

January 2017

Chamber Chatter



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Upcoming Events January 2017

January 7

Knights of Columbus
Square Dance at Our Lady
of Mercy Parish Hall
616 Roswell Rd NW
Carrollton, OH 44615
7:30pm-10:30pm
\$10 for the entire family
\$9 per couple
\$5 per person

January 9

Paint with Drinks
Carroll County Arts Center
204 W. Main St, Carrollton
6:30pm
\$35 per person
All materials included.

January 21

The Magic of Angeloni
At the Roxy Theatre
120 N. Market Street
Minerva, OH 44657
7pm. \$10-Adults \$5 Kids

January 29

Microsoft Windows 10
Educational class held at
Carroll County Arts Center
7pm.
\$ 10-Chamber members
\$25- non-Chamber
members



Next Chamber Event

The next Chamber event will be a Chamber luncheon that will take place on Thursday, January 12th at the Villa Restaurant in Carrollton, at noon. The time will be noon. The cost will be \$ 9 per person and includes your tip. Joe Belinsky of the Small Business Development Center in New Philadelphia will be our guest speaker. If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please call the Chamber Office at 330-627-4811 or email Vanessa at vacation@carrollcountyohio.com by the end of day on Tuesday, January 10th. Hope to see you there!

Update from Last Chamber luncheon

The December Chamber Business After-Hours was held on Thursday, Dec. 8th, at the Virginia Lounge in Carrollton. We had two bottles of wine that were raffled off and the winners were Patrick Cooper, who won the red wine from Al-Bi Winery, and Rhonda Cogan, who won the bottle of white wine from Twigg Winery. Michele Catlett won the beautiful, red poinsettia donated by Jennifer Kaser, owner of the Virginia Lounge. The Chamber would like to thank Jennifer and her entire staff at the Virginia Restaurant & Lounge for the tasty appetizers and beverages, the poinsettia, and their hard work to make our evening a pleasant one. Also, thank you to Fusion Ceramics for hosting this event.



Business Quote of the Month

"If you focus on results,
you will never change.
If you focus on change,
you will get results. "

-Jack Dixon

2017 Chamber Meeting Dates

Jan. 12th	The Villa Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
Feb. 9th	Ponderosa	Chamber Luncheon
Mar. 9th	TBA	Business After-Hours
April 20th	Atwood Yacht Club	Annual Chamber Banquet
May 11th	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
June 8th	TBA	Business After-Hours
July 13th	The Villa Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
Aug. 10th	Ponderosa	Chamber Luncheon
Sept. 14th	TBA	Business After-Hours
Oct. 12th	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
Nov. 9th	Ashton House Museum	Chamber Luncheon
Dec. 7th	TBA	Business After-Hours

** We are looking for businesses that would like to host a Business After-Hours or be a speaker for Chamber Luncheons 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

Susan Ziler—Carroll Health Care Center

Wendy Gotschall—Aultman

Suzanne Bates—Community Hospice

Dan Long—Republic State Mortgage

Alison McLaughlin—AMM Designs

Patrick Cooper—Cooper Accounting

Nick Trussell—Elevated Services

Tait Carter—Carroll County Economic Development

Executive Director—Amy Rutledge
Administrative Assistant—Vanessa McConnell

*Happy
New Year
2017*

Have a Safe, Happy & Prosperous New Year 2017!

Chamber Board report

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors met Wednesday, December 21, at noon at the Virginia Lounge with 8 board members in attendance. Newly elected board member Alison McLaughlin was introduced and welcomed to the board. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as were the financial reports. The board then went into executive session to discuss the 2017 budget, wages and hours for the staff. After extensive discussion, the decision was made to reduce the hours of the administrative assistant and marketing manager and there were no raises for the employees for 2017. The board voted to go forward with both budgets that show negative income at this point. The board will continue to look for other sources of income. The rest of the agenda will be addressed at the next board meeting after the first of the year. The next regular scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, January 25, at noon at the Ponderosa in Carrollton.

The Chamber is offering a Windows 10 class

January 29, 2017 at 7pm

at the Carroll County Arts Center

204 W. Main Street, Carrollton, OH 44615

Chamber Members cost- \$10 Non- Chamber Members cost- \$25

Come and join the Chamber of Commerce for an informative session on Windows 10, the latest operating system offering from Microsoft. Find out if switching is right for you and your organization, its benefits and pitfalls, and how to get the most out of computers running Windows 10. Our speaker, Daniel Pesta, has been a computer professional for over 20 years in the public and private sectors, and has extensive experience in Microsoft and Linux technologies from the desktop to multilayered networks and software systems. Included in the talk will be reference sheets for you to take home which summarize the most common and useful ways to make Windows 10 work for you. Bring your laptop for a hand-on experience. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact the Chamber Office by calling 330-627-4811 or email the chamber office at vacation@carrollcountyohio.com or stop by the chamber office, 61 North Lisbon Street, Carrollton, OH 44615, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.
(Office closed on Jan. 2nd)



Workers Comp - Unemployment Updates

We have an opportunity from our Unemployment division which is *time-sensitive*. CareWorksComp is always looking for multiple strategies to reduce its customers' business expenses, and to that end we are offering an unemployment tax control opportunity which Ohio employers can consider *only in the month of December*, for a very low fee.

