

January 2018

Chamber Chatter



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Next Chamber Event

The Chamber's next event will be a Chamber Luncheon held at Ponderosa in Carrollton on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at noon. Jennifer Grim, the Family Service Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, will be our guest speaker. The cost will be \$10 per person. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to Vanessa by end of day Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 2018, by calling the Chamber office at 330-627-4811 or email her directly at : vacation@carrollcountyohio.com



Update from Last Chamber event



Photo Above- (Left to Right)
Kerri Everly of Century Farms, and
Laurie Stanbro of Nai Spring.

The last Chamber event was a Business After-Hours at Century Farms Barn on December 7th. There was a nice turnout and everybody seemed to have a great evening. We had collected non-perishable food donations that were donated to the local food pantry, Loaves & Fishes. The Chamber received a very nice Thank You note from them. Thank You to everybody who donated!

Upcoming Events January 2018

January 1
Happy New Year "2018"

January 5
Carroll County Arts Center
6pm-8pm
"Featured Artist of the Month" Beverly Marsh
Come enjoy some Light refreshments

January 12
Discover Downtown
Market Street, Minerva
5pm-9pm

January 27
Painting a winter scene
with artist Scott Taggart
at the Carroll County
Arts Center 1pm
Cost is \$35 per person.
Call 330-627-3739 to
register.

January 31
Workers Comp Seminar
Health & Wellness
Program
The Villa Restaurant
Noon



Quote of the Month

"Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I may remember,
Involve me and I learn."
-Benjamin Franklin



2017 Chamber Meeting Dates

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| Jan. 11th | Ponderosa | Chamber Luncheon |
| Feb. 8th | Tozzi's | Business After-Hours |
| Mar. 28th | The Villa | Chamber Luncheon |

2018 Board of Directors and Officers

President— Tait Carter
Carroll County Economic Development

Vice President—Rosemary Brace
Mercy Medical Center

Secretary— Michele Catlett
Consumers National Bank

Treasurer— Lester Dodds
Dodds Funeral Home

Chris Shepherd—Huntington Bank

Susan Ziler— Carroll Health Care Center

Yvonne Ackerman-Carroll Electric

Suzanne Bates— Community Hospice

Dan Long—Republic State Mortgage

Alison Decker— AMM Designs

Patrick Cooper—Cooper Accounting

Janice Fleming-Cutler Realty

Janet Smith— Community Title Agency

Executive Director—Amy Rutledge

Administrative Assistant—Vanessa McConnell

**Did you
know?... Ohio
Fun Fact!**



“Things Swallowed” is a collection of items that a doctor removed from the bodies of his patients, over 20 years. Each item swallowed is carefully marked with the patients’ name and age. This collection of oddities is on display at the Allen County Museum in Lima, Ohio.

Chamber Board Update

The Carroll County Chamber Board of Directors met Monday, December 11, at noon at Que Pasa's with ten board members in attendance. The board welcomed newly elected member Janice Fleming and thanked Nick Trussell for his service on the board. **Director's Report**– holding regular committee meetings for the Bridal Show in March. Amy participated in a state media call with the Ohio Oil & Gas Association (OOGA) and Energy In Depth about the investment in roads that the industry has spent in the Utica Shale development. Set up and participated in meetings with local officials and the American Petroleum Institute and OOGA. Amy held a marketing committee meeting to set a marketing plan for the CVB for 2018. The CVB is working with Henley Graphics to finish the 2018 Visitor Guide. **Membership**– the board accepted new members Tozzi's of Magnolia and Dina Tozzi, real estate agent for Howard Hanna Real Estate. That brings the member total to 195. **Economic Development**– Tait is working on a tri-county partnership with Tuscarawas and Harrison counties, as well as Buckeye Career Center and KSU Tuscarawas on training for manufacturing. **OLD/New Business**– The board voted to go to a group health insurance plan for the employees using the stipend amount as the Chamber's portion of the premium. **Election of Officers**– President– Tait Carter, Vice-President–Rosemary Brace, Secretary– Michele Catlett and Treasurer– Lester Dodds. The next board meeting will be January 24, 2018, at Noon, at The Villa Restaurant.

