



# Chamber Connection

## “Creating a Bright Future”

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### Executive Director's Note

With the economy in flux, many businesses are at a cross-road on what they should or should not do to help their business stay solvent. Your Chamber will work with you by presenting workshops/seminars that will help your business stay solvent. In order to do this, we need your help! Let the Chamber know your concerns and we will work with you by providing help in those areas. Contact the Chamber via email at [trotwoodchamber@earthlink.net](mailto:trotwoodchamber@earthlink.net) or phone 937.837.1484. Chamber office hours are 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday.



### One of a Kind Christmas Shop

The Trotwood Historical Society invite you to come and do your holiday shopping for reasonably priced gifts in a festival atmosphere at *The KRIS-KRINGLE-SHOP*, located at the Trotwood Madison Historical Society's lam's Homestead, 349 S. Broadway. The Society will open it's one-of-a-kind Christmas Shop Thursday thru Saturday December 4-6 and December 11-13 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The gift shop has lovely Christmas decorations (including trees), and a vast assortment of gifts for children and adults. Thanks to Linda Keeling and Sue Stiffler imagination and creativity, entering the shop is to enter a beautiful winter wonderland. For more information, please call Sue Stiffler at 937.545.5453.

### Adult Fitness Program

With the holidays here and we may be eating more than we realize, stay fit by working out at Trotwood-Madison High School, 4440 North Union Road. They offer adult fitness programs such as swimming, weight room and indoor track. These classes are offered September 2, 2008 thru June 4, 2009, Monday thru Thursday 6:00-7:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m. You must be a Trotwood resident, Trotwood City Schools employees or a Trotwood City employee in order to participate — call 937.854.0878 for information. All children under the age of 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

### The First Thanksgiving

The tradition of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving is steeped in myth and legend. Few people realize that the Pilgrims did not celebrate Thanksgiving the next year, or any year thereafter, though some of their descendants later made a "Forefather's Day" that usually occurred on December 21 or 22. Several Presidents, including George Washington, made one-time Thanksgiving holidays. In 1827, Mrs. Sarah Josepha Hale began lobbying several Presidents for the instatement of Thanksgiving as a national holiday but was unsuccessful until 1863 when Abraham Lincoln finally made it a national holiday with his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Today, our Thanksgiving is the fourth Thursday of November. This was set by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1939 and approved by Congress in 1941. But the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving began at some unknown date between September 21 and November 9, most likely in very early October. The date of Thanksgiving was probably set by Lincoln to somewhat correlate with the anchoring of the Mayflower at Cape Cod, which occurred on November 21, 1620.

***May you and your family have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!***

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## Annual Dinner and Business of the Year

Mark your planning schedule to attend our *Annual Dinner and Business of the Year November 13, 2008* at Sycamore Woods Lake. Networking and Silent Auction are at 6:00 p.m. and a wonderful dinner at 6:50 p.m. A number of you have asked "what are they going to do with Sycamore Woods Lake (former Moto Photo)?" Our speaker, Peter Farquhar, Attorney and one of the owners of Sycamore Woods Lake, will speak on their plans for Sycamore Woods Lake.

Don't miss this opportunity to network with State Officials, City and County leaders as well as business leaders from Trotwood and surrounding area. Make your reservation today, call the Chamber at 937.837.1484, the deadline to make your reservation is November 10.

## Upcoming Events

### November 13

Annual Dinner and Business of the Year, Sycamore Woods Lake, 4444 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood OH

### November 16

Trotwood Sears  
Friends & Family Day

### November 19

Trotwood Chamber Board Meeting  
at noon, Sycamore Woods Lake

### November 27

Thanksgiving



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