos from the tournament in Brazil, follow us on facebook @KungFuWest or on Instagram @BrooklynKungFu

Hope to see you all in class soon! It's never too late to start!



Team USA from Left to Right: Aaron Wong (Team Coach), Nick Masi (Team Coach), Daniel Cliff, Jessica Cliff, Brandon Smith, Steven Fleming, Heather Fleming (Team Support), Lamont Wicks (Team Support)



Left to Right: Brandon Smith 1st place 220 lb & MVP of Tournament, Jessica Cliff 2nd Place 140 lb, Sifu Daniel Cliff 1st place 165 lb

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. In 2019, we were able to award two \$2,500 scholarships to Brooklyn and Old Brooklyn residents who will be attending an accredited college or university and \$1,000 worth of grants to Brooklyn City Schools. Because of the amazing success of Taste of Brooklyn, we were able to offer an additional three \$1,000 scholarships! We are hoping to do the same in 2020.

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, please contact us at exec@brooklynohiochamber.org.

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 and if there are food/personal care needs. Click on a family if you would like to see details about their needs. If a family is designated in 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@bcshurricanes.org (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 13th. **Please also check the website frequently. Families are continuously added.**

Thank you for all of your generosity!

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

Please note the site will go "live" the week of November 11th.



Upcoming Food Drives

During the month of November, the U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy will be holding a food drive. All proceeds will be donated to a local food pantry in time for Thanksgiving. Throughout the month we will host events to help “drive” the food drive. On Friday, November 8th and Friday, November 22nd from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. we will host a family movie night. The cost of admission is a non-perishable food item. On Friday, November 15th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. we will host a Family Game Night. Cost of admission is a non-perishable food item. All are welcome and encouraged to invite their friends, neighbors or family members. There will be popcorn and lemonade provided.



Chamber Boasts Bright Star



The Chamber Bright Stars for 2019 were recognized on Tuesday, October 22nd at the semi-annual Chamber Leadership meeting and twelfth annual Chamber Bright Star Awards presentation of the Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) at LaCentre Conference and Banquet Facility located in Westlake, Ohio.

About 40 chambers of commerce across northern Ohio recognized a volunteer from their chamber as their “Bright Star, and 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 and is likely to be an unsung hero or a dedicated behind-the-scenes volunteer.

Jill Ludwig with the City of Brooklyn and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Bright Star 2019, accepted her plaque, trophy and pin from Cindy Holzheimer, NOACC Executive Director and John Sobolewski, NOACC Board Chairman and Executive Director of the Fairview Park, North Coast, North Olmsted, West Shore Chambers.

Jill Ludwig has been integral to the success of our annual community event, Picnic in the Park. She volunteers at the event and is an important liaison between the Chamber and the City.

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 twelfth year for the Chamber Bright Star Awards, and again is giving an opportunity to recognize these volunteers among their peer groups, as chamber representatives, board members and spouses will also be in attendance.

All the Bright Star photos and information from previous years is available at [facebook.com@northernohioareachambersofcommerce](https://www.facebook.com/northernohioareachambersofcommerce). A link to the photos and video from this year’s event are posted on the www.noacc.org website.



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2020 Website Banner Ads Available

Are you looking for an economical way to advertise your business? For only \$175 you can have a banner space ad on the Chamber's website that will stay up for 6 months or \$300 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!

Advertise Here



2019 Annual City of Brooklyn Thanksgiving Food Drive

THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE



The City of Brooklyn in conjunction with St. Thomas More School will again be collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner food items for families in need. If you are interested in donating please drop off your items at the Brooklyn Senior Center by Friday, November 22nd before 3pm. Please remember to check your items for expiration dates. For more information on this program please contact Jill at jludwig@brooklynohio.gov.

2020 Membership Dues

2020 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 2020. 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.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

Thursday, November 14th Holiday Social 5-7pm - Join us as we kick off the holiday season with an opportunity to network with other members! Our Holiday Social will be held at Copper Stone Catering & Event Center. The cost includes beer, wine, and appetizers. The 2019 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Member of the Year Awards will be given out at this event. The cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for non members. If you are a sustaining member, you will need to pay an additional \$6 to cover the cost of this event. [Click here to register...](#)

Thursday, December 12th Luncheon at Polaris - Join us for our monthly luncheon at Polaris Career Center. Not only will their award winning culinary students dazzle you with their food, but we will get a chance to see all the improvements that have been taking place. Polaris will do a quick construction/renovation overview and tour of a couple of the new labs...featuring Brooklyn HS students. Luncheon will begin at 12noon and cost is \$15 for members. [Click here to register...](#)



YOU'RE INVITED TO A

FAMILY
GAME
NIGHT

U.S. Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy

4315 RIDGE RD.

FRIDAY 11/15 @ 6:00 P.M.



Cost of Admission - Non-Perishable Food Item

COME AND JOIN US FRIDAY 11/8 & 11/22
FROM 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

family
MOVIE NIGHT

U.S. SHUAI CHIAO KUNG FU ACADEMY
MOVIE THEATER

4315 RIDGE RD.

Cost of admission is a non-perishable food item





CHAMBER ENERGY PROGRAM



Chamber Energy Program

- **WHAT IS OUR PROGRAM?**
 - ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SUPPLY SAVINGS FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS' HOMES AND BUSINESSES
 - ASSISTANCE WITH LIGHTING AND EQUIPMENT REBATES
 - NATURAL GAS TAX EXEMPTION REVIEW AND PROCESSING
 - NO COST HOTLINE FOR ANY ENERGY-RELATED QUESTIONS 330-208-2082

- **HOW DOES THE CHAMBER BENEFIT FROM USING OUR PROGRAM?**
 - 18% RECURRING REVENUE
 - MEMBER SATISFACTION AND RETENTION

- **WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO ENROLL IN THE PROGRAM?**
 - TO SEE HOW MUCH THEY CAN SAVE, CHAMBER MEMBERS CAN CHOOSE FROM THE FOLLOWING THREE SIMPLE OPTIONS:
 - CALL 330-208-2082
 - EMAIL A RECENT ELECTRIC OR GAS BILL (ALL PAGES) TO CHAMBERENERGY@CEATEAM.COM
 - FAX A RECENT ELECTRIC OR GAS BILL (ALL PAGES) TO 330-721-8111

- **TESTIMONIALS/PROGRAM SUCCESS STATS**
 - *A PIZZA SHOP RECENTLY EMAILED THEIR UTILITY BILLS TO THE PROGRAM FOR A FREE ANALYSIS AND ENDED UP REDUCING THEIR TOTAL ELECTRIC AND GAS COSTS BY OVER **\$15,000 ANNUALLY**. THE PROGRAM WAS ALSO ABLE TO HELP THEM IDENTIFY AND FILE FOR A **50% SALES TAX EXEMPTION** ON THEIR NATURAL GAS, SAVING AN ESTIMATED **ADDITIONAL \$1,500 ANNUALLY**.*



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