



# November 21, 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:

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| Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC                    | Tom Meeker, Heartland Payment Systems    |
| Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center      | Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal   |
| Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab                  | Bill Graham, Camp Asbury                 |
| Lonn Safko, Crestwood 4C's                   | Jodie Fiala, Jake's                      |
| Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products | Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township  |
| Paulette Nichols, PCB Bank                   | Jim Prout, Prout & Associates            |
| Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township           | Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township       |
| Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning      | Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial       |
| John Festa, Mantua Township                  | Luke Darrah, Darrah's Car Care           |
| Wayne Omaitis, WJ Glass                      | Lyle Tayerle, Aflac                      |
| Mark Russell, Ellerhorst Russell Insurance   | Ken Collier, RK Graphics                 |
| Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis          | Keith Barton, Law Office of Keith Barton |
| Linda Clark, Mantua Village                  | Roberta Zuver, Cortland Bank             |
| Cindy Janson, Mantua Resident                |  |

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 a.m. Introductions were made.

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** John Festa said that the township is working on projects to get ready for winter.  
**Mantua Village:** Linda Clark reported that the cemetery has been paved, and the mini-park has been decorated for Christmas. The Certified Local Government ordinance has been passed, which will allow the Village to apply for additional types of grants.  
**Shalersville Township:** Frank Ruehr said 15 maple trees have been planted in the cemetery this year.  
**Crestwood Schools:** No report.  
**DMRC:** Edie Benner reported that DMRC is now able to apply for some historic grants. A meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, at 7:00 p.m. at Jake's. All are welcome to attend.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Tom Meeker** from Heartland Payment Systems discussed how his company helps small business with payment systems and payroll taxes, and assists them in understanding where certain fees come from. Use of this service is benefit to which all Chamber members have access, and for each business that utilizes the service, money will be paid to the Chamber.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Toy Drive:** This is going on now, through December 5.  
**2013 Membership Drive:** Please remember to renew your membership.  
**Santa's Visit to the Mini-Park:** Paulette Nichols is coordinating this event. One issue is how to best manage the line to visit Santa, Linda Clark said she will ask the Service Department if they have cones or other items to help with this. Linda Clark also asked for donations of non-breakable ornaments to add to the tree for this event.  
**Holiday Social:** This will be held on Monday, December 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Jake's.  
**Election of 2013-2014 Officers:** Nominated and elected as President was Christine Pitsinger. Becky Tipton was nominated and elected as Vice President, and Paulette Nichols was nominated and elected as Treasurer. The position of Secretary remains unfilled. For now, Christine Pitsinger and Becky Tipton will share the Secretary's responsibilities.  
**Friendship Alliance Church Food Distribution:** Jim Prout said food is being distributed on the second Saturday of each month, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.  
**Turkey Trot:** Edie Benner said Advanced Rehab will sponsor this event on Thanksgiving, at 8:00 a.m. Participants should bring a food item to donate to 4C's.  
**Workers Compensation Program:** Jim Prout said a group discount of 53% is being offered, and an additional discount of 24% is available for companies implementing specific drug and safety programs.  
**Darrah's Car Care:** This member business is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Congratulations!  
**Kiwanis Pizza with Santa:** Hank Cabot reported that this event will be held on December 8. Kiwanis also holds spaghetti dinners and is looking for co-sponsors for these events.  
**RK Graphics Event:** Ken Collier announced a party to celebrate the opening of his website business to be held on Dec. 15.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Minutes:** Dorothy Caldwell motioned to approve the October minutes; Jim Prout seconded. Minutes were approved.  
**Treasurer's Report:** Dorothy Caldwell reported that there is \$1,023.32 in the toy drive account, \$8,019.14 in the scholarship savings account, and \$9,879.71 in the checking account.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Congratulations** to Hank Cabot of Western Reserve Kiwanis who won a Thanksgiving centerpiece donated by Becky Tipton of Ameriprise Financial!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 a.m.