

# April 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
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**2013 - 2014 Officers**  
Christine Pitsinger, President  
Becky Tipton, Vice President  
Paulette Nichols, Treasurer

## In Attendance:

Frank Ruehr, Shalersville Township	Nancy Vines, Shalersville Township	Wayne Omaitis, W.J. Glass
Linda Clark, Mantua Village	John Festa, Mantua Township	Tom Kennedy, Marshall's Carpet Cleaning
Becky Tipton, Ameriprise Financial	Christine Pitsinger, Community Journal	Maria Schmidt, UH Geauga Medical Center
Jodie Fiala, Jake's	Kathy Vanek, Middlefield Bank	Joe Iacono, Crestwood Schools
Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Resident	Carole Pollard, Mantua Restoration Soc.	Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehab, DMRC	Shirley Schuster, Mantua wp. Resident	Marie Stehli, CPA, Mantua Township
Jim Oster, Oster & Associates	Karen Bosley, Cortland Banks	Ronda Klar, Ohio Real Title
Jill Rowe, Crestwood Schools	Darin Kelley, Mantua Gardens	Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis
Dan Tillet, Troy Construction	Ron Lance, Diversified Mini Storage	Dennis Bujak, Shalersville Township
Mary Hannah, Carma Promotions	Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank	

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

## VILLAGE & TOWNSHIP UPDATES

**Mantua Township:** Marie Stehli announced that Spring Cleanup will be held on May 4. On May 18, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, residents can have documents shredded. John Festa said work is underway for a War Memorial.

**Mantua Village:** Linda Clark reported that the State Auditor has formally removed the Village from Fiscal Watch. Also, April 26 is the deadline for submitting materials to be included in the Mantua Matters newsletter.

**Shalersville Township:** Dennis Bujak announced that work will begin to repave Coit Road. The township is also planning to purchase a new mower. Spring Cleanup will be held on May 3 and 4, and a Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 25 at 10:00 a.m.

**Crestwood Schools:** Jill Rowe said that David Toth has been selected as their new Superintendent.

**DMRC:** Edie Benner reported that sponsors are still needed for the Art on the Hill event. Spring Cleanup in the Village will take place for the community on May 11 and for students on May 17. The Reverse Raffle event will be held on May 4. Jim Oster talked about the "Friends of DMRC" program; for \$25, Friends will receive a tee shirt and a quarterly newsletter.

**Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department:** John Festa announced that they will be taking bids for a new tanker truck; the existing one is 25 years old.

## GUEST SPEAKER

**Carole Pollard of the Mantua Restoration Society** talked about how this organization is working to preserve the historic center of Mantua Township, beginning with the school building. An annual meeting will be held on April 22; anyone who is interested in hearing more about what has been accomplished, and what the organization is working on now, is encouraged to become involved.

## NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scholarships:** Dorothy Caldwell announced that 14 applications have been received; the committee will reach a decision about who the recipients will be over the next 2 weeks.

**Golf Outing:** Kathy Vanek said the committee is still looking for hole sponsors and door prize donations.

**Mantua Restoration Society Donation:** Paulette Nichols motioned to donate \$100 to the organization. Jim Oster seconded the motion, and it was passed.

**Relay for Life Donation:** Dennis Bujak motioned to donate \$1 per member to Relay for Life, in memory of Nancy Hickerson. Nancy Vines seconded the motion, and it was passed.

**Crestwood Lions Club event:** Mary Hannah announced that a program on teen killers and what can be done to stop school violence will be held on July 11. Cost to attend is \$10 per person.

**Art on the Hill Donation:** Jim Oster requested that the Chamber donate \$1,000. It was decided that the officers will discuss making a donation, and the recommended amount, and the issue will be revisited at the May Chamber meeting.

**Crestwood Ponytail League Donation:** This organization has requested a donation from the Chamber. Dennis Bujak motioned to donate \$100. Maria Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was passed.

## MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT, MEMBERSHIP

**Minutes:** Paulette Nichols motioned to approve the March 2013 meeting minutes; Nancy Vines seconded. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paulette Nichols reported that there is \$10,464.46 in the checking account; \$1,144.00 in the toy drive account; and \$8,027.99 in the scholarship account.

## DOOR PRIZE

**Congratulations** to Wayne Omaitis, who won a basket of hydroponic lettuce donated by Mantua Gardens.