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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Networking Luncheon

(Sponsored by: Creative Construction Solutions)

February 25, 2010

11:30am-1:00pm

Fratello's Restaurant
32085 Electric Blvd., Avon Lake

Speaker: Bob DiBiasio, VP of Public Relations
Cleveland Indians

Cost is \$20 per person. A reservation is required to attend.
Send an email to sharon@northcoastchamber.com or call 440-933-9311.

Mayor's Luncheon

(Sponsored by: Simoson Chiropractics)

March 25, 2010

11:30am - 1:00pm

Tom's Country Place
3442 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon

Speakers:
Mayor Jim Smith, Avon
Mayor Karl Zuber, Avon Lake
Mayor John Piskura, Sheffield Lake
Mayor John Hunter, Sheffield Village

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Mission Statement

To advance the economic interest of our members and thereby stimulate growth and development in the North Coast Region.



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



To Our Members:

Happy New Year! I would first like to thank Rob Capretto for his time as President of the North Coast Chamber of Commerce. Following Rob's leadership and enthusiasm to grow the awareness of the chamber will be one of many goals to achieve in 2010. Also,

thank you to the Board of Directors for their continued support and time dedicated to our business community. Thank you for a great 2009!

I look forward to working with you as the President of the Chamber and will continue to promote our mission statement, "To advance the economic interest of our members and thereby stimulate growth and development in the North Coast Region." In my eyes, the Chamber of Commerce is a "Win-Win" for every member and we should spread the word to others that it can benefit.

As the past Chamber Membership Chairman, I feel that our current members are our most valuable possession. New membership for any organization is important to experience growth, but more importantly with the economic potential in 2010, many businesses could greatly benefit from the vast amount of resources that the Chamber offers. Let's continue to spread the word and invite a business owner that you may work with to our next event.

We are happy to announce 3 new Board members for 2010; Lisa Roth with Towne Center Community Campus in Avon Lake; Theresia Oreskovic with Peter & Co. Jewelers of Avon Lake, and Linda Hamann with EMH Regional Medical Center in Elyria. We are excited to have them aboard as we will benefit from their past experience and energy for the future. Welcome aboard!

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Spitzer Conference Center at LCCC and the Spitzer Café for the tremendous dinner for our Annual Meeting. Special thanks to Carrabba's Italian Grill for hosting the business after hours on January 26th.

Some of our upcoming events include a networking luncheon on February 25th at Fratello's Restaurant in Avon Lake with special guest speaker, Bob DiBiasio, VP of Public Relations for the Cleveland Indians, and our annual Mayors luncheon scheduled for March 25th at Tom's Country Place. Be sure to check our website for updates and additional events scheduled this year.

For 2010, I would challenge you to get more involved in one of the many North Coast Chamber committees or advertise on our award winning website or take advantage of our new "Click, Print & Save Coupons" page on the website. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact the chamber office at 440-933-9311.

Let's make it a great 2010!

T.J. Worsencroft, President

SPECIAL THANKS!

The board of directors would like to thank Carol Murphy for her time and talents as the chairperson for the Charitable Foundation for the North Coast Chamber of Commerce.

Carol has spent many hours as the chairperson and with her passion and inspiration she has provided great leadership to her committee. Over the years the Charitable Foundation has benefited many deserving individuals in the cities of Avon, Avon Lake, Sheffield Village and Sheffield Lake.

Carol has done a tremendous job and we thank her for the hard work, time and dedication toward the Charitable Foundation.

SPOTLIGHT OPPORTUNITY

All members of the North Coast Chamber of Commerce are eligible to have their business "spotlighted" in our newsletter.

If you would like to have your business featured in our newsletter, please email Carrie Hartman at carrie.hartman@firstmerit.com. This is a great opportunity to let the chamber members know more about your business or organization.

