

## Spring Clean Up



It's time for the Spring Clean Up! On Saturday, May 9th, volunteers are asked to come out and help spruce up the village. Meet us at the Comfort Cafe at 8AM, or find any worker in town between 9AM and noon to join us in giving Mantua a "fresh and clean spring look".

Bring hand tools, paper towels, small trash bags or just about anything that will help us in our efforts. We will be sweeping and edging sidewalks, washing windows, picking up litter and pulling weeds, along with other various "spruce up" tasks.

## 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 [bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com)

## Correction

In the January 2009 Chamber Newsletter, the article regarding the Santa Visit to the Mini Park contained an error. The business which donated the candy canes was incorrect. Haylett's Store on Main Street in the village donated the candy canes.

## Scholarship Golf Outing... June 27th

Annually, the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a golf outing using monies raised for their scholarship program which benefits Crestwood seniors. The event will take place on Saturday, June 27th at Ravenswood Golf Course.

The cost is \$65 per person (4 individuals to a team), which includes golf, a cart, and a steak dinner. Individuals not golfing can purchase a dinner at \$15 each.

Participants are eligible for prizes in various categories, donated by local businesses.

Businesses and individuals are encouraged to donate door prizes, sponsor a hole or participate in this golf outing for a



great cause. The registration deadline is June 9th.

For additional information, contact Graham Harmon at 330-274-8225.

## Chamber of Commerce Member Benefits

As a member of the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce you/ your business is entitled to numerous member benefits. Below are only a few of the benefits and discounts available. For a complete list and additional information visit the chamber's website at [www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com](http://www.mantuashalersvillechamber.com) and click on the Member Benefits link on the Home Page.

### - Anthem Premium Discounts

Anthem deepens premium discount for 2-50 employee employers and extends savings to larger companies (51-500 employees in size). 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.

### - DHL Express Discount

Save 25% on overnight delivery with DHL Express. call 1-800-MEMBERS right away to secure this exclusive member rate. 8 a.m. - 6

p.m.

### - Merchant Credit Card Processing, Heartland Payment Systems

As credit and debit card usage grows, it's even more important for any business who accepts these payment methods to have: the proper rate structure, state of the art technology and 24/7/365 local support. Heartland Payment Systems provides small to mid-sized businesses the same services traditionally available only to large national accounts.

### - Compensation Group Rating Programs, Benefits 1 Group

Ohio Workers' Compensation Premium Savings is an outstanding benefit for NOACC Members has saved Companies millions in Workers' Compensation Premiums Annually!

### - Email Blasts!

Do you have an upcoming special or community interest announcement regarding your business? Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce Membership/ Communications officer, Becky Newell will email your announcements to hundreds of individuals and businesses in our area. Send your information to: [bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com)

## New Members...

The Chamber of Commerce would like to welcome our new members!

### Footprints

#### A Perfect Blend Of Old & New

10676 Main Street, Mantua  
330-388-9732  
Contact: Melissa Lyle

### The Nanny's Salon For Dogs

10698 Main Street, Mantua  
330-274-8980  
Contact: Denise Pasquerella

### K&K Meats

10682 Main Street, Mantua  
330-274-5322  
Contact: Dennis Kolar

### Shari's Berries

12210 Abbott Rd., Hiram Township  
330-569-7882  
Contact: Shari Keefe

### Zagursky's Old World Pierogies

4668 East Prospect, Mantua  
330-274-2622  
Contact: Rick Harr or Caren Stutzman

### Chase Bank

10691 Main St., Mantua  
330-274-2257  
Contact: Brad Wilk

## DMRC Update & Upcoming Events

The DMRC (Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation) board, committee and advisory panel met Saturday, April 11th to discuss current and future plans regarding the revitalization of downtown Mantua. DMRC vice president, Michelle Barnauskas reviewed progress the DMRC has made over the past three years, and presented an outline of the remaining steps to the three part plan

for revitalizing the downtown area.

Upcoming DMRC events include:

- April 20th, second Marketing Mantua Seminar in the Crestwood High School computer lab.
- May 4th, DMRC Strategic Planning Meeting
- May 9th, Mantua Village Spruce Up, co-hosted by the Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce

For further information regarding the DMRC or the events listed above, contact Becky Newell at 216-990-5086 or at [bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com)

*The DMRC recently received a check for \$450 from the Mantua Rotary Club. The club donated a portion of the profits from their annual Variety Show held on April 4th to the DMRC.*

*Pictured are Helen Hazlett of the Mantua Rotary Club presenting a check to DMRC officers: Ellie Stamm, Edie Benner, Michelle Barnauskas and Becky Newell.*



## "Mantua's Art On The Hill" - July 11th

Mark your Calendars for July 11, 2009! The DMRC will host Mantua's "Art on the Hill" with 80+ spaces for artisans and local area eateries. Booths are now available for \$25 on a first come, first served basis.

Due to many requests, several of the architecturally rich buildings used for the extremely successful "Walking Through Mantua's Past" last October will once again be open to the public



with hosts in period costume! In addition, there will be a Chinese Auction, musicians, a 9 hole Birdie-Ball Golf course and other events to be announced later.

Don't miss out! For more information or to reserve your spot, contact: Christine Pitsinger, [communityjournal@yahoo.com](mailto:communityjournal@yahoo.com) - 330-414-6486 or Becky Newell, [bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:bbjnewell@neohio.twcbc.com) - 216-990-5086

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## 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.

