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The Chamber Update

March 2010

Mission Statement: To serve, represent, and be the leading advocate for the interests of our members in ways that enhance the business environment, quality of life, and well-being of our unique community.

Annual Banquet Slated for April 16th

The Fairborn Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is scheduled for April 16th at the Hope Hotel & Conference Center. Tickets for the banquet are \$45 per person with a limited number of Corporate Tables available (10 person reserved seating). The evening starts at 6:00pm with a no-host social hour. Chamber member John Stroup will serve as emcee of the event which will be highlighted by both the President’s Award and the annual Jack Huelsman Civic Award. Nominations are still being accepted at the Chamber office for the Huelsman Award and should be forwarded to the Huelsman Civic Award Selection Committee, 12 N. Central Avenue, Fairborn. Letters of nomination should contain attributes such as, honors, awards, special recognition, community involvement or charitable endeavors which deem the nominee worthy. Chamber membership is not mandatory. The menu will be a Chicken Royale and Filet Mignon (duet plate), tossed salad, green beans, and mashed potatoes with assorted desserts. Alternative menu will be Salmon or Vegetarian. Invitations will be mailed to all chamber members early March.

NEW FORMAT FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet will feature a major change from the past which eliminates the need for a speaker. The banquet will be comprised of a recognition format involving all the primary Chamber entities consisting of the City, the schools, Wright State University, WPAFB and the Chamber itself. All the various participants will select their own award recipients and the honorees names will be publicized in advance. In addition to the Jack Huelsman Civic Award and the President’s Award the Chamber will extend a Chamber of Commerce Award to a membership business and the Ambassador’s Club will also select an individual to be recognized for his or her personal contributions.

The new format has been adopted as an effort for the Chamber to better “connect” to its membership and command awareness in the community.

Mark your calendar now for the next Chamber Chat, Thursday March 11th at the Holiday Inn. A presentation about the Fair Tax will be given.

Fairborn City Income Tax

It's that time of year when questions about local income tax are most prevalent. The City of Fairborn maintains an office in the Government Center to assist taxpayers with their city income tax. Staff will complete, free-of-charge, city tax returns for taxpayers who bring their information into the office; however, staff does not assist or provide any information on federal, state, or school taxes.

Fairborn's municipal income tax of 1.5% (1% to the General Fund, .25% for the Street Program, and .25% for the Fire Department) is collected by the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). Forms and information are available online at www.ritaohio.com. Electronic filing is also provided on their website.

The City of Fairborn has mandatory filing for all residents over the age of 18, unless an exemption form has been signed and is on file. Some exemptions include but are not limited to retirement income and interest income. The City also taxes all gambling winnings and income from rental properties and self-employment, as well as W-2's, 1099's, etc. For more information on exemptions or questions on what income is taxed, please contact the City of Fairborn Income Tax Department at 937-754-3006.

The tax department is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will have extended hours until 6:00 p.m. on April 14th and April 15th. Tax returns and first quarter estimate payments for the city are due **April 15th**. The following quarterly payments are due July 31st, October 31st, and January 31st. Quarterly estimate payments are required if you anticipate that your tax liability will be more than \$100 over the amount that is withheld by your employer. Individuals can also file online at the RITA website.

Businesses that are located within or doing business within the City of Fairborn are required to withhold the City tax from all their employees. The City taxes employees on their retirement at the time they earn it, not when they receive it. The tax should be withheld and forwarded to The Regional Income Tax Agency on a monthly basis. Quarterly filings are allowed at the discretion of the Tax Department. Copies of all W-2's or a printout showing the City withholding must be submitted to RITA by February 28th following the end of the tax year. All forms are available on the RITA web site. Electronic filing for businesses is available on the RITA website or through the Ohio Business Gateway.

NEW MEMBERS

The Chamber is pleased to introduce and welcome our newest members

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

The following members have renewed their membership since the last newsletter was published

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- Airplane Plastics*
- AJ's Complete Auto Repair & Towing, Inc.*
- American Legion Post #526*
- Baymont Inn & Suites*
- Empire Vending Services, Inc.*
- Faith Christian Bookstore*
- GBR Property Maintenance LLC*
- Mr. Robert N. Geyer, P.E., P.S.*
- Joseph C. Graf, Attorney*
- Greene County Convention and Visitors Bureau*
- Greene County MRDD Board*
- Mr. Larry and Sandra Hadley*
- Ms. Beverly Heid*
- Mr. John Martin*
- Mill Pond Acre Bed & Breakfast*
- Mr. Paul M. Moyer*
- Ovations Food Service*
- Mr. Tom Pitstick*
- Mr. Fred Pumroy*
- Ian M. Rae, DDS, Inc.*
- The UPS Store*
- United Inc. Realtors*
- Waste Management of Ohio, Inc.*
- Mr. Vernon R. Watkins*
- Wertz Insurance Group Nationwide Insurance*
- Judge Stephen A. Wolaver*

MARCH CALENDAR	
3...	8 a.m. Ambassador Club Meeting 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting
11...	7:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at Jeff Schmitt Auto Group 5:30-7:30pm at the Holiday Inn
14...	Daylight Saving Time begins
17...	St. Patrick's Day
30...	Passover



Fairborn City Mayor, Joan Dautel, Chamber President John Siehl and Wright State Athletics Director, Bob Grant exchange congratulations during the 34th Annual Fairborn Night ceremonies.

Do you have people coming?

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- Association Meetings
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March 3

8 a.m. Ambassador Club Meeting
 8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting

March 11

7:30 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting at
 Jeff Schmitt Auto Group
 5:30-7:30 p.m. Chat at Holiday Inn
 (St. Patrick's Day theme)

March 14

Daylight Saving Time begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 30

Passover

FEBBUARY CHAT WRAP-UP

A standing room only Chamber Chat crowd in the Nutter Center's Berry Room tipped of Fairborn Night at Wright State festivities as Chamber members and their guests enjoyed an array of fine food and beverages at the Valentine's Day themed event. President Dr. David R. Hopkins welcomed the attendees to the 35th Annual Fairborn Night at Wright State while sharing brief information about collaborating with the City of Fairborn along with WPAFB in programs beneficial to all entities. He specifically cited a recent announcement proclaiming Ohio's Center of Excellence in Human-Centered Innovation at Wright State.

Raiders basketball Coach Brad Brownell also addressed the crowd and his team responded in the main arena with a win over Milwaukee keeping WSU a perfect 34-0 on Fairborn Night. The Wright State Cheerleaders along with the Raider mascot warmed up the fans to root on the team after the Chamber at court side. An overwhelming response by Chamber members to donate towards Esther Price candy and bottles of wine generated enough gifts to give everyone attending the Chat a take-home item. Foy's Variety and Halloween Stores provided decorations that turned the Berry Room into a festive Valentine's setting. Chamber President John Siehl was recognized during the game along with Fairborn Mayor Joan Dautel who were joined on the floor by members of the Fairborn Ambassador's Club.

**MARCH CHAMBER CHAT
 (St. Patrick's Day theme)**

WHEN:

Thursday, March 11th
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

HOST & LOCATION:

Holiday Inn
 2800 Presidential Drive, Fairborn

*Those wishing to donate door prizes should drop them off
 at the Chamber no later than March 10th*



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