



# OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity of speaking at the Brooklyn City Council meeting on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Below is a synopsis of my presentation:

First, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. I appreciate being able to share information about the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and its activities within the community in this forum.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce was founded in 2002. Its mission is to “promote, protect and serve the civic, social, commercial, industrial and general business interests of the Brooklyn area and to encourage a unified public spirit among the citizens of the community in the interests of their general welfare.”

Currently the Chamber strives to achieve its mission through community events and awards. In 2007, the Chamber sponsored several events open to the community. I want to discuss two of these events in particular, which provided an opportunity to meet with your neighbors in a fun atmosphere. Net pro-

ceeds of these events go into the Chambers Scholarship Fund.

Last February, we held The First Annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All that Jazz”. It featured appetizers from local restaurants, while the entertainment was provided by the Brooklyn High School Jazz Band.

The 2nd Annual Car cruise was held in August. Mayor Patton led The Car Cruise, which started at Steelyard Commons and ended up at American Greetings. Besides the beautiful cars themselves, entertainment was provided by Eddie and The Edsel’s and again, local restaurants provided food and beverages. We ended the evening with the movie “H O L L Y W O O D KNIGHTS” shown on a big screen.

All of the net proceeds from both of these events go into the Brooklyn Chambers Scholarship Fund; so we get to help local students while we are having fun. That is the best of both worlds. This is something the Chamber is very proud of and we look forward to continuing both of these community events in 2008.

As I mentioned before, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce has a scholarship fund that is generated from the proceeds of special events sponsored by the Chamber and donations of its members. Every year the Chamber gives Scholarships from this fund.

In 2007, the Chamber awarded two Scholarships for \$2000 each. The Chamber cannot think of a more appropriate way to help the community then to assist in the education of its young citizens. Last year we were proud to award these scholarships to Stephanie Ogorzaly and Michael Pucci, and we look forward to continuing a program of assisting education in the community.

I hope that this short presentation has given you a feeling for what the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is trying to accomplish. We think Brooklyn is a great place and we want to get more involved in the community. Thank you again for your attention and if you wish to learn more about the Brooklyn Chamber please visit our website at [www.brooklynohiochamber.org](http://www.brooklynohiochamber.org)

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### Chamber Calendar

3/6	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
3/13	<i>Exec. Committee Meeting</i>
3/20	<i>Luncheon</i>
4/3	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
4/10	<i>Exec. Committee Meeting</i>
4/16	<i>Luncheon</i>
5/1	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
5/8	<i>Exec. Committee Meeting</i>
5/15	<i>Luncheon</i>
6/5	<i>GOLF OUTING TBA</i>
6/5	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
6/12	<i>Exec. Committee Meeting</i>
6/18	<i>Luncheon</i>

### UpComing Events

On Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber’s monthly luncheon will be held at Agostino’s on Ridge Road in Brooklyn. Pat Rufflin, President of Parma Hospital will be speaking. Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, the luncheon will be held at Car-rabba’s on Tiedeman Rd. Dan Cricks with Results Marketing will be speaking. Registration and networking for all lunches begins at 11:30am and lunch is served at 12noon. Hope to see you there!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

**Candace Banks,  
The Town Planner**



Candace is the publisher of the Brooklyn Town Planner Commu-

nity Calendar. She has published the community calendar for the past 9 years in Brecksville, Broadview Hts., Middleburg Hts., Independence, North Royalton, Parma Heights, Parma, Seven Hills, and Brook Park. She has served on the board of directors in many of those chambers as well. The calendars are delivered

by mail, free, to homeowners/ businesses and incorporate important civic, school and community information as well as cost savings coupons. If you would like to have your company or organization sponsor the 2009 Calendars, please feel free to contact

Candy: banks@townplanner.com.

## BROOKLYN CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, in order to encourage the continuing educational development of the citizens in our community, will be offering two (2) Post-Secondary scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each. These scholarships will be given to two individuals who best meet the criteria as described below. Determination of the winners will be judged by a panel of Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce members.



The first scholarship will be awarded to a graduating Brooklyn High School senior who currently resides in the City of Brooklyn and will be attending a recognized college or university full time in the fall. The second scholarship will be available to any Brooklyn resident who will be attending a recognized college or university full-time in the fall.

The criteria for both scholarships will be judged as follows:

**Previous academic records and accomplishments.**

**A written recommendation from a current academic faculty member and/or an informational interview from a current member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. (go to [www.brooklynohiochamber.org](http://www.brooklynohiochamber.org) for the complete list.)**

**A typed essay of 500 words OR LESS on a topic that will be listed below.**

**Completion of the application form which can be downloaded from the chamber website.**

Completed packets should be forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce at the following address:

**Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce  
ATTN: Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 44038  
Brooklyn, OH 44144**

Deadline for application submission will be April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The award announcement will be May 12, 2008, at the Annual banquet. The recipients will also be honored at the June Chamber luncheon.

Chose between these two choices for the essay topic:

Discuss the pros and cons of the proposed county wide regionalism of our safety forces on our local economy.

Discuss the effects of the predatory lenders and the home foreclosure rate on our local economic future in the City of Brooklyn.

## SPINAL CARE CLASS



Vita A Chiropractic and Wellness Center invites you to attend a spinal care class. Join us on Wednesday,

March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Food & drink will be served. Dr. Bob Hunkus Presents: How To Identify Subluxations. Learn how to help family & friends identify subluxations that will have a negative effect on their spine and overall health. Each person you bring to the class earns you a FREE 10 minute massage!

