



# Chamber Connection

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## Business Leaders Seminar

The Trotwood Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce Michael Ehrler as the featured speaker at our quarterly meeting Wednesday, September 20. No matter what your background may be, if you are interested in improving your business and finding more time to enjoy your personal life with family and friends, then Michael's presentation will be of interest to you. In fact, the title of his presentation is “**Driving Success and Balancing Life.**” He will share with us the same interactive approach that he regularly uses with his clients to help them drive their business forward.



He will share insights into how we as Chamber members can become more successful by working “ON” our business rather than “IN” our business.

Michael owns the Growth Coach, a business coaching firm that operates throughout the Dayton metropolitan area. As owner of The Growth Coach, he is affiliated with a national network of business coaches that specializes in assisting

Take the time to come and hear Michael. Remember the best investment you can make for your business is to invest in yourself.

Michael is not only an acclaimed Business Coach, he also teaches multiple college courses in Marketing, Sales and Business Development and has been published in several newspapers and trade periodicals focusing on topical business issues. He has written several articles for our Chamber. His background includes a wealth of experience with all types of businesses and industries.

As an extra incentive, Michael Ehrler has offered the book Becoming a Strategic Business Owner to the first 50 Chamber members who RSVP and attend.

The Trotwood Chamber has also secured a \$500 scholarship which can be applied toward Michael's normal fees for the first year of Michael's quarterly coaching strategic retreats.

We are pleased to be able to work with someone of Michael's caliber to assist you, our chamber members, to maximize your chamber membership value.

The seminar will be held at Trotwood Community Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive at noon (snacks will be provided). Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP to 837.1484 by September 15.

## Breakfast with the Mayor

The Chamber's Breakfast with Mayor Donald K. McLaurin, is Thursday, September 28. Mayor McLaurin is running for State Senator in November and you will not want to miss this opportunity to network with him, residents and business leaders in our community. United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road has provided the venue for the breakfast. The time of the breakfast is from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. and the cost is \$8.00 per person.

To make your reservation call 837.1484 no later than September 25.



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## Member Focus

### **Pre-Paid Legal Services**

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The Company currently provides legal services to **over 1.5 million families across the U.S. and Canada**. Plan benefits are delivered through a network of independent provider law firms. Members have direct, toll-free access to their provider law firm rather than having to comb through a yellow-page style directory for a referral. Provider firms are carefully selected and the quality of service is closely monitored to maintain the high standards of Pre-Paid Legal.

**What Members & Associates are saying about Pre-Paid Legal....** "To know that it's there, if we need it to protect us and our interest, is just incredible... it's priceless." For more information, contact: Kimberly and Ricky Thomas, [kimberlymthomas@prepaidlegal.com](mailto:kimberlymthomas@prepaidlegal.com) [www.prepaidlegal.com/hub/kimberlymthomas](http://www.prepaidlegal.com/hub/kimberlymthomas), 877.413.4979 or 937.275.7523.



### **Who do you call for Tall Grass, Bad Sidewalks Loud Noise?**

To ensure your complaints and/or questions are handled in the fastest, most efficient manner, please contact the follow departments directly:

Trotwood Public Works 837.1702 (street, sidewalks, etc.)  
 Trotwood Code Enforcement 433.7977 (trash, garbage, grass, etc.)  
 Trotwood Police Depart. (Non-Emergency) 837.7777 (noise, illegal dumping, etc.)  
 Trotwood Zoning Department 837.7771 ext. 7218 (signs, fences, parking)

If you are not sure who to call, call Code Enforcement 937.433.7977

If your complaint involved City services, it will be investigated and corrective action will be taken subject to the availability of appropriate resources. If it involves a property owner, tenant or vehicle owner, the appropriate department will verify that the item you are complaining about violates the City Codes. Usually the process requires one of more notifications to be sent and establishes time frames to allow the person responsible reasonable time to correct the issue before fines and/or penalties are assessed.

