

# Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Meetings

### August 19th

Chamber / Rotary Picnic at Camp Hi  
Enjoy an afternoon of canoeing!  
Afterward, gather for a short meeting,  
followed by a picnic dinner.

### September 16th

Guest Speaker:  
William Ulk, Director, Portage County  
Department of Economic Development

Featured Business:  
Rebecca Tipton, MBA, CFP®,  
Certified Financial Planner™ Practitioner

### October 21th

Featured Guest:  
Vicky Hawke, NOACC  
Featured Business:  
K&K Meat Shoppe

Visit the Chamber's website at  
[www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com)  
for more information!

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## Are You a Chamber Member?

Joining the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce is a great way to market your company's products or services while also offering you a large selection of discounts and offers only available to chamber members.

For more information, visit our website at [mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://mantuashalersvillechamber.com)  
For information on chamber discounts, click on the MEMBER BENEFITS link to the far left of our home page.



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July 2009

## Scholarship Golf Outing... June 27th

The Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted their annual Scholarship Golf Outing on Saturday, June 27th at Ravenswood Golf Course.

Teams of four played the 18 hole course with winning teams being awarded various prizes donated by local merchants. Golfers enjoyed a steak dinner as they mingled following the game.

Funds raised at the outing go toward the 2 - \$1,000 scholarships given to Crestwood Seniors each year. Receiving scholarships in 2009 were Nicole Brugmann and Joseph Schreengost.

Outing organizers, Graham Harmon and Joann Vance would like to thank the following Hole Sponsors: Stamm Contracting, Marsilio For Judge, David Brode For Judge, Kepich Ford, Graphic Design & Sign, API & PPG Industries, Napa Mantua Auto Parts,



Perfect Choice Auto, Preston Motors Inc., Footprints, The Community Journal, Cortland Bank, F&S Automotive, Advanced Retail, Wintergreen Tree Farm / Marie Stehli CPA, Middlefield Bank, Industrial Connections, Wolf & Phlaum, Info Spec Computers & More, and Shirley Schuster CPA.

Thank you also to the following for their monetary or door prize donations: Footprints, McDonald's, Graphic Design & Sign-Sierra Inc., Ravenswood Golf Course, Stamm Contracting, Arts & Flowers, 3M, Grandview Golf Course and Windmill Lakes.

## Announcement of Scholarship Recipients

The Mantua-Shalersville Area of Chamber of Commerce scholarship committee members Dorothy Caldwell and Paulette Nichols reported having a difficult time choosing two applicants from the dozen or so received. After much thought and consideration, chosen to receive a \$1,000 scholar-



ship each were Nicole Brugmann and Joseph Schreengost - Congratulations scholarship recipients!

The Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Paulette Nichols and Dorothy Caldwell for their hard work and dedication to the Chamber's scholarship program.

## Letter from the President...

Happy Independence Day to all. I hope you are having a good and profitable summer. Your Chamber officers are busy with plans for warm weather activities designed to bring the membership out to meet and greet each other and enjoy good food and good company. Our annual July picnic at Main Street Place is just around the corner. Please RSVP to membership chair Becky Newell 216-990-5086 or [bjnewell@neoio.twcbc.com](mailto:bjnewell@neoio.twcbc.com) if planning to attend this event on July 15. Also, in August, we will be joining the Crestwood Rotary for our annual canoe trip and picnic at Camp Hi. Canoeing generally starts around 2 and allows time for a leisurely float down the Cuyahoga River, followed by a great picnic around 5 p.m. at the riverfront picnic tables.

I want to make everyone aware of a new program in Portage County that will impact each business financially. The Commissioners are holding public meetings regarding storm water runoff and discharge. The County has been in the process of developing a plan to control storm water to minimize the impact on the environment and is currently not in compliance with EPA standards. This is an unfunded federal mandate, to be supported, in the long run, by the taxpayers. The plan will bring Portage County into compliance, at a cost to all (currently) township located residences of \$36 per year, and all businesses of \$36 per 5800 square feet of impervious surface. The two public hearings will be held on July 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Portage County Engineer's office, (5000 Newton Falls Road) and on July 23 at 1:00 p.m. at the Portage County Administration Building, 449 South Meridian, Ravenna.

The first public meeting was held on June 25. About 20 members of the public attended. 12 were from Mantua Township. Many concerns were expressed. This not only affects townships, it will affect cities and villages as they are brought onboard. Many were unhappy at what is perceived to be an additional tax on both residents and businesses within the county. Copies of plan documents may be viewed at the County Engineer 330-296-6411, or in my office, 330-995-2640. I will also get a copy to the Chamber office on Main Street for your review.

This county was founded on principles which included concerns regarding taxation without representation. Please attend a meeting and let your representatives (the Commissioners) know how you feel. Get involved. Thank you.

