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**“think globally,
shop locally”**

To the Members of the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! It will be my pleasure to serve as chamber president for 2014.

2013 was a busy and productive year. We were pleased to be able to host exciting events, including the State of the City Address; Health Expo at Hara Arena; the 5th Annual Golf Outing in September, and the Business of the Year Annual Banquet in November. In addition, we had several informative workshops throughout the year.

Congratulations to Sisters of the Precious Blood and to Trotwood Florist who were selected from many nominations as the top two businesses of 2013, and to the businesses who received milestone awards for their longevity in Trotwood. Congratulations also to Board member Ray Garner, who received a lifetime achievement award for his many years of service to the chamber. On a sad note, the chamber lost long-time board member, Loren Gross (Salem Towing), who passed away unexpectedly.

On behalf of the chamber board of directors, I would like to thank all who have participated in and attended our events. A special thank you goes to Friendship Village for housing our office and giving us a great venue for meetings and our annual dinner.

In 2014, we hope to continue with many activities, for which we need your participation. I encourage all members to become active in the chamber and help the board of directors produce workshops and events. Our goal, as always, is to help the business community and to promote Trotwood as a great location to have a business. Chamber membership offers benefits that enhance your business, which in turn, enhances the quality of living in our city.

The Trotwood Chamber of Commerce and the City of Trotwood continually work together to improve and build our business community, helping to grow through tough economic times.

Chamber members, we want you to step forward – volunteer, suggest ideas and help with future events. Please contact our very capable executive director, Marie Battle at the chamber office with your plans to participate.

I am looking forward to your becoming active this year.

Dr. Karen Celik, President, Trotwood Chamber of Commerce

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St. John Baptist Church, H. H. Roberts Mortuary, Heard Management, Maria Joseph Living Care Center, North Dayton School of Discovery, Salem Bend Condominium, Sir Handy Home Improvement, Summit Towing, Trotwood Library, Trotwood-Madison City Schools, Wise Construction Company, Wolf Creek Company, Wurst Family Limited Partnership,



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Step 5 of the 10-Step Business Plan for Safety

Timely Notification of Claims

Requirements

Employers must report claims immediately to the managed care organization (MCO), which reports the claim to BWC within 24 hours. The employer will comply with all requirements for reporting claims to the employer's MCO as specified under the HPP rules.

Implementation

When an injury occurs, first arrange for medical care for the employee. Next, investigate and document the circumstances, and report the injury to the claim handler.

Reporting claims quickly:

- Demonstrates care and concern for the employee;
 - Prevents delays and/or confusion in the claim process;
 - Reduces the potential for fraud or abuse;
- Reduces the potential for needless litigation. Through timely reporting of claims, you:
- Establish an open line of communication;
 - Develop accurate information to manage the workers' compensation claim;
- Provide benefits to the injured employee on a timely basis.

For more information call Tammy Purcell, Hunter Consulting Company at (513) 372-8714, email tpurcell@hunterconsulting.com or visit their website at www.hunterconsulting.com.

Moderizing BWC

BWC is transitioning to a billing system that will provide more flexibility for employers while reducing overall systems costs. This change aligns BWC with standard industry practice and enables us to collect premiums before extending coverage. This transition becomes effective July 1, 2015, for private employers, and Jan. 1, 2016, for public employers. This conversion is part of BWC's ongoing efforts to modernize its operations and provide better service to Ohio's employers.

The benefits of prospective payment

A switch to a prospective billing system could provide the following benefits to Ohio employers:

- Overall base rate reduction of 2 percent for private employers and 4 percent for public employers;
- Opportunities for more flexible payment options (up to 12 installments);
- Better opportunities for BWC to provide quotes online or via the phone;

- Fewer costs from employers who either don't pay premiums timely or have workers injured without coverage being mutualized among employers in good standing;
- Increased ability for BWC to detect employer non-compliance and fraud.

How it will work

Ohio employers will see a few modest changes as this transition takes place. They are:

- Earlier opportunities to sign up for incentive programs - Beginning in the fall of 2014, employers looking to participate in programs such as group rating, group-retrospective rating or other rating plans will have the opportunity to make those selections sooner;
- A one-time credit in July 2015 - An average employer will enjoy a one-time premium credit, as BWC will cover his/her August payroll report (covering the January to June 2015 premium) as well as the first two-month's (July and August) prospective premium;
- A new payment schedule - Employers will receive their invoice in June and begin paying premiums before July 1. While that is earlier than before, all employers will be able to make at least quarterly payments, and some employers will be able to pay up to as many as 12 installments;
- A true-up process - Because BWC is providing workers' compensation insurance coverage based on estimated payrolls, we will ask businesses to report or "true-up" their actual payroll for the prior policy year. This begins in August 2016.



Superior Dental Care is dedicated to helping our clients continue to provide the best in dental benefits for their employees while upholding their budget. We are pleased to notify you that the SDC dental

plans offered through SOCA are renewing with NO INCREASE in 2014! With the current state of the economy, a renewal with no increase is incredibly generous...and SDC is delighted to be able to offer such affordable rates to our SOCA groups! Renewal rates this low are unheard of in the small group market. However, at SDC, it's just the SUPERIOR way! For more information about SDC please visit WWW.SUPERIORDENTAL.COM or contact Abigail Modras at amodras@superiordental.com.



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We have exciting news for our members and their employees. DPL Energy Resources has extended their discounted rates to Trotwood Chamber of Commerce business customers for 2014. As a result of the newly negotiated terms, members are not only eligible for lower than normal DPL Energy commercial rates, but they have extended a savings plan to their employee's residential accounts as well.

A representative from DPL Energy will make a presentation to explain the new program and answer questions February 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., at Friendship Village, 5790 Denlinger Road, Trotwood Ohio. Please bring a copy of your DP&L bill and your appetite, as a continental breakfast will be provided. RSVP to the Trotwood Chamber of Commerce office by calling 937-837-1484 or email mbat-tle@trotwoodchamber.org before February 21st. We look forward to seeing you there!



Don't forget to use your Office Depot Store Purchasing Card to receive tremendous discounts on your office supplies. For more information, please call 937.837.1484.



Community Night with the Dayton Demonz Professional Hockey team. Hara Arena Sunday, January 26, 5:05 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 each...call 937.854.7217 for tickets and information

Save These Dates

Sunday, January 26—Evening with Dayton Demonz, Dayton Hara Arena, 5:05 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26—DPL Energy presentation, Friendship Village, 8-9 a.m. Continental breakfast will be provided

Friday, March 14—Fellers Free Seminar-Grace Brethren Village, 8 a.m. (please see flyer)

Tuesday, April 8—Business Enrichment Luncheon, Friendship Village, noon

FREE SEMINAR

Benefits Of Green Spaces

Friday March 14th. 2014 at 8:00 am.

Learn all about gardening and the benefits of Green Spaces. We will discuss the healthy aspects of gardening on the environment and how it helps our personal health. Be amazed at all the great tips, Penny from Scott's Miracle-Gro, has on saving money while gardening.

Join us at 7:45 am for coffee and Continental breakfast at Grace Brethren Village, 1010 Taywood Rd, Englewood, Ohio 45322 (follow the signs to the community center).

Seating is limited so please RSVP by Mon. March 10th.

Feller's Greenhouse & Giftshop (837-1123)

Seminar scheduled to last 1 hour.

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