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Business After Hours

Tour Force Control in May

Plan to attend a Business After Hours on Thursday, May 18th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. hosted by Force Control Industries. Enjoy refreshments and networking with Chamber members and take a tour this manufacturing facility, in business since 1969, located at 3660 Dixie Hwy. This event is complimentary. Please make reservations by calling the Chamber at 844-1500.



Senior Citizens to Host June

Please join us on Thursday, June 15th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for Business After Hours hosted by Senior Citizens, Inc. Learn more about Senior



Please note that date has changed since last Chamberletter!

Citizens, Inc. while enjoying refreshments and networking with Chamber members at this complimentary event. Please make reservations by calling the Chamber at 844-1500.

Red Carpet Luncheon Cox Ohio Publisher to Speak

Join the Chamber, Hamilton Rotary, and Lindenwald Kiwanis of Hamilton for the May Red Carpet Luncheon which will be held Thursday, May 11 at 11:45 a.m. at The Hamiltonian Hotel. The featured

speaker will be Ann Hoffman, Publisher for the Cox Ohio Southwest Publishing group, which consists of two dailies and five weeklies. A resident of Clearcreek



Ann Hoffman

Township, Hoffman previously served in various editing roles over 16 years at The Virginian-Pilot, then joined the Dayton Daily News in 1994, where she served as Deputy Managing Editor, before being named publisher of the southwest group.

This event is sponsored by **Butler Tech**. The cost to attend the luncheon is \$15.00 per Chamber member (\$25.00 per non-member). Call the Chamber to make your reservations today! 844-1500.



Golf Class XXIII

Get in the "Swing of Things"

Plan to attend the XXIII Golf Classic June 5th

Reservations are now being taken for the Chamber's Golf Classic XXIII which will be held at Twin Run Golf Course on Monday, June 5th. This year's event is sponsored by **Cincinnati Bell, City of Hamilton, Dickerson Distributing, First Financial Bank, The Fort Hamilton Hospital, Towne Development Group, and United Heartland Insurance Agencies**. Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at



12:30 p.m. The day will wrap up with dinner and prize drawings. The cost to participate is \$130 per golfer (includes: greens fees, cart, golf shirt, skins game, lunch and dinner). If you're not a golfer, you can still be part of the fun by joining us for dinner (\$25). We expect another sellout, so don't miss out on the fun - look for the golf flyer in this month's *ChamberLetter* and make your reservations today! For more information, contact Nancy O'Neill at 844-1500.

Mark Your Calendar:

- June 5 – Golf Classic XXIII
- June 15 – Business After Hours *hosted by Senior Citizens*
- June 27 – Small Business Person of the Year Luncheon *featuring Wayne Krivsky, Cincinnati Reds General Manager*
- August 10 – Business Expo
- September 21 – Steak Fry

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Kenny's Comments

GREATER HAMILTON SAFETY COUNCIL AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAVINGS!

In April, William Mabe, the CEO and Administrator of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) addressed the board of directors of the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce. We understand that workers' compensation and the costs associated with it are very important to many of our members. It was encouraging to hear Mr. Mabe talk about steps he is taking to bring the Bureau's costs down and add more accountability to the system. With these initiatives, we are hopeful that the days of the Bureau offering dividends to participants will return. Mr. Mabe also thanked Senator Gary Cates for his work on SB 7 which was recently signed by Governor Taft. The comprehensive workers' compensation reforms in SB 7 complement the current restructuring of the BWC operations. These reforms are expected to save the system over \$100 million. We support these efforts in reducing overall premium costs and ensuring the system is competitive with other states. Please take time to thank Senator Cates for his work on SB 7! **We also encourage you to take advantage of a workers' compensation saving program that may save you 4 percent. This savings program is for employers who actively participate in the Greater Hamilton Safety Council!**

The Greater Hamilton Safety Council is a non-profit, non-governmental, public service organization dedicated to safety education and accident prevention. The Council provides educational services and resources in these divisions: Industrial Division; Fire Division; Transportation Division; School Division; and Home Division. The Safety Council works with the BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene to increase awareness. They also provide a local forum for occupational safety and health issues that are unique to certain industries. **Participating in the Safety Council could net your business a 4-percent discount on your workers' comp. premiums!**

To receive the discount, employers must:

- Enroll in the Safety Council by Sept. 30, 2006;
- Send a representative to at least eight meetings between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007;
- Have a senior management person in attendance at the Safety Council CEO event;
- Submit semiannual reports for the 2006 calendar year.

