



# Chamber Letter

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## Chamber Board News

# Welcome New Board Members and Officers!

**G**len Stacy, Owner of Max Stacy Flowers, has assumed the position of Chairman of the Boards of the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Hamilton Economic Development Corporation. Stacy has served on several Chamber committees including:  
Executive Committee, Membership Development, Finance & Administration, and Golf.



*GLEN STACY*  
Board Chairman

Other officers named are:

### First Vice-Chair

Mary Pat Essman (*Lane Public Library*)

### Second Vice-Chair

Scott Ellsworth (*Tipco Punch*);

### Treasurer

Tom Sanders (*Butler County Lumber Company*)

### Past Chair

George Schmidt (*McDonald's/LEVAJO*)

The following individuals were elected to three year terms on the Board of Trustees:

Don Baker (*Baker & Associates CPAs, LLC*),  
Joellyn Goos (*L.E. Scofield Window & Door Co.*),  
W. Scott Hartford (*Matandy Steel & Metal Products*), Dave Lippert (*Hamilton Caster & Mfg. Co.*), Shawn Niehaus (*Fifth Third Bank*), and Denise Quinn (*Miller Brewing Company*).

New members of the Board of Trustees include:

Marcia Koenig (*Colonial Senior Services*)  
Steve Meek (*Cincinnati Bell*)  
Sam Munafo (*First Financial Bank*)  
Greg Ossmann (*Mercy Hospital Fairfield*)  
Lynn Oswald (*Fort Hamilton Hospital*)

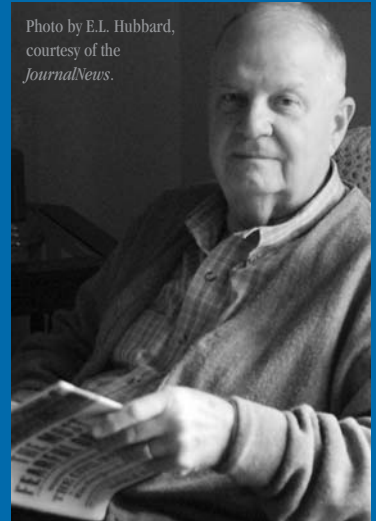


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*JournalNews*.

# Jim Blount 2005 Citizen of the Year!

Jim Blount was selected as the 2005 Citizen of the Year and received the award at the Chamber's 96th Annual Meeting. Mr. Blount was chosen from a group of exceptional nominations for his outstanding generosity to the Hamilton community during the year 2005.

## Expo 2006 News

**M**ark your calendar for the 16th Annual Business Expo 2006. Expo will be held on Thursday, August 10th from Noon – 5:00pm at Vora Technology Park, 101 Knightsbridge Drive, Hamilton.

This is an opportunity to showcase your products or services to other businesses and the general public. Expo 2005 was sold out with over 80 businesses participating. Booth Registrations and Sponsorships are being accepted.



Sample delicious foods from area restaurants and caterers during Expo and stay for Party on the River from 5:00pm – 7:00pm!

For more information about Booth Registration or Sponsorship, contact Laura at the Chamber 513-844-1500.

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## AN EFFECTIVE CHAMBER!

The new board officers and trustees took their official positions at the Chamber's 96th annual meeting and dinner on Friday evening January 27th at the Hamiltonian. Chairman Glen Stacy, owner of Max Stacy Flowers, took over the gavel from outgoing chairman George Schmidt. A special thank you to George for his leadership in 2005 as the Chamber faced many challenging legislative issues. It is important that the business community, through the Chamber continues to have a strong united voice to government leaders! Special congratulations to Jim Blount for being named Citizen of the Year for 2005. Jim's tireless volunteer efforts made him an obvious recipient of this prestigious award. As the new board takes office, we are committed to continuing the work that is central to our mission; business advocacy, economic development, and membership services.

In addition to new Chairman Glen Stacy, other 2006 officers include: Mary Pat Essman, - First Vice Chair, Scott Ellsworth- Second Vice Chair, George Schmidt-Immediate Past Chair, and Tom Sanders- Treasurer. We look forward to working with the new officers and board of trustees this year!

As our new officers take their places, it is important to remind ourselves what an effective Chamber of Commerce is all about! An effective and progressive Chamber of Commerce is organized, funded, directed & operated by its business investors (members). An effective Chamber recognizes and resists the temptation of being "all things to everyone" or the community's "go to" organization. They are driven by mission statements that unequivocally seek to: 1.) Provide and support opportunities for business owners to increase their return on investment (ROI), 2.) Create an environment

that encourages entrepreneurship and private –sector risk taking which leads to starting and growing businesses.

An effective Chamber's short-term and long-term business plans are centered on three "product lines":

1. Business Advocacy- Representing the interest of businesses & free enterprise on public policy matters;
2. Economic Development- Initiatives that stimulate commercial activity; the influx and local turn over of capital;
3. Member-Investor Benefits- Unique value-added services seen by the member-investors as a direct return on their annual investment.

