

# Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is upon us and it has arrived with a cold chill in the air. Hopefully we will get some Indian summer before the first blast of winter.

Here is an update on a couple of things. I wish to report that the Clam Bake went very well, thanks to Mike Kissel, Brennan's Catering, Doug & Cathy Hogan, Valerie Thompson, and all those who attended the Clam Bake. The evening turned out to be delightful. We had a miniature golf shoot out, won by Candy Banks' daughter, Meghan. The prize was a pedal car. The food by Brennan's Catering was excellent and the leftovers were taken to the Brooklyn Police Department and greeted with enthusiasm by the officers on duty.

Our October meeting was held at Health Source on Ridge Road. Thank you to Caron Kreicher and her staff for a great lunch and program!

Our annual meeting will be November 19th at Ridge Manor, on the corner of Biddulph and Ridge. Hors d' oeuvres, beer, wine and soda will be served.

We have appointed two new Board members, David Hill of Dollar Bank and Caron Kreicher of HealthSource. We are looking forward to their input on the Board. A slate of four additional Board members has gone out to the membership for approval. Please take the time to vote. The newly elected Board members will be announced at our annual meeting.

We are starting to look at things we need or want to do for next year. We expect it to be an exciting challenge as we look to reach out to the wider community and to participate in a number of endeavors, either on our own, or in conjunction with other civic

groups in the area. We will keep you posted.

This gets to be a very busy time of year and we realize everyone has a full slate of responsibilities and obligations to attend to. We hope you will be able to join us for our Christmas luncheon on December 16th at Carrabba's. We are trying to coordinate with Brooklyn's new Mayor and maybe new Council Members to be there to introduce to you and update you on what is going on in the City.

Greg Frey



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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held at Ridge Manor Party Center from 4-6pm. Ridge Manor Party Center is located at 4630 Ridge Rd in Brooklyn. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes beer, wine, and hors d' oeuvres. If you are a sustaining member and choose to use one of your lunches for the event, you will need to pay an additional \$5 to cover the cost. The 2009 Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Awards will be given out at this event. If you are able to attend, please let Valerie Thompson know no later than Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. She can be reached at 216-288-5484

## 1ST ANNUAL CLAM BAKE A SUCCESS!!

The Chamber hosted its first annual Clam Bake on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Memphis Kiddie Park. The event was a huge success! Brennan's Party Center catered the event with delicious food! Those in attendance enjoyed a hole in one contest on the miniature golf course. Congratulations to Meghan Banks, the winner of the contest. She was awarded with a pedal car! Meghan is the daughter of one of our longtime members and Board member, Candy Banks with the Town Planner. Special thanks goes to Mike Kissel and Memphis Kiddie Park for providing the venue, beverages, and two beverage waitresses! The Chamber would also like to thank the following for donating prizes for the Clam Bake: Doug and Cathy Hogan, Memphis Kiddie Park, Brooklyn City Schools' Superintendent Cynthia Walker, and Wal-Mart. We are excited to continue this event in October 2010!



## MIKE KISSEL AWARDED NOACC BRIGHT STAR

Congratulations to Mike Kissel with Memphis Entertainment Group. Mike is the recipient of the 2009 NOACC Bright Star Award for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the award is to recognize a member "who has made a significant impact on the Chamber through membership, retention, sponsorship, economic development, operation and/or education". The Chamber nominated Mike for this award because of his dedication to improving and marketing the

Chamber. Several of our annual events would not be in existence today without Mike; including Taste of Brooklyn, Pedal Car Fundraiser, and the various Cruise events. The Chamber's success through the years is in large part, because of Mike. He has spent countless hours since he joined in 2002, on making the Chamber a successful organization. Mike was honored at NOACC's Semi-Annual Meeting at the Cadillac Ranch in Downtown Cleveland on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Greg Frey accompanied Mike as he received his award. Congratulations and thanks for all you do, Mike!



## UPCOMING LUNCHEON



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Our December luncheon is being held on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Carrabba's on Tiedeman

more details to follow. Registration and networking begins at 11:30am and lunch is served at 12noon. Members are \$12 per person and \$17 for non-members. Hope to see you there!

