



Celebrating 60 years of service to the area

Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce

November 2007 Newsletter

C.O.V.E.R. Award Dinner



The 2007 C.O.V.E.R. Awards was held, Thursday, November 8th at the RSVP at Wards Corner. President, Ron Burke was MC for the evening.

The Small of Business of the Year was DANCE, Etc., Meijer Dr.. Miami Township, Anne Kramer, Owner.

Large Business of the Year went to TEXAS ROADHOUSE, Rivers Edge, City of Milford, Brian Kutcher, Manager.

Volunteer/Service Person of the Year was TOM ROCKLIN, Siemens PLM Software, Eastman Dr., Miami Township.

The 2007 Humanitarian of the Year award went to the MILFORD COMMUNITY FIREFIGHTERS CLUB, Milford, Angela Nichols, President.

In addition to the annual awards, the Chamber gave its first ever LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT recognition. This honor went to Joe Davis, Davis Trains and Electronics. Joe has been in Milford all of his life, worked with his father Al and in business since 1960. He has recently retired and turned the business over to son, David. It is now operating under the name of Ohio Valley Trains. We congratulate Joe and wish him well in his retirement.

The Board of Directors voted to add an individual to their Wall of Fame. This person is exceptional in his or her career and involved in business and relationships in the community. DOUG WRIGHT was just this person. Known for his Pink Cap, Doug was our unofficial ambassador and photographer for our Chamber. He passed away in 2007 and will be missed by all who knew him.

Last but not least, a new award was introduced. **Investing in our Community.**

This award is designed to recognize a business in Miami Township and in the City of Milford that have gone beyond the norm by investing their money updating a property showing a commitment to keep the business community alive.

This year, SERENDIPITY SALON & SPA, Miami Township, Kim Strange and Vicki Dean, Owners, and CARPETLAND/CARPET ONE, City of Milford, Steve Contois, Owner were recognized.

Thanks to all that were a part of this exciting event.

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Taste of Christmas-December 4, 2007

Mark your calendar. Tuesday, Dec. 4th is our Annual Taste of Christmas. Lots of good food tastings, entertainment and our silent and live auction. This year, we will have a MEMBER ONLY PREVIEW HOUR. It will be from 5:30pm-6:30pm. Then the doors will be open to the public. This will give you a chance to preview the auction items and be the first to taste the entries from our food vendors.

Mary Crowe and Cathy Strief, co-chairs are working

hard to make this a successful event for the Mary Ann Partin Scholarship Fund. If you want to be a vendor, make a donation or an auction item, please call the office at 831-2411 ASAP. It will again be held at the Milford Community Firefighters Hall in the Milford Shopping Center. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per children under 12. For your donation you will receive tickets for the raffle. See you there!!

Around the Community

A lot of exciting events and forthcoming so get your calendars out and pencil them in.

Le Beastro, a dog bakery & boutique will open, Tuesday, Nov. 20th. This unique shop was the brainchild of Suzanne Stagg. It is located at 204 Main St. and features many unique gifts for your pet, both dog and cat. Check it out.

The holiday season will begin with Hometown Holidays traditionally held on Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 23, 24 and 25th. Bring the family to Historic Milford for a wonderful time. Friday and Saturday from 10am-8pm and Sunday noon-4pm. Stroll in and out of the

stores, enjoy refreshments, horse drawn carriage rides, Santa Claus, Little Smilin Choo Choo and ride the antique Fire Truck.

Next event will be Taste of Christmas. Story on Front Page.

Please don't forget to get your raffle tickets for the Courage for Cory print to be raffled off on Friday, Dec. 7th. This amazing print, *The Wizard of Oz*, will be on display at Row House Gallery during the Hometown Holidays, and at the Taste of Christmas. The artist, Scott Gustafson, will be at the gallery on Dec. 7th to sign any print your might purchase. Go to www.rowhouse.com and see more of

Scott's work. This weekend is also Row House's Center Stage. It's an annual affair. In addition to local artists they will be featuring John Weiss' work. John is known for his beautiful dog paintings. He will also be in the gallery Friday 5-8pm and Saturday 10am-4pm.