- Marie Stehli, President



Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
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Mantua-Shalersville Chamber of Commerce Goals:

- To advance the commercial, industrial, educational, agricultural and civic interests of the area
- To work together to support and promote local businesses and their products
- To work with elected officials to promote proper planning and growth
- To support and work toward local harmony for the betterment of citizens and businesses in the area



## "Get-A-Way to Mantua"

The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation) will host "Get-A-Way to Mantua" this Saturday, July 11th on Prospect Street in Mantua. The event will feature a variety of activities including: "Mantua's Art on the Hill" - with over 50 artisans displaying and selling their work, the Crooked River Powwow, a Chinese Auction, Birdie-Ball Golf, 7 hours of live entertainment, pony rides for the kids, great food and more!

The DMRC would like to thank the following "Patrons of the Arts": Bonner Ohio Properties, Jim & Pat Oster, Harner Plumbing and the Community Journal. A thank you also to "Friends of the Arts": Marshall's Carpet Cleaning, Marie Stehli, CPA, Green Family Funeral home, Grand Promotional Products, Wolf & Pfann Accounting, Barky Mart and Mantua Station Drug.

For further information regarding "Get-A-Way to Mantua" or the DMRC, contact Becky Newell at 216-990-5086 or at [bjnewell@neohio.twcpc.com](mailto:bjnewell@neohio.twcpc.com)

## Handmade Quilt Raffle

Local resident Ellie Monroe (Quilts for Causes) has donated a beautiful, handmade queen size quilt to the DMRC to be raffled off as a fundraiser.

Ticket sales began on July 10th and will go through the close of the Potato Festival on September 13th. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The quilt will be on display at various locations throughout the summer.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Christine Pitsinger at 330-414-6486 or [communityjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:communityjournal@yahoo.com)

## Office Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to cover 2 hour shifts at the Chamber of Commerce / DMRC / Rotary office on Main Street. The office is open on Fridays from 4-6PM and on Saturdays from 10AM-noon.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Becky Newell at 216-990-5086 or at [bjnewell@neohio.twcpc.com](mailto:bjnewell@neohio.twcpc.com)

## May Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

**The meeting was called to order by Marie Stehli at 7:30AM.** Introductions were made.

**Shalersville Township-**Dorothy Caldwell reported Spring Clean up day was May 7-9. The township collected 17 dumpsters full of scrap metals, batteries, tires and other miscellaneous items. The Memorial Day parade begins at 10:00AM, Father Garvey from St. Joseph will perform services. Two paving projects are in progress. Cooley Road is being ditched and paved. Beck Road ending at Coit Road will be paved. These projects estimate at about 1/2 million dollars, Shalersville is paying 40% of this cost which is roughly \$20,000 to \$50,000 more than they anticipated. Marie Stehli announced 6 hanging baskets have been purchased and given to Shalersville Township.

**Mantua Village-**Donna Hawkins reported that the Memorial Day Parade will begin at 9:30 am at The University Hospital building (the old school house on Main Street) and end at the Cemetery. Michelle Stuck was sworn in last night as the new Village Solicitor. Welcome back to Dan Forum. Spring clean up is finished. She thanked the DMRC / Chamber of Commerce and all others who participated in the downtown clean-up/ spruce/up. Marie Stehli announced 6 banners are in process for the Village to replace the hanging baskets. The township filled 9 dumpsters during clean-up. The Memorial Day parade will begin at 10:15 am at Mantua Center and end at West Lawn Cemetery.

**Featured Business-**Melissa Lyle, Owner of Footprints, spoke about her business. Footprints is a thriftstore located on Main Street in the Village where she sells New and Used items from kitchen gadgets to furniture along with men, women's, children's apparel. She also has another store front open on Prospect Street where she sells horse tack and miss pet supplies.

**Art on the Hill-** To be held on July 11, 2009. Laura Landreth is seeking Chamber member volunteers to fill approximately two - *continued on page 3*

## Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Application



**Yearly Dues:**  
 Individual Patron \$30  
 0 - 5 Employee \$50  
 6-20 Employees \$100  
 21+ Employees \$150

In addition to using US Mail, the Chamber communicates with members via email and fax. If you prefer not to receive correspondence via email or fax, please check the appropriate box.

Business Description

**Return to:** Membership, P.O. Box 111, Mantua, OH 44255

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hour shifts. The group is looking into additional parking. Birdie-Ball Golf will be going on all day at the park, by the baseball fields. **Adventure Triathlon-** Edie Benner announced Portage Parks and Advanced Rehab are hosting a Hike, Bike and Canoe triathlon the morning of July 11, 2009, before Art on the Hill, starting at 7:00 a.m. All are invited.

**Community High School-**Principal Summers announced Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria they will be holding the Community Form meeting about the possibility of a new high school. The State is willing, at this time, to pay 50% of the cost. The high school has done 6 tours this year for the community to understand the necessity for a new school.

