



Chamber Connection

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Message from our President

In an effort to get to know our members better, we are planning a series of Trotwood Chamber After 5 events. Each will be an opportunity to visit a member business and see how they do business. These will also be excellent opportunities to network with other owners and managers and promote your products and services by way of informal conversation. Of course, we will also include good food, drinks and a few laughs!

Please attend these Chamber After 5 events and experience the benefits for yourself. The chamber staff and board is working hard to help improve the Trotwood business climate. We are committed to continuing successful efforts and to trying new things. We welcome your participation and input. Together we can make a difference.

Our first After 5 is May 19th from 5-6:30 at Phoenix Tube, 5800 Wolf Creek Pike, Trotwood OH. Phoenix Tube's President Paul Kasperski will give us a plant tour and talk about their expansion into the former K-Mart building on Salem Avenue. Trotwood City Manager, Mike Lucking will also give an update on other city recruiting efforts and results. RSVP to 937.837.1484.

I hope to see you on May 19th; I look forward to having a chance to talk with you personally!

Bruce Kettelle

Our nonprofit workshop was April 20, at Friendship Village. It was presented by Attorney Michael Rzymek, from the State of Ohio. We were told that only 501(c)3, are allowed to have 50/50 raffles (our chamber is a 501(c)6);

therefore, we are not allowed to have 50/50 raffles it is against Ohio laws. We can no longer use this as a fundraiser. Schools cannot have raffles; however, boosters can. They must be a 501(c)3 organization, must deposit net profits in their general account and use it for charitable purposes. For more information on nonprofits, contact Ohio Attorney General Charitable Law Section at 1-800-282-0515, 614-466-3181 or email charitablelaw@ohioattorneygeneral.gov.

The Chamber's **Member Appreciation** is scheduled for June 26 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at United Theological Seminary, 4501 Denlinger Road, Trotwood. This is our way of saying "thank you" for your support. We will recognize our businesses, network with other business leaders, and you will have the opportunity to win a door prize! There are businesses in our community that others are not aware. Table will be available for you to setup to display to others what your business is all about and what you can provide to them.

There is no cost for a table to chamber members and a nominal fee of \$10.00 for non-members. RSVP to 937-837-1484 by Monday, June 22 if your are interested in setting up a table.

Marie Battle, CAP, Executive Director
Upcoming Events

Friday, June 26, Member Appreciation, 5:30-7:30 p.m., United Theological Seminary

Thursday, July 9, Business After 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m., North Dayton School of Discovery

Tuesday, August 4, Business After 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Friendship Village

Friday, September 18, Annual Golf Outing, Meadowbrook Country Club

Thursday, October 8, Business After 5 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lowe's Home Improvement

Thursday, November 12, Annual dinner/business of the year, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Friendship Village

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Celebrating 50 Years of Family Entertainment!

The world's largest amateur radio gathering returns to Hara to celebrate its 60th show May 15-17, 2015. Close to 500 indoor exhibits and over 2,500 outdoor exhibits showcase the largest in amateur radio equipment, technology, computer software and hardware, along with hard-to-find radio and computer accessories and equipment.

Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the days of the show. Hamvention® bus tickets are \$8.00 Admission and bus tickets are valid all three days. Tickets may be purchased at the Hara Box Office, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood OH; Debco Electronics & Computers Inc., Cincinnati OH.; Universal Radio, Columbus OH.; Midwest Surplus, Fairborn OH and R&L Electronics, Hamilton OH

For more information or for a full forum schedule, visit the Dayton Hamvention® website or visit www.hamvention.org.

Thanks to the following members for renewing their membership: Boone Power Equipment, Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 4270, North Dayton School of Discovery and Vectren Utility. Thanks to Friendship Village for renewing their newsletter advertisement.



Dear Trotwood Chamber Members:

The Trotwood Chamber of Commerce serves you by advocating for initiatives that will improve the business climate in our state and by creating programs that will help you promote and grow your business. We have just announced a new affinity program with Office Depot that can help grow your bottom line by cutting hundreds of dollars in expenses from your balance sheet.

This Office Depot program, free to Trotwood Chamber of Commerce members, gives you access to the power of a \$70 million group purchasing program, the result of which is a very aggressive pricing structure on items you use the most.

This pricing program is specifically tailored by Office Depot to support Chambers of Commerce and their member companies. Hundreds of Chambers and thousands of their member companies participate.

Each time you participate in the Office Depot program,

you get substantial savings and you help support the work the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce does on your behalf.

The program is also very convenient. When you find the Office Depot items you need, you can order them online through a dedicated gateway on the Office Depot website and receive next-day delivery, or you can use your Affinity Program Discount Card to buy discounted items at your nearest Office Depot store.

This program is extended to you because you are a member of the Trotwood Chamber – there is no obligation to enroll contact **Greg Hause**, Account Manager, Office Depot, Inc., Tel: 513.319.4401

| greg.hause@officedepot.com. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please schedule an appointment with Greg for a price analysis to demonstrate your significant savings potential.

