



Chamber Connection

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Last year outgoing president, Bruce Kettle, predicted that Trotwood was beginning to see some light at the end of a dark economic tunnel. I too believe that we are in

the beginning stages of a new era. In 2015 there were several positive signs. One, we saw 20 local businesses expand, commit to move into Trotwood or actually move into Trotwood. And, two, the Community Improvement Corporation worked with 20 properties, helping to stabilize some of our residential areas. Additionally, the city is focused on economic development in ways identified through the economic plan that was retooled in 2013 by a large, diverse group of Trotwood residents and business leaders.

If we look only at each individual business success or each individual house improvement, we might miss the bigger picture. When we step back and see the total impact of these economic foundational building blocks we can see that a new future with a fresh beginning is starting to emerge.

Businesses and organizations continually evolve themselves in order to stay relevant as people and communities change. The chamber is no exception. So this year we will be evaluating our role in the current development of Trotwood and seeking to evolve in a way that is beneficial to our members and community. Our board is compiled of members that represent non-profit community organi-

zations, large corporate businesses, small local businesses, government, and education. Some of our members have been on the board for a long time while others' tenure is much shorter. I believe that the diversity of our board makes us stronger and better able to facilitate the positive direction of our current state.

As part of our evolution, the board will invest considerable time and effort clarifying our focus and what benefits and services are most beneficial to our members. Please assist us in this endeavor by reaching out to a board member and sharing with them your thoughts on how we might better assist you in your business or organization, or share with us how your business is changing to meet the current needs of your customers.

Talking and working together better enables all of us to see and seize new opportunities. For your convenience, below this article I will list our board members and the role they currently have in our community along with their contact information. Please feel free to let us know your thoughts.

Please consider attending one or two of our networking After Hours events or our Annual Dinner. These events offer opportunities to get to know other community leaders and to share. Many times, business owners and managers will find new customers at these events, so come on out and enjoy some good food and company while you promote your business!

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I am honored to be president of your board and I hope to serve you well throughout 2016. Please reach out to me if I can help you in any way.

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The following businesses have renewed their membership for 2016

Boone Power Equipment, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, CMD Technologies, City of Trotwood, Colbert Family Health & Wellness, DP&L, Dayton Center Courts, Dayton Metro Library, Dayton Nutra Foods, Fellers Farm, H. H. Roberts Mortuary, Heard Management, Korrek Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning, Logan Services, Maria-Joseph Living Care Center, New York Pizzeria, North Dayton School of Discovery, Rogers' Funeral Home, Salem Bend Condominium, Shiloh Springs Care Center, Stryver Manufacturing, Trotwood Madison Educational Foundation, Trotwood-Madison Historical Society, Trotwood-Madison Schools, VFW Post 4270, Wolf Creek Company, Inc., and the Neighborhood YMCA of Trotwood.

Thank you so very much for investing in our community by renewing your membership with Trotwood Chamber of Commerce.



New Member

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*Trotwood Chamber
Membership Card
Valid thru December 2016*

Membership Card

This year we are issuing a Membership Card to members re-

newing their membership and new members of Trotwood Chamber of Commerce. When this card is presented, chamber members will receive a discount from businesses participating in our member-to-member discount initiative. Those business already participating are Donut Palace (15%), Heard Management (10%), GPTS Software Solutions (6%) and Life of Riley Landscape (10%).

You can become a member of our member-to-member discount initiative! Participating in this initiative is one way to help businesses in our community to continue to prosper. If you are interested in participating, please call 937.837.1484 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org and we will add your name to our list.



Office Depot is another business offering a discount to members. When you present your Chamber Office Depot Purchasing Card, you will receive tremendous savings off your office supplies.

We encourage you to take advantage of the benefits offered to chamber members. For more information, call the Chamber at 937.837.1484 or visit our website at trotwoodchamber.org to see other benefits offers to members. Using these revenue resources will, in some instances, more than pay for your membership.

Quote for the month

"Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens." - Khalil Gibran



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WHEN IN DOUBT – LOCK IT OUT

By: Mr. Gary Hanson, President

American Safety & Health Management Consultants, Inc.

In 1990 OSHA implemented the Control of Hazardous Energy Standard, commonly known as the Lockout/Tagout Standard. It requires employers to:

- Develop a written Lockout/Tagout Program
- Train employees in the elements of the program
- Develop individual written procedures for complicated pieces of equipment
- Provide the proper locks and tags that meet the standard
- Conduct annual audit of all Authorized Employees and document the results
- Monitor the program and enforce it as needed

Most companies have now implemented the program and have conducted the training, provided the locks and tags and developed the individual written lockout procedures. Unfortunately there are still too many employees getting hurt or killed because of a failure to follow proper lockout/tagout procedures and locked out the equipment.

Employees need to understand that, **When In Doubt, Lock it Out**, before doing any servicing or maintenance where there is the possibility of equipment start-up or the release of an energy source. It is not good enough to simply turn off the equipment.

There are some exceptions to Lockout/Tagout such as in **Minor Tool Changes or Adjustments** that are integral to production, routine in nature, repetitive and there has been no history of an accident. Testing and positioning where power is required in order to do the job. This requires someone trained in this procedure.

OSHA, also, considers cord controlled equipment, locked out if the electric cord can be unplugged and is in the view of the Authorized Employee.

These exceptions should be clearly spelled out in your lockout/tagout program and communicated to your Authorized Employees. Locking out a piece of equipment should always be done where possible.

Don't allow employees to ever bi-pass the lockout require-

ments. It only takes a couple of minutes to lock and tagout a piece of equipment before work is to be done. Also, ensure employees Verify that the equipment is a Zero Energy state before they begin working on it.

Lockout and tagout must become a habit of each Authorized Employee 100% compliance with the company program is a must. Remember, failure to have an employee follow the proper procedures puts him/her at risk of serious injury or death, and your company at risk for an Intentional Tort Law Suit.

When In Doubt – Always Make Sure It is Locked Out!

If you need help with any part of your company safety program or need employee safety training, please give me a call at 1-800-356-1274.



2016 MEC Conferences

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce partners with the Manufacturers' Education Council (MEC) to provide statewide seminars on the issues of tax, energy, environment and health care. For the first quarter of 2016, MEC has the following conferences planned. To register, go to the [MEC website](#).

[25th Annual Ohio Tax Conference](#), Tuesday & Wednesday, January 26 & 27 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus

[20th Annual Ohio Energy Management Conference](#), Tuesday & Wednesday, February 16 & 17 at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel

[25th Annual Sustainability & EHS Symposium](#), Tuesday & Wednesday, March 22 & 23 at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati

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	Education to keep workers safe, healthy and on-the job
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