Also during Hometown Holidays, Ally-Beads will have a bead show featuring Gemstones, Czech glass, bone and wood. Go to www.allybeads.com for more info.

Take a BOW

Congratulations is in store for one of our local businesses. KAMPHAUS, HENNING & HOOD, CPAs are celebrating 35 years in business. A reception was held at their office at 1046 TechneCenter Dr. Many business owners, clients and friends attended.

The Greater Milford Historical Society was presented an Award of Merit for its longtime stewardship of Promont at 906 Main St. in Milford. A real jewel in our area.

Take Time to say THANKS!

Make a soldier happy!! Let them know we care.

When sending your Christmas Cards include one to a recovering American soldier. Address to:

A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army
Medical Center 6900
Georgia Ave. NW
Washington, DC
20307-5001



Get Involved with the Kids

If your business is not involved with Partners In Education (PIE) maybe this would be a good time to do so. This is a great opportunity for you as a business owner to help one of our schools with information, provide activities that establish connections with academics, our community and the business world. Contact our office 831-2411 for more information.

Benefits through the Chamber

Enclosed or attached to this month's newsletter is information regarding Workman's Compensation through Frank Gates Service Company. This is the time of the year to review your present plan. If you are using another company, take the time to complete the AC-3. There is no charge for this and it by no means will affect your present rating. Could save you some money.



We would also like to mention the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) in regard to their dental plan. We at the office know first hand that this is a good plan with great rates.

Contact Dan Slusher 248-1811 for information regarding the dental plan and the other health plans offered through your Chamber.

Miami Township Happenings

What's new along Miami Township SR 28 corridor besides the new, improved and wider highway? The corridor is experiencing redevelopment into a 34,700 square foot retail center by Midland Atlantic. This center, which adjoining Kohl's, will have access from an extension of Buckwheat Rd. north of SR 28. To date, the developer has not announced any tenants. A major benefit to the Township of this development will be the continuous service road that will connect all the retail on the north side of SR 28 from Meijer Dr. to Buckwheat Rd.

At the corner of SR 28 and Wolfpen Pl. Hill Road, Mulberry Motors will be replaced with a Sonic Restaurant. Mulberry Motors will move one lot to the south on Wolfpen Pl. Hill Road. Next Spring servers on roller skates will be rolling up to your car to take your order.

Further west on SR 28, Gator Properties is reinvesting in Miami Plaza by updating the façade of the center and improving the parking lot with new pavement and landscaping. This is their first phase of redeveloping the

center the center. To date, Gator has not announced any new tenants, but they are hopeful the new appearance will make the center attractive to prospective business.

The coming year will see some significant changes to the SR 28 corridor as new replaces old.

Larry Fronk, Community Development Director, Miami Township

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Nothing like the HOLIDAYS in Milford!!!

It truly appears this holiday season is shaping up in grand style!! As a "newbie" to the area, I'm excited about the festivities and the opportunities. Milford is the "best of both worlds" offering the traditional with the progressive—Family appeal!

With the announcement of Tata Consulting Services locating in Miami Township and moving into the "Old James River site", Milford is experiencing a new influx of consideration from other high tech firms, Indian restaurants, entertainment venues + more. We still are reigning supreme in the small business area (87% of our businesses), but are making some strong end roads with major "anchors". We've contacted 163 prospective sources to date, and 57 existing businesses. We've

had 27 featured stories in the last few months, and are pursuing every avenue to get the word out !

Input on the new comprehensive plan, park plan, Lila Ave, river development...Are underway with the emphasis to see an achievable Action Plan.

Your input on our A.R.M.E.D. program (Attract, Retain, Maintain, Expand and Develop) is greatly encouraged. Want all the details?? Get our Monthly A.R.M.E.D e-mail report (notify us at ded@milfordmiamitownship.com).

