

January 2019



# Chamber Chatter

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## Upcoming Events January 2019

**January 1**  
Happy New Year "2019" !

**January 12**  
Movies at the Roxy Theatre  
120 N. Market St, Minerva  
"Die Hard" (R)  
Showtime is 7pm.  
Admission is \$3 per person.

### Suggested Fun Activities / Things to-do in the new year!

Get outdoors! Take a walk/hike, build a snowman, go skiing, tubing, sled riding, ice skating, hockey, running or just try a new sport to you.

Make your favorite recipe, or something you have never made before. You could also eat out at a new restaurant.

Take a road trip or a weekend trip somewhere you have never been. Your Adventure awaits!

Shop Local, you could go to a local thrift store, farmers market, or just a local store you haven't been to in awhile, you just might find what you are looking for!

Write a letter or phone a friend to catch up. Pick someone you haven't heard from in awhile, I am sure they would love to hear from you!

Get your friends or family together for a fun game/card night, or watch movies, pop some popcorn, make some homemade pizza; or bring potlucks and just have fun.

Get artsy! Make a craft, try a paint-n-sip, draw, try adult coloring, card-making, scrapbooking or visit your local arts center for some inspiration.

Rearrange a room or two in your home. You can make it more functional, or just for something new or different.

Try Couponing it saves you money!

If you like music, try listening to other genres of music, take a dance class, learn a musical instrument, take up singing or start a band.



## Next Chamber Event

The next Chamber event will be a Chamber Luncheon that will be held on Thursday, January 10th, at noon, at the Friendship Center. We will have a surprise speaker. Cost will be \$10 per person. Menu will consist of Monterey Chicken, baby bakers (little baked potatoes), cascade blend vegetable, coleslaw, fruit and dinner roll & beverage. If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please RSVP to Vanessa, **by end of day on Tuesday, January 8th**, by calling the office at 330-627-4811 or email her at : [vacation@carrollcountyohio.com](mailto:vacation@carrollcountyohio.com). Hope to see you there!



## Update from Last Chamber event



Photo Above: Olan Domer singing Christmas songs and playing the keyboard.

Our last Chamber event was a Luncheon that was held at the Ashton House Museum on Thursday, December 13th. We had Olan Domer (Carrollton High School Student) sing Christmas songs and play the keyboard. The Chamber would like to thank Olan Domer, the Ashton House Museum and Jimmy's Backyard BBQ for catering the meal.

## New Year's Quote:

"I hope that in this year to come,  
you make mistakes.

Because if you are making mistakes,

Then you are:

making new things,

trying new things, learning, living,

pushing yourself, changing yourself

changing the world.

– Neil Gaiman



**2019 Chamber Meeting Dates**

<b>January 10th</b>	Friendship Center	Chamber Luncheon
<b>February 14th</b>	The Villa Restaurant	Chamber Luncheon
<b>March 14th</b>	TBA	Business After-Hours

**2019 Board of Directors and Officers**

**President**— Tait Carter  
Cedar One Realty

**Vice President**—Rosemary Brace  
Mercy Medical Center

**Secretary**— Michele Catlett  
Consumers National Bank

**Treasurer**— Lester Dodds  
Dodds Funeral Home

Chris Shepherd—Huntington Bank

Jim Painting— Ashton House Museum

Dan Long—Republic State Mortgage

Janet Smith— Community Title Agency

Bruce Burgett— Habitat for Humanity

Suzanne Bates— Community Hospice

Janice Fleming— Cutler Real Estate

Tonya Myers— Carroll County Council on Aging

Susan Ziler— Sunnyslope Nursing & Rehab Center

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



**Did you know?.....  
New Year's  
Fun Fact ?**



The original New Years Eve ball weighed 700lbs and was five feet in diameter. It was made of iron & wood and was decorated with 100 25-watt light bulbs.

