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Hear Ye! Hear Ye! We are looking for a few fun-loving people who enjoy organizing social events. Our goal this year is to make the Chamber a more fun, social organization. We have some ideas but we know there are those of you out there who have that special gift for planning and organizing events. We want your help. If you want to be a part of our new group, please contact Kelly at the Chamber Office at (440)729-7297. You'll be glad you did.

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**Did You Make Your Reservation?**



The Chesterland Chamber of Commerce invites our neighbors and friends to join us for networking and a luncheon meeting co-sponsored with the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, **May 8, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.** at the **Gates Mills Club**, 6759 Mayfield Road. Due to construction along Mayfield Road, attendees are encouraged to enter from Route 91 (SOM Center Road) beside Micro Center, go to the back (opposite the rear of Fish Furniture), and take the drive to the Gates Mills Club. Parking is on the east side of their parking lot. Enter at the marked rear entrance of the building. The cost to attend is \$20.00 for all attendees for a lunch consisting of Lisa Salad, Eggplant Parmesan, Cavatelli Marinara, Lemon Chicken and an assorted

dessert tray. The guest speaker will be **Timothy A. Dimoff**, the founder and President of **SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc.** who will speak on **"Identity Theft...When Someone Wants to Become You"**. This is a must-attend presentation for any company or organization. You'll learn more about the frightening epidemic of identity theft and how it can rob you of your life. This isn't the stuff of Hollywood movies - there are millions of real victims of this crime each year. Estimates claim that this crime already accounts for over 25 percent of all credit card fraud. Unlike other crimes, prevention is not that difficult. Let Tim show you the simple steps you can use to prevent this disaster from happening to you. Become more aware of the methods for Identity Theft and the simple things we all can do to prevent it, educate your family members, educate your business contacts and educate yourself. According to Tim, "crime takes place only when opportunity presents itself". Please call the Chamber at (440)729-7297 to reserve your spot. Bring your business card as two businesses will be selected as the spotlight speakers for the June 12th member meeting at the Holiday Inn-Mayfield. Call today to make your reservation to attend and network with our neighboring chamber.

**Are you Ready for Speed?**



The clock is ticking but you have until **May 9th** to register to be a participant in Speed Networking! For the low cost of \$20.00 you can get your message out to numerous people in a short span of time. This year's **Business After Hours**, is on **May 15, 2008**, and offers you a chance to participate in our first speed networking event. This is a fun and inexpensive way for you to network with a large number of people. For those unfamiliar with how speed networking is done, here's a quick summary. There will be numerous tables each (*continued inside on page 2*)

**Upcoming Events**

- **May 8, 2008** - Luncheon Meeting with the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce at the Gates Mills Club
- **May 15, 2008** - Business After Hours at the Middlefield Fire Department
- **June 5, 2008** - Board of Trustee Monthly Meeting, **5:45 p.m.** at the Chamber Office
- **June 20, 2008** - Breakfast Meeting and networking at Arabica
- **September 25, 2008** - The Business Show at Signature of Solon

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**Business After Hours** (continued from cover page)

holding six business representatives from across the county. They start out sitting at assigned tables. Each participant is given a short time to introduce themselves and promote their business to those currently sitting with them, handing out their business cards and/or literature. After a prescribed amount of time and under the guidance of a Master of Ceremonies the participants will then go to assigned seats at other tables where they will meet a new set of participants. This will go on for additional rounds for a total time of approximately two hours. This is a unique way to quickly promote your business to a large number of people or acquire information you may be looking for to improve your business. All participants will receive a business card holder to organize all the contact information received at the event. If you are interested in participating in this new and unique way of networking, complete the enclosed yellow Business After Hours form with your registration fee of \$20.00. The Speed Networking portion of the Business After Hours takes place from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on May 15, 2008.

Still want to showcase your business the traditional way? You may purchase a full or half table and display your wares at the Vendor Showcase from 5:00 - 7:30 that evening. Information is available on the enclosed yellow registration form.