*The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) recently sent 2017 annual tax notices to Ohio businesses. ODJFS allows commonly owned businesses (two or more companies operating under common ownership) to apply for a common/joint tax rate group for 2017 to reduce their unemployment tax liability. This strategy can be **highly profitable** for companies that qualify.

* CareWorksComp can complete a common/joint rating analysis to determine your amount of savings. In addition, customers taking advantage of the common/joint rating analysis will also benefit from a special **reduced service fee** (see the Service Agreement for details).

*To enroll in this program, please sign and return the Service Agreement and Employer's Authorization for each account via fax to: **(614) 932-1254**. Upon receipt of your signed agreement, a CareWorksComp unemployment team member will contact you.

Since applications for a common rate grouping must be filed with ODJFS no later than 12/31/2016, we only have a very short time frame to finalize this agreement and complete the savings analysis. If you have any questions, please contact Kammy Staton, our Unemployment Manager at 800.837.3200x 57165 or email Kammy at kammy.staton@careworkscomp.com.

Chamber Member News



Mercy receives 8th Healthy Worksite Award

The Healthy Ohio Business Council (HOBC) will recognize Mercy Medical Center among 87 other large Ohio employers for healthy worksite practices during its 13th annual Healthy Ohio Worksite Awards ceremony. Mercy is to receive a silver-level award.

These awards are given to Ohio employers that, like Mercy, have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to employee wellness through comprehensive worksite health promotion and wellness programs. Mercy was evaluated on the extent its wellness program to facilitate and encourage employee health, enhance productivity, and ensure a healthy work environment.

The hospital's employee wellness model encompasses not only physical health, but also mental, emotional, and spiritual health. Programs offered include hospital-wide exercise challenges, an employee fitness center, fitness classes, regular health screenings, tobacco cessation, diabetes management, nutritious cafeteria options, Mercy Concern counseling services, Mercy Pastoral Care and more.

The awards ceremony will be held in January in Columbus, as part of the Health Action Council 2017 Columbus Symposium. The symposium features national experts on health reform, health care systems and health benefits. For more information on the Healthy Ohio Healthy Worksite Award program, visit <http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/businesses/howkawd.aspx>



Consumers Bank earns top SBA lending award

Consumers National Bank officials celebrated being named the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Cleveland District's Top Community Bank Lender during a press conference on December 15 at the bank's Minerva headquarters. The award recognizes the bank's outstanding performance during the fiscal year 2016. During that period, the bank lent \$4.3 million to small businesses through 19 SBA loans, ranking it first among community banks in the 28 northern Ohio counties covered by the Cleveland office. The bank ranked fifth in dollars and 10th in volume out of all banks in the district.

The bank has 9 commercial lenders serving clients in the bank's 12 branches in Carroll, Columbiana and Stark counties, plus two loan production offices in Stow and Wooster.



More Workers Comp Info

Upcoming dates/deadlines:

- *January 3, 2017– next premium installment due date
- *January 24, 2017– enrollment deadline for Group Retrospective Rating programs.
- *January 31, 2017-
Deductible Program application deadline to begin on 7/1/17.
Individual Retro rating application deadline to begin on 7/1/17.
One Claim Program application deadline to begin on 7/1/17.

Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Information:

The enrollment deadline for Group Retrospective Rating is January 24th. In order to help businesses better understand various workers' compensation rating plan options, particularly Group Retro, CareWorksComp is offering a series of short 30- minute webinars. Members can reserve their webinar seat by clicking this link on their computer : <http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1795163116993327106>

Decline of Workplace Injuries:

In September the BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene reported that Ohio has experienced nearly a 17% decline in workplace injuries between 2010 and 2014. This is almost double the national average of 8.6% for the same time period! **Total injuries reported in BWC's system went from 105,568 to 95,802**, even though there was a 7.5% growth in employment at the same time. The reason for this, in large part, is credited to the success of various safety programs offered by the Division of Safety & Hygiene, and the increase in the number of employers who take advantage of them.

To learn more you can visit www.bwc.ohio.gov and click on the "Safety Services" tab.

Project Management with Robert Jewell, PMP

January 31-February 1, 2017

Are projects in your organization getting done on time? On budget?

Are the customers of your projects satisfied?

Do your employees have the skills necessary to manage projects?

Participants will learn how to:

- Utilize Key Management Concepts
- Initiate a Project
- Identify the Activities necessary to complete the project
- Estimate Cost and Time
- Build a Solid Project Schedule
- Execute the Plan
- Close out a Project

The fee for this course is \$695 and includes Bob's nationally acclaimed book, "Pursuing Project Excellence: Six Ideas to Improve Your Projects", beverages, light breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack.

For more information or to register, contact Cynthia Supers at Kent State University at Tuscarawas Campus of Business and Community Services at the American Heart Association Training Center.

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