In 2008, a “new” New Years Eve ball is introduced. The ball is a geodesic sphere, 12 feet in diameter & weighing 11,875 lbs.

It is built to withstand high winds and fluctuating temperatures. Waterford Crystal introduces a different pattern for each New Years celebration.

## Chamber Board Report

The Chamber Board met Wednesday, December 19, at noon, at the Ponderosa, with six board members in attendance. **Director's Report**– Amy helped Toys for Tots find a distribution location. She signed the contract and has a new plat book scheduled for mid-2019. The Chamber planned and held a meet and greet for Congressman Bill Johnson at the Ashton House Museum. On the CVB side she has been working on the 2019 visitor guide editorial, distribution plan and sales. Amy signed contracts with Ohio Travel Pavilion for guides at 9 leisure shows and the state fair. She also is working with CTM and Ad Rack for brochure distribution. The CVB will also be doing spring and summer multi media campaign with Guest Quest. They will also have travel directory ads in Roadrunner Magazine in spring and fall. Amy spent time working on setting up and going to interviews with Deb Brown from SaveYour.Town. It was a very informative process that the village and Chamber will be working on in the future. Amy attended the following meetings representing the Chamber/CVB; Adventures in NE Ohio, Carrollton Business & Retail, Minerva Chamber After-Hours, and Seven Ranges Christmas party. **Chamber/CVB Business**– since there wasn't a quorum for the board meeting no business was conducted.. The board did have a lengthy discussion of the 2019 budgets and finances but no action was taken. The board will hold a special board meeting on January 8 at noon to finalize budgets and elect officers. The next regular board meeting will be on January 23, at Ponderosa.

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### Members Good News

We want to help spread your good news! If you or your business has any news, awards, updates, or other valuable information that you want recognized for, please pass that along to us. We will be happy to make that announcement in our newsletter! We would love to hear from you!



## CareWorks Comp News

### Upcoming Deadlines:

January 1, 2019 Deductible program application deadline date for 7/1/19 start date

**January 23, 2019** Group Retrospective Enrollment deadline for 7/1/2019 start date

January 31, 2019 Individual retro rating application deadline for 7/1/2019

January 31, 2019 OCP program application deadline for 7/1/2019 start date

### Ohio BWC Offering Free, Informative Monthly Webinars

Conducted twice per month, the BWC offers free Webinar that last approximately 20 minutes. The topics of these informational webinars change monthly. You can also view past recorded webinars. Register for upcoming BWC webinars online.

### Lump Sum Settlements

A Lump Sum Settlement (LSS) is an agreement between the employer, injured worker and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) for a lump sum payment to settle one or more workers' compensation claims. The negotiated settlement amount is paid by BWC to the injured worker in exchange for closure of the claim, or a portion of the claim, as defined by the agreement. The written LSS agreement specifies the terms of the settlement and is the final resolution of all medical, compensation and liability claims, whether known or unknown. BWC will consider if the settlement is fair to all parties and must approve all settlements.

Numerous issues should be considered before settling a claim:

- Is the injured worker still employed, working, able to work or disabled?
- Will there be a need for future medical costs?
- Is there a claim reserve still active in the employer's experience?
- Will the settlement create a positive financial outcome for the employer?

Any party involved can submit an LSS application called a Settlement Agreement and Application for Approval of Settlement Agreement (C-240). The injured worker may or may not use legal counsel to represent them with the settlement negotiations and the employer can choose to use legal counsel or, as in most cases, have their Third Party Administrator (TPA) help with the settlement process.

Once BWC evaluates the C-240 and all parties agree to the settlement amount, BWC will send an approval letter to all parties. The approval letter begins a 30 day waiting period during which time any party can reject the agreement. Once the 30 day period expires BWC will pay the settlement to the injured worker.

