



# April 20, 2011 Meeting Minutes

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

**2011 - 2012 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Missy Lyle, Vice President  
Joan Sweet, Treasurer  
Becky Tipton, Secretary

## ATTENDANCE

Tom Kennedy - Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
Keith Barton - Law Office of Keith J. Barton  
Mike Maglionico - Crestwood Local Schools  
Brad Raum - Robinson Memorial Hospital  
Nancy Vines - Shalersville Township Trustee  
Betty Sweda - KRBA / SBDC  
Susan McGann - KRBA / SBDC  
Paulette Nichols - Shalersville Resident  
Michelle Barnauskas - DMRC  
Bill Graham - Camp Asbury  
Jamie Sitko - Sitko Counseling  
Edie Benner - Advanced Rehab / DMRC  
Carl Zeleznik - Sierra Inc.  
Shirley Schuster - Mantua Township Resident  
Christine Pitsinger - Community Journal  
Becky Tipton - Ameriprise

Dorothy Caldwell - Shalersville Township  
Joe Perriello - Huntington Bank  
Dayton Hickerson - Grand Promotional Products  
Ron Lance - Diversified Enterprises  
Donna Hawkins - Mantua Village Mayor  
Alan Frame - Advanced Rehab  
Jodie Fiala - Jake's  
Joan Sweet - Middlefield Bank  
Rick Frato - Edward Jones  
Marie Stehli - CPA, Mantua Village  
Caren Stutzman - Zagursky's Old World Pierogies  
Jim Prout - Prout & Associates  
Maria Schmidt - UH Geauga Medical Center  
Melissa Lyle - Village Tavern  
Joann Vance - Middlefield Bank

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 a.m. Introductions were made.

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** Spring clean-up will be held on May 7, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Scrap metal, appliances, toys, bikes, lawn mowers, furniture, and car batteries will be accepted, tires (removed from rims) will be accepted at a charge of \$2 per tire. Building products, rubbish, drywall, shingles, propane tanks, wood, and hazardous materials will not be accepted. Call the township garage with questions.

**Mantua Village:** There is a new administrator for the village. The new trash provider for the village is J&J Refuse. The Eaton facility is being purchased by Compass Packaging, they will have 63 employees and plan to be operational at the end of July. Brush pick-up begins on May 9. Spring clean-up will be held on May 21. Tires, batteries, and tagged appliances will be accepted, no paint will be accepted.

**Shalersville Township:** The township received their new truck and they are now getting accessories for it. The township also has their new Bobcat. Work on patching roads is underway. Spring clean-up will be held on May 5, 6, and 7. No motor oil, paint, or propane tanks will be accepted.

**Crestwood Schools:** The Ohio Achievement Assessments will begin on April 25. The school will be holding a "One Book, One School" literacy event, and they are looking for volunteers from the community to serve as readers. An Earth Day event will be held on April 29 at the Primary School, community members are invited to attend.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Scholarship Committee:** 21 applications have been received. The deadline to apply was April 15. This is the most received.

**Golf Outing:** The committee still needs hole sponsors (\$100 each), prizes to be donated, and teams to play on the day of the event. Please contact Joann Vance or Middlefield Bank if you would like to make a donation or participate. The outing will be held on June 8 at Sugar Bush Golf Club.

**Community Garage Sales:** These will be held on July 22 and 23, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Register to participate soon in order to be included in all of the advertising that will be done prior to the event. There is no charge for member to have a sale at their home and/or business. Non-member fee is \$10.

## MEMBER & GUEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Geauga County Business After-Hours Event:** Jim Prout announced that there will be an all county business after-hours event held at Morning Star Friends Church in Chardon on May 11. The event will include a business show, Chinese auction, mini-seminar, and speed networking event.

**Geauga's Pathway to Spring Event:** Jim Prout announced that there will be a "Drive-It-Yourself Tour" on May 7, sponsored by Geauga County Tourism. Participants can visit a number of businesses in the area for demonstrations, samples, and discounts on merchandise.

**DMRC:** Michelle Barnauskas said that on May 9, there will be a "Town Hall" meeting held at the fire station conference room, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All chamber members are invited to attend, refreshments will be provided. Spring spruce-up will be held on two days: Friday, June 13, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, students from the high school will participate – adult volunteers are needed on this day, also – and on Saturday, June 14, members of the community will participate from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please plan to help out if you can.

**Art on the Hill:** Rick Frato announced that the event will be held on July 9. Applications for artisans can be found on the chamber website. The Portage Parks District will hold their triathlon on the same day.

**Crestwood 4C's:** Remember to bring donations of canned goods to any chamber meeting!

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Business After-Hours Event:** This was held on Monday, April 18, at Jake's. There were around 35 people in attendance, and door prizes were given away. Another similar event will possibly be held later this year, feel free to provide chamber officers with feedback on the recent event, or suggestions for a future one.

## **MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP**

**Approval of Minutes:** Keith Barton motioned to approve, Nancy Vines seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of March 31, 2011, there was \$10,723.89 in the checking account, \$5,241.77 in the scholarship fund, and \$272.36 in the fund for next year's Giving Tree program.

**Membership:** The chamber welcomed three new members who have joined over the past month: Shock Transport, Dawn Pechman and Mike's Electric.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

**Betty Sweda and Susan McGann, KRBA:** Betty Sweda and Susan McGann from the Kent Regional Business Alliance explained that their organization provides free and confidential business services to small businesses throughout Portage County. They have loan programs available, and they can also help companies to develop business plans and financial documents that are required by banks in order to obtain approval for a loan. KRBA consults about many needs that small businesses have, including marketing and human resources topics.

## **DOOR PRIZE**

**Congratulations!** Mike Maglionico, the principal at Crestwood Intermediate School, who won a \$25 gift certificate for advertising or printing services from the Community Journal.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.**