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Chamber Events

3/17 Preble County
Safety Council
12:00 Noon
Preble County YMCA

3/18 Chamber General
Meeting & Luncheon
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Eaton Country Club
100 Morton Rd., Eaton

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Chamber News

*Promoting Free Enterprise and Advancing the Business
Community of Preble County*

Preble County Chamber of Commerce General Meeting & Luncheon

Thursday, March 18, 2010
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Eaton Country Club
100 Morton Road, Eaton

“Presentation of Chamber Awards”
Matt Appenzeller, Executive Director

Speaker
Brad Neavin, Superintendent
Eaton Community Schools

To make your reservation, please contact Virginia at the
Chamber Office at 456-4949 by Friday, March 12th !
Cost is \$15, payable at the door!

Executive Director’s Message

Dear Investors,

Last year we announced our intent to start a foundation for economic development in Preble County. Soon we will form a steering committee to move the Preble County Development Partnership forward. As I write this, I am attending the Basic Economic Development Course hosted by the Ohio Economic Development Association. I only tell you that to mention this: a common concern we have heard is the concern that “everyone will get along”.

After hearing from many economic development organizations throughout the State of Ohio- including some which have operated for two decades- “getting along” is one of their highest concerns, too. The difference is, they have forged ahead while we stood on the sidelines.

We cannot allow this to happen any more in Preble County . In the coming weeks we will do a better job of communicating to you about the PCDP and how we are progressing.

Matt Appenzeller
Executive Director
Preble County Chamber of Commerce



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Preble County Chamber "Award Winners"

Non-Profit Organizations of the Year:

*HIT Foundation
Preble County YMCA*

President's Award:

*Henny Penny Corporation
Pheasant Run Village, LLC*

Citizen of the Year:

John Tuggle, Remagen, Inc.

Distinguished Service Award:

Mike Snell, Silfex Corporation

New Business of the Year:

Carmela's Pizzeria

Excellence in Business:

Eaton Computer

Join us on Thursday, March 18th at 12:00 Noon at the Eaton Country Club to recognize these important businesses and individuals.

Don't forget to call in your reservations by **Friday, March 12th to the Chamber Office at 937-456-4949 or email: chamberoffices@preblecountyohio.com.**

Brad Neavin, Superintendent of Eaton Community Schools, will also be speaking at our Chamber Luncheon/Meeting on March 18th!

Safety Council Update

By Kathy Schulz



For the February training topic, Kathleen Davenport from the BWC gave an overview of recent program changes within the Department.

We also had Dale Henderson, an OSHA Compliance Specialist, provide an overview of the OSHA recordkeeping standard which focused on recent changes as well.

For the March topic, we will have a representative from Reid Hospital who will talk about the Diabetes and how it can impact our health and wellness.

Join us at the Spring Wine and Beer Tasting

Enjoy an evening of wine and beer tasting at Taffy's of Eaton for the benefit of the Preble County Chamber of Commerce!

On March 27th at 7:30 p.m. , we will hold our third wine and beer tasting event at Taffy's. This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy a local night out, network with business associates or catch up with friends, and simply have a good time while enjoying the music of Bob Dellaposta.

Tickets for the event are \$10. Please contact the Chamber at 456-4949 for tickets.



Health Spot....

Sponsored by The Greenbriar

Focus on Fire Safety This Winter



Most residential fires occur during the winter months. Here are some fire safety tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- Never leave food unattended on a stove.
- Keep cooking areas free of flammable objects (e.g., potholders and towels).
- Avoid wearing clothing with long, loose-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Never place portable space heaters near flammable materials (e.g., curtains or bedspreads).
- Keep all matches and lighters out of reach of children. Store them up high, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Install smoke alarms on every floor of the home, including the basement, and particularly near rooms in which people sleep.
- Use long-life smoke alarms with lithium-powered batteries and hush buttons, which allow you to stop false alarms

quickly. If long-life alarms are not available, use regular alarms, and replace the batteries annually.

- Test all smoke alarms every month to ensure that they work properly.
- Devise a family fire escape plan and practice it every 6 months. Describe at least 2 different ways of escape from each room. Designate a safe place in front of the home for family members to meet after escaping a fire.
- If possible, install or retrofit fire sprinklers into your home.