The Business After Hours will also offer demonstrations and exhibits which will highlight the Geauga Safety Council. These will take place throughout the event from its opening at 5:00 until closing at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Middlefield Fire Department, 14870 North State Street (Route 608) in Middlefield. Admission is free to the public and there will be complimentary food samplings provided by area restaurants. Be sure to stop at our Chamber table and say hello to us. We look forward to seeing you that night.

**Focusing on the Future**

The final two visioning workshops sponsored by The Chester Township Master Plan Steering Committee are coming. The purpose of these workshops is to gather your input which will then be used to establish a description of the future based on shared community values. It will act as a guide for the project decision-making process of the Committee.

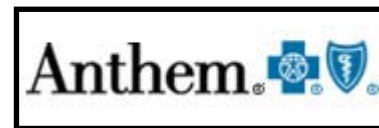
The meetings will be at 7:00 p.m. at The Front Porch at Chester Square Plaza, 12603 Chillicothe Road (in the Drug Mart Plaza next to Movie Gallery). The leaders of various community organizations will be on hand to hear your ideas. Help shape the future of Chester Township. Let your voice be heard. The topics are:

**May 12 - Town Center Vision** - What should our town look like? This session will focus on the opportunities and possibilities for the place we call home. Bring photos of your favorite towns - a picture is worth a thousand words!

**May 19 - Senior Adult Vision** - If you are currently a senior, or will earn your Golden Buckeye Card within the next 10-15 years, we want to know what you desire. What types of housing would enable you to grow and thrive here? What other types of facilities, programs, and amenities are needed in our community?

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**The "Buzz"**



**NOACC and Anthem Deepen Premium Discounts**

The passage of Ohio Senate Bill 5 enables Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to offer even greater discounts to employers seeking quality, affordable health care benefits through the Small Employer Health Care Alliance.

As a chamber member with a group between 2-50 employees, your company can **save up to 4% on Anthem group health insurance** through a combined premium discount and premium tax credit savings.

For over 15 years, Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce (NOACC) has offered a health insurance program to its members. And now, as a qualified alliance, NOACC can offer a small discount to groups over 50 (and up to 500) employees as well.

To take advantage of the premium discount and learn how to structure a dependable benefits package that fits your needs, please contact your broker or call Anthem toll free at 1-877-452-8806 or visit [www.chambersaver.com/noacc](http://www.chambersaver.com/noacc) to request a free quote.

**Mark Your Calendar...**

**June 20, 2008 @ 7:30 a.m** - The Chamber will be holding a breakfast/networking event at Arabica in Chesterland. Cost is \$10.00. Further details will be in next month's newsletter.



**September 25, 2008** - The 2008 Business Show is coming and our Chamber is participating. The event will be at The Signature of Solon Country Club. If you would like to participate as a sponsor or register as an exhibitor, use the enclosed white Sponsorship Registration Form.



The Kiwanis Club of West Geauga, in conjunction with the Chester Township Park Commission, will again host the Summer Concert Series. The six concerts are being moved to Wednesday evenings this year. Kiwanis is asking for donations to help defray the cost of these concerts. All donations will be recognized in the concert program. Additionally, sponsorships are available this year. A donation of \$500 would sponsor one specific concert, or one between \$250 and \$500 would co-sponsor one with another donor. In return, the sponsor or co-sponsor would be publicized in the program, all press releases, and over the public address system. Also, if desired, the sponsor or co-sponsor will be invited to increase their visibility by participating at their concert in refreshment sales or some other manner while wearing identifying shirts, hats, etc. This would offer good exposure for the expenditure. All donations are appreciated and need not be at that level. Donations may be mailed to West Geauga Kiwanis at P.O. Box 553, Chesterland, OH 44026.

- The schedule is:
- July 2 - Swingtime Big Band
  - July 9 - Clear Fork Bluegrass Quartet
  - July 16 - Tony Carmen Big Band
  - July 23 - New Orleans Jazz Ensemble
  - July 30 - Deutscher Musik Verien (German Music Society)
  - August 6 - Geauga County Fair