

July 2009



BUSINESS BROADCAST

MOUNT VERNON-KNOX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

OUR MISSION:

To develop, enhance and represent business; to serve as a source of community leadership; and to promote trade among the members.



Summer has definitely arrived and everyone is busy enjoying outdoor activities and taking vacations. I hope our members are enjoying their summer activities.

The Chamber office is busy, too, working on new benefits and services for our members. Please carefully review the list below and make sure you are aware of information we need from you and events we encourage you to attend. We hope to see you soon!

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Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, July 9th
at 9:00 a.m.

Dollar General Store
State Route 62, Danville

Join us as we welcome this new business to Danville!

Everyone welcome!
RSVP to the chamber office

Ribbon Cutting
Thursday, July 9th
at Noon

King Garden Restaurant
997 Coshocton Avenue, Mount Vernon

Meet the new management of this fine dining establishment serving authentic Chinese meals.

Everyone welcome!
RSVP to the chamber office



Leadership Knox Calendar

- Retreat, Aug 27th & 28th
- History, Sep 17th
- Ag, Oct 15th
- Social Services, Nov 19th
- Government, Dec 17th
- Leadership, Jan 21st **NEW!**
- Economic Dev, Feb 18th
- Healthcare, Mar 18th
- Education, Apr 15th
- Local Flavors, May 13th
- Graduation, May 20th

Applications for Leadership Knox Are Currently Being Accepted

Applications are due no later than July 31st. The next class will begin August 27th for the overnight retreat.

We are excited to announce the addition of a new module, Leadership Day. The session will focus on elements of workplace leadership, community leadership, boardsmanship, and more!

It is a rewarding program so send in your application soon to reserve your spot in this year's program. Contact the chamber office if you have any questions.

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If your business has a new service or achievement, send the details to the chamber office for inclusion in the next available newsletter.

Apple Valley Resort is pleased to announce they have received the 2009 Hospitality Award from Resorts Condominiums International and the 2009 Select Award from Interval International. What an accomplishment! www.applevalleyresort.com.

Donley Ford-Lincoln-Mercury of Mount Vernon is excited to offer the BUY MOUNT VERNON program. Anyone living or working in Knox County and purchase a new or pre-owner vehicle from Donley will receive a \$500 gift certificate for participating merchants. www.donleyford.com.

Embarq is now offering two new services to help protect data. Business RescueIT helps internet customers resolve computer problems and Wi-Fi allows employees to get away from their desks and move freely to enjoy wireless connectivity. Two great new services for business owners! www.embarq.com.

Russell Cellular recently acquired 13 stores to push them over the 100 store mark. President Jeff Russell states the organization now has 103 locations in seven states. In 15 years, Russell Cellular has expanded in new markets and has stores in Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Ohio, and Texas. Congratulations on their growing business! www.russellcellular.net.

Looking for business space?

We have added a new link to our website! Go to www.knoxchamber.com and click on Available Business Space for additional information.

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Leadership Knox



A program of the
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Chamber of Commerce

Return Confidential Application to:
400 south Gay Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050 or fax to 740-393-1590

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name _____

Preferred name (i.e. Steven or Steve) _____

Employer _____

Your Position/Title _____

Number of Years with Company _____ Are you a 501(C)3? _____

IMPORTANT: If you are a 501(C)3, you must apply to the Community Foundation of Mount Vernon & Knox County for tuition. All tuition (including 501(C)3 organizations) is due prior to the retreat. 501(C)3 organizations are responsible for applying for a possible tuition grant from the Community Foundation and if granted, payment will be sent directly to the 501(C)3. Visit <http://www.mvkcfoundation.org/Grant/index.html> to complete a Common Grant Application.

Work Phone _____ Home or Cell Phone _____

(Home/cell numbers are kept private and only used to contact you in case a class is cancelled due to severe weather)

Email Address _____

(This will be distributed to your classmates - provide desired e-mail for all Leadership Knox correspondences)

Do you have any special dietary requirements we need to be aware of?

