



# January 18, 2012 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

## In Attendance:

Jim Oster, Oster & Associates  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products  
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township  
Roberta Zuver, Cortland Banks  
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township  
Carl Zeleznik, Sierra Inc.  
Julie Schmidt, Crestwood Middle School  
Sandy Pelphrey, Weekly Villager  
Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center  
Mark Russel, Ellerhorst Insurance  
Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
John Festa, Mantua Township  
Bill Graham, Camp Asbury  
Missy Lyle, Village Tavern  
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal

Bob MacLearie, Mantua Masonic Legion  
Terri Wilde, Crestwood 4C's  
Helen Hazlett, Rotary, Howard Hanna Realty  
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township  
Linda Clark, Mantua Village Mayor  
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's  
Jozsef Jakab, Crestwood Middle School  
Jodie Fiala, Jake's  
Alan Frame, Advanced Rehab  
Leo Nagle, A&A Excavating  
Rick Frato, Edward Jones  
Beth Trivelli, Crestwood Local Schools  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Jamie Sitko, Sitko Counseling  
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Family Farm

**Meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m. Introductions were made.**

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** None given.

**Mantua Village:** Linda Clark announced that the waste water treatment project has been profitable for the Village, and they have been working with DMRC on obtaining grants.

**Shalersville Township:** Dorothy Caldwell reported that the township has been working on safety issues at the school.

**Crestwood Schools:** Julie Schmidt said that through partnerships with Kent State University and Hiram College, college students are helping at the Middle School with tutoring. Beth Trivelli reported that the Primary School is holding a "One Book, One School" project. They are also having a COSI event in the gym. Members of the community are invited to visit the school any time.

## FEATURED BUSINESS: SITKO COUNSELING

Jamie Sitko provides counseling services at her office in Hiram. Jamie offers traditional counseling as well as some newer types of treatment. Her practice provides free 30-minute consultations and free screenings for several types of disorders.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Business After-Hours Event:** The Chamber held a networking event last spring and would like to schedule another one. Anyone who has suggestions or would like to host the event should contact one of the Chamber officers.

**Business Showcase:** A committee is being formed to plan for this event. It will be held in October, and the plan is to hold this event on an ongoing basis, every other year. Committee volunteers are needed.

**Crestwood 4C's:** Terri Wild thanked everyone for their support over the holidays. She announced that she is stepping down from her position as President, and Lonn Safko will be the new contact for their organization. In March and April, 4C's will participate in a program that will match both cash and canned goods donations that are received during that time. If have contributions to make, Terri suggests holding them until March.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Holiday Social:** This event was held in December. Attendees brought over 180 canned goods to donate to 4C's. Thank you!

**DMRC:** A meeting will be held on January 18. A Reverse Raffle dinner will be held in March at the Knights of Columbus hall, contact any DMRC board member for tickets.

**Networking Group:** Rick Frato said that he is interested in forming a networking group and is looking for interested parties.

**Rotary:** Helen Hazlett reminded everyone that Rotary meets on Tuesday evenings. New members and guests are welcome.

**Scholarship Committee:** Dorothy Caldwell will be on the committee again this year and is looking for other people to volunteer as committee members.

**Advanced Rehab:** Alan Frame said that their exercise classes have recently been revamped. Their workplace wellness program is growing. They are holding a "Biggest Winner" contest, the participant that loses the largest percentage of their body weight over a 3-month period of time will be the winner.

**Gauga County Business After Hours Event:** Jim Prout said that this event will be held in the spring. It will be at the KSU Geauga campus and will have a community-based focus. Usually 300-400 people attend, and it is a good networking opp.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob MacLearie motioned to approve the October 2011 minutes, Dayton Hickerson seconded.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of December 31, 2011, there was \$11,206.32 in the checking account; \$6,316.18 in the scholarship savings account; and \$702.81 in the toy drive account.

**Membership:** There are currently 77 members. 2012 window clings are available. Welcome to new members Rachel Adkins Designs, Green Family Funeral Home, Energy Smart Insulation, Record Publishing, and Friends of Melana.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Congratulations** to Tom Kennedy, who won a 1-hour massage donated by Rosalie Franek, LMT.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.**