Contact the Greater Hamilton Safety Council today to get a 2006-2007 enrollment form and start saving this year. You can reach the Greater Hamilton Safety Council at (513) 896-5333. You can also download this form from

their website at www.hamiltonsafety.com.

Congratulations are in store for the Safety Council as in 2005, the Ohio BWC and the Division of Safety and Hygiene presented the Greater Hamilton Safety Council with the 4th place award in the Safety Council of the Year Awards. They are in competition with over 63 safety councils in Ohio for these awards! This award is given to the top 4 safety councils in Ohio for excellence and dedication in the promotion of occupational safety and health.

In existence since 1942, the Greater Hamilton Safety will be moving to a new location in June 2006. The Council will move to 350 North Third Street in Hamilton's German Village Business District. With ample parking and close proximity to downtown, this new location promises to be the Council's home for many years! Stop by and visit the new offices in June! The Chamber works closely with the Safety Council to make sure you are aware of any programs they offer! Look for the Greater Hamilton Safety Council at the Chamber's Business Expo on August 10th at the Vora Technology Park! Enjoy the savings and thank you for your participation in the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce!

Accent Hamilton Appearance Award Winner Announced

The Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce's Accent Hamilton Committee announces that Westover Retirement Community, 855 Stahlheber Road is the second quarter Community Appearance Business Award winner. The awards are given quarterly each year to businesses that maintain an attractive outside appearance of their property. Congratulations to David Mancuso, Administrator, and his staff! If you would like to nominate a business for a Community Appearance Award please call the Chamber at 844-1500.

Scholarships for the Ministry of Music

The National Religious Music Week Alliance, a sub committee of the Chamber's Accent Hamilton Committee, has been overwhelmed lately with responses from college students from all over the United States. This spring the National Religious Music Week Alliance received 177 applications for the four \$2,500 annual scholarships which it awards to college students studying for the ministry of music. "We have some really outstanding candidates," says Scholarship Co-Chair Pat Everhart. "They come from all over the United States, and it's thrilling to me to find that there are so many fine young people dedicated to their goals in religious music. I just wish we had the funds to assist more of them because there are many deserving of our help." The four winners will be announced upon the completion of judging in mid-April.

Mail Savings Through the Chamber

Are you a small business? Would you like to do a large mailing of over 200 pieces to potential customers? The Chamber allows members to use our Bulk Mail Permit number free of charge. This could save your business hundreds of dollars in postage a year. For example, by using our bulk mail permit, your rates can go from 39 cents down to 26-28 cents per piece depending on how many per zip code. If you do a 1,000 piece mailing you could save \$130. Please contact the Chamber for more information at 844-1500.

Nominate a Small Business Person

Nominations are being accepted for the 2006 Small Business Person of the Year and must be received by May 12th. The Small Business Person of the Year will be awarded a luncheon celebration on Tuesday, June 27th at The Hamiltonian Hotel. The lunch will feature keynote speaker Wayne Krivsky, General Manger of the Cincinnati Reds. The award is presented by the Hamilton Chamber's Small Business Council. Please call the Chamber at 844-1500 for a nomination form.

Volunteers Needed

The Chamber staff periodically needs office volunteers to help with mailing packets and other special projects. If you, or someone you know, are able to donate a few hours of your time each week, please call us at 844-1500 and become part of our team!