These Chambers understand that their greatest contribution is one that no other organization is capable of providing...to foster a vibrant free enterprise environment that stimulates the creation of new jobs, rising wages, and a growing tax base for their communities.

Our goal for 2006 is that the Greater Hamilton Chamber Of Commerce would continue being the effective Chamber of Commerce described above. With your constant involvement and the leadership provided by our officers and board of trustees, we will realize this goal! Our leadership team encourages every member-investor in the Chamber to join us as we push forward this year! I look forward to seeing you at our many events highlighted in this newsletter! Thank you for membership and investment in the Chamber!

## Thanks You to our Annual Meeting Sponsors:

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### Our Members Are Talking About... **The Greater Hamilton Leads Networking Meetings:**

*"Attending the Leads/Networking meeting is informative, I hear what businesses are doing in my local area and I also enjoy the weekly presenter, most importantly I have taken the information and followed up to create business opportunities for my company."*

Dee Meyers  
All Things Catered Co.

### Event Announcements

## It's Golf Time Again...

**T**he Golf Committee is already hard at work planning the Chamber's Golf Classic XXIII which will be held on **June 5**. The committee will be contacting members about sponsorship opportunities and prize donations. If you are interested in either, please call Nancy O'Neill at the Chamber 844-1500.

## Mark Your Calendar!

March 22 **Red Carpet Luncheon** featuring Jennette Bradley, Treasurer of the State of Ohio

March 30 **Business After Hours** Hosted by Jeannette's Delicacies & Vora Technology Park

### Accent Hamilton News

## Award Winner Announced

**T**he Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce's Accent Hamilton Committee announces the winner for the first quarter 2006 Community Appearance Business Award. The award winner is Mirrors Salon located on North Third Street in Hamilton. Mirrors Salon is owned by Rhonda Schmidt. The

awards are given quarterly each year to businesses that maintain an attractive appearance to the outside of their property. Congratulations, Rhonda! If you would like to nominate a business for a Community Appearance Award please call the Chamber at 844-1500.

# New Members & Renewals

(As of January 13, 2006)

## Books - A - Million

Juneda Mahavixay, Manager  
3385 Princeton Road  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
892-3329  
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BOOK STORES

## Child's Restaurant

Rafael Layliev, Manager  
3393 Princeton Rd.  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
895-6222 fax 895-6444  
RESTAURANTS

## Dottie's Bar & Grille, LLC

Dorothy Hilsmier, Owner  
1483 Millville Avenue  
Hamilton, OH 45013  
887-9779  
RESTAURANTS-BARS

## Morrical Realty

Phil Morrival, Realtor  
337 Ludlow Street  
Hamilton, OH 45011  
(513)863-6669 fax (513)893-3015  
REAL ESTATE

## Renewals

ACH Services  
American Family Insurance –  
Marcos Mantano  
American Printing & Lithographing Co., Inc.

Anderson Kitchen Center  
B & D Construction  
Bailey & Associates  
Barnthouse & Cornett  
Bed & Breakfast Property Management  
Boys & Girls Club of Hamilton  
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Robert Saurber General Contractor  
Sharon's Hallmark  
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Don Stewart  
Strata-G Communications  
Stratus Group  
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Transitional Living  
Tri City Auto  
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Universal Forest Products  
Vista Verde Golf Club  
Vora Technology Park  
Wal-Mart - Fairfield Township  
Weigel Funeral Home  
Western States Machine Company  
Wish Village Apartments

# AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our  
2005 Ambassador of the Year,



**SUSIE SEWARD**  
with the  
Hamiltonian  
Hotel!!

# Ambassador of the Month

Congratulations to **Jane Rose Green**, our Ambassador of the Month! Jane is not in the work force, but enjoys keeping up with community/business contacts. "I would urge anyone who likes to keep abreast of 'what's happening' in Hamilton and the business community to join the Chamber Ambassador Committee." Thanks, Jane, for your participation and dedication to the Chamber!



## Thanks for your prompt payment!

A special thanks to those members of the Chamber who have responded with quick payment of their 2006 Membership Investment. The Chamber asks members to send their membership payment promptly so that the Chamber can avoid the expense of subsequent billings and mailing costs. As a volunteer, non-profit organization, the Chamber relies on the goodwill of its members to pay their dues in a timely fashion. We appreciate this show of support by our membership!

## Spotlight on Business

# Focused Imaging Technologies

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Contact Dean or Lauren Perkins at 895-Toyz

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Chamber of Commerce  
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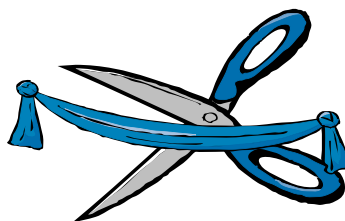
**Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce  
MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Greater Hamilton  
Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton  
Economic Development Corporation is to be  
the business advocate, a leader for positive  
economic development, and the provider of  
cutting edge membership services.*



# Chamber Clicks

## Ribbon



## Cuttings

The Chamber was on hand to cut the ribbon at the new Chili's and Books-A-Million, both located in Bridgewater Falls shopping center.



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