BUSINESS CARD DIRECTORY

A special publication of The Register Herald will be coming June 2nd!

Be a part of the first-ever R-H Business Card Directory!

See the attached flier for more information or contact The Register Herald at 937-456-5553 or at www.registerherald.com

Deadline: Friday, April 30th!

Sinclair 2010: On Track to Meet Our Mission

A recent headline characterizing Sinclair’s future as “daunting” must be viewed in context and with perspective. A routine 2009 audit confirmed Sinclair’s financial strengths and accurate financial reporting. Within that

audit report, *Sinclair* commented on an obvious challenge: how to serve 25% more students in the face of possible double-digit state budget declines due to a difficult economy. For 120 years, we’ve overcome such challenges and we always will.

Every annual audit report allows a college to write a section on potential opportunities and risks. This very section of the 2009 audit report, *written by Sinclair and not the auditors*, includes the statement: “Like many institutions of higher education in the State of Ohio and the nation, Sinclair faces a daunting near-term future.” This section was intended by Sinclair to describe an important challenge: serving more students with declining state revenue in a difficult economy. Most of America’s colleges are facing similar situations.

We are careful stewards of the public trust. We engage in thoughtful, transparent financial planning. Sinclair has saved millions of dollars by reducing the cost of educational services and day-to-day operations. We have sought reasonable increases in tuition and fees. And we are always seeking to economize throughout the college to maximize resources for instruction, students, and economic development.

The truth is direct and clear. Sinclair is financially strong, with broad and diverse revenue sources. Our Montgomery County levy provides invaluable support from citizens who are committed to student success. As a community college, we are a

national leader in providing private scholarship support to our students and federal funds for our students and our community. Despite any and all challenges, the University System of Ohio and our elected officials share the premise that we must continue to expand higher education to contribute to our region's economic transformation.

This is not a crisis. It is our calling. *It is our mission.* Thank you for your ongoing support.

**Steven Lee Johnson, Ph.D. |
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Business Roundtable Statement on the Status of Health Care Reform

Washington – In September 2009, Business Roundtable issued a report on health care cost trends prepared by Hewitt Associates. Its central finding was that, if present trends continue, the cost to provide an employee with health care will rise from \$10,000 to \$28,000 over ten years. Cost increases of this magnitude imperil the competitiveness of our companies and the health care

coverage of our employees; they must be addressed.

As Congress and the Administration consider next steps, Business Roundtable CEOs reaffirm that health care reform is a national priority. The escalating burden these costs place on employers, individuals and the government is not sustainable. We believe that many of the delivery-system reforms under consideration will make significant strides towards reducing the cost burden on purchasers, while improving access to and quality of the care provided. These provisions must not only be protected, but strengthened during the health care reform negotiations including new steps towards medical liability reform which is essential to any health care cost containment strategy.

Congress should continue to work in a bipartisan manner to pass legislation that will reduce costs, improve quality, expand coverage and avoid disruption of the benefits currently provided by employers to employees, retirees and their families. The economic and human consequences of not addressing the cost spiral are too great to quit. We are committed to continue fighting for reform done right," said John J. Castellani, President of Business Roundtable.

***Twin Creek Tea
Room***
**19 E. Dayton Street
West Alexandria, Ohio**
**announces its 2010 schedule
Evening Candlelight
Dinners**

Saturday, April 10, 2010

(Springtime Theme)

Saturday, May 8, 2010

(Mother's Day)

Saturday, October 16, 2010

(Sweetest Day)

Saturday, November 20, 2010

(Thanksgiving Theme)

Saturday, December 18, 2010

(Christmas Theme)

Serving at 5:30 p.m.

and 7:30 p.m.

**CALL (937) 839-5094 for
reservation(s) (required)**

Ivy Parlor Gift Shop open for shopping during Candlelight Dinners.

The Twin Creek Tea Room is open for lunch on W, T, F, S from 11-2 p.m.

The Ivy Parlor Gift Shop is open for shopping until 3:30 or longer as needed

Check out our regularly updated website: www.twincreektearoom.com



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