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# Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce

## January 2008 Newsletter

### A New Year. New Opportunities

2008 has arrived and we at the Chamber are busy putting a calendar of events together for 2008. We would love to include you in our plans. Would you like to become more involved? We are always looking for new faces with new ideas to help on our committees. It only takes a phone call to our office. Either Karen or Jo Ann will be happy to talk with you.

Some of our upcoming events include:

Breakfast at the **Bridge Café**, February 21st. Meet and greet the acting Superintendent. He will discuss the upcoming operating levy. Postcards will be sent with the time, cost etc.

Lunch at **Panera Bread**, March 27th. Lots of chamber members attend so bring your business cards for networking. More info on this later.

April 23rd is the date for the **Education Dinner**. This is a great event showcasing our educators, school retirees and scholarship recipients. Held at the Oasis Conference Center this event is always well attended.

In May, we are offering a **Reds Night Out**. We are working with Clermont, Goshen and Loveland Chambers for this event. More on this in the next newsletter.

As you can see we are excited about 2008. All of these events take planning and this is where you can help. We have included a sign up sheet in this newsletter. If you have questions, call us at 831-2411.

#### COREY NICKELL UPDATE

We have talked about Corey from time to time in our newsletters, through e-mails etc. throughout this past year. We are happy to say that Corey is "Cancer Free". Corey is the three year old son of Jim and Deborah Nickell with a very aggressive cancer. After all the chemo and other treatments he is home and being a busy three year old. His appetite has returned and his energy level continues to improve. Thank you to all that have prayed, donated or supported the Nickells throughout this long road. Please continue to pray that Corey remains well.



#### 2007 Event Sponsors

- Community Trustees
- Donovan Donohoo Jr. & Assoc.
- Lykins Companies
- National City Bank
- Kroger
- Miami Township
- National Bank & Trust
- City of Milford

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### Jim Quatman Retires—Jadel Moore Appointed Board Member

Jim Quatman, true to his form retired quietly from his position as Assistant Superintendent of Milford Exempted Schools at the end of 2007. Not only was Jim an important part of our schools, he was a tireless board member with the chamber. He was chairperson for the Education Dinner and was always willing to help with other committees. This office will miss Jim's enthusiasm and quiet demeanor. Good luck to Jim in his retirement.

Jadel Moore, Human Resource Director, Miami Township Kroger has been named to replace Jim Quatman on the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Jadel has worked for Kroger for three years beginning at the Milford Kroger store. We welcome Jadel and look forward to working with her.

## Miami Township Happenings

### GRAND OPENING

Liberty Tax Service is having a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting, January 15, 2007 at 8:30am. They are located at 1067 SR 28, Miami Pointe Shopping Center. Jeff McVicker, owner is excited to be a part of the business community and looks forward to meeting everyone. Stop by, there will be doughnuts, coffee, drinks and fun. Welcome to the business community.

### ORCUTT CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

Orcutt and Company, CPA's Ltd. celebrates 20 years of business in the community. They provide accounting, tax and payroll services to small businesses and individuals as well as investment management services. With a 1400 square feet addition, the Orcutt Express Tax Service can remain at the Wolfpen Pleasant Hill location. The new address for the company is 936 St. Rt. 28. Stop in and meet Greg or call 576-1989. Congratulations to all !!

### FIRE & SMOKE DAMAGES LOCAL DELI

Fire erupted in Miami Market sometime during the night of November 25, 2007. It smoldered and was luckily caught before it engulfed the entire building. Smoke damage was heavy and Herb Messer has been busy trying to get reopened. The drive thru has been able to remain open but Herb's great lunches are missed by many. Reopening is set for sometime in February 2008.

## Around the City

Fire destroyed **By Golly's** on Thanksgiving evening 2007. Tom Seaman, owner, had just completed renovating and adding a deck earlier in the year. The fire source was electrical in nature. Tom is thankful no one was injured and is working with an architect to rebuild making it bigger and better. Reopening is scheduled for late summer or early fall.

**Row House Gallery** has received the Best of the City 2007 Award. This award was given for their *Art for Habitat* program-an art drive for the benefit of Tri State Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations to all. [www.rowhouse.com](http://www.rowhouse.com)

Historic Milford has lost one of its treasures. **Village Mouse Antiques** closed, December 21st. Diana Kuhnell owned and operated the business for over 24 years. Virginia Critchell, Diana's Mother opened the Ginebea Shop in 1949 and closed it in 1993 when Diana opened Village Mouse Antiques. Diana intends to enjoy some down time with family.

Two New Law Offices opening  
**R. Bryan Hawkins** 444-4007 and  
**Dave Hunter** 444-4403  
[www.dmhunter.com](http://www.dmhunter.com) have opened law offices at 137-1/2 Main St. David is general practice focusing on criminal and family.  
R Bryan Hawkins 444-4007 Bryan is general practice law focusing on the needs of businesses.  
WELCOME!!

