



Chamber Connection

“Creating a Bright Future”

**Trotwood
Chamber of Commerce**

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Happy New Year!

2007 Year in Review

I have had the privilege of serving as the President of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce for 2007. Well, at first blush, 2007 hasn't lived up to its lucky #7 reputation, but sometimes luck and blessings come cloaked and reveal themselves over time — often in proportion to the character, determination and commitment of their recipients. While we're living it, 2007 appears to be a very difficult year, but in hindsight, I believe it will reveal itself as a pivotal year—a springboard year—a good year!

With that in mind and given our proximity to Thanksgiving, I thought I'd review 2007 against the backdrop of the things for which I am thankful.

I'm thankful that we have clergy in Trotwood who remind us that we are born of infinite possibility and a year's worth is not just measured by bricks, mortar and revenue statements. I'm thankful that we have an administration, that even after difficult set backs and adversity, brushes itself off and goes back out to fight the good fight with dignity and determination.

I'm thankful that we have elected leadership, that in turbulent seas and equally turbulent political seasons, strives to put the good of this community first. I'm thankful that we have county and state officials who have a genuine affection for, and commitment to, our area. May we use this difficult year as springboard to work more effectively with them.

I'm thankful for each and every executive member of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce. Through their efforts the city has been enriched by this event, the State of the City Address, Chamber After Hours and Breakfast with the Mayor, the 5th Annual Expo, new relocation packets for potential residents and businesses and an advertising campaign to help small businesses. I'm especially thankful for the competency, professionalism and grace of the Chamber's Executive Director, Marie Battle.

I'm thankful for the dozens of community organizations, comprised of unsung heroes, who work to better quality of life for themselves and their neighbors. I'm thankful that the youth of the area continue to make us proud, not only through sports, but art, music and academics as well. I'm thankful that through their performance and the support of the community, the TM City Schools have secured the resources to build two new elementary schools and the Trotwood Early Learn Center.

I'm thankful that Good Samaritan Hospital has given a substantial amount of money, and their name, to the TM School sports program. I'm thankful the fire department is now serving its citizens from a new fire station on Little Richmond Road. I'm thankful that despite a very tough year for the Trotwood Police Department, that often played out in public, there are still daily, not-so-public examples of officers going the extra mile to protect and serve.

I'm thankful that Friendship Village, an organization that has done so much for so many, is enjoying a \$4 million renovation. I'm thankful for the 400,000 square foot repackaging plant for GM parts and the forward momentum, it will bring.

And finally, I'm thankful that we are all here gathered together to celebrate twelve businesses that are wonderful examples of what's right in Trotwood.

Karen Wampler, President, Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

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Trotwood-Madison City Schools

Michelle Shaw
United Theological Seminary

Karen Wampler
Hara Arena Complex

Executive Director

Marie Battle

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2008 Officers/Board of Directors

The Chamber has elected the following officers and new board members:

Larry Jackson, President
Sharon Thornton, President-Elect
Raymond Garner, Vice-President
Sandra Allen, Secretary
Al Miller, Treasurer

We welcome new board members:

Gary Fischer, Liberty Savings Bank
Maggie Hart, Lofino's Cub Foods
Jerome Hazard, Fifth Third Bank

Our congratulations to all officers and new board members!

Workers Compensation Group Enrollment

One of the benefits you receive from being a member of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce is Workers Compensation. Enrollment for group rating ends in February, which means enrollment packets need to be returned in early February so that paperwork is turned in to BWC. If you have question, please call Tammy Purcell at Hunter Consultant Company at 1.800.486.6652 ext. 122.

Upcoming Events

January 16

Chamber Board Meeting,
Trotwood Community Center,
Noon

February

Future Vision for the City of
Trotwood (TBA)

March 12

Trotwood Business Expo
Hara Arena Complex-4-8 p.m.

April

Workshop—"How to Expand
your Business"



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