This is just one of the many chamber benefits and is provided at no charge. Please note that we only spotlight one member per issue so don't let this opportunity pass you by—Contact Carrie today!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Derek Baker
Sales Manager

Buca di Beppo, located at 23575 Detroit Rd. in Westlake is an authentic Italian restaurant that offers flavorful Italian dining. Dine with family and friends while enjoying the Italian traditions of food, friendship and hospitality. In the spirit of Italian culture, our dishes are served

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The full Buca menu is available To Go. At select locations you may place a To Go order online through our online ordering system. Please check your local Buca di Beppo home page to see if this option is available. In addition, several of our restaurants now offer catering. This may also be found on the home page of your favorite Buca di Beppo. The sales manager available for caterings and banquets is Derek Baker. He can be reached at 440-356-2276 or dbaker@bucainc.com. We hope to see you soon! Ciao!

2010 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The North Coast Chamber of Commerce held its annual meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010 at the Spitzer Conference Center located at Lorain County Community College.

The evening's agenda included presentations from several members of the board. Executive Director, John Sobolewski, announced the upcoming events for 2010, as well as the many benefits that are available to all members.

Election of board members was also a part of the evening's agenda. Leading the Chamber in 2010 are President, TJ Worsencroft (Harding & Jacob Ins. Agency, Inc.); Vice President Jerry Cline (Andrews & Wyatt, LLC);

Vice President Carrie Hartman (First Merit Bank); Vice President Phil Mikita, (LCCC); Treasurer Paul Gregory (Cohen & Company); and Secretary Charlotte Picha (Avon Public Library).

In addition, three new board members were elected. They are: Linda Hamann (EMH Regional Healthcare System); Theresia Oreskovic (Peter & Company Jewelers of Avon Lake); and Lisa Roth (Towne Center Community Campus).

The Chamber would like to sincerely thank the following sponsors of this event: First Merit Bank, LCCC, and Columbia Gas who helped make this event a success.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming these dynamic leaders to the North Coast Chamber of Commerce board of directors.



LINDA HAMANN is the Manager of Marketing and Business Development for EMH Regional Healthcare System. She is the Community Liaison for the Arthritis Founda-

tion and a Board member of the Cleveland Arthritis Foundation. Linda created and has chaired the L'Amour du Vin fundraising event for the Lorain County Arthritis Foundation for the past 11 years.

She has also chaired the EMH-sponsored Skeleton (5K) Run to benefit the EMH Foundation and the Amherst High School for the past 6 years.

Linda was born and raised in Lorain County. Linda and her husband Larry Hadfield reside in Avon Lake. She has two sons, Jason and Scott. In her spare time (which the Chamber will significantly impact) Linda enjoys reading, knitting and spending time with her family.



LISA M. ROTH is the Director of Independent Living and Assisted Living at Towne Center Community Campus in Avon Lake, a facility of Springer Healthcare Systems.

She is a member of the Avon-Avon Lake Rotary Club, having served as its President in 2008 - 2009. She has been an active

member of the North Coast Chamber for several years. She is also a member of Kiwanis and the Cleveland Professional 20/30 Club.

Lisa has contributed as a member of the Avon Lake Homecoming Committee, the Lorain County Arthritis Foundation fundraising committee and has served as a Team Captain for her organization in the Relay for Life.



THERESIA ORESKOVIC is the owner of Peter & Co. Jewelers, which was founded in 1987. In 1992, the store relocated to its present location in the Learwood Shopping Center. Theresia is very

proud and grateful to have served the residents of our communities for all these years.

Theresia received her Bachelor of Science degree from Dyke College in Cleveland.

She is a member of Jewelers of America, The Ohio Jewelers Association, The Independent Jewelers Association, American Gem Society and The Gemological Institute of America Alumni.

In addition to being a member of the North Coast Chamber of Commerce, Theresia is an active member of the local Business Network International (BNI) chapter, currently serving as a Visitor Host and past Secretary-Treasurer.

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1005 N Abbe Rd
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Contact for more information:

Mari Welch
440-366-4076
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2010 REGISTRATION

12 - 4 p.m., Thursday, April 1

(Set up begins at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to noon.)
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