

Chamber Connection

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Trotwood Chamber wishes to thank our members for your continued support, our benefit providers, and those that are not members but supported our Chamber this past year. We wish you Peace, Love, Joy and Happiness this Holiday Season; may you and your family have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

As we plan for another year, we will do our very best to provide workshops and seminars that will help you work more efficiently as well as provide benefits that will help you save money. If there is a workshop/seminar you want to have presented, please call the Chamber at 937.837.1484 and let us know. This is your Chamber and we are here to serve you.

Visit our website at trotwoodchamber.org to see pictures of our Annual Dinner/Businesses of the Year, also for information on benefits and various projects.

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March 9-11 • Greater Columbus Convention Center



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

Expo Marketplace to simplify safety product purchases

FREE continuing education credits

Medical and Health Symposium

Safety Innovations Competition

Registration opens in January.
ADMISSION IS FREE.

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

BWC Addresses Coverage Gap for Ohio Employers Doing Business in Other States

Columbus - A new coverage option approved November 20th by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (**BWC**) Board of Directors will simplify workers' comp for businesses with employees who work in other states. Workers' comp laws vary by state and the new **Other States' Coverage** will help ensure that Ohioans injured on the job will be covered regardless of where they were injured.

BWC Administrator and CEO Steve Buehrer asserts, "meeting your workers' compensation obligations when you have employees working across state lines can be confusing," and assures employers "this policy offering will bring much-needed clarity for these employers and make it easier for them to expand across the border and still make sure their employees are protected."

Employers **must** have the majority of their business in Ohio to be eligible for the coverage option. Interested employers will apply directly to **BWC**, which will determine eligibility and the premium cost for the optional coverage. The vendor will issue a policy to cover out-of-state exposures and respond to any claims filed out of state. [Click here to read the full article.](#)



www.bwc.ohio.gov



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The Significance of Candy Cane



Around the seventeenth century, European-Christians began to adopt the use of Christmas trees as part of their Christmas celebrations. They made special decorations for their trees from foods like cookies and sugar-stick candy.

The first historical reference to the familiar cane shape goes back to 1670, when the choirmaster at the Cologne Cathedral in Germany, bent the sugar-sticks into canes to represent a shepherd's staff. The all-white candy canes were given out to children during the long-winded nativity services.

The clergymen's custom of handing out candy canes during Christmas services spread throughout Europe and later to America. The canes were still white, but sometimes the candy-makers would add sugar-roses to decorate the canes further.

The first historical reference to the candy cane being in America goes back to 1847, when a German immigrant called August Imgard decorated the Christmas tree in his Wooster, Ohio home with candy canes.

About 50 years later the first red and white striped candy canes appeared. No one knows who exactly invented the stripes, but Christmas Cards prior to the year 1900 showed only all-white candy canes. Christmas cards after 1900 showed illustrations of striped candy canes. Around the same time, candy-makers added peppermint and wintergreen flavors to their candy canes and those flavors than became the traditional favorites.

There are other theories about the design of the candy cane, although no historical evidence supports them. Some theories suggest that the red and white stripes symbolize the blood and purity of Christ. Another theory postulates that the hardness of the candy symbolizes the solid foundation of the Christian Church.

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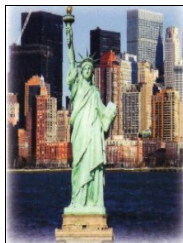
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