If you have any questions, please contact Trotwood Chamber at 937-837-1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org.

Sincerely,

Marie Battle, CAP

Executive Director
Trotwood Chamber of Commerce



Superior Dental Care

Superior Dental Care is proud to offer exclusive dental plans to members of the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA), including Sole Proprietors. Please visit us at WWW.SUPERIORDENTAL.COM

Superior value doesn't stop with your smile. Also offered to each member at no additional cost is a discount vision plan providing reduced fees for exams, frames, lenses and contact lenses and LASIK surgery. EyeMed Access Plan D includes one of the largest provider networks in the industry with unlimited frequency on the services used.

Call Trotwood Chamber of Commerce at 937-937-1484, visit www.trotwoodchamber.org or www.joinsoca.org for these and other benefits provided to chamber members.



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Prospective Billing

As the BWC's transition to prospective billing nears for private employers, we wanted to send an update with the latest information.

In late May, 2015 the BWC will send out the first Notice of Estimated Annual Premium. This notice will provide specific information to each employer including, but not limited to:

- ***The total premium due for the 2015 policy year (July, 2015 through June 2016).***
- ***The amount of each installment and when it is due.***
- ***The manual classifications for the policy and the estimated annual payroll for each.***

Please remember - this notice is NOT a bill. This notice is intended to provide employers with the information they need to prepare their budgets. It will also allow employers to review the payroll used to determine the estimated premium. If the employer anticipates that their payroll will be significantly different from that used in the estimate, those changes can be reported to the BWC. The BWC will then recalculate the installments, based on the adjusted payroll.

After the close of each policy year, the BWC will issue a True-up Report. Employers will use this report to report their actual payroll for the prior policy year to the BWC. If additional premium is due, payment will need to be submitted with the True-up report no later than August 15th. Employers that overpaid their premiums will be issued a refund in the BWC's normal course of business.

Employers who fail to submit a True-up report before the deadline may be subject to significant penalties including:

- ***Removal from any discount programs in which they are currently enrolled***
- ***Forfeiture of any refunds/rebates due as a result of participation in programs like Industry Specific Safety, Safety Council, etc***
- ***Being ineligible to participate in future discount programs***

The BWC is currently offering numerous seminars to private employers to discuss prospective billing. Attendance at one of these seminars can also be used as a training credit for a number of the BWC's discount programs. For dates, locations and more information, please click here.

You may also visit the BWC's website periodically for the most up to date information.

Should you have questions regarding prospective billing, you may email the BWC at bwcprospectivebilling@bwc.state.oh.us or contact your Account Manager at Hunter Consulting.

***Sincerely,
Hunter Consulting Company***



House Passes Budget That Cuts Taxes Without Tax Shifting

The Ohio House last week passed House Bill 64, the two-year state spending and tax reform plan. The bill cuts personal income tax rates by 6.3 percent and makes permanent a 75 percent income exclusion up to \$250,000 for owners of pass-through businesses. The overall \$1.2 billion tax cut was achieved without tax shifting or imposing offsetting tax increases on Ohio businesses. This is in contrast to Gov. John Kasich's executive budget proposal that would have subjected Ohio businesses to higher commercial activity and sales taxes.

The Ohio Chamber strongly supported the House version of HB 64 and made the bill a key vote for purposes of the Ohio Chamber's General Assembly Voting Record. The final tally of the House floor vote was 63 yeas and 36 nays. Three House Democrats joined with 60 of the 65 majority Republicans in support of the bill. The Ohio Chamber commends and thanks all the House members that heard the business community's concerns about the executive tax reform plan and followed through with their vote.

The positive House action doesn't guarantee that Ohio businesses will avoid tax increases in the final budget and tax reform plan. In fact, Gov. Kasich criticized the House version of HB 64 and reiterated he intends to continue to push for his plan.

Now the debate moves to the Senate, whose leaders have said they will tackle the upcoming fiscal year (FY) 2016-17 budget using FY 2015 spending numbers as their starting point, and ask stakeholders to justify any proposed appropriation increases. Typically, the Senate would begin with the House-passed version as their baseline.

Senate leaders have also indicated they will still examine both the House and executive budgets, and components of both may ultimately be incorporated into the Senate version of HB 64. The Senate Ways and Means Committee, chaired by Sen. Bob Peterson, will begin hearings on the tax reform provisions portion of HB 64 on Wednesday.

Eight weeks of Senate budget deliberations started last week, with Kasich administration officials outlining their executive budget and tax reform plans that were introduced in early February. The Senate is likely to formulate and vote on its version of HB 64 by mid-June. That timeframe would leave two weeks for negotiations in a joint House-Senate conference committee over a final state spending and tax reform blueprint to be completed by June 30.



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