No _____ Yes _____, please specify: _____

Please submit a separate (typed) page to respond to each of the following:

Community Involvement: List community, civic, religious, social, business, and professional activities/organizations in which you hold membership. Please type your responses as: *Organization Name, Activity, Your Role.*

Your Personal Profile:

1. How did you hear about Leadership Knox?
2. What are your best skills?
3. What do you consider to be your most challenging community involvement and why?
4. How can your presence in this program benefit and enhance other participants?
5. What do you expect to receive as a result of participation in this program?
6. Describe two major issues in Knox County that concern you personally.
7. Where do you see a need in Knox County that potentially could be your class project? It can be *one of the two major issues previously listed, or may be another issue.* Your suggested class project must be completed in nine months and impact all of Knox County. Suggestions remain anonymous, but will

By signing this agreement you agree to attend the overnight retreat, attend each monthly class and participate in the group project. Application deadline is July 31 or contact the chamber office to determine if there are available slots for the class. Class size is limited to 23 participants. The Selection Committee will review all applications, and notify all applicants with additional details about the retreat and program. Tuition of \$795 must be paid prior to the retreat. Cancellations after August 1 will be refunded the tuition cost, less a \$200 processing fee.

Your Signature

Sponsor's Signature & Title

Healthy Families Act Introduced

The Healthy Families Act has been introduced in the both the House (H.R. 2460) and Senate (S. 1152). Sponsored by Representative Rosa De-Lauro (D-CT) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA), the bill would require employers to provide employees with up to 56 hours of paid sick leave. **This act would require public and private employers with 15 or more employees to allow employees to accrue one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked.** An employee begins accruing the sick leave at commencement of employment and is able to begin using the leave after 60 days. The paid sick time could be used for the employee's own medical needs or to care for a child, parent, spouse, or any other blood relative, or for an absence resulting from domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking.

Source: *Society for Human Resource Management* HR Voice, June 17, 2009.



Congratulations to the 2009 class of Computerized Office Technologies from the Knox County Career Center Adult Education.

As part of their program, the students work several required hours at various businesses to gain valuable work experience and an opportunity to practice their skills. Nancy Long, Deb McVay, Marty Trese, Sue Lamb, and Vanessa Williams all worked at the chamber office for a few days and we really appreciated their assistance.

Front Row (left to right): Mary Jane Cline, Nancy Long, Danielle Sunkle, Amanda Thompson, Pam Staats, Deb McVay.

Back Row (left to right): Martha Trese, Sue Lamb, Tammy Cunningham, Instructor: Jane Marlow, Roger Artripe, Vanessa Williams, Deb Burgholder.

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Monthly Events - RSVP Today!

Business After Hours

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**State Farm Insurance
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700 North Main Street
Mount Vernon

**Tuesday, July 14th
5:00 to 6:00 pm**

RSVP: chamber@knoxchamber.com
or call the chamber office: 740-393-1111.

Ambassadors, please wear your
red jacket.

See you there!

Midday Matters

A monthly program of the
Chamber of Commerce *presents*

**State of Ohio Legislative &
Budget Update**

**Senate President, Bill Harris
19th District**

**Thursday, July 23rd
Noon to 1**

**Alcove Restaurant
116 South Main Street, Mount Vernon**

Cost includes lunch.
Check in begins at 11:45
Chamber Members: \$15 Non-Chamber \$20

RSVP online, or 740-393-1111, or
e-mail chamber@knoxchamber.com

Safety Council

CompManagement, Inc.
Ohio BWC Changes
What You Need to Know
July 15, 2009

- What are the changes?
- Understanding the base rate
- Rate Reform
- Stacking Discounts Eliminated

Where: Dan Emmett Conference Center
Time: 7:30 until 8:30 am.
RSVP: Reservations are required. Contact
the chamber office at 740-393-1111 or e-mail
chamber@knoxchamber.com.
Cost: \$10, breakfast provided.