Seminar Schedule (All Classes \$40 or FREE to Chamber Members)

So You Want to Start a Business-- Thursday, January 17th @ 8:00am

*Improve Your Customer Base with MARKETING--*Thursday, January 24th @ 7:00pm

I need GRANT Money!! --Tuesday, February 5th @ 8:00am

(Other offerings are Workforce Development, Web Technology, Tax & Incentives)

LOOK for our next Newsletter --we will be scheduling some OPEN FORUM Meeting to discuss our next ACTION Steps (until then, please forward any questions, comments or concerns to ded@milfordmiamitownship.com)

Carrie Owings, Economic Development Director, City of Milford—Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce Partnership

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2007 Fall Classic

The 2007 Fall Classic was held, October 15th at the Oasis Golf Club. We again partnered with The Literacy Council of Clermont and Brown Counties. This outing had over 100 golfers and perfect weather. Lunch was available before the shotgun start. We would like to thank our corporate sponsors: Duke Energy, Texas Roadhouse and C. Edward Lovins Ins. This year

saw a new rivalry complete with a bragging plaque. The City of Milford golfers challenged the Miami Township Group. After the dust settled Miami Township was the victor. Carstar walked off with the first place money and the Castrucci group took second. Thanks to all. We look forward to next year.



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Happy Holidays

Thanksgiving heralds the beginning of the Holiday Season. Let's not forget the original idea for Thanksgiving. It is a time of year to sit with our families and friends and thank God for each other, for our health, our freedom and for those who are sacrificing part of their life so that we can remain free. Help your children and grandchildren to understand that freedom comes with a price tag and money can't repay a Mother, Father, Wife or Child for a life lost fighting for this freedom.

Christmas is a month away. The Board of Directors, Karen, Carrie and myself wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a healthy, Happy New Year.

The Staff

New Members and Renewing Members

Welcome new members!!

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| A Midwestern Plumbing Service | Archie Wilson |
| American Cornhole, LLC | Frank Geers |
| Freelance | Wolf Olson |
| Gilhooley Consulting Inc. | MJ Gilhooley |
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| Le Beastro LLC | Suzanne Stagg |
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| O'Reilly Auto Parts | Bob Van Horn |
| Tattie's Gourmet Deli | Tattie Bellucci |
| The Glenny Glass Co. | April Shinkle |

Thank you for Renewing!!

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| AllyBeads | JoEllen Miller |
| Beaumont Machine | Tanya Beaumont |
| Bzak Landscaping, Inc. | Michael Bleszczak |
| Clermont Distributing Co. | Jim Skeen |
| Connect Printing & Direct Mail | Robyn Sullivan |
| Continental Brokerage, Inc. | Larry Rocklin |
| Correct Roofing | Bill Lykins |
| Crowe & Welch Attorneys | Robert Welch |
| Dunkin Donuts | Ray Patel |
| Express Personnel Services | Chris Winnenberg |
| Fifth Third Bank | Gail Wilson |
| Frank Gates Service Co. | Andy Frank |
| FT Subs, Inc. | Larry Phillips |
| Global Mortgage Solutions | Sandi Malone |

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| Integrated Solutions | Karen Arnold |
| International TechneGroup Inc. | Mike Lemon |
| Kamphaus, Henning & Hood, CPA | Doni Findlan |
| LTD Landscapes | Dave Sence |
| McCracken Trucking & Excav. | Dwight McCracken |
| McGohan & Brabender, Inc. | Jeannie Marshall |
| Miami Athletic Club | Terri Clifton |
| Milford First United Methodist Ch | Linda Nickel |
| Milford Subway | Larry Phillips |
| MTM Environmental, Inc. | Mike Matthews |
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| Ohio State Senator | Tom Niehaus |
| Positive Productions, Inc. | Daniel Williams |
| RiverTree Church | Patty Eirich |
| Superior Homes, Inc. | Keith Stewart |
| T.A.L.K. Toastmasters | Carol Kormelink |
| Tencon, Inc. | Mary Malotke |
| The Davey Tree Service | Rick Hannah |
| Transcript Services | Amy Brewer |
| United States Congresswoman | Jean Schmidt |

Eric's Beauty Salon is celebrating 60 years in business. Eric opened his shop at the corner of Main & Elm in 1947. **Congratulations** to Judy Johnson, Eric's daughter, and her staff. The shop is located at 202 Locust St in Historic Milford.