Lump Sum Payments can financially benefit the injured worker, the BWC and the employer. LSS pays a benefit to the injured worker and helps BWC reduce reserves and other associated administrative costs and is a very effective claim management strategy used to help employers lower their premiums and qualify for group rating programs. While an LSS does not remove a claim from an employer's experience it does preclude additional claim costs and removes the claim's reserve costs. It is also important to note that, even though the settlement is paid by BWC, the fixed settlement amount is added to the employer's claim experience and will be used in determining an employer's rates. Employers can face many issues when considering an LSS and CareWorksComp recommends that they should always consult with their TPA on all settlement issues.

## CareWorksComp News cont...



### Our Cost Containment Philosophy

During this time of year, you may receive marketing materials from other TPAs to influence your workers' comp program decisions. The information overload can cause confusion, so we want you to be absolutely confident that our dedicated cost containment team is focused on minimizing the financial impact of claims to reduce your premium dollars. Here's how we do it:

- Provide safety consulting and analysis to support accident prevention.
- Continuously review and monitor all potential claims for Handicap Reimbursements and Lump Sum Settlements.
- Create an action plan and identify the best time frame to pursue the cost containment action in an effort to maximize the employer's return on investment.
- Communicate with our customer on our pre-and post cost containment efforts, and the expected savings as a result.
- Provide the most comprehensive cost containment experience for our customers.

### Unemployment Tax Deadline

Employers should have received 2019 tax notices from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. We encourage you to contact us to discuss your notice and learn about the tax options that are available to reduce your unemployment costs. Last year, the common/joint tax rate option that we identified saved one customer over \$14,000!

During tax season, we have lowered our service fee for the Claims and Tax Management Service. To learn more and receive help with your tax analysis, please contact Kammy Staton, our Unemployment Manager, at 614-526-7165 or [kammy.staton@careworkscomp.com](mailto:kammy.staton@careworkscomp.com).

Don't wait to call! Tax appeals must be filed by December 21, 2018.

### OSHA Launches Program to Target High Injury and Illness Rates

OSHA is initiating the Site-Specific Targeting Program to target workplace with high injury rates for inspection. Using injury and illness information electronically submitted by employers for calendar year 2016, OSHA will inspect establishments that should have provided 300A data, but did not. This program helps OSHA ensure that employers provide safe and healthful workplaces by directing enforcement resources to those workplaces with the highest rates of injuries and illnesses.

Contact your program manager for more information:

Bob Nicoll 800-837-3200 ext. 58595

[Robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com](mailto:Robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com)

### Chamber Office Hours for New Years

Dec. 31, 2018 - Open 8am-Noon  
Office is Closed rest of day

Jan. 1, 2019 - Office is Closed for New Years

Jan. 2, 2019 - Open Regular Office hours



Irish New Years Blessing:  
“ May your pockets be heavy and  
your heart be light. May good luck  
pursue you each morning and night.”

**We here at the Chamber wish everyone a Safe, Healthy and Happy 2019!**

## Congressman Bill Johnson visits Carrollton

Friday, December 14, the Chamber hosted an informal meet and greet with Congressman Bill Johnson at the Ashton House Museum. There were about 20 members that heard Bill give his thoughts and plans for the district. He spoke about some of the positives and gave reasons for some of the bad coming out of DC. He answered questions and took pictures with those that were in attendance. Thank You Congressman Johnson for visiting with the Chamber. Also, special thanks to the Ashton House Museum for hosting this meeting.



Picture Left: Amy Rutledge, Chamber Director and Congressman Bill Johnson.



Picture Right: Vanessa McConnell, Administrative Assistant for the Chamber with Congressman Bill Johnson.



Picture below: (L to R) Suzanne Bates of Community Hospice and Chamber Board Member with Congressman Bill Johnson.

Picture Left: ( seated L to R) Amy Rutledge and Congressman Bill Johnson.

Picture Below: (L to R) Tait Carter, Realtor with Kiko Realty and Chamber Board President, Congressman Bill Johnson, and Nicole Paulette, Vice-President of Elevated Services, a Chamber Member.

