

October 2017

# Chamber Chatter

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## Next Chamber Event

The next Chamber event will be a Chamber Luncheon on Oct. 12th, at noon, at The Virginia Restaurant. Dave Wheeler of American Electric Power will be our guest speaker. The cost will be \$8 per person and will include food, tax and tip. The meal will be like a Thanksgiving meal, with Turkey, cracker dressing, green beans, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, pumpkin cake, and beverage. If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please R.S.V.P to Vanessa by end of day Tuesday, Oct. 10th, 2017, by calling the chamber office at 330-627-4811 or email her at : vacation@carrollcountyohio.com

### Upcoming Events October 2017

#### October 6-8

Atwood Area Fall Fest  
Atwood Lake Park  
Mineral City, OH 44656

#### October 13-15

47th Annual Algonquin Mill  
Fall Festival  
Algonquin Mill Complex,  
5 miles south of Carrollton  
on State Route 332  
9am-5pm Daily

#### October 15

"Live Journey Production:  
An Eye-Witness Account",  
will be performed 3 pm  
Location: 5230 Arrow Road,  
Minerva, OH 44657

#### October 20-22

17th Annual Steam Power  
Show  
Carroll County Fairgrounds

#### October 21

Carrollton Bible Chapel  
Concert Series presents  
"Anchormen Quartet" from  
Asheboro, NC. 6:30pm.  
365 Steubenville Rd SE,  
Carrollton, OH 44615  
Please bring two food items  
to be donated, and a love  
offering will be taken.

#### October 6-Nov 4

Sherrods Hill of Horror  
Featuring Evil Elementary  
\$15 & Knife Hill Terror Trail  
\$10, \$20 Combo Ticket,  
Cash only, This is seasonal-  
weekends only. Friday &  
Saturday 7pm-Midnight  
Sunday-7pm-10pm



## Update from Last Chamber event

The last Chamber event was a Business After-Hours that was held at Casella Winery at Roxford Park. We had a wonderful evening with a beautiful view. Friends, fun and fellowship was the theme of the evening. We snacked on flatbread pizzas, artichoke spinach dip and bread, and taste tested a selection of wines.



## Quote of the Month

"Focus on the Journey,  
not the destination,  
Joy  
is found not in finishing  
the activity, but in  
Doing."  
- Greg Anderson



**2017 Chamber Meeting Dates**

<b>Oct. 12th</b>	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Oct. 18th</b>	Dessert Extravaganza/Expo	Century Farm Barn
<b>Nov. 9th</b>	Ashton House Museum	Chamber Luncheon
<b>Dec. 7th</b>	Century Farm Barn	Business After-Hours

**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) Decker– AMM Designs  
 Nick Trussell– Elevated Services

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

**Ohio Fun Fact....**

**Did you know ?**



The Ohio slogan says our state is the “Heart of It All”, but Columbus is just about the heart of the country, at least population-wise.  
 50 % of the U.S. population lives within a 500 mile radius of Columbus. Cities would include: Milwaukee, Detroit, Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, Chicago, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, Richmond, Washington D.C, Charlotte, and Atlanta.

### Big Brothers Big Sisters to Hold Annual Gala

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Ohio are making preparations for its 16th annual Start Something Big Gala November 16 at the Tool Shed at Breitenbach Winery. They are looking for donations of baskets and other items for the live and silent auctions. Tickets are also on sale now. To donate or get tickets, call 330-339-6916 or email [ljones@bbbseco.com](mailto:ljones@bbbseco.com).

### Looking for Potential Board Members

It is hard to believe, but it is time to start looking at 2018. The Chamber will hold its election of the Board of Directors in November to start the new term at the first of the year. The board is currently asking for volunteers to put their name on the ballot. There are seven seats to elect. The Chamber Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at lunch time. Members are expected to make all the meetings, but it is understood that it doesn't always happen. The board sets policy and oversees the operations of the Chamber and the Visitors Bureau. If you are interested, please contact Amy at the office to put your name on the ballot by October 15, 2017.

