



# Chamber Update

Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County

January 2007

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8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday

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## Annual Awards Dinner Coming Up Soon

All Chamber members and their guests are invited to attend the Chamber's **Annual Awards Banquet**, which will be held on **Thursday, January 25** at the **Crystal Arbors Banquet Hall**. The doors will open at **6:00 p.m.** with dinner being served after a brief social time. Members will be given a summary of what the Chamber has been accomplished during the Chamber of Commerce's 60th year in business and a look at our goals for 2007. The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the winners of three community service awards: Distinguished Service, Citizen of the Year, and the Clark Ambassador Award. Invitations to the dinner should be arriving soon in the mail.

Sponsorships are available for the dinner. Gold Sponsors (\$100) will have their company logo displayed; Silver Sponsors (\$50) will have their company name appear in a large font; Bronze Sponsors will have their name appear in a smaller font. Please see the sponsorship letter inserted with this newsletter if you would like to purchase a sponsorship.

## New for 2007 "Gold Sponsorship Package"

New for 2007 this **Gold Sponsorship Package** is a way for **YOU** to plan your Chamber sponsorship for the next year! This package is worth \$2,260 and is designed to help small and large businesses plan marketing and advertising budgets. Gold sponsors will have the option to have their sponsorship billed out quarterly as an advertising expense. Check out the "**Chamber Dozen**" that makes up this special Gold Sponsorship Package. The package will be available for purchase until January 15, 2007... however, we are limiting the number to be sold! **The discounted cost of this package is \$2,000.** For full details on being a Gold Sponsor, visit [www.scchamber.org](http://www.scchamber.org)



## "Coffee & Contacts"



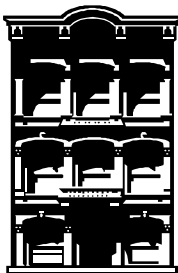
Our next "Coffee & Contacts" networking session will be from 8 to 9 a.m. on Friday, January 19, at the Chamber office. If you would like to attend, please call us at 419-332-1591. Attendance is limited to 20 Chamber members. This is a great way for you to share information about your business and to meet other Chamber members!

## B.A.H. News

Are you looking to do some networking and have fun at the same time! Join us for our monthly Business After Hours event. You'll have a chance to promote your business, visit with friends and colleagues while making new business contacts.

**Our next BAH is Thursday, February 8 at the Croghan Colonial Bank, Clyde.**

BAH's are open to all employees of Chamber member companies and you are welcome to bring guest, including potential Chamber members! If you think you'd like to have a BAH at your business, call us at 419-332-1591, we have several openings for 2007.



## Chamber Windows

Want to put a display about your business in our front window for one month--*free of charge*? We still have openings for 2007. Call us at 419-332-1591 to sign up for this *free advertising*!

## Chamber Events

### January 5 (Friday)

Annual Award Nominations  
Deadline!

### January 19 (Friday)

Coffee & Contacts, 8 to 9 a.m.  
Chamber Office  
101 S. Front St., Fremont  
Reservations Required

### January 25 (Thursday)

Annual Awards Dinner  
6 p.m.  
Crystal Arbors, Fremont

### February 8 (Thursday)

BAH, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Croghan Colonial Bank  
Fremont

### March 8 (Thursday)

BAH, 5 to 7 p.m.  
Tranzitionz Salon & Spa  
Bellevue

### March 16 (Friday)

Ag Week Kickoff Breakfast  
7 a.m.  
Crystal Arbors, Fremont  
Reservations Required

### March 23 (Friday)

Coffee & Contacts, 8 to 9 a.m.  
Chamber Office  
101 S. Front St., Fremont  
Reservations Required

### April 19 (Thursday)

Chamber Hatbox Auction &  
Business Celebration,  
5 to 7:30 p.m.  
Holiday Inn, Fremont

## Welcome to our New Chamber Members!

### Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center / Sisters of Mercy

Sister M Gloria Auer  
1250 Tiffin St.  
Fremont, OH 43420  
419-332-6522  
www.pinesretreat.com

### Old Fort Local School

Laura Keller  
PO Box 64  
Old Fort, OH 44861  
419-992-4291  
www.old-fort.k12.oh.us

## REACH Career Education Program Update

The REACH program is in full swing at the **Green Springs, Vine St. and South Main Schools** in the **Clyde-Green Springs School District**; the **Woodmore School**; **Sacred Heart School** and at **Ellis and York Schools** in the **Bellevue City Schools** district.

A total of 20 Business Partner Consultants representing 12 Business Partners (all Chamber members) are involved in bringing monthly REACH lessons to a total of some 335 students in 16 classrooms. **Business Partners** are as follows: **Croghan Colonial Bank, First Financial Bank, Kelly Services, Luckey Farmers, Inc., Martin-Marietta Magnesia Specialties, Memorial Hospital, Progress Plastic Products, Inc., Sandco Industries, St. Francis Health Care Centre, The Bellevue Hospital, Tranzitionz Salon & Spa** and the **Woodbridge Corp.**

Funding for the REACH program is generously provided by the following **Financial Partners: American Electric Power, Bellevue United Selective Fund, Curwood, Inc., Memorial Hospital, Sandusky County Human Resource management Ass'n. (SCHRMA), United Way of Sandusky County** and the **Whirlpool Foundation. THANKS!!!** for all our Education, Business and Financial Partners that make the REACH program possible.

2006-2007 marks the fourth year in which the REACH program has been implemented in area schools. Plans are underway to continue the expansion of the program throughout Sandusky County in the 2007-2008 school year. Contact REACH Coordinator Jim Miranda at [reach@scchamber.org](mailto:reach@scchamber.org), or 332-1591 for further information.

