

2009-2010 Chamber Officers Installed



During the January Chamber of Commerce meeting, the elected officers for the 2009-2010 term were sworn in by Portage County Auditor, Janet Esposito. (left to right) Melanie Miracle - secretary, Marie Stehli - president, Christine Pitsinger - vice president, Joan Sweet - treasurer and Portage County Auditor, Janet Esposito.

New Office Now Open!



Mary Cabot of the Mantua Rotary Club greets visitors at the new Chamber of Commerce - Mantua Rotary - DMRC office.

2009 Scholarships

The Mantua Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce will again be offering 2 - \$1,000 scholarships to Crestwood Seniors interested in furthering their education.

Applications are available at: the Crestwood High School Guidance Office, the Chamber/Rotary/DMRC office, can be downloaded from the chamber's website at www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com or on page 2 of this newsletter. The deadline is April 15, 2009. Good luck to all interested applicants.

For more information, contact scholarship committee members: Dorothy Caldwell at 330-274-2152 or Paulette Nichols at pjmnichols@aol.com.

New Member...

The chamber of commerce would like to welcome Grand Promotional Products to our group. Grand Promotional Products is located in Shalersville and owned by Dayton and Nancy Hickerson.

This company offers competitively priced promotional products. Advertise your company's products or services on just about any item you can think of. Promotional products also make great fundraisers.

For more information call Grand Promotional Products at 330-296-5041, email: nancy1b@aol.com or visit their website at grandpromotionalproducts.com.

The new Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce, Mantua Rotary and DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation) office located at 10702 Main Street in Mantua is now open!

The office is staffed on Fridays from 4-6PM and on Saturdays from 10AM - Noon by volunteers to greet visitors and assist them by providing information about these organizations and the area's resources.

Chamber members are encouraged to drop off their marketing/advertising materials such as business cards, flyers, brochures etc.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Becky Newell at 216-990-5086 or bjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com

Save Money on Health Benefits Without Pinching Pennies

NOACC and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield have teamed up to save you money on your group health insurance. As a chamber member, you have access to a full range of health insurance offerings, from traditional to industry-leading consumer-driven health plans like HRAs and HSAs.

*Save money with members-only discounts.
* The convenience of one-stop shopping. Take advantage of the administrative convenience of one-stop shopping for all your health, prescription, dental, vision, life, disability and employee assistance benefits.

* Get more for your money with Healthy Solutions. Compare Anthem's Healthy Solutions to the competition's programs.

With Anthem, your employees get comprehensive wellness and disease management programs. Online resources to help them make smart decisions about their care. And, innovative tools that help them choose a hospital based on their specific needs.

Save the penny pinching for the supply closet. Members with 2-50 employees, you can get a discount on any health plan

from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (HSAs, HRAs and HIAs). While your competition is busy cutting corners, you get preventive care programs, prescription drug coverage and one-stop shopping for a complete benefits package. Go online to: www.chambersaver.com/noacc to request a FREE quote (online). You can also contact your broker or call 800-551-3119 for more information. *Discount only applies to Chamber members who do not already have Anthem insurance.



Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Application

Each year the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce presents two Crestwood Seniors with a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship can be used at a college/university or technical school.

Please attach a transcript of grades to this completed form and mail to: The Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 111, Mantua, Ohio 44255. Deadline is April 15, 2009.

Name of Student: _____ Phone : _____

Address: _____

Present Rank in Class: _____ Grade Point Average: _____

Student's Work Experience: _____

Student's Community Service Involvement: _____

Scholastic Clubs/Organization Involvement: _____

I am Planning to Attend (name of institution): _____

High School Graduation Date: _____ Start Date: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

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January 21st Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by our re-elected President, Marie Stehli at 7:46AM, January 21, 2009. In attendance were:

Christine Pitsinger - The Community Journal, David Brokaw - Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Melanie Miracle - Miraclelot's Long Tailed Aviary, Carrol's Corp. & DMRC, Joan Sweet - Middlefield Bank, Audrey Baran - K&K Meat Shoppe, Coury Richards - K&K Meat Shoppe, Donna Hawkins - Mantua Village, Michelle Barnauskas - DMRC, Joe Paulus - Aloha Computer Services & the Rootstown Chamber of Commerce, Dorothy Caldwell - Shalersville Township, Wendy Connair - Garden Girls, Trudy Capel - Impact Media Solutions, Cheri Mikula - Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Virginia Goodell - Goodell Farms, Bob MacClearie - Mantua Masonic Lodge, Andy Hill - Crestwood Schools, Hank Cabot - Western Reserve Kiwanis, Helen Hazlett - Howard Hanna, Paulette Nichols - Portage Community Bank, Jim Prout - Prout & Associates, Marie Stehli - Mantua Township, Janet Esposito - Portage County Auditor's Office, Ellie Stamm - Stamm Contracting

Installation of Officers: The installation of officers was led by our County Auditor, Janet Esposito. 2009-2010 Officers include; Marie Stehli as our president, Christine Pitsinger as vice president, Joan Sweet as treasurer, Melanie Miracle as secretary and Becky Newell as membership chair.