**April Minutes-** A motion was made by Joan Sweet to approve April's meeting minutes, seconded by Bob MacLearie.

**Treasurer's Report-** The checking balance as of April 30, 2009 was \$7,161.11, the balance on the savings account was \$5,389.17. **Membership-** 93 members.

**Scholarships-** 11 applications were turned in for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded tonight at the High School by Dorothy Caldwell and Paulette Nichols.

**DMRC-** Edie Benner thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their \$1,000 donation and for the matching funds. Any chamber member who donates to the DMRC the Chamber will match that donation up to a total of \$500.00. Donation deadline for chamber members is August 1, 2009. The next DMRC meeting will be 7:30 am Friday, May 22, 2009 at Advanced Rehab.

**Scholarship Golf Outing-** Christine Pitsinger reported the outing date will be on Saturday, June 27 at Ravenswood Golf Course. The cost is \$65.00 per golfer. A dinner will be included. The committee is looking for Hole Sponsors, the cost \$100.00 a hole. They also need door prizes. Applications for the Hole Sponsors are on the website. Ravenswood has agreed this year to allow the outing to re-schedule if the weather is bad.

**Soap Box Derby-** Bob MacLearie reported that it will be held in Mantua on June 13th and starts at 9:00 a.m. There will be a full page ad in the brochure for the Chamber of Commerce, Christine Pitsinger is designing the ad and will be listing all members in the ad. You must be a member by June 3rd to be listed.

**Website-** Christine Pitsinger announced Brent Simon is now doing the website and all is going well. Any corrections that need to be made please call or email her.

**Boy Scout Troop Donation request-** Paulette Nichols requested a \$50.00 donation. Joan Sweet made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Boy Scout Troop, Bob MacLearie seconded.

**Guest Speaker -** Amie Cajka of the Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board spoke of the services provided by the organization, noting the mental health and treatment success statistics in our county. The organization continues to provide both in-patient and out-patient services to men, women and children in our county. The board works with various mental health facilities to ensure the best care is being provided to those who need it.

**Next Meeting-** June 17, 2009, no meetings for the months of July and August - check out the website for news updates.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.**

## June Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

**Meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m.**

**Shalersville Township-** Dorothy Caldwell reported working on tiling the Town Hall floors. Busy ditching, cleaning and trimming trees.

**Mantua Village-** Christine Pitsinger reported banners are in process and will be completed in July.

**Mantua Township- No Report**

**Featured Business-** Our scheduled featured business, Zagursky's Old World Pierogies, was unable to attend **Art on the Hill-** July 11, 2009. Christine Pitsinger announced next scheduled meeting is for June 18, 2009 to discuss t-shirts, ads, posters, and banners.

**Crestwood High School-** Joe Iacano reported proficiency scores for academic testing were up this year. Last year 23 out of 30 standards were met - this year 26 out of 30, this is one hair from the top ranking. 5th grade math jumped 20% from 58% to 78% of students passing. 78% of students passed all 5 tests in the High School. Facility updates will be given at the July 6th meeting at the high school. A video of the tour of Crestwood High School explaining why the building is in need of renovation or a new building was posted on the Crestwood website. A parent survey was sent out asking them to view the video and fill out the survey if they would support a new building, 65% of the parents surveyed agreed a new high school was needed. 75% of the parents surveyed said it should go on the ballot. This is up from the first survey sent out before the tour video was posted. Prior to that, only 42% agreed to a new building. No more tours are scheduled at this time.

**Minutes-** A motion was made by Bob MacLearie to approve May minutes, seconded by Dorothy Caldwell.

**Treasurer's Report-** The checking balance as of May 30, 2009 was \$6822.98 The balance in the savings account was \$3389.17

**Scholarships / Guest Speakers-** Dorothy Caldwell Announced the recipients. 2 out of 11 applicants were chosen. Nicole Brugmann who was chosen because of all her hard work helping with her mother and excellent grades in school. Nicole stated she would like to attend Bowling Green. Joe Schreengost was chosen also because of his excellent grades and extremely impressive scholarship application. Joe would like to attend Akron University.

**Scholarship Golf Outing-** The outing date will be held on Saturday, June 27 at Ravenswood Golf Course. The Cost is \$65.00 per golfer. A dinner will be included. The committee is looking for hole sponsors, the cost \$100.00 a hole. They also need door prizes. Applications for the hole sponsors are on the website.

**Soap Box Derby-** Bob MacLearie reported that all went well.

**Meeting was adjourned 8:13 am**

**Next Meeting-** A "Networking Luncheon" will be held at Benner's Main Street Gardens on Wednesday, July 15th at noon. A combined Rotary/Chamber meeting and picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 19th at Camp Hi Canoe Livery.