### **Workers' Compensation Update**

Now is the time to fill out your AC-3 (Temporary Authorization Form) to start the enrollment process for the upcoming 2007/2008 Group Rating year (starting 7/1/07 through 6/30/08). By doing it early Hunter Consulting may be able to offer suggestions that may have a dramatic effect on your savings, and confirm your ability to participate in the Group Rating. For more information please call Pat Williams, at 1.513.231.4023 ext. 106. or Metika Roberts at 800.486.6652 x 114 your Hunter Consulting representatives.

The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance's annual Safety Seminar will be held at the Dayton Airport Hotel Monday, October 23, 2006. As a member of the Chamber this seminar is free! More

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## Chamber After Hours

Trotwood Chamber and Larch Tree Golf Course invite you to a "Chamber After Hours" event October 12 at Larch Tree Golf Course. The time of the event is 5:30 p.m. at 2765 N. Snyder Road, Trotwood Ohio. You will have an opportunity to play a round of golf prior to the after hours event. For more information, please call the Chamber at 837.1484.



## Opening Convocation, Glider Installation September 6

On Wednesday, September 6, United Theological Seminary will host the Opening Convocation of its 136th Academic Year and celebrate the formal installation of a 1902 Wright Glider in the campus Library.

The day will begin with Opening Convocation for the 2006-07 Academic Year and Fall Commencement at 11:30 a.m. at Precious Blood Catholic Church, 4961 Salem Ave. The speaker for this event is Dr. David Whitford, Associate Professor of Church History. At 1:20 p.m., a special service will be held in the Library of the campus at 4501 Denlinger Road to formally install the 1902 glider, a loan from Wright State University and a visible reminder of the school's proud history.

For more information, visit [www.united.edu](http://www.united.edu) or phone Timothy Binkley at 937-529-2201.

## New! Chamber Website

If you haven't already noticed we have posted our new website. Check it out [www.trotwoodchamber.org](http://www.trotwoodchamber.org) Current features include an enhanced member database, comprehensive information about Chamber activities, and community development. We have posted an archive of our monthly newsletters so you can download back issues in .pdf format. Several sections are "under construction" so check back often to watch our progress. We will contact all members with instruction on how to access the "**Members Only**" area. This area is part of our member benefit program and features tools and freebies unique to Trotwood Chamber members.



## Business of the Year

Do you want to nominate a business that has done an outstanding job in our community? This is your opportunity to do so! A nomination form is included with this newsletter. You may nominate any business of the list — you may nominate your own business as well. If you are not a member of the Chamber and want to nominate a business, you may do; however, the business must be on the list. We ask that you return your nomination form no later than November 15. More detailed information about the Business of The Year will be in the October and November Newsletters.

## 2007 Expo Date Announced

Be sure to add this event to your 2007 budget this fall. The redesigned Trotwood Community Expo is set for March 7th from 4-8pm. It still includes a Taste of Trotwood and we have added an hour to give exhibitors more time with our visitors.

Also new this year is a \$3 admission charge (\$1 under 12) and plenty of complimentary tickets for each exhibitor to distribute to their customers. The chamber board made these changes to try and encourage more qualified buyers to attend the event. Look for the 'Early Bird' registration form in this newsletter for \$15 off the regular exhibitor price. Call 837-7800 or 837-6401.

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## Upcoming Events

- Sept. 6 UTS Convocation/Glider Installation—United Theological Seminary at 11:30 a.m.
- Sept. 19 SAVISCO Meeting Maria-Joseph at 11 a.m.
- Sept. 20 Chamber Quarterly Meeting, with Michael Ehrler, speaker, at noon
- Sept. 28 Breakfast with the Mayor, United Theological Seminary at 8 a.m.
- Oct. 12 Chamber after Hours—Larch Tree Golf Club, 2765 Snyder Road, 5:30 p.m.



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