



# May 16, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
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**2011 - 2012 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Missy Lyle, Vice President  
Joan Sweet, Treasurer  
Becky Tipton, Secretary

## In Attendance:

Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning  
John Festa, Mantua Township  
Carol Corbett, Crestwood Schools  
Rick Frato, Edward Jones, DMRC  
Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township  
Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal  
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab

Ron Lance, Diversified Mini Storage  
Paulette Nichols, PCB Bank  
Julie Robine, Advanced Rehab  
Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township  
Jim Prout, Prout & Associates  
Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank  
Shirley Schuster, Mantua Twp. Resident

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Twp.  
Cindy Janson - Mantua Resident  
Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's  
Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township  
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Chris Hendershot, Italian Garden  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. Introductions were made.

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** John Festa reported that the Spring Cleanup was a success.

**Mantua Village:** No report.

**Shalersville Township:** Dennis Bujak said that the Spring Cleanup was successful.

**Crestwood Schools:** Carol Corbett reported that the schools continue to face difficult budget cuts for upcoming school years. There will be a drug awareness event held on May 16; this is a follow-up to an event that was held previously.

**DMRC:** Edie Benner announced that DMRC is continuing to work on applying for grants, several of which will be joint projects with the village. A \$40,000 grant for sidewalks in the south side of the village has been received; they have also applied for a \$20,000 grant for landscaping along the new sidewalks. The annual Art in the Park event will be held on July 14, and plans are underway for a series of Music in the Mini Park events.

## FEATURED BUSINESS

**Advanced Workplace Wellness:** Julie Robine explained that this program, offered through Advanced Rehabilitation and Health Specialists, aims to help areas businesses help employees to improve their physical, mental and spiritual health. The goal is not only to help employees live more satisfying lives, but also to decrease off work time and to increase workplace productivity. Among the services offered are health assessments, education, and personal wellness coaching.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Business Showcase:** Christine Pitsinger said the event is scheduled for October 18, from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., and will be held at the Shalersville Town Hall. Participant applications will be available soon.

**Golf Outing:** This event will be held at Tanglewood on June 6. Additional door prizes are needed.

**Summer Luncheon:** Christine Pitsinger announced that the Chamber is looking for a member business to sponsor this event, including providing a location and refreshments. Shirley Schuster volunteered to host the luncheon at her home. Date and time details will be announced soon.

**Community Wide Garage Sales:** These will be held on July 27 and 28. Participants will be included in advertising materials and listed on the map that will be distributed. Chamber members may participate for free, there will be a \$10 charge for non-members.

**Carol Corbett Retirement:** Carol will be retiring from her position as Crestwood Schools Treasurer at the end of the school year. Thanks to Carol for her years of service!

## OLD BUSINESS

**Relay for Life:** Dayton Hickerson sent a note to the Chamber in appreciation of their support.

**4C's:** Lonn Safko reported that the recent donation challenge was a success and thanked everyone for their continued participation and support.

**NOACC Annual Meeting:** Jim Prout and Christine Pitsinger attended the Annual NOACC Meeting in Sandusky. Christine reminded everyone that among the benefits they receive as Chamber members are discounts on health insurance, office supplies and shipping services. Check out the "Member Benefits" section of the Chamber website for information on these and other benefits.

**Scholarship Committee:** Dorothy Caldwell announced that after much deliberation, two scholarship recipients have been selected, an awards ceremony will be held next week. Recipients are chosen based not only upon academic performance, but also upon factors like school attendance, participation in activities, and volunteer work. Thank you to Dorothy, Hank Cabot, and Paulette Nichols for serving on this committee!

## TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Minutes:** Paulette Nichols motioned to approve the April minutes, Rick Frato seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of April 30, 2012, there was \$9,806.66 in the checking account; \$6,318.54 in the scholarship savings account; and \$703.06 in the toy drive account.

**Membership:** There are currently 87 members. The policy is that beginning in July of each year, dues are pro-rated, so that businesses that join mid-year are charged only for the months during which they are members.

## DOOR PRIZE

*Congratulations* to Jim Prout, who won a Pot of Geraniums donated by the Community Journal!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 a.m.