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please limit use.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please limit use.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Description \_\_\_\_\_

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

# March Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

## Attendance:

Christine Pitsinger , Community Journal  
Joan Sweet, Middlefield Bank  
Tammy Edge, AFLAC  
Donna Hawkins, Mantua Mayor  
Cheri Mikula, MHRB  
Michelle Barnauskas, DMRC  
Hank Cabot, Western Reserve Kiwanis  
Virginia Goodell, Goodell Farms  
Joe Iacono, Crestwood Schools  
Roselie Franek, Advance Rehabilitation  
Helen Hazlett, Howard Hanna

Dorothy Caldwell, Shalersville Township  
Paulette Nichols, Portage Community Bank  
Yen Huynh, AFLAC  
Wendy Connair, Garden Girls  
Ron Vance, Diversified  
Dayton Hickerson, Grand Promotional Products  
Edie Benner, Advanced Rehabilitation  
Rebecca Tipton, Ameriprise Financial  
Martin Hura, Mantua Village Council  
Melissa Lyle, Footprints  
Jim Oster, Oster & Associates

In Marie's absence, Christine Pitsinger conducted the meeting, which was called to order at 7:40.

Introductions were made.

**Financial:** Treasurer, Joan Sweet, reported the balance of the checking account as of January 31, was \$7,836.51. The balance in the Scholarship Fund savings account was \$5,377.22.

A motion to approve the minutes from last meeting was made by Joan, 2nd by Paulette...voted and passed.

## **Township & Village Update...**

**Shalersville Twp:** Dorothy Caldwell reported they are busy repairing roads and getting ready for spring. They are getting specs from the Portage County Commissioners for a possible paving project, which involves part of Cooley & Beck Roads. The Spring Cleanup is planned for May 7&8.

**Mantua Village:** Mayor Donna Hawkins, began by thanking Michelle Barnauskas & the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corp. for the recent business marketing workshop they sponsored. The Mayor is busy attempting to get monies from the Stimulus Package to be used for infrastructure improvements in the Village. Spring cleanup is scheduled for May 16th. Residents will be asked to bring their items to the service garage this year.

**Crestwood Schools:** Superintendent Joe Iacona, reminded us about the upcoming tours of the High and Middle Schools. He also announced the High School will provide a room with 25 computers for the upcoming DMRC Business workshop. He also spoke about the government funding process of school districts.

Rotary Club of Mantua: Helen reminded us of the upcoming Talent, to be held Saturday, April 4th at Hayden Auditorium in Hiram. Part of the proceeds will be going to DMRC and the CHS Scarlett Guard Band. The Band has been asked to play at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center Honors program in Washington, DC.

**Featured business:** The Garden Girls...Wendy Connair gave us a brief overview of the business and what they have to offer.

## **Committee News...**

**Communications** – We are still looking for someone to step into this very important position.

**Golf Outing** – Thanks to the four individuals have agreed to help with this year's outing

**Revitalization Committee:** Michelle reported the Marketing Workshop went well. The next one will be held April 20th at the High School and will focus on "Targeting your message". Spring Cleanup Day downtown will be held May 9th. Volunteers are asked to bring their own equipment (gloves, bags, etc.). Mark July 11th in your calendar. The "Art on the Hill" art show will be held that day, in conjunction with the "Headwaters Adventure Race". The race consists of a 2 mile walk/run from Buchert Park, a 10-mile bike ride to Camp Hi and a "canoe back" to the park. A pancake brunch will follow.

**Membership Committee:** We have 88 paid members

**Scholarship Committee:** Dorothy reported we have received 5 applications so far.

Shirley Schuster asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to help develop a business plan for the Portage County Airport. They need 10 to 12 people.

**Don Faix Memorial Track Meet:** Rosalie announced the event would take place in May. She is asking for members to place ads in the program...\$30 (one program) to \$40 (both programs) for business card size ads.

**Guest Speaker - Chris Craycroft, Portage Parks District** Chris Craycroft gave a very interesting presentation, including a video prepared with the help of the Corporate Video Class at Kent State University. She also talked about a very exciting project which involves 558 acres in Shalersville Township. This property, which was purchased several years ago by Burton Morgan, in anticipation of, located a regional jetport there. The property will eventually be opened to the public as a park/nature reserve. Meeting adjourned at 8:45AM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th at the Fire Department. Our guest speaker will be Crestwood Superintendent Joe Iacono. The featured business will be Grand Promotional Products.



# Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Meetings

**April 15th**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Joe Iacano, Superintendent, Crestwood Schools**

**Featured Business:**  
**Grand Promotional Products**  
**Owner - Dayton Hickerson**

**May 20th**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Amie Cajka, Portage County**  
**Mental Health & Recovery Board**

**Featured Business:**  
**Footprints - A Perfect Blend Of Old & New**  
**Owner - Melissa Lyle**

**June 17th**

**Featured Guests:**  
**2009 Crestwood Scholarship Recipients**

**Featured Business:**  
**Zagusky's Old World Pierogies**  
**Co-Owner - Rick Harr**

**July**

**Picnic at Camp Hi Canoe Livery**

## 2009-2010 Officers

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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.



Mantua-Shalersville Area Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 111  
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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