

March 2017

# Chamber Chatter



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## Next Chamber Event



The next Chamber event will be a Business After-Hours on Thursday, March 9th, from 4pm-7pm, at the Cutler Real Estate Office- (704 Canton Rd. NW Suite F, Carrollton, OH 44615). A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 5pm for their grand reopening since they have remodeled their office. Light refreshments and beverages will be served. There is No Cost for this event. Please plan on joining us for a nice evening of business networking. If you are interested in attending this event, please call the Chamber Office at 330-627-4811 or email Vanessa at [vacation@carrollcountyohio.com](mailto:vacation@carrollcountyohio.com) by the end of day on Tuesday, March 7th.

## Upcoming Events March 2017

### March 11

American Cancer Society presents the "Polar Bear Plunge"  
Registration: 12:30pm  
Jump Time: 2pm  
Location: Atwood Lake Park  
9500 Lakeview Road  
Mineral City, OH 44656  
For donations and information or participating, this year contact Eric Baker @888-227-6446 ext. 2226

### March 11

7th Annual Community Hospice presents "Treasures of Time"  
5pm-8pm  
Location: Great Trail Golf Course in Minerva  
Tickets are \$30 per person  
For more information, please contact Mona Sayre at 1-800-947-7284.

### March 25

Magical Theatre Co. actors perform four short original works. Time: 2pm  
Location: The Roxy Theatre  
120 N. Market St.  
in Minerva 44657  
Cost: Adults- \$5, Kids-Free

### March 26

Carrollton Bible Chapel Concert Series 6:30pm  
Ken Groves-ventriloquist from North Canton.  
365 Steubenville Rd SE  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
Two food items are requested for admission.



## Update from Last Chamber luncheon

The last Chamber luncheon was held at the Ponderosa restaurant in Carrollton on Thursday, February 9th. Stephen Kadis & Charlie Myers from ServerSim were our guest speakers. Stephen spoke about his business, which is communications and information technology. The Chamber would like to thank Stephen and Charlie from ServerSim for speaking and Ponderosa for hosting the event and providing the lunch.



## Business Quote of the Month

" I am a great believer in luck,  
And I find the harder I work  
the more I have of it."



-Thomas Jefferson

### *2017 Chamber Meeting Dates*

<b>Mar. 9th</b>	Cutler Real Estate (Carrollton Office)	Business After-Hours
<b>April 20th</b>	Atwood Yacht Club	Annual Chamber Banquet
<b>May 11th</b>	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
<b>June 8th</b>	Sunnyslope Nursing & Rehab Center	Business After-Hours
<b>July 13th</b>	The Villa Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Aug. 10th</b>	Ponderosa	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Sept. 14th</b>	TBA	Business After-Hours
<b>Oct. 12th</b>	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Nov. 9th</b>	Ashton House Museum	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Dec. 7th</b>	TBA	Business After-Hours

\*\* We are looking for businesses that would like to host a Business After-Hours for 2017.

Please contact the office if interested. \*\*

### *2017 Board of Directors and Officers*

**President**— Janet Smith  
Community Title Agency  
**Secretary**— Michele Catlett  
Consumers National Bank

**Vice President**—Rosemary Brace  
Mercy Medical Center  
**Treasurer**— Lester Dodds  
Dodds Funeral Home

Chris Shepherd—Huntington Bank  
Yvonne Ackerman-Carroll Electric  
Dan Long—Republic State Mortgage  
Patrick Cooper—Cooper Accounting  
Tait Carter— Carroll County Economic Development

Susan Ziler— Carroll Health Care Center  
Suzanne Bates— Community Hospice  
Alison McLaughlin— AMM Designs  
Nick Trussell— Elevated Services

**Executive Director**—Amy Rutledge  
**Administrative Assistant**—Vanessa McConnell



Don't Forget to Spring ahead 1 hour on your clocks before you retire to bed on Saturday, March 11th.

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## Chamber Board report

The Chamber Board of Directors met Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at noon at the Villa Restaurant with nine board members in attendance. **Membership-** The board approved new members David Carnes of The Sirak-Brockett Agency and the organization Save 22, bringing the membership total to 203 after dropping non-renewals. **Director's Report-** Amy represented the Chamber and CVB at the following meetings: EODA, Atwood Partner, OACVB, Adventures in NE Ohio, Camp Directors, Carrollton Business Women, and the Ashton Board meeting. Amy met with Mark Wells, Tait Carter and a group from Community Action to work on Building Rural Prosperity in Carrollton and the county. Ads were confirmed and created for the following publications: Travelhost Magazine, Ohio Magazine, RoadRunner Magazine, AAA Home & Away Magazine, Crossings Magazine, Stark County Visitors Guide and Ohio Appalachian Country Visitor Guide. Amy met with owners of Carroll County's newest winery, TNT Winery. The CVB is working with the Atwood Partners on the Dam Motorcycle Poker Run to be held on June 3. We are also working on getting the new visitor guide out to partners and distribution companies.

**Golden Shovel-**We are still accepting nominations. Tait has a list of 7 members that she will be contacting to get more information from. **Banquet-** Rosemary reported that the banquet will be April 20 at Atwood Yacht Club. We have 3 gold sponsors to date. The date to confirm sponsorship is March 15. We are working on menu and a speaker for the event. **Education-** Amy reported we had 8 members attend the Windows 10 class in January. **Internet/Website-** Alison is working on some updates on the Chamber site. **Policy & Procedures-** The committee met and has started working on the index and what we want in the manual. There will be issues that the board will need to vote on as we go forward. **Old/New Business-** Amy reported she got a request for a donation to Community Hospice. It was denied as the board feels the members all make donations to these kinds of groups. Amy also asked for volunteers from the board to sit on the committee for Building Rural Prosperity. Dan, Michele and Susan all showed interest in learning more and representing the Chamber. The next meeting of the Chamber Board will be Wednesday, March 22, at noon at JB Chops.