Please RSVP to 216-749-7888- Located at 7050 Biddulph Road (Biddulph Plaza).

## TASTE OF BROOKLYN

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” Fundraiser, which benefited the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce’s Scholarship Fund, took place on Saturday, February 9, 2008. The event was a huge success in raising over \$2,100 for the fund. This is double what was made last year.



A special thanks goes to Don and Sharon Workman, who combined this event with their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They sold 40 tickets to their

friends and family who attended the event. The people who could not attend their celebration, all donated to the scholarship fundraiser. Don also donated a flag as a door prize from his company Ameriflag. We truly appreciate all the hard work that the Workman’s did for the event.

“Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” took place at Ridge Park Manor and featured the Brooklyn High School Jazz Band and the culinary expertise of many local restaurants and businesses. The Jazz Band amazed all of those in attendance with their talent.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following people and businesses that donated their food, time, and space to make the “Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz” such a huge success.

- Don and Sharon Workman  
with Ameriflag**
- Sharon Glagola & Ridge Manor Party  
Center**
- Renee and Vinnie & The Sausage  
Shopper**
- Linda Kennedy & Panera Bread**
- Sean Sullivan & the Brooklyn High  
School Jazz Band**
- Todd Seabold & GFS Marketplace**
- Dyanne Hammer and the Sun News**
- Laura M. Rosa & Vita A Chiropractic  
and Wellness Center**
- Giant Eagle**



## POLARIS LUNCHEON

The Chamber of Commerce kicked off the New Year by holding our 1<sup>st</sup> luncheon of the year at Polaris Career Center on



January 17<sup>th</sup>. Doug Miller, Director of Marketing and Community Outreach for Polaris, gave a brief and informative presentation on the programs that Polaris offers to high school students, adult continuing education students, and businesses. A luncheon buffet was served by students in the culinary academy under the direction of Chef Chris Olszewski and Chef Elliott Callahan. Those in attendance could not stop complimenting the chefs and culinary students on the

meal that was prepared. Following the luncheon, an optional tour of Polaris Career Center was provided. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Polaris Career Center for their warm hospitality and amazing food! To learn more about Polaris and what they can offer your business, please visit their website at <http://www.polaris.edu>.

## OUTSOURCE SOLUTIONS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE



Hello fellow members! Bobbi Samalot here from Outsource Solutions. I have recently uploaded a few webpages for easy access on services to help you and/or your business with daily operations or projects. Administrative, Office Support, Graphics / Design, and Marketing / Promotion services available. Professional results,

fast turnaround and cost effective! On or offsite! Please review and contact me should a need arise.. The address is: [www.rareblend.net/os.htm](http://www.rareblend.net/os.htm)

Also In addition to running Outsource Solutions, I am also heavily involved in my music project, Rare Blend, and will be performing original music and improvisations to the screening of: *20,000 LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA* 1916 silent film classic, Saturday April

5th 7:00 PM and Sunday April 6th 4:00 PM Mayfield Village Creative and Performing Arts RESERVE HALL 6622 Wilson Mills Rd Mayfield Village, OH 44143. BCOC members receive a ticket discount. If interested, please email Bobbi at [music@rareblend.net](mailto:music@rareblend.net) Official music website: [www.rareblend.net](http://www.rareblend.net)

Make it a great 2008!!!



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## BROOKLYN LIBRARY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet Plain Dealer columnist and author Michael Heaton – Saturday, March 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m. He will talk about his writing experiences, and his book *Truth and Justice for Fun and Profit* will be available for purchase.

We will be offering classes in American Sign Language for caregivers with children up to 36 months. These will be held on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. starting March 6.

There will be an Internet Job Search workshop on Monday, March 10, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. One of our Career Specialists will be here to discuss the best sources for job listings and types of job search engines, and reviewing online employment applications.

Then on Tuesday, March 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. one of our Career Counselors will be back to help you prepare for that all-important job interview with an Interview Preparation Workshop.

It's Raining Cats and Dogs: A Shower for the Shelter. On Saturday, April 5, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. the Brooklyn Animal Shelter will be at the library with some of the nicest puppies, kittens, dogs, and cats just waiting for their forever home. There are fees for all adoptions. Check [www.brooklynshelter.org](http://www.brooklynshelter.org) for more information.

Join Marilyn Rhinehalt for a fun "make and take" project where you will learn how to make your own beautiful pressed flower bookmarks. Pressed Flower Bookmarks will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Keith Brown of the Benjamin Rose Institute will be here to help answer some of the difficult questions that arise when faced with caring for a loved one with dementia. Tough Decisions: Guardianship and Legal Issues of Dementia will be held on Thursday, April 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information and to register please call **216-398-4600**. Visit our website at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org) to find even more great events that are happening at the Cuyahoga County Public Library!

## POLARIS/WESTSHORE CAREER FAIR 2008

Polaris Career Center and the Board of Cuyahoga County Commissioners invite you to attend the Polaris/Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center Career Fair 2008 which will be held at Polaris on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Career Fair is a collaborative effort between Polaris Career Center, Cuyahoga Department of Employment & Family Services, Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center (NFSC) and Employment Connection. This free event, designed to foster the development of a competitive and productive workforce, will provide a vital link between employers, job seekers, community organizations and government agencies. Polaris/Westshore Career Fair 2008 promises to attract 100 companies and more than 1,000 job seekers. In addition, local agencies and representatives from Polaris will be on-hand, providing access to educational resources, resume assistance and much more. Polaris is located at 7285 Old Oak Boulevard in Middleburg Heights. For more information, contact Doug Miller at 440-891-7609.