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TechStart Meeting

On June 4th the Chamber sponsored a meeting with TechStart. Christopher Anderson, Start-up Specialist, gave a Power Point presentation on “How to Grow your Business with TechStart.”

Lissa Jollick, from the Small Business Development Center, also spoke on how they can also help small business.

Several Chamber members attended and received very useful information.

2008 Scholarship Award

Dr. Larry Rentschler presented the 2008 Chamber of Commerce Scholarship, in the amount of \$500.00, to this years winner-**Jacob Walters**. The scholarship was awarded at New Lexington High School on May 15th at their Awards Night. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Walters. Jacob will be attending The Ohio State University and majoring in Agribusiness and Applied Economics.

“Business After Hours” June 10th

Fred & Peggy Shriner hosted the June “Business After Hours” event at their strawberry farm. It was a beautiful evening, some people picked strawberries while others bought already picked strawberries. Peggy served fresh strawberries with lemon cake and homemade ice cream.

Everyone attending had a wonderful time.

July 16 Luncheon Planned

Chamber members are encouraged to mark July 16th on their calendars and plan to attend our business luncheon which will be held from 12:00 –1:00 PM at Trotter’s Café and Sports Bar, 123 North Main Street, New Lexington.

Fred Deel, Director for the Governor's Office of Appalachia, will be speaking about what his office does through the Ohio Department of Development and different programs available through his office and how they impact Perry County.

Reservations are not required, but we would like a tentative head count. Please call the Chamber office, 342-3547. 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.

U. S. Senator George Voinovich:

Fighting for a Cleaner Environment
And a Stronger Economy

U.S. Senator George V. Voinovich has long championed harmonizing our economic, energy and environmental needs. He did so as mayor of Cleveland and governor of Ohio and had great success bringing both sides to the table for the betterment of Ohio and the nation. Today, he is committed to educating his colleagues and Ohioans about the unprecedented opportunity we have before us when it comes to crafting a comprehensive solution to climate change.

He believes we must be smart and measured in our steps forward, always keeping what is best for working families, seniors and those trying to make ends meet on fixed incomes in mind. S.3036, the Lieberman-Warner Climate bill, would raise energy costs on already-hurting families, send jobs overseas and fail to help the environment as intended. Sen. Voinovich believes Americans should not suffer for symbolism while countries like China and India emit increasingly large quantities of greenhouse gases without consequences.

Impact Facts and Figures

A recent analysis by the **Environmental Protection Agency** provided a devastating critique of S.3036—estimating the passage could result in **annual losses in gross domestic product (GDP) as high as \$2.5 trillion by 2030. By 2050, annual losses in GDP could be as high as \$5 trillion, with electricity rates doubling over the same time period.**

It is important to note that the impacts of S.3036 will be **disproportionately felt by states like Ohio** who depend on coal for much of their energy needs.

Indeed, the **American Council for Capital Formation** indicates that **Ohio would lose 139,000 jobs by 2020. By 2050, net job losses could grow to as high as 487,000.**

With Ohio consumers paying as much as **29 percent more for gasoline, 50 percent more for natural gas and 90 percent more for electricity**, disposable household income could be reduced \$1,928 per year by 2020 and \$3,522 per year by 2050.

Sen. Voinovich: developing a Comprehensive solution

Sen. Voinovich is spearheading the development of alternative policies that are less intrusive, less

costly and that will achieve greater environmental benefits than those now before us. He believes we must focus the American legacy of entrepreneurship and innovation on the development and deployment of the technologies necessary to meet this historic challenge. By putting technology first, we can truly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, move toward energy independence, create new jobs and enhance our competitive position in the global marketplace.

Members Discount Program Information

Enclosed is an updated listing of businesses offering discounts through this program. Cards to present at these various businesses are available through the Chamber office by calling 342-3547 and requesting the number you need for your employees.

Special thanks to these businesses for their support of this program. Please encourage your employees to take advantage of these discounts!

Chamber Members Featured

We would like to recognize the following Chamber members:

**American Cancer Society
American Electric Power
American Legion Post #188
American Red Cross
Arwebb Office Plus
Autumn Healthcare
B&C Drive Thru
Big Brothers & Big Sisters
Blacker's Pharmacy
Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley
Buckingham Coal Company
Cash & Go
Century National Bank
Community Bank
Conrad Builders
Cooper Standard
Creative Coach Company
Crooksville Exempt School
David L. Humphrey
DB Creative Designs
Dennis Insurance
Dodson's Pizza & Chicken**

More members will be featured in future newsletters.

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