- **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.
 - **Financial Report:** The checking balance is \$8,309.77 The savings balance is \$5,350.65.
 - **David Brokaw Announced His Retirement:** David Brokaw of the Portage County Mental Health & Recovery Board announced that he will be retiring and introduced Cheri Mikula, who will be attending the chamber meetings after he retires.
 - **Chamber Thanks Dorothy & Paulette:** On behalf of the chamber, Marie Stehli, president, thanked Dorothy Caldwell, 2007-2008 vice president and Paulette Nichols, 2007-2008 treasurer for their service to the chamber. Each were presented with gift cards to Teresa's Pizza.
 - **Village Update:** The Christmas tree lighting was a great success. 14 awards were given out to people who contributed services in Mantua. Mantaline is consolidating to Mantua when the facility in Aurora sells. A new business will be coming to the building at the corner of Main and Prospect Street.
 - **Shalersville Township Update:** Still keeping up on the roads, using less salt to make supply last through the winter, using more brine and cinders. Spring Cleanup will be May 7th, 8th and 9th.
 - **Mantua Township Update:** Township reports having half of their salt supply. Also using cinders and grits.
 - **Crestwood Schools Update:** They have a monthly newsletter for the Middle School. Honor Society is being put together, any businesses are encouraged to call if they have any volunteer hours that the students can work to complete their requirements.
 - **Scholarship Committee Update:** Dorothy has agreed to again head the scholarship committee, Paulette Nichols will also help. (2) \$1,000 scholarships will be given to Crestwood Seniors.
 - **Newsletter Update:** Christine Pitsinger is doing our newsletter, send any chamber related information to communityjournal@yahoo.com
 - **DMRC Update:** The Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation received \$10,000.00 from the Eaton Corporation. EG&G were paid for work done so far. Michelle Barnauskas announced that on February 23rd from 5:30-9PM they will host a "Marketing Mantua" Seminar. Details will be posted on the web and in the local papers.
 - **New Office:** The new Chamber-DMRC-Rotary office is now open on Main street in Mantua, Fridays 4-6PM and Saturdays from 10-Noon. Members are encouraged to drop off their business cards, flyers, brochures, etc. for hand-outs to visitors.
 - **Guest Speaker:** Portage County Auditor, Janet Esposito discussed how the economy is affecting tax values, revenues and businesses.
 - **Next Meeting:** The next Chamber meeting is February 18th, 7:30AM in the Fire Department Conference Room. Guest Speaker will be John Siman of the Portage County Airport. The Featured Business will be Common Ground Farm & Kennel.
- Bob MacClearie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paulette Nichols.

Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Application



Organization Name _____

Contact Name _____

Business Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please limit use.

Phone _____ Fax _____

Web Address _____

Please limit use.

Email Address _____

Business Description _____

Yearly Dues:

- Individual Patron \$25
- 0-5 Employee \$100
- 6-20 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.

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

Chamber Thanks 2007-2008 Officers



Chamber president Marie Stehli presents 2007-2008 vice president, Dorothy Caldwell and 2007-2008 treasurer, Paulette Nichols each with a gift card to Teresa's Pizza as a "Thank You" for their dedication and service to the chamber.

Member Directory

The MSACC 2009 Member Directory is finished! This guide lists all paid members' business or organization name, address, and contact information in a yellow page-style format. Also included are local government contacts and chamber of commerce information.

Pick your copy up at the next Chamber meeting or at our office!

The design and printing of this directory was donated by the Community Journal.



Upcoming Meetings

February 18th

Featured Business:

Common Ground Farm & Kennel

Guest Speaker:

John Siman, Portage County Airport

March 18th

Featured Business:

The Garden Girls

Guest Speaker:

Chris Craycroft,
The Portage Park District

April 15th

Featured Business:

Grand Promotional Products

Guest Speaker:

Joe Iacano, Superintendent,
Crestwood Schools

Meetings are held at 7:30AM in the Mantua-Shalersville Fire Department Conference Room

DMRC to Host "Marketing Mantua"

Are you happy with your sales? Do you wish you could get professional marketing advice without the usual high cost? Here's your chance!

The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation) will be hosting a series of business improvement workshops titled "Marketing Mantua". The first workshop will be held on Monday, February 23rd at the Mantua Shalersville Fire Department (conference room) from 5:30-9:00PM. There is a modest fee of \$10 to cover the cost of refreshments and workshop supplies.

Michelle Barnauskas, a 15-year retail

marketing veteran with a degree in economics will lead the workshop with assistance from local business owners.

Bring a pen/pencil, notebook and pictures of the interior and exterior of your business (if possible). Those in attendance will leave with an assessment of your operation, examples of easy-to-implement, no cost improvements you can make now and a list of tools/resources for the future.

Contact DMRC secretary, Becky Newell at bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com or 216-990-5086 or 330-274-3238 to reserve your spot by Wednesday, February 18th.

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

For information on chamber discounts, click on the MEMBER BENEFITS link to the far left of our home page.

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2009-2010 Officers

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Vice President - Christine Pitsinger • 330-414-6486 • communityjournal@yahoo.com

Treasurer - Joan Sweet • 330-274-0881 • jsweet@middlefieldbank.com

Secretary - Melanie Miracle • 330-322-6461 • miraclelot@yahoo.com

Communications/Membership - Becky Newell • 216-990-5086 • bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com

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