Chamber Partners with BWC for Seminar

The Chamber is partnering with the Bureau of Worker's Compensation to host an educational meeting on one of their new programs. The BWC is rolling out a new Health and Wellness Program in February/March of 2018. This is a new program for select industries with 50 employees or less. It is designed to provide employees access to the benefits of a wellness program at no cost to either the employer or employee. There is some information located on the flier in this newsletter. Scott St. Clair, BWC Regional Business Consultant, will conduct a meeting with more information on the program January 31, 2018, at the Villa Restaurant, 701 Crest St., Carrollton, at noon. Lunch will be on your own and you can order off the menu. Please RSVP to the office by calling 330-627-4811 if you plan on attending.

Chamber Dues

Vanessa has sent out the invoices for your 2018 investment in the Chamber. Please take a few minutes to fill out the info sheet and send it in with your investment check. The information is so we can check and update our records. The Chamber uses your investment to make the county a better place to live and work. If you would prefer to pay with a credit card, please call our office.

Carroll County Bridal Show

The Chamber is sponsoring a Bridal Show, March 24, 2018, at Century Farms Wedding Barn. We want to showcase our venues and businesses in Carroll County to brides looking for unique venues for their weddings. The form to reserve your space is in this newsletter. If you are interested, get your reservation in as soon as possible. We will open it up to out-of-county vendors in January. Venues, lodging and photographers are limited to the county.



New Chamber Members

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome the following new members:

Tozzi Restaurant of Magnolia-

David & Dina Tozzi are the owners. Their address is 144 N. Main Street, Magnolia, OH 44643. The telephone number is 330-915-4993. Tozzi's website address is www.tozzismagnolia.com. Email address is davidptozzi59@gmail.com. Tozzi's Restaurant has a full-service bar offering steaks, seafood and pasta dishes. Banquets, private parties and catering events are also offered. Proudly serving the public since 1914, reservations are strongly suggested for a wonderful dining experience. Hours the restaurant are opened is Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 5-9pm and Friday and Saturday from 5pm-10pm.



Dina Tozzi- Howard Hanna Real Estate Services-

Her office is located at 507 Wabash Ave NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663. Her telephone number is 330-447-1566. Her email address is dinatozzi@howardhanna.com.

The website address is dinatozzi.howardhanna.com. Dina is happy to assist buyers and sellers in real estate transactions. She deals with residential, vacant land, and light commercial properties. If you have any of these needs, please contact Dina.



Thank You

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Nick Trussel for his service on the Chamber Board.

Thank You Nick and many blessings on your future endeavors.



Welcome

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce would like to Welcome Janice Fleming of Cutler Realty on to the Chamber Board.

Thank You Janice!



CareWorks Comp News

Unbelievably, another year is hastening to a close. Growing and developing relationships with our clients have been our first and foremost goal this year. We will nurture that culture of partnership in the year ahead and explore ways to make everyday operations easier and more cost-effective for you in your risk management programs. We're wholeheartedly embracing 2018 and the exciting promise of all that it holds for us!

Important Dates:

*January 24, 2018– Deadline to enroll in Group Retrospective Rating programs!

*January 31, 2018

- Individual retro rating application deadline for 7/1 start date.
- One Claim Program (OCP) program application deadline for 7/1 start date.
- Deadline for the BWC's Deductible program for 7/1 start date.

Paying BWC Premiums: Now that we are two years in to the BWC's prospective payment plan, it is more important than ever to ensure you are paying the premium installments on time, as the BWC *will* remove employers from programs for not paying premiums or filing true-ups timely. Since there are several payment plan options and BWC statements can be quite confusing, it is easy to miss a payment or misunderstand when one is due. CareWorksComp is here to help if you need it.

Mergers and Acquisitions: If the new year is bringing you the possibility of buying or selling part of your operation, please contact CareWorksComp if you need guidance on how this relates to your workers' comp policy. It's important to know how this may affect your business and the impact to the alternative rating program in which you participate. Additionally, BWC may be issuing rebates or refunds depending on your participation in these programs, and you will want to ascertain who receives these monies.

Unemployment Taxable Wage Base Increases for 2018:

Ohio employers will be paying more unemployment taxes in 2018 primarily due to the increase in the taxable wage base. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has raised the taxable wage base from \$9,000 per employee to \$9,500 per employee. Also the tax table used by ODJFS has shifted upward for 2018. This will also have an impact on the amount of unemployment taxes Ohio employers will pay.

CareWorksComp can assist you in controlling unemployment claims and taxes. Employers wanting an analysis of their tax notice or to learn about different tax options such as common/joint rating should contact Kammy Staton, our Unemployment Manager at 614-526-7165 or kammy.staton@careworkscomp.com.