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## Carroll County Visitors Guide

Carroll County Visitors Guides are in and available. If you would like to have a quantity of the guides in your business, please feel free to contact the office by calling 330-627-0103 or emailing Vanessa at [vacation@carrollcountyohio.com](mailto:vacation@carrollcountyohio.com) and we will get drop them off to you.

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## The Dam Motorcycle Poker Run

### Save the Date.... Saturday, June 3, 2017

The Atwood Partner Group is sponsoring a scenic motorcycle drive to connect all the local dams, which include Atwood, Leesville, Clendening, Piedmont and Tappan. This Poker Run will benefit the local organization Save22. More details will follow.





**Chamber Member News**

Is the new Department of Labor's Fiduciary Standard Rule, which will be effective April 1, impacting your retirement plan advisor's ability to service your pension or 401 (k) plan? Greenport Financial Advisers has served as fiduciary to individuals for 27 years and is pleased to bring that investment expertise to local businesses. Greenport is now serving as Financial Adviser to defined contribution and defined benefit retirement plans and provides personal service and advice to both employers and their employees. For more information, please contact Denise Downard at Greenport Financial Advisers ph: 330-868-0900 or email: [dwardard@greenportfinancial.com](mailto:dwardard@greenportfinancial.com)

Greenport Financial Advisers is now offering planning and consulting services for business owners considering exit strategies for their companies. Greenport can assist owners with transition planning for both the internal and external sale of a company and other ownership transfer options. Also, it provides advisory services for businesses looking for acquisition opportunities. For more information, please contact Bill Griffing at 330-868-0900 or at [wgriffing@greenportfinancial.com](mailto:wgriffing@greenportfinancial.com).



**Habitat for Humanity to present keys to six local families at home dedication ceremony**

Habitat for Humanity of East Central Ohio will dedicate the homes of six local families during a special celebration on Sunday, February 26, at 2pm, at the Habitat for Humanity ministry offices, located at 1400 Raff Road SW, Canton.

During this home dedication ceremony, Habitat for Humanity will present six families with the keys to their new homes and recognize the hundreds of individuals, churches, organizations, and financial sponsors who have helped these families build and purchase their homes. Among the homes being dedicated are two Faith Build projects homes built through the joint efforts of local churches. Nine churches joined together to volunteer for and sponsor the Stark County Faith Build home, and eight churches partnered with Habitat to complete the Carroll County Faith Build.

Partner families invest 500 hours of "sweat equity" during their partnership with Habitat by building their home and the homes of others, and by completing financial literacy and homeowner maintenance education courses. In return, each family has the opportunity to purchase their new home with an affordable zero-interest mortgage. During the February 26 home dedication, each family will present their first zero-interest mortgage payment.

Those interested in receiving more information about the February 26 event or about partnering with Habitat for Humanity of East Central Ohio to build and renovate homes with hard-working local families should call 330-915-5888.

**New Chamber Members**

The Chamber would like to welcome three new members.

1-Lewis Mickley– Newly Elected Carroll County Commissioner.  
 Lewis may be contacted by calling 330-627-4869.  
 His email address is: [lmickley@carrollcountyohio.us](mailto:lmickley@carrollcountyohio.us)



2–David Carnes– Financial Representative at The Sirak-Brockett Agency.  
 The business is located at 4700 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton, OH 44718.  
 If you have any financial needs, please contact David at 330-493-3211.  
 His email address is: [david\\_carnes@glic.com](mailto:david_carnes@glic.com)



3-Tom Indorf- CEO of SAVE22 –Veteran Suicide Awareness (Non-Profit) Organization.  
 The business is located at 700 Glory Rd. NW, Carrollton, OH 44615.  
 Tom may be contacted by calling 330-575-5938. The email address is: [info@save22.vet](mailto:info@save22.vet)



### Annual Chamber Banquet Planning

The Chamber is working on the annual banquet that will be held April 20th at the Atwood Yacht Club. We are looking for sponsors again this year for the banquet.

**Gold Sponsorship-** \$250– listed on invitation, listed on sponsor board at dinner, included in press releases and in the newsletter.

**Silver Sponsorship-** \$150– listed on sponsor board at dinner, listed in press releases and in the newsletter.

If your business is interested in being a sponsor of the banquet, please contact Amy at the Chamber office by March 15.

The Chamber is also looking for businesses that have made major improvements in their businesses so we can honor them at the banquet with a Golden Shovel award. To qualify, the business needs to have made improvements over \$25,000. To nominate your business, please contact the office by March 15. We don't always know when businesses have made investments, so we need your help to make sure we don't miss anyone.



### Carroll CVB seeks businesses for wedding product

The Carroll County Convention and Visitors Bureau is looking for wedding-related businesses interested in working together to promote Carroll County as a wedding destination.

“Carroll County is perfect for country or destination weddings,” said CVB Executive Director Amy Rutledge. “We have some beautiful places to hold weddings, as well as other businesses that provide services like flowers, food, photography and decorations.”

“The CVB has received a couple of advertising opportunities, but since the agency is not the end product, it is reaching out to its partners for their input and participation”, Rutledge explained.

The CVB is also looking to create its own wedding brochure listing all of its partners to be used for fulfillment and advertising. Any business interested in participating should contact Amy Rutledge at 330-627-0103 or email her at [amyk@carrollcountyohio.com](mailto:amyk@carrollcountyohio.com)



Happy St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17th!

Spring begins on Monday, March 20th!