## Sandusky County Safety Council Update

The **2007 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo** will be held **March 20-22, 2007** at the **IX Center in Cleveland**. Registration is free and will be available at [www.ohiobwc.com](http://www.ohiobwc.com) beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rusty Wallace**, former NASCAR driver and ESPN racing analyst will be the keynote speaker. Also appearing as general session speakers are **Robyn Benincasa**, San Diego firefighter and multi-sport expedition racer, who will outline how to build effective teams while "battling fires", **David Hart**, parachutist, motivational speaker and writer, who will discuss how to manage safety and react appropriately in dangerous situations and **Edwin Foulke** (*invited*), assistant secretary of labor, who will provide an OSHA update. Wednesday, March 21 will feature sessions specifically designed to meet the needs of **self-insured employers**.

In addition, exhibitor prospectus are available for any organization interested in purchasing exhibit space. Please feel free to contact us with any safety or workers' comp business you believe may be interested in having a booth at the show.

## Incumbent Worker Training

The Sandusky County Department of Jobs and Family Service is reminding all employer's that there is up to \$15,000 per business, in a 12 month period, available to help supplement their existing professional development programs. Incumbent Worker Training became effective August 21, 2006 after approval from the Sandusky-Seneca Workforce Investment Policy Board. Applications and additional information can be obtained by calling Janet Quaintance at 419-355-5386.

## Member Mania

It's time again for Member Mania! Each month we ask you to discover something about our featured member. The information comes from the members' website. This month's member is the **YMCA**. Visit their website at [www.frymca.org](http://www.frymca.org) to find the answer to this question: **The YMCA of Fremont changed it name to "YMCA Community Center of Sandusky County" in what year?**

Once you have found the answer, log onto our website [www.scchamber.org](http://www.scchamber.org) and submit your entry for a chance to win!

November's featured member was Baker Bonnigson Realty & Auctioneers and the question was *Baker & Bonnigson have been in partnership since 1977 and incorporated Real Estate in what year?* The answer was: 1994.

**Congratulations to Merl Miller of Bellevue.** By answering the November question correctly, he is the winner of an Ag Pack! Winners can pick up their prize anytime during Chamber office hours.



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Chamber Members:

Although the holidays are not over yet, we are already planning the Chamber's Annual Awards Dinner. This year's event will be a special one, as it is our 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner and the conclusion our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

We would like to invite you to be a sponsor of the Annual Awards Dinner, which is scheduled for **Thursday, January 25, 2007, at 6 p.m. at Crystal Arbors Banquet Hall.** Your sponsorship will help in underwriting the costs associated with this evening of recognition.

Sponsors will be recognized at the dinner and in our monthly newsletter. There are three sponsorship levels to choose from:

- Bronze - \$50** - Your company's name will appear.
- Silver - \$75** - Your company's name will appear in a larger font.
- Gold - \$100** - Your company's logo will appear. *(If you choose this option, please send your logo electronically to: [pcoord@scchamber.org](mailto:pcoord@scchamber.org). For the best quality, we will need it to be at least 300 dpi.)*

Businesses who have purchased a 2007 Gold Sponsorship package will receive 4 reservations to the dinner and their logo will appear on the sponsor list for this event. Anyone interested in more information on the 2007 Gold Sponsorship package can contact the Chamber office.

Please respond on the lower portion of this letter and return by **Monday, January 15, 2007** to: Annual Awards Dinner, Chamber of Commerce, 101 S. Front St., Fremont, OH 43420.

Thank you for your continuing support of the Chamber of Commerce.  
Sincerely,

Holly M. Stacy  
CEO/President

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***Please return this portion with your payment by Monday, January 15, 2007***

I will sponsor the Annual Awards Dinner as follows:

\_\_\_ Bronze (\$50)    \_\_\_ Silver (\$75)    \_\_\_ Gold (\$100)  
*(Gold Sponsors-Remember to send us your logo by e-mail in 300 dpi!)*

Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

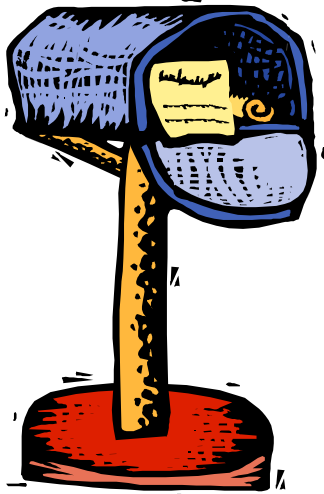
# COUNTY TREASURER NEWS:

First half of 2006 Real Estate Taxes will be due **February 16, 2007**. We have payment options available to assist you in paying taxes. The available options are:

1. Automatic Monthly Payments from checking, savings or MC/Visa
2. Escrow (pre-pay monthly) Program
3. We accept MC/VISA.
4. Delinquent Payment Plan-20% downpayment required at time of sign up.

In addition, for your convenience a drop box is located at the Courthouse Croghan Street parking lot.

For more information, please contact us as 419-334-6234, e-mail: [treasurer@co.sandusky.oh.us](mailto:treasurer@co.sandusky.oh.us). You can visit our website: [www.sandusky-county.org](http://www.sandusky-county.org) Link: Sandusky County Property Appraisal.



*Watch Your Mailbox for these upcoming events!*

**Chamber Board Election Ballot**

**Annual Dinner Invitation**

**Agricultural Week Kickoff Breakfast Invitation**

**Chamber Business Showcase and Hatbox Auction**

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