### Chamber Board Report

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met Wednesday, September 27, at noon, at the Virginia Lounge with 9 directors in attendance. **Membership**– the board approved Casella Winery and Cathy Viola, independent life and health insurance agent, as new members. Membership now stands at 193. **Director's Report**– the Chamber is working with several other organizations to get a bee mentoring program up and running for kids in our community. Amy attended a meeting with Carrollton Schools, SBDC, Kent State Tuscarawas and Economic Development on use of the Power building at the school. Amy attended and represented the Chamber and the CVB at the following meetings: Carrollton's strategic planning, Community Improvement Corporation, Access to Care Taskforce, Adventures in Northeast Ohio, Ohio Appalachian Country, Carrollton Business Women, Big Brothers Big Sisters Advisory Council, Carroll Hills Open House, Carroll County Farm Bureau dinner, and Ohio Association of CVB's annual conference. She met or talked to sales reps from six different companies, working on opportunities for 2018. Some of these are cooperative advertising for the regional groups that the CVB belongs to. She met the new sales people from Microtel and Candlewood Suites. The outside of the office building has been painted. **CVB**– The State of Ohio Auditor's Office did an Agreed Upon Procedures Audit of the CVB for 2015/2016 and found no exceptions. **Economic Development**– the CIC met and agreed to fund a portion of a video to promote Carroll & Harrison counties for future development. No work on a grocery store, but there has been some interest. **Dessert Extravaganza**– there is still room for a few more vendors. The committee is looking for articles for door prizes baskets. Tickets are \$10 and available at the Chamber Office. It is October 18. **Education**– the Chamber partnered with SBDC to hold a physical /cyber security session at the Microtel on August 30, and had 9 attendees. **Websites**– Please check out the websites and make sure your info is correct, if not the contact the office. **Old Business**– we need volunteers to run for the Chamber Board. The next meeting of the Board of Directors is October 25 at noon at the Ponderosa.

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### *New Member*

The Carroll County Chamber would like to welcome a new member. **Casella Winery at Roxford Park**– The owner is John Casella, and its address is: 1039 Roxford Church Rd. SE, Dennison, OH 44621. The phone number is 330-440-7444. Its email address is: [vinocasella@gmail.com](mailto:vinocasella@gmail.com), and the website address is: [www.casellawinery.com](http://www.casellawinery.com). John has a beautiful property and we recently visited for the September Business After-Hours. If you have never been to Casella Winery, we recommend that you go and take in the scenery from its large outdoor deck, and have a glass of wine and enjoy nature at its finest.



**Amy met with Gerry Wood**

Amy Rutledge, your Chamber director, met with Gerry Wood from the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory of Australia. They met over lunch to discuss the oil and gas industry and how it has affected the area. The meeting was organized by the Ohio Oil & Gas Association. Gerry was on a tour of the US to learn about all forms of energy so he could help the Northern Territory develop its future energy plan.



Happy Sweetest Day  
on Saturday, October 21, 2017



Carrollton's Trick or Treat is

Saturday, October

28th, 2017

From 4pm-6pm



**Carroll County CVB Partner Meeting**

Carroll County Convention & Visitors Bureau invites you to its Partnership Meeting on:

**Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017 10am**  
**Microtel Inn & Suites Meeting Room**

- Learn how to be included in our 2018 visitors guide.
- Discover how to work with other businesses to create packages for visitors/groups.
- Explore networking opportunities through area organizations.

**RSVP by Oct. 10 to**  
[kiml@carrollcountyohio.com](mailto:kiml@carrollcountyohio.com)  
Or call 330-627-0103

Happy National Bosses Day on  
Monday, October 16, 2017!



**Happy Halloween on**  
**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**



## CareWorksComp News



There is so much going on in the world right now that workers' comp seems like a trivial matter; in light of that, I sincerely hope that this letter finds you safe and sound!

When there are natural disasters, it reminds us to help each other through these challenges. With that thought in mind, I will take this opportunity to let you know that your team at CareWorksComp is ready and willing to help you with any workers' comp matters. Here's hoping for a quiet and uneventful fall.

### Upcoming deadline:

- **November 13, 2017**– Group Rating enrollment deadline. Please return your enrollment documents to be filed in the 2018 program. Employers already in group rating that qualify for the 2018 rate year will be automatically renewed into next year's program.

**2018 Group Programs:** We have sent our group rating renewals to our current clients, and most of group retro invitations have been sent as well. Your business may be eligible for **multiple programs** (we refer to this as "dual eligibility"), in which case you have, or will receive, both a **group rating** invitation and a **group retro** invitation. We are eager to discuss these options with you, as each year there may be a different mix of cost-saving strategies that work best for your company.

**Our Philosophy Regarding Cost Containment Strategies:** At this time of year as you are making workers' comp program decisions, there are factors to consider beyond fees and group savings. You also want to be *absolutely confident* that your TPA has a dedicated cost containment team that is focused on minimizing the financial impact of claims to reduce your premium dollars.

Here's how CareWorksComp does it:

- Continuously reviews and monitors all potential claims for handicap and settlement.
- Creates an action plan and identifies the best time frame to pursue the cost containment action in an effort to maximize the employer's return on investment.
- Communicates with our customer on our pre- and post-cost containment efforts, and the expected savings as a result.
- Provides the most comprehensive cost containment experience for our customers.

We will be sharing more specific information with you about our dynamic cost containment efforts later this fall. We encourage you to contact your CareWorksComp Program Manager, Bob Nicoll, to see how he can help your organization. Bob can be reached at : [Robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com](mailto:Robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com) or 800-837-3200 ext. 58595.

