

September 2017

Chamber Chatter



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Upcoming Events September 2017

Sept 2-4
Great Trail Festival
Malvern, OH (Route 43)
\$6 for Adults
\$ 4 Youth (10-18) &
Free for children under 10
Free Parking

Sept. 2
Carroll Golden Age Retreat
11th Annual Open House
Lunch, Car Show, Bake
Sale, Entertainment, Door
Prizes and more!
10am-2pm

Sept. 9
Dancing on the Bridge
Malvern, OH
Vehicle Show(9am-4pm),
Vendors (12pm-8:30pm),
Beer Garden (12pm-11pm),
raffles, entertainment and
more! 9AM-10PM

Sept. 14 & 17th
Community Hospice
20th Annual Talent Show
Auditions at the Church of
Christ-Christian on Moody
Ave. in Carrollton.
Thursday 14th- from 6pm-
8pm
Sunday 17th- from 3pm-
5pm

Sept 23 & 24
Stockers & Streeters On the
Bricks Car Show
N. Market St in Minerva
Also on the 23rd- Minerva
Oktoberfest at Municipal
Park in Minerva

Sept 30
Scarecrows on
the Square
Downtown
Carrollton



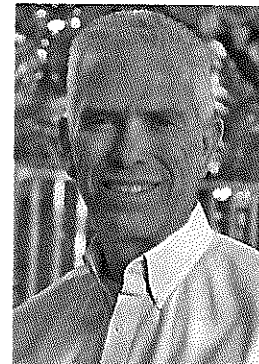
Next Chamber Event



The next Chamber event will be a Chamber Business After-Hours on Sept. 14, at Casella Winery at 1039 Roxford Church Rd. SE, Dennison. (1 mile off Route 39) John Casella is the owner/operator. He will have appetizers and wine available for this event. This event will be from 5pm-9pm., so stop by anytime to see the winery and have a taste.

Update from Last Chamber event

The last Chamber event was held at the Ponderosa in Carrollton. We had a nice turnout with around 31 people in attendance. Special thanks goes to Congressman Bill Johnson for being our guest speaker. Thank you to the Ponderosa and staff for the great food and hospitality. Photo (Right)- Congressman Bill Johnson

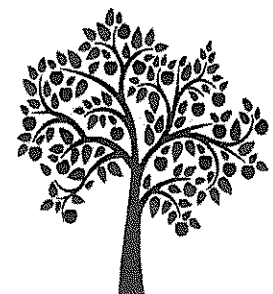


Quote of the Month

"Even if I knew that tomorrow
the world would go to pieces
I would still plant my apple tree."

-Martin Luther

(German professor of Theology, composer,
priest, monk & a seminal figure in the Protestant Reformation.)



2017 Chamber Meeting Dates

Oct. 12th	The Virginia Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
Oct. 18th	Dessert Extravaganza/Expo	Century Farm Barn
Nov. 9th	Ashton House Museum	Chamber Luncheon
Dec. 7th	TBA	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 State University is the 3rd largest United States public university by enrollment at 59,482 . Based on the 2016-2017 academic year. University of Central Florida is #1, with 64, 335; and Texas A & M University is #2, with 60, 435.

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 Chamber Board of Directors met Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at noon, at the Villa Restaurant with 11 members in attendance. **Director's Report**– Amy attended an Economic Development meeting at Colfor. Lt. Governor Mary Taylor and State Representative Andy Thompson were in attendance, as well as several manufactures, Farm Bureau and other interested parties. The Dessert Extravaganza Committee is preparing for a great event in October. Amy is representing the Chamber on the planning for the village of Carrollton. She attended the OMEGA summer meeting. Amy and Tait Carter are starting to work with interested parties in Malvern on a trail between Malvern and Magnolia. The CVB is preparing for its biannual audit of its books for 2015-2016. The CVB will again partner with Tuscarawas County CVB, Harrison County CVB and the MWCD to participate in two leisure shows in 2018 as the Eastern Ohio Lakes Region. Amy is coordinating an effort to start a beekeeping mentorship program working with several different entities and John Cooper, a local beekeeper who wants to work with children and get them interested in beekeeping. **Membership**– The board approved Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureau as its newest member. Membership now stands at 191. **Economic Development**– Tait has had inquiries for a grocery store, but this is just in the beginning stages. She has attended several meetings and is working with several counties on grants for workforce development for the region. **Dessert Extravaganza**– We are accepting sponsors through the end of the month. If interested, please contact Amy. We still need vendors for the event on October 18th. Please see the flier in this newsletter. Tickets will be for sale after Labor Day and will be \$10 a person with only 200 total tickets being distributed, including vendors. **Education**– The Chamber and the Small Business Development Center are partnering on an educational seminar on August 30, at 9 am. on Cyber and Business Security. **Old/New Business**– The board discussed and decided to have Henley Graphics sell advertising on the CVB website at the same time as it sells the ads for the 2018 Visitors Guides. That process will start in September. Board positions were discussed and the members up for renewal are to let Amy know soon if they want to rerun. Allison Decker and Yvonne Ackerman agreed to serve on the Marketing committee to plan the 2018 marketing campaign for both organizations. The board discussed the Business After –Hours and how we can improve them in the future since we had no members step up to host the September event. Therefore there will be no September meeting. The next Chamber Board meeting is Wednesday, September 27, at noon, at the Virginia Lounge.

New Member

The Carroll County Chamber would like to welcome a new member.