Our 2010 meeting schedule is filling up fast. If you are interested in hosting a luncheon at your facility, please contact Valerie Thompson for details.

## NOACC NEWS

### Save Money with NOACC Chamber Group Rating

Employers looking for the best rates in workers' compensation know that NOW is the time of year to apply for group rating for 2010-11. In 2008 **Benefits 1 Group** was selected as the **NOACC endorsed third party administrator (TPA) for workers' compensation group rating.**

While there was confusion in the market last year, here are the facts. **If your company is *not* working with Benefits 1 Group, you are *not* enrolled in the endorsed NOACC chamber plan.** And employers must enroll in 2010-11 group rating programs before February 28, 2010.

Although the cycle of enrollment and choosing the best TPA for group rating continues year to year, companies need to take advantage of the best discounts and programs to secure the very best rate each year.

### Tips to Maximize Group Rating

**Choose a trusted advisor** in a Workers' Comp Third Party Administrator (TPA) as the first stop on any group rating plan. Look for a company with a record of integrity and good communication. Do they provide timely reports and updates? Do they communicate with you on the terms you prefer? Are they fully integrated with your program? Will they help you move from penalty to group-rated?

**Look for a TPA with a proactive plan to help** you develop the best workers' compensation programs for your associates and the best record for your company. Even if you are a penalty-rated company, you can move into a better position with a knowledgeable TPA to guide you. Companies that are self-insured will also benefit from an effective and proactive TPA program of services.

**Benefits 1 Group is the TPA of choice for NOACC.**

The Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) have selected Benefits 1 Group as the preferred workers' compensation Third Party Administrator to serve over 30,000 companies that are members of northern Ohio chambers of commerce. Benefits 1 Group serves as the trusted advisor for these companies and offers group rating discounts to participants in the NOACC group. To get more information on the chamber plan go to [www.benefits1group.com/noacc](http://www.benefits1group.com/noacc).

**Don't delay in applying to Benefits 1 Group:** final rates are due to be released from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation in the coming weeks.

**Make a call to one of the consultants today at Benefits 1 Group at 877-765-4200 or visit us at <http://www.benefits1group.com/grouprating>.** Consultants will assist immediately with your verbal ok to get started with an AC3 form.

## VITA PROMOTION



**Buy an Hour Massage Get a 1/2 Hour Free!**  
**Great Gift Ideas & Stocking Stuffers for the Upcoming Holiday Season!**  
**Hurry In or Call Today, Limited Time Only for all Brooklyn Chamber Members!**

Do you suffer from insomnia and or migraines? In a recent study, massage therapy recipients exhibited fewer migraines and better sleep quality during the weeks they received massage, as well as the 3 weeks following, than did participants that did not receive massage therapy. Another study found that in adults with migraine headache, massage therapy decreased the occurrence of headaches, sleep disturbances and distress symptoms. It

also increased serotonin levels, believed to play an important role in the regulation of mood, sleep and appetite. (Sources: Annals of Behavioral Medicine, August 2006; International Journal of Neuroscience.).

Call us today to schedule an appointment. Be sure to mention the special above! We are located in Bidulph Plaza at 7050 Bidulph. We can be reached at 216-749-7888.



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## CHAMBER TIDBITS



### Our newest Board Members:

Caron Kreicher, HealthSource  
David Hill, Dollar Bank

### TIME TO VOTE!



Everyone should have received the election ballot for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, term commencing January 1, 2010. The ballot was sent out electronically via email. For companies without a registered email address, a ballot was mailed out to you. All ballots must be received no later than November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### HealthSource Luncheon

Our October luncheon was held at HealthSource on Ridge Road. Visitors were greeted with a yummy candied apple and fall inspired decorations. The menu included chicken paprikash, rigatoni, salad, and dessert. Dr. gave an interesting and entertaining presentation on disc lesions and spinal stenosis. The Chamber would like to thank Caron Kreicher, Dr. , and their staff for an enjoyable afternoon!

