

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It appears that spring is here and with it, comes a number of activities that we are involved in.

First, our Pedal Car fundraiser has been very successfully subscribed. As of April 14th, we have 13 paid sponsors and a couple of more companies that have expressed interest.

Candy Banks is getting in touch with Rhodes High School to discuss setting up a scholarship for Rhodes High School as part of our initiative to reach out to the Old Brooklyn neighborhood and to expand our presence in the area. Candy is also collecting and evaluating our scholarship applications for Brooklyn High School. Those who are awarded will get their scholarship at the academic banquet in May.

June 25, 2009 will be our Golf Outing. We will join with the Brook Park and Middleburg Heights Chambers of Commerce. The outing will be held at Coppertop (formerly, Cherokee Hills Golf Club). The outing will include a continental

breakfast and dinner afterwards with door prizes and raffle chances. This is a very fun day. Please get your foursomes put together early. We have included a flyer and registration form in this newsletter. Again, mark your calendars for June 25th.

We are starting to organize a Fall Clam Bake. Time, date and location TBD. We are hoping to possibly run with a reverse raffle or fundraiser to benefit the scholarship fund. We will update you as we clarify the who, what, when and where of the event.

On May 21, 2009, we have an exciting luncheon scheduled at the Brooklyn Historical Society. Mrs. Stepic, one of our members, has graciously agreed to hold the luncheon on the property of the Historical Society and will include a tour of the facility. If you have not been there, this is a very interesting exhibit. Mrs. Stepic has a wealth of information about the area. Please plan on attending this luncheon.

And last but not least, I would like to encourage

those members who have not yet paid their dues to get them in as soon as possible. We realize it is a difficult time for many, but we believe the Chamber brings value to all of us. In order for us to meet our budget, we need to have all dues current.

This is an exciting time for the Chamber. A lot of things are going on. Please take a look at what we are doing and consider joining us with our outings and lunch meetings. The sole reason for the Chamber to exist is to enhance your experience in the area and to raise money for the projects that we sponsor.

Thank you and have a wonderful spring.

Greg Frey



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Luncheon!

On Thursday, May 21, 2009, the Chamber's luncheon will be held at the Brooklyn Historical Society, located at 4442 Ridge Road. It will be catered by Panera. The luncheon will include a tour of the Historical Society. You can arrive at the Historical Society as early as 11am to receive a tour. Tours will also be given after the luncheon. We will be presenting the Chamber's Past Presidents with plaques to show our appreciation for the time they volunteered to our organization. Hope to see you there!

CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP EXTENDS OFFERING TO RHODES



The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce an addition to their scholarship offerings for 2009. We have added a 3rd scholarship to be given to a Rhodes High School student who is seeking post-secondary education through an accredited school. The recipient will receive \$1,000. One of the other scholarships will be given 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 other scholarship will be available to any

Brooklyn resident who will be attending a recognized college or university full-time in the fall. The deadline for application submission for Rhodes students is May 15th. Unfortunately, the deadline for the other two scholarships has passed.

To be eligible for the new scholarship, you must: (1) be a Rhodes High School student attending an accredited college or university in the fall; (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 500 words on ONE of the following essay topics:

1. Discuss the pros and cons of living in the city of Cleveland, Ohio,

specifically, and what you plan to do with your future. Be sure to include your business and civic concerns.

2. Given the fact that Congress is voting on a Federal Stimulus Program, what would you do with the money allotted to Cleveland to support and improve our community?

The three 2009 award recipients will be announced at the Chamber's June luncheon meeting. Contact the Chamber's Assistant Director with any questions by phone at 216-288-5484 or by email at

asstdir@brooklynohiochamber.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please mark your calendar for June 25th...our 2nd annual Golf Outing



Join the Brooklyn, Brook Park, and Middleburg Hts. Chambers of Commerce on

Thursday, June 25th for a great day of golf and fun. Registration will begin at 7:30am with a shotgun start at 8am. Breakfast will be served with a steak dinner after golf. Plus, prizes for the best Foursome and skill competitions! The outing is being held at Copper Top in Valley City. We are in need of a corporate sponsor, hole sponsors, raffles prizes, door prizes, and goodie bag donations. If you are interested in donating any items, becoming a sponsor, or registering to golf, please email

Valerie Thompson at asst-dir@brooklynohiochamber.org or call at 216-288-5484. We appreciate any help you can give us to make the event a success!!

Pedal Car Fundraiser



The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following organizations who have purchased a pedal car for our scholarship fundraiser. Once the cars have been put together and designed, we will include pictures on our website and in up-

coming newsletters. Stay tuned to find out when and where you can purchase raffle tickets for the cars.

Ameriflag

Brooklyn Historical Society

Fodor Realty

Magic Costume Inc.

Memphis Entertainment Group

Polaris Career Center

Roemer Motor Sport

Signs on Brookpark

Speed Exterminating Co.

State Farm Insurance

Truckin' Vantastik

TASTE OF BROOKLYN



The 3rd annual "Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz" Fundraiser, which benefited the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce's Scholarship Fund, took place on Saturday, March 7, 2009. The event was a huge success in raising over \$1,000 for the fund.

"Taste of Brooklyn and All That Jazz" took place at Ridge Manor Party Center 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.

Sharon Glagola & Ridge Manor Party Center

**Renee and Vinnie
The Sausage Shoppe**

Amy Chappel & Panera Bread Rooster's

Sean Sullivan & the Brooklyn High School Jazz Band

Todd Seabold & GFS Marketplace

Agostino's

**Laura M. Rosa
Vita A Chiropractic and Wellness Center**

BA Sweetie



NEWS RELEASE - THE SAUSAGE SHOPPE

LOCAL COMPANY WINS STATE HONORS



The Sausage Shoppe, a local meat processor and retailer, won three Awards at the recent Ohio Association of Meat Processors (OAMP) Convention in Columbus, OH on March 21, 2009.

Boneless Hams is the category in which The Sausage Shoppe took home Reserve Grand Champion with an entry of their Sheffler ham. The ham was judged based on appearance before and after cutting, aroma, texture of the cut surface, inside color, and flavor. The judges commented on the uniformity of shape, workmanship, and desirable aroma of the ham. It had the highest score of any ham

for very desirable flavor.

Restructured Jerky is a category in which The Sausage Shoppe placed First, with an entry of Beef Jerky. The jerky is judged based on external appearance, internal appearance & texture, aroma, flavor and texture & mouth-feel. It had the highest score for external appearance, internal appearance and texture.

The Sausage Shoppe placed First in the Innovative Products class. Sheffler Ham Salad was submitted for this category. The Sheffler Ham Salad was judged based on the ability to market, feasibility to manufacture, product cost in relationship to marketable sales, overall appearance and presentation, and being an innovative idea within the meat industry. The judges commented that The Sausage Shoppe's innovative

idea was "a good concept and that the product had good spreadibility".

The Sausage Shoppe was also recently featured in a national trade magazine. February 2009 - *Meat & Poultry*, "Economic links, Sausage processors are riding out the recession with optimism", by Larry Aylward, pp. 22-28

More information on The Sausage Shoppe is available at

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Meet our newest and youngest Board Member....



On Saturday, March 7th, the Chamber’s Executive Director, Valerie Thompson, along with her husband Brian, welcomed a new addition to their family. Nicholas Earl was born weighing 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length. Mom and baby are healthy and doing well. Nicholas joins his 3 year old twin sister and brother, Kayley and Corey. Congratulations to Valerie and her family!