Tuscarawas County Convention & Visitors Bureau– The executive director is Dee Grossman, and its address is: 124 East High Ave., New Philadelphia, OH 44663. The phone number is 330-602-2420. Its website address is www.traveltusc.com. It is a Carroll County CVB Partner and our neighboring county to the West.



BWC Safety Innovation Awards

Has your company or organization developed an innovative solution to help reduce the risk of workplace injuries and illnesses? If so, you could earn a cash award up to \$6,000 for it!

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is now accepting entries for the 2018 Safety Innovation Awards.

The innovation must demonstrate a reduction in safety or ergonomic risk factors, or occupational health exposures.

The deadline to apply is Sept. 30, 2017.

Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation
13430 Yarmouth Drive
Pickerington, OH 43147
614-466-7695
www.bwc.ohio.gov

Autumn
begins on
Friday, Sept. 22, 2017



More BWC News

September 30, 2017- "snapshot date" that BWC uses to capture costs in claims for the 2018 experience calculation.

Future Dating of BWC Premium Payments: As of June 30, BWC began allowing for future dating of premium payments, available through their website, www.bwc.ohio.gov. You can now schedule future payments to avoid missed or late payments and for true-up reconciliation.

Please note the following:

- BWC only accepts ACH transactions for future dating
- BWC does not allow future credit card payments
- Since you select the payment date, be certain you have the correct premium installment deadlines for reference
- Payment may be blocked by your bank; be sure to confirm the transaction was authorized
- In case your bank requires it, the BWC debit blocker code is: #3311334187. It is your responsibility to provide this to your bank, if necessary

If you would like to schedule multiple installment payments, you can do so through the "Accounts Receivable" screen by choosing different dates for each one. All payments must be ACH.

2018 Group Programs:

Group Rating renewals have been sent out to our current clients, and Group Rating and Group Retro invitations are being sent now through the end of summer. Businesses may have eligibility for multiple programs, or dual eligibility, in which case they have or will receive both a Group Rating invitation and a Group Retro invitation. We are eager to discuss what looks best financially, and in form and function. Here's to another tremendous year of administrating successful workers' comp savings programs for our clients!

Labor Day is Monday, Sept. 4, 2017.
Our office will be CLOSED in
observance of Labor Day. We will
re-open for business on Tuesday,



September 5,
2017.

Patriot Day is
Monday, September 11, 2017.



More BWC

New Payroll Reporting Caps:

For the 2017 policy year (7/1/2017-6/30/18), BWC has updated the payroll reporting caps for corporate officers. The minimum reportable wage per person/per week is \$451, and \$1,353 is the maximum.

Those affected by the payroll reporting limitation are defined by BWC as such:

Active executive officers of a corporation

Note: Officers are considered active if they are engaged in any work on behalf of the corporation.

- Employers listed below who choose elective coverage (because they are not required to carry workers' compensation insurance).
 - Sole Proprietors
 - Partnership
 - Family farm corporate officers
 - Limited liability company acting as a partnership
 - Limited liability company acting as a sole proprietor
 - Individual incorporated as a corporation (with no employees)
- Non-officer board members are not subject to the officer minimum/maximum rules.

For the construction industry (those in Industry Group 4), the payroll limitation reporting cap is also \$1,353. BWC states to "apply the weekly cap on an employee-by-employee basis. In the absence of weekly records, you can only take advantage of the cap on the whole payroll reporting basis. It makes no difference if the employee is full time, part time or seasonal. Section 125 cafeteria plan deductibles must be deducted PRIOR to calculating the excess amount. Bonuses paid in the policy year are to spread out among the weeks worked. The weekly construction cap does not affect officers of the corporation or owners with elective coverage since the weekly officer cap is the same as the weekly construction cap."

Incident checklist: Please see the attached, updated Incident Reporting Checklist that our safety department, RiskControl360, created for our clients. You probably (hopefully) already have something similar in place, but please look over this in case there are areas you didn't think about. It also ties in when to contact your MCO, and when to contact us, your TPA, as this is always a bit of a gray area.

CareWorksComp AC-3S:

Within the past several weeks CareWorksComp has been sending out group rating proposals to our members and prospects who have submitted AC-3S (group rating applications). Our cutoff date for the acceptance of AC-3S for traditional group rating is October 23. The deadline for receipt of the enrollment paperwork from the companies who want to enroll in the 2018 traditional group rating program is November 8.

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CARROLL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
PRESENTS

2nd Annual Dessert Extravaganza

October 18, 2017

THIS EXCITING EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE BEAUTIFUL CFW BARN AND INCLUDES DESSERT SAMPLING AND WINE TASTING; A 'DELIGHTFUL' OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SHOWCASE YOUR BUSINESS.



Century Farm Weddings
1111 Canton Rd.
Carrollton, Ohio 44615
(Behind Days Inn)

Chamber member registration/table fee \$25.00

Non-Chamber member registration /table fee \$50 .00

Registration fees include the following:

- * (1) table space w/(2) chairs with table cover
- * Listing in the Show Program
- * 1 ticket for the event

All Vendors will bring 200 dessert samples and their business display

Questions call Amy @ Carroll County Chamber • 330-627-4811

1:00 - 2:30: Set-Up

3:00: Vendor Round Table (Upstairs)

5:00 - 7:00: Business Event

Register Early Space is Limited

PLEASE Detach & RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT BY September 15, 2017

Business Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Electricity Needed: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ E-Mail: _____ \$ Amount Included _____

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