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UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENT!

JOINT BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

July 19, 2011
5:00pm-7:00pm

Harry Buffalo's
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No cost to attend!
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President's Letter



To Our Members:

If you missed the 20th Annual Golf Outing, you missed out on a great event. The outing in fact was SOLD OUT!

The weather we ordered was spectacular and the 150 golfers

enjoyed networking and some time away from the office.

The helicopter ball drop was action-packed. Congratulations to Ray Frank who had the winning ball drop ticket #446. At the end of the outing, one lucky foursome walked home with \$1,000.00! The next round is on you...we are looking forward to making 2012 just as successful.

Special thanks to Ray Frank and his golf committee for making this year's outing a success. This event wouldn't have been

successful without all of the behind-the-scenes effort put forth by our dedicated staff; John Sobolewski and Sharon Matthews. Please share your appreciation the next time you see Ray, John or Sharon.

Some of the funds raised from the golf outing allow the charitable foundation to provide \$4,500.00 to 3 graduating seniors from our community. This is a large gift towards our future and future leaders that will impact our nation.

The Chamber Board is excited about the remainder of 2011 and our event calendar is full! Visit our website so you can update your calendar and join us for the upcoming after hour events and luncheons.

Enjoy the summer weather with your friends and family. I look forward in seeing you at the next Chamber event.

T.J. Worsencroft, President

SPOTLIGHT OPPORTUNITY

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

If you would like to have your business featured in our newsletter, please send an email to 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 that 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!

WEBSITE ADVERTISING

Did you know the North Coast Chamber website at www.northcoastchamber.com averages 35,000 visits per month? That's over 1,166 website visits per day!

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOUR BUSINESS? With over 1,166 visits per day (and growing), the Chamber website is a GREAT location to advertise your company. What are you waiting for?

If you are interested in advertising your business on our website, call Sharon Matthews at 440-933-9311 or email sharon@northcoastchamber.com.



20th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, June 3rd, 150 golfers enjoyed a wonderful day of golfing and networking. As in the past, every golfer took home a tee gift bag and a door prize. Several guests won great prizes which include: a TV, an iPod, a DVD player, and many more! A short video of the helicopter ball drop can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

A sincere thanks to Ray Frank and the Golf Outing Committee, who spent many hours ensuring a successful event.

Golf Committee Members

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Member Spotlight

United Way of Greater Lorain County has been the leading source of needs assessment and funding allocation to health and human service agencies in Lorain County for more than 40 years. You may have seen the 'Live United' billboards around town or perhaps your workplace currently runs a United Way campaign. But what exactly does United Way of Greater Lorain County do?

United Way of Greater Lorain County (UWGLC) funds health and human service agencies to meet the needs of Lorain County residents. UWGLC continually assesses the needs of the community and allocates funding sources to maintain or grow critical programming to meet these needs. Be it hunger, housing, leadership training, employment skills training or youth mentoring programs, UWGLC addresses community needs and convenes the necessary resources to build up Lorain County residents.

"United Way brings people together across Greater Lorain County with the passion, expertise and resources to get things done," notes Executive Director Bill Harper.

UWGLC allocated more than \$1.5 million in 2010 to 27 agencies across Lorain County. Thanks to our generous donors, this funding did more than put hot meals on tables and roofs over heads. UWGLC funding provided a hand up to individuals so they can start anew, chart the next path and attend to important needs.



United Way of
Greater Lorain County

Jessica Baggett, Managing Attorney at Legal Aid Society of Cleveland – one of many United Way's partner agencies – remarks, "United Way is important to the community because it is a central way for people to make a philanthropic impact and see great outcomes. United Way's support of Legal Aid helps satisfy basic needs for the most vulnerable in our community. This strengthens our community, and makes it a better place to work, live and raise a family."

Donors can contribute to UWGLC by donating their time, talent or resources. More than 200 employers in Lorain County run a United Way campaign, which allows more than 8,200 donors to give through payroll deduction or direct donation. Hundreds of volunteers lend a helping hand in September for our annual Day of Caring in which we support partner agencies in various build projects.

If your employer wishes to reach out to Lorain County residents most in need, contact United Way of Greater Lorain County to talk about engagement opportunities at 440.277.6530 or visit www.uwloraincounty.org.

Harper enthusiastically remarks, "We believe in our community and we are committed to creating opportunities for a better life for all. We invite you to join us by volunteering, giving and advocating!"

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Awards / Acknowledgements _____

Business Hours _____

Would you be interested in hosting a Business After Hours? _____

Would you be interested in serving on a committee? _____

Would you be interested in advertising in the newsletter or the website? _____

Cost of membership dues per year:

_____ \$175 per business of 1-49 employees (plus a one-time \$25 application fee)

_____ \$250 per business of 50+ employees (plus a one-time \$25 application fee)

Referred by: _____

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO:

NORTH COAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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If you have any questions, please call the chamber office at 440-933-9311.

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