

BROOKLYN CHAMBER NEWS



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What's New in 2007?

The Chamber newsletter committee is looking for articles in regards to new and exciting things happening in your companies this year. If you are interested in submitting an article please email Valerie Thompson at asst-dir@brooklynohiochamber.org

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG GENS, SUPERIOR PRODUCTS

It is hard to write anything about Northern Ohio in April without at least mentioning the weather. We have gone from sunshine, to blizzards, and back to sunshine. It seems that the only constant is change. Many of you will agree that the change and challenges of running a business make even Ohio's spring weather seem consistent. We have to deal with those changes while trying to stay on course and keep our business on track

The Brooklyn Chamber luncheon speakers over the last few months have walked that line of trying to keep a common theme, while developing variations that we believe are of interest to our members. The core idea of these presentations has been communication, but the focus has tended to look a little more outward. In the Chamber luncheon series, we have strived to bring a blend of community leaders, along with speakers who are "experts" in business communication, as we learn about what is occurring in Brooklyn and neighboring communities and about communication itself. The question of how we are going to interact with our neighboring businesses and their communities has become a recurring theme.

Before I go any further I'd like to thank the speakers who

have made the presentations that I am referring to:

Cleveland City Councilman Brian Cummins spoke about Greater Brooklyn Planning and Development and the community planning process in general.

Sean Gilmore from Baldwin Wallace College spoke on Effective Communication in the Workplace. It was a great reminder that one of the most important parts of communication is listening.

Paul Duchoslav, Fire Chief for the City Of Brooklyn, gave a presentation and a tour of the city's new Fire Facilities – a great example of what can be accomplished through communication. The proactive approach taken by the Department made things happen and is going to have a great impact in what kind of service levels are going to be available in the Brooklyn area as the regionalization discussion unfolds.

In the same vein I am looking forward to hearing Mayor Zanotti from Parma Heights, speaking on regionalization of public services at our May 17th luncheon. This topic is going to impact all of our city services in the future. It is a great opportunity to hear about changes that we will

encounter soon.

Also speaking later this spring is Jeff Lampert, Superintendent of Brooklyn City Schools. He will be giving the annual "State of Brooklyn Schools" address. This is a very popular meeting where you can find out what is going on in Brooklyn City Schools. As the Chamber tries to enhance its links with the community, I would like to see additional emphasis made in developing a relationship between our businesses and the school system. Here is a perfect opportunity to go to the source and ask any questions you may have. The Scholarship Committee will also present our scholarship awards at this meeting.

Also coming up this summer are a Summer Social, Home Days, Cruisin' 42 and a small group meeting with city staff. Keep an eye out for these upcoming events.

In closing I strongly encourage you to keep in touch with the Chamber. Come to the meetings when you can and submit articles to this newsletter about your company and the community. Thank you for your attention, and participation in the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, I look forward to meeting and speaking to you at one of our future events.

Our Newest Chamber Members!



Rebound Physical Therapy

Timothy DeGeeter

Vita A Chiropractic & Wellness Center



The Brooklyn Recreation Department is inviting local businesses to participate in the City of Brooklyn's Youth Sponsorship Programs. This is a year round opportunity as we have sponsorships available for both our Summer Youth Baseball Program and our Spring/Fall Youth Soccer Program.

For a small sponsorship fee of \$150.00 the name of your business will be featured on a youth team's shirt.

This is a great way to promote your business and support activities for the youth of our community.

If your business is interested in participating please call Chris Dress at the Brooklyn Recreation Center at (216) 635-4282.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



7575 Northcliff Ave
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Rebound Physical Therapy is a "new local business" in Brooklyn, but has actually been in the community for over 8 years. The clinic was previously owned by a group of orthopedic surgeons in the Ridgepark Medical Building in Ridgepark Square Avenue. In October of 2006 the clinic split from the group of surgeons and became its own business, maintaining its location and staff.

Since becoming a free-standing physical therapy

clinic, Rebound has received tremendous support from the local community. Local physicians have shown their support by referring their patients to us and we have also made a lot of new friends in the business community. We are experiencing growth every month and are very excited about our potential.

Rebound's mission is to provide a unique outpatient rehabilitation experience, exemplified by our commitment to excellence in customer service, continuity of care, honesty with our patients and with each other, integrity in all of our actions, personalized care and respect for our

patients and each other.

This is the formula that we apply to our business, and we have seen that it works. We want to thank everyone that has supported us thus far and look forward to meeting new Brooklyn friends in the future!

Some of the services provided by Rebound Physical Therapy:

- Physical Therapy
- Post Operative Rehabilitation
- Functional Capacity Evaluations
- Custom Hand Splinting
- Work Conditioning

Call us at 216-485-7865 if we can be of service!