New Members & Renewals

Welcome New members! (As of April 13, 2006)

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Kudos to Members

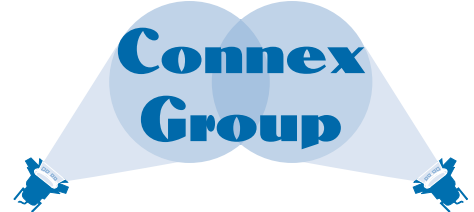
Congratulations to **Ferguson Metals, Inc.** which will receive The Ohio Partnership for Excellence's Achievement of Excellence award, an advanced level of recognition for organizations demonstrating through commitment and practice, significant progress toward excellence.

Ambassador of the Month

Congratulations to **Pam Dunaway**, Business Officer, First Financial Bank, she is our Ambassador of the month!! Pam has been active with the Chamber for 5 years and works with the Expo and Membership committees as well as the Ambassador committee. Pam says, "working with the Chamber is a great way to meet the owners and employees and learn more about the businesses in our area."



Spotlight on Business



Connex Group, formerly Miami Valley Industries and RADD, Inc., offers vocational and residential services to approximately 500 individuals with disabilities annually. This non-profit agency recently purchased the Fiehrer Pontiac/GMC building on Rt. 4 in Hamilton. After renovations, the agency plans to use the building for its corporate offices and additional production space; the building will house nearly 100 of Connex Group's 600 employees. For more information visit Connex Group's website at www.connexgroup.org or contact Teri Shirk, CEO at (513)867-5844.

Member to Member Discounts

Servpro of West Butler County is offering a 10% discount on all carpet and upholstery cleaning. Contact Bill Jones or Larry Richards at 863-9220.

Pennington Jani-King is offering a 10% discount on a one year cleaning service contract or on any one time floor cleaning service (vinyl, ceramic, carpet).

Contact Mike Pennington for more details at 829-2100.

Expo 2006 News

16th Annual Business Expo 2006
Thursday, August 10th
Noon – 5:00pm
at Vora Technology Park,
101 Knightsbridge Drive, Hamilton.

Booths are filling up quickly. Send in your Booth reservations and Expo Sponsorships to be included in the Business Expo! This is your chance to be a part of the excitement!

Showcase your products or services to businesses and the general public and enjoy delicious food as area restaurants and caterers showcase their products during the Expo.



Chamber members are invited to join Exhibitors for Party on the River from 5:00pm – 7:00pm where you can network, enjoy more food and live entertainment.

Expo 2005 was sold out with over 80 businesses participating and an estimated 1,000+ attending the Expo. This is a great opportunity to meet many leads for your business.

Need more information? Contact Laura at the Chamber 513-844-1500.

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- KeyBank
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- Ohio Casualty Group
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For more information on how you can become a Sustaining Member, contact your Chamber at 844-1500.

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MISSION STATEMENT**

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Chamber Clicks

March BAH

A great crowd was on hand for the March Business After Hours hosted by Jeannette's Delicacies and Vora Technology Park.



Christy Jones, Debbie Doerflein, Gary Richards and Glen Stacy smile for the camera.



Steve Schnabl and Tami Walton – they must be talking about Leadership Hamilton!

Ribbon Cutting



Mayor Don Ryan cut the ribbon at the grand opening of Lifesphere Home Health Services' satellite office located in Senior Citizens, Inc.

Leadership Hamilton 15

Ryan Kidd donned fireman duds and climbed the ladder truck during Leadership Hamilton Class 15's Quality of Life Day tour of the Hal Shepberd Fire Station. If you are interested in participating in Leadership Hamilton, class 16 starts September 2006. Call Nancy O'Neill at the Chamber (844-1500) for more information.



Red Carpet Luncheon



March Red Carpet Luncheon speaker, Jennette Bradley, Ohio Treasurer of State, is pictured with Chamber President Kenny Craig; Kiwanis President Dan Eichel; and Rotary President John Lewis.



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