



# October 21, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 111 • Mantua, OH 44255

## In Attendance:

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
David Brode, Portage County Prosecutor  
Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC  
Becky Newell, DMRC, Benner Masonry  
Marlene Morgan, Jobs and Family Services  
Jodie Fiala, Jake's  
Joe Iacano, Crestwood Superintendent  
David Lasko, Benefits I Group  
Jim Prout, Prout and Associates  
Rick Frato, Edward Jones  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  
Marie Stehli, CPA, Mantua Township  
Missy Lyle, Footprints

Elle Stamm, Stamm Contracting  
Caren Stutzman, Zagursky's Pierogies  
Edie Benner, DMRC, Advanced Rehab  
Roberta Zuver, Cortland Bank  
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township  
Melanie Miracle, Miracle Lot's, Theme Team Catering  
Cheri Mikula, Mental Health Recovery Board of Portage County  
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank  
Audrey Baran, K&K Meat Shop  
Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank  
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township  
Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4C's  
Mathew Roosa, Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department

**Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m.**

**Introduction were made.**

**Shalersville Township-** Dennis Bujak reported repairs in cemetery are still in process. Working on sealing cracks in roads.

**Mantua Village-** No Report

**Mantua Township-** Marie Stehli reported paving still in process on Hillcrest Rd.

**Featured Business-** Audrey Baran spoke on behalf of K&K Meat Shop located on Main Street in Mantua Village. K&K has been in business for 8 years now, offering meats only from local and neighboring states. They also have available frozen foods, produce items, many breakfast items, daily lunch specials and hot dinner specials on Tuesday and Thursday nights. They are very competitively priced. Saturday, October 24, is Customer Appreciation Day. Hot dogs and cider will be served along with many other free samples. The steaks from the September Chamber Steak Fry came from K&K!

**Issue #4 -** Marlene Morgan from Portage County Department of Jobs and Family announced issue 4 is a renewal levy for Children's Services. Issue 4 is to help keep children in homes and for out of home care, supports adoption programs, special needs children and helps place large sibling groups. There are currently 140 children in foster care. David Brode also spoke about the importance of this issue passing.

**Issue #6-** Roberta Zuver from the Board of Trustees for Portage City Library's announced issue 6 is a 0.5 mill, ten year operating levy. The libraries are running on no public funding only funding from the State. Local Library's have had to cut hours, do staff layoffs, and discontinue services such as deliveries to daycare centers. If it passes it will bring back more programs for children, add online resources, restore jobs and resume deliveries to daycare centers.

**Issue #40-** Joe Iacano spoke of the importance of the bond issue for a new high school. Stating it will cost 25 million, half of which will be paid for by the state's tobacco settlement fund and half by the local district. If it does not pass the school will lose the state funding. For more information please visit their website.

**Crestwood-** Joe Iacano discussed the H1N1 flu, which has been spreading, 45-60 students daily absent from Crestwood Middle School. The Health department will be working with the school district and giving the shot to K~12 grade students at their buildings. Dates should be late October or early November and will be announced later. Shots are not mandatory, but highly recommended, permissions slips will be sent home for parents to sign. Adult Education Classes for Digital Photo/ Photo shop will be held at the High School. David Scott (Art Teacher) will be conducting these classes. They will be Tues. and Thursday nights starting next week at 7:00 pm. A ceramics class is also going to be offered by Jen Scott.

**Issue #46-** Matt Roosa announced Issue 46 is a fire protection renewal issue originated in 1989 and replaced in 1999. The fire department is currently working on reducing it's 397,000 a year budget in which 47% of the budget cost is labor. Currently they are running 4 on duty 24 hours, 7 days a week.

**David Brode-** David Brode is a candidate for Judge who has worked in the prosecutor's office for the past 5 years. He is running to replace the seat of Barbara Watson. Why, He asked, should we vote for him. He has the most experience of his other candidates, serving 11 years in the "black robe" for the Juvenile Probate court. He is an independent candidate, does not tolerate politics in the courtroom, and is completely self funded.

**Minutes-** Paulette Nichole motioned to approve September minutes 2nd by Joan Sweet. Voted and passed.

**Treasurers Report-** Joan Sweet's report read: Balance from previous month - \$7,596.55 New balance as of September 30, 2009 - \$7,939.55. Savings Account (Scholarships) - \$3,406.20, Announced Golf outing - \$1,692, 50/50 raffle from steak fry generated \$92.00 and the steak fry profited \$302.00.

**Membership-** Becky Newell announced 92 current members, 36 have paid for 2010. 20% discount given until October 31, 2009. Welcome Jake's and The Comfort Café as new members.

**Scholarship Golf Outing-** Marie Stehli advised we still need someone to take over the outing.

**DMRC-** Edie Benner announced they are currently working on funding issues. Any ideas or money contributions please let her know. Michelle Barnauskas reported a business improvement seminar will be scheduled for Jan or Feb 2010; April- annual meeting, October- Walk of Mantua. Elle Stamm reminded revitalization is for infrastructure, not beauty.

**Giving Trees-** There will be 8 trees placed in Mantua at local business from Carlton to Middle Field bank. Terri Wilde from 4C's announced there are now 15 to 16 families a day – this used to be a week. She asked gifts be given unwrapped, they have a youth group that will be doing the wrapping. Gift cards will be given for children over the age of 12 and small gifts for 12 and under. Can goods can be brought to chamber meetings and there will be boxes placed in Cortland, Chase, and Middlefield banks.

**New Business:** Congratulations to Becky Newell! She won the NOACC Bright Star Award. An awards ceremony will be held October 29, 2009 at the Cadillac Ranch.

**Guest Speaker:** Vicki Hawke from NOACC spoke about the benefits NOACC has to offer to chamber members. NOACC has been around for 15 years, has 35,000 members with 150 Chambers. Take advantage of these discounts. A link to their website can be found on the Chamber website. Last year our chamber received \$350.00 back.

David Lasko from Benefits One mentioned quotes would begin Nov-Dec. No decision has been made on the % discount from Workers Comp, the max discount will be 50%. Advised to wait until January to make any decisions.

**Santa Mini Park-** Dec. 4th at 6:00 pm

**Trick-or-Treat-** Shalersville Saturday 2-5 pm, Village and Township 5-7 PM

**Meeting was adjourned 8:47 am**

**Next Meeting-** November 18, 2009