**Donovan Donohoo Jr. and Assoc.** is opening an office in Mason, Ohio. The Milford office will remain in addition to the new office. We wish them luck with their new endeavor.  
[www.donohoocpa.com](http://www.donohoocpa.com)

**American Cornhole** has a put a showroom at the corner of Main and Locust in Historic Old Milford. Stop and check it out !!!  
[www.americancornhole.com](http://www.americancornhole.com)

## Frontier Days Dates Announced

The 46th Annual **Frontier Days** Celebration will be held June 5, 6, 7 & 8, 2008.. Although the committee has officially met, people are beginning to call the office wanting information. We will have the updated applications, and information on the website by early March. More later.  
[www.frontierdaysmilford.com](http://www.frontierdaysmilford.com)



**Don't forget your Valentine  
February 14th !!**

## Taste of Christmas Wrap Up

December 4, 2007 the 16th Annual Taste of Christmas was held at the Milford Firefighters Community Hall. Our Corporate Sponsors were:

**Control Works, Inc.**  
**Milford Community Fire Department**  
**L. Daniel Slusher & Associates**  
**City of Milford**  
**Lykins Companies**  
**National Bank & Trust**  
**Duke Energy**  
**Donovan Donohoo Jr. & Associates**  
**Miami Township**  
**Edward Jones Investments—Joe Kuethe**  
**J.K. Meurer Corp.**  
**Kroger-Milford-Miami Township**  
**National City Bank**

This was the first year the Taste Committee opened the doors to “Members Only” from 5:30-6:30pm. The feedback was very favorable. This gave the people that support us all year a chance to mix, mingle, taste and bid on the auction items. We had twenty food and drink vendors and they were very pleased with the event.

The Milford High School Show Choir under the direction of Lynne Blake performed and as always did a great job. Frye Entertainment treated the audience to Christmas music. Thank you !!

The Taste of Christmas Committee headed by Mary Crowe and Cathy Strief did a great job with decorations and set up. The entire committee and chamber want to **THANK** all who donated items for the auction, the florists for the beautiful center pieces, the food vendors and all that participated for a very successful event. It added \$3000 to the Mary Ann Partin Scholarship account.

A special thanks to **Duke Energy** for donating all the water, soda and punch for the event.

## Be a 2008 Community Trustee

### Board of Directors

Darrell Baumann	National Bank & Trust
Ron Burke	Mike Castrucci
Mary Crowe	Duke Energy
Daren Donohoo	Donohoo Consulting
Wayne Florea	Florea Real Estate
Ed Humphrey	Productivity Enhancement
Laura Kitte	Chase Bank
Jeff Lykins	Lykins Companies
Mike Matthews	MTM Environmental
Mike Minniear	Attorney at Law
Jadel Moore	Kroger Co.
Rick Seissiger	Digimax Signs & Designs
Pat Toomey	Toomey Natural Foods
RJ Vilardo	RJ Vilardo Auto Sales

Karen Huff	COO/CEO
Jo Ann Weigel	Admin. Asst.

Have you thought about a way to showcase your business for an entire year for a set price? Become a **COMMUNITY TRUSTEE**. This program was initiated in 2007. for \$3000, your business will receive:

**Prime visibility on the Chamber Web site**

**Recognition at all Chamber events**

**Listed on all of the Chamber's promotional materials and business cards.**

This benefits your business and gives the Chamber a base to operate all year. We offer a payment plan for you.

If you would like more information on this program, please contact our office 831-2411. Karen will meet with you and explain the program in detail.

*Visit us on the web at:  
[www.milfordmiamitownship.com](http://www.milfordmiamitownship.com)*

*Phone: 831-2411  
Fax: 831-3547*

## New Members and Renewing Members

### Welcome New Members

Deborah Harp Ins. Agency	Deborah Harp
Newwave Technologies	William Stevens

### Thanks for Renewing

Allen's Appliance & Parts	Vince Allen
Beamer-Wilcox Trucking LLC	Bonnie Wilcox
By Golly's Tavern & Restaurant	Tom Seaman
CARSTAR Collision Care	Keith Foster
Cincinnati Nature Center	Tom Price
Cincinnati United Contractors	Ken Geis
Clermont County Equipment	Gary Mount
Coldwell Banker West Shell	Donna Amos
Duke Energy	Marvin Blade
Enchanted Moments	Monica Vance
Expressions by Elizabeth	Elizabeth Allen
Florea Real Estate, Inc.	Wayne Florea
Grip Repair, Inc.	Michael Rohlin
Historic Milford Merchants Assoc.	April Prather
L. Wood & Son Ltd.	Amy Wood
La Rosa's	Butch Stertz
Lykins Companies	Jeff Lykins
McDonald's	Deborah Shipp
Miami Twp. Fire & EMS Assoc.	Brian Gulat
Michael Minniear, Atty at Law	Michael Minniear

Milford Exempted Schools	Tim Ackermann
Milford Medical Imaging	Chris Meyer
Milford Village Veterinary Clinic	David Merry, D.V.M.
National Bank & Trust	Darell Baumann
Nature Outfitters	Tim McMannis
O.C.A. Consulting	Maurice Kirby III
Re/Max Results Plus	Richard Hoffman
Santoro Engineering Co.	Angelo Santoro
Serendipity Salon & Spa LLC	Vicki Dean
Siemens PLM Software	Tom Rocklin
St. Mark's Community	Alice Ballard
Subway-Wards Corner	Brian Klaus
TechneGraphics, Inc.	Gregg MacMillan
The Community Press	Theresa Herron
The Crowell Co.	Barry Laack
Toomey Natural Foods	Pat Toomey
Victory Signs & Lighting Inc.	Patricia Combs

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YOUR BUSINESS!**