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR YOUR LOCAL
BWC REPRESENTATIVE?
Call: 419-529-4528**

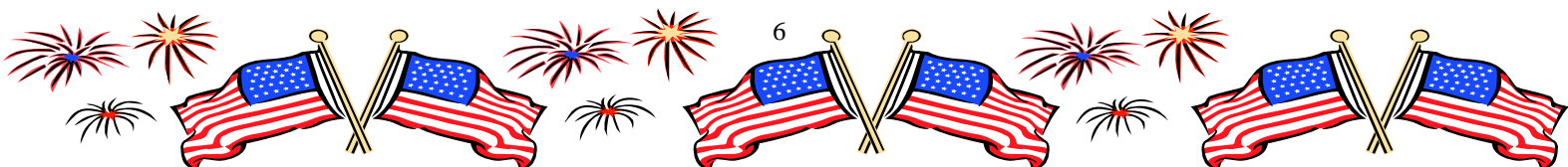
Committee Meetings

Business Education Workforce Dev.
Wednesday, July 1st at 8:30 am,
Chamber office

Leadership Knox Steering Committee
Wednesday, July 8th at 8:00 am,
Chamber office

Legislative Steering Committee
Thursday, July 9th at 8:00 am,
Chamber office

Safety Council Steering Committee
Tuesday, July 7th at 8:00am,
Sip's Coffee House & Deli





Save the date

Workplace Wellness Workshop set for August 7

Research shows that having an employee wellness program or a wellness policy in the workplace reduces health care costs and employee absenteeism. Yet, many employers shy away from implementing such a program or policy because of a lack of resources and the fear of that it would cost too much. However, it is possible to implement an effective program with a limited budget and few resources.

Local employers are invited to a Workplace Wellness Workshop on Friday, August 7 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., at the Kenyon Athletic Facility. The workshop will be hosted by the American Cancer Society and the Knox County Health Department with support from Knox Community Hospital, First-Knox National Bank and the Chamber of Commerce.

Find out how you can start a wellness program at your business and make a positive impact on your employees and your business. The workshop will include presentations, hands-on activities, educational materials, displays, door prizes, continental breakfast and lunch.

An effective wellness program is a win-win situation for everyone: your employees will be healthier and better workers; healthcare costs will go down and productivity will increase. Mark your calendar for August 7 and plan to join us.

For more information, contact Pam Palm at the Knox County Health Department at ppalm@knoxhealth.com

Reach Out to Mount Vernon Nazarene University Students

Mount Vernon Nazarene University will welcome new students to campus on Friday, August 28. The University welcomes each new student with a gift bag. We would like to invite Chamber members to include coupons, special offers, or promotional items from restaurants, hair salons, car repair shops, bookstores, coffee shops, etc. Welcome bags will be prepared for 500 new students. If you wish to participate, you may drop off items to the Chamber office by August 20.

In years past, several businesses have displayed "Welcome MVNU Students" in their windows or on their marquee during this weekend. If possible, this would be an appreciated gesture to help make the students feel welcome in the community.

Please direct questions to the Chamber office at 740-393-1111 or Sandy Rhoton, New Student Transition Coordinator, at MVNU at 740-397-9000 ext. 4550.

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Do we have your current information?

Last month this form was mailed to all primary contacts asking members to update their information. This information will keep our database and our Web site current to better promote your business. If you have misplaced the form, please take this opportunity to print this page, write in your data, and fax the form to 740-393-1590. If you have any questions, please contact the chamber office.

Thank you,
Carol Grubaugh

Staffing numbers are kept confidential, but are important to us. They ensure you're invoiced correctly and help us maintain data about our organization. Be sure to include yourself in the count.

Number of Full-Time Employees: _____

Number of Part-Time Employees: _____

Company Name:

Salutation:

First Name:

Last Name:

Title:

Mailing Address:

Physical Address:

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Zip:

Office Telephone:

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Year Your Business Was Established:

Business Description (This field is limited to 250 characters):

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ANTHEM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD CHAMBER PROGRAM

HIGHLIGHTS

- 20 plan choices from 100% hospitalization to low cost \$2500 deductible options
- Chamber prices approximately 3% less than non-chamber group prices
- Dental, disability, vision and life coverage is available

REQUIREMENTS

- At least 2 enrolled employees/owners required
- 50% or more full-time employees must enroll
- Husband and wife companies can qualify if both are compensated thru the business
- Groups with health problems can enroll, but may receive higher premiums