



CHAMBER NEWS !!

Chamber Luncheon, January 21

Chamber members are encouraged to mark Wednesday, January 21 on their calendars and plan to attend our business luncheon which will be held from 12:00—1:00 p.m. at Trotter’s Café and Sports Bar, 123 North Main Street, New Lexington.

Steve Spitler, Portfolio Analyst with the GrowNOW program, will be our guest speaker. Steve administers the GrowNOW program through the Ohio Treasurer’s office. This program offers a path to more affordable small business borrowing through a partnership between the state’s eligible banks and the Ohio Treasury.

Reservations are not required, but we would like a tentative head count. Please call the Chamber Office at 342-3547 by 10:00 a.m. on the 21st with numbers. Both a baked steak and a chicken lunch will be offered for \$9.50 which includes beverage and gratuity.

This program is open to the general public.

Membership Renewal Packets/ Invoices Sent

You should have received these materials over the holidays. PLEASE complete and return the Membership Renewal Form and return it with your membership dues. We need this information to update our records to ensure accuracy and therefore better serve you! Thank you for your prompt attention to this request!

Board of Directors Ballot Included

Please do not overlook the yellow ballot that was included in the packet. You can vote for up to four nominees and return it with your renewal form and dues, fax it to us at 342-9124 or send it in a separate mailing.

WHIZ-TV/ Time Warner Update

Time Warner heard us!! On January 8th I received calls from Hank Littick, WHIZ-TV President and Steve Kunkler, Time Warner’s Government Affairs Representative. Both indicated that Time Warner had dropped plans to stop broadcasting WHIZ-TV programming to Perry County Time Warner subscribers. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this lobbying effort! Time Warner said “We made it real clear and that we could back off !”

Group Health Plan Informational Meeting , January 29

An informational luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon Thursday, January 29 at Fiore’s Restaurant, 421 West Broadway, New Lexington.

A Representative Specialist of Group Health Care Insurance will be there, plus agents from all four local agencies have been invited to participate.

The meal will be covered, so please call the Chamber Office at 342-3547 to make a reservation(s) and to give us a tentative count.

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The Forker Company Also Offers Group Health Insurance

The Forker Co. should have been included in the December Newsletter listing them as a fourth “equally qualified and certified agency” to consider when securing a quote for our group health insurance plan. Please contact Matt Schreiber at 740-452-4596.

I apologize to The Forker Company for this oversight!

Membership Discount Program Materials To Be Sent

A complete listing of participating businesses and their discount offerings, along with special cards for all your employees, should be sent to you by the end of the month.

If your business would like to offer a special discount to chamber members and their employees, either (1.) complete that information on the Membership Renewal Form in your packet or (2.) contact the Chamber Office and let us know of your interest.

Thanks to those members already participating in this program by offering discounts!

Workers' Compensation Group Rating Discount Program Information

It is not too late to be reviewed for the Chamber's workers' compensation group rating discount program. Workers' compensation premiums can be costly and group rating is the BEST way to reduce that expense.

CompManagement, Inc. (CMI) our third party administrator for workers' compensation, helps Chamber members save money on the premiums you pay to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation. (BWC)

CMI is in the process of reviewing employers for their discount program. The deadline to be reviewed is February 6, 2009. To complete an on-line AC-3 form, please visit <http://resources.compmgt.com/AC3/GroupRating.aspx?Organization=PerryCountyChamber>

We urge you to take advantage of this tremendous member benefit! If you have any questions, please contact CMI's group rating department at 800-825-6755 option 3, or call the Chamber office at 342-3547. I have copies of the AC-3 in my office if you need one!

Please Share The Enclosed Flyers

Your help in making your employees aware of the enclosed workshop opportunities being offered to Perry County residents would be greatly appreciated!

2009 Calendar Of Events Being Developed

We are in the process of creating this flyer listing county festivals, shows, community celebrations, fairs, etc. If you have something that might be included in this publication, call the Chamber Office before February 1st with the details; date, location, brief description, etc.

Festival Of Wreaths Donors Recognized

We would like to express our appreciation to these businesses/individuals that donated the 18 Christmas Wreaths:

Blacker's Pharmacy	North Valley Bank
Century National Bank	Ogden Insurance
Goebel Funeral Home	People's National Bank
Hunter's Run	Perry County Farm Bureau
Judge Dean Wilson	Sawyers Insurance Group
McDonalds	Star Engineering (4)
New Dimension Tanning & Fitness	Tracy's Flowers & Gifts
	WYBZ Radio

Proceeds from this go into the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund, which awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from the county, with preference to a student who plans to pursue a business degree.

Free Income Tax Assistance Available

The Holland Center has teamed up with the Ohio Benefit Bank to offer free tax assistance to help low and moderate income individuals obtain free federal and state income tax return preparation assistance. A trained counselor will help individuals prepare returns at no cost.

Free Tax Filing Programs are offered to anyone whose household income is less than \$56,000 per year. If eligible, clients can also claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a special tax refund program for working families and individuals who qualify for the program.

The Holland Center is located at 116 West Main Street in Corning. Please contact Pam Withem at 740-347-0051, for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Please share this with your employees that may qualify and be interested.

EODA's Upcoming Events

I have just received information about several “Upcoming Events” through EODA's Business Development Marketing Committee. Please contact me for details if interested!

March 6	Selling to India: Opportunities Await Milford, Ohio
March 1- 11	2009 State of Ohio Trade Development Mission to Australia and New Zealand
April 6-7	Asia Pacific Business Outlook Conference 2009 Los Angeles, CA.
April 15-16	Complying with US Export Controls Cleveland, OH
April 30	Selling To Our Neighbors: Canada and Mexico Piketon, Ohio

Sincerely,

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Perry County Chamber of Commerce