NEW BOARD MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

Doug Hogan
CEI
Area Manger



Doug Hogan was born and raised in Chardon Ohio, and is a graduate of Chardon High. Doug graduated from John Carroll University with a

degree in education and taught fourth grade for 10 years in the Village of Waterville Ohio, a suburb of Toledo. After graduating from the University of Toledo College of Law, he worked for Toledo Edison's Legal Department specializing in Real Estate and Municipal Law. He transferred to the Cleveland area and worked in CEI's

Governmental Affairs Department as the Liaison to State Government. After the formation of FirstEnergy, Doug became the Area Manager for parts of Western Cuyahoga County, including Brooklyn. Doug, his wife Cathy and their 2 children reside in Auburn Township in Geauga County.

UPCOMING LUNCHEONS



Please join us on Thursday, May 17th for our monthly luncheon. Mayor Martin Zanotti from Parma Heights will speak on the regionalization of safety services study and its findings. The luncheon will be held at Agostino's on 4218 Ridge Road.

On Wednesday, June 20th, Superintendent Jeff Lampert will speak on the State of the Brooklyn School System. The luncheon will be held at Carrabba's on 5030 Tiedeman Road.

Networking and registration for all luncheons begins at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served at 12:00 PM. Hope to see you there!

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Offers 4th Annual Scholarship



offered to anyone who is seeking post-secondary education through an accredited school. passed new minimum wage legislation. Analyze the legislation's effects on Ohio's employees, its economy and its small businesses."

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is once again offering two scholarships to Brooklyn residents who will be attending an accredited college or university this fall. The two \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in two separate categories. The first will be for a graduating high school senior planning to attend college full-time in the fall and the second is

To be eligible for one of the awards, applicants must: (1) be a Brooklyn resident attending an accredited college or university; (2) You cannot have been a previous winner in the category for which you are applying; (3) Submit an application with recommendations; (4) Prepare an essay of no less than 1000 words on the following subject, "Ohio just

The deadline for submission was Monday, April 30, 2007. The award recipients will be announced at the Chamber's monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, May 17, 2007 at Agostino's. Past winners include Matthew Ogorzaly, Kyle Akins, Frank Pucci, and Michelle Kuhr. Good luck to all those that applied!

CHAMBER CALENDAR

3-May	Board of Directors	Hampton
9-May	Exec.	Panera
17-May	Luncheon	Agostino's
7-Jun	Board of Directors	Hampton
13-Jun	Exec.	Panera
20-Jun	Luncheon	Carrabba's
5-Jul	Board of Directors	Hampton
11-Jul	Exec.	Panera
1-Jul	Chamber Social	
2-Aug	Board of Directors	Hampton
8-Aug	Exec.	Panera
1-Aug	Community	
10-Aug	Home Days	
6-Sep	Board of Directors	Hampton
12-Sep	Exec.	Panera
20-Sep	Luncheon	

Fund Raiser a Success!

The "Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz" Fundraiser, which benefited the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Fund, took place on Saturday, February 17, 2007. The event was a huge success in raising over \$1,100 for the fund.

The President of the Brooklyn Chamber, Greg Gens, commented, "We were very pleased with this first effort and would like to continue to participate in this kind of event in the future. The Brooklyn Chamber is young and growing and we feel it is essential to reach out to the community to continue that growth in a meaningful way. The Jazz Band was outstanding and the businesses that volunteered their time on a Saturday night for free were great. I can't thank them enough for their effort. I would also like to thank everyone who attended or do-

nated to the event."

The event 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 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.



**Carol Heinle &
The Sausage Shoppe**

**Colleen Williams &
American Greeting**

**Kate Allen &
Skyline Chili**

**Linda Kennedy &
Panera Bread**

**Lorraine Klotz &
Lorraine's Cookies**

**Michael Knall,
Karen Kessler, &
Knall Beverage**

**Nancy Gentile &
Agostino's**

**Sean Sullivan & the
Brooklyn High School
Jazz Band**

**Sharon Glagola &
Ridge Manor
Party Center**

**Todd Seabold &
GFS Marketplace**





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New Resident Packets

The City of Brooklyn sends out "Welcome" packets to new residents that move into the community. Businesses located in the city are encouraged to include information, promotions, flyers, etc. advertising their business. Some of our businesses send a letter welcoming the new residents with a discount available. One of our local dentists sent in dental floss as a promotional item. If you are interested in participating, please call Donna Thompson at (216) 635-4224.



Would You Like to Receive the Newsletter in your Inbox?

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is now offering to its members the option of having the newsletter emailed. If you are interested in this service please email Valerie Thompson at asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org



CALLING ALL MEMBERS...

We would like to extend an invitation to all of our members to join one of the Chamber's committees. The time commitment is very small and is a great way to meet new people and network. Please send an email to Valerie Thompson at asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org if you are interested in being a part of one of the committees listed below.

- Scholarship and Education*
- Marketing*
- Events*
- Membership*
- Programs*
- Newsletter*