



Chamber Connection

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You are cordially invited to Trotwood Chamber's First Member Appreciation Event! We will be conducting a scavenger hunt and we need your help! If you are planning to attend, send me information about your business that others may not know. This information will be used to create the scavenger hunt. Door prizes will be given and the person getting the most correct answers will win the grand door prize.

Date: Friday, June 26, 2015

Where: United Theological Seminary,
4501 Denlinger Road
Trotwood OH 45426

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Cost: FREE

RSVP Deadline: Monday, June 23

Contact: Marie Battle (937) 837-1484 or
email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org

Don't forget to register and attend this Member Appreciation Event, one that you will not soon forget. Whether you can stay for a few minutes or the entire two hours, either way, you are welcome to come!

We will recognize businesses in attendance, network with other business leaders, and you will have the opportunity to win an amazing door prize! This is our way of saying "thank you" for your many years of support.

This event is sponsored and hosted by **United Theological Seminary** along with our other find sponsors **Lowe's**, **Maria-Joseph**, and **Shiloh Springs Care Center**.

Marie Battle, CAP, Executive Director

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 26, Member Appreciation, 5:30-7:30 p.m., UTS

Thursday, July 9, Business After 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m., North Dayton School of Discovery

Tuesday, August 4, Business After 5, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Friendship Village

Friday, September 18, Annual Golf Outing, Meadowbrook Country Club

Thursday, October 8, Business After 5, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Lowe's Home Improvement

Thursday, November 12, Annual dinner/business of the year, 5:30-8:00 p.m., Friendship Village

Office Depot, Phoenix Tube and Time Warner Cable for renewing your membership



Happy 4th
of July

"Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure."

- Oprah Winfrey

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Destination: Excellence

PRIVATE EMPLOYERS

Program Enrollment Deadline - May 29th

Program Year - July 1st - June 30th

- **Industry-Specific Safety Program**

Employers can receive up to a 3% rebate for completing 1, 2, or 3 safety activities. The number of activities required depends on the size of individual employer's annual payroll.

- **Drug-Free Safety Program**

Employers can participate at 4% basic level or 7% advanced level. Rebates are earned by implementing drug and alcohol training and testing.

- **Transitional Work Bonus Programs**

Employers can receive up to a 10% rebate for using an approved transitional work program to return an injured worker to work.

Program Deadline - July 31st

Program Year July 1st - June 30th

- **Safety Council Rebate Program**

Employers can receive a 2% rebate for attending at least 10 meetings. There is also the opportunity to earn a 2% performance bonus by reducing frequency/severity of claims by 10% or maintaining at zero.

For more information about DESTINATION: EXCELLENCE please visit the BWC's website at www.bwc.ohio.gov, or contact Hunter Consulting at 800-486-6652 (option 4).

Sincerely,



Office DEPOT.
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We want to take a moment to tell you about a discount program that's available to you as a Chamber member.

We have joined a group of over 1,000 chambers of commerce to get the best pricing possible on the items you

use the most from Office Depot | Max. In addition to office supplies and paper products, they have one of the largest selections of cleaning supplies nationwide, free next-day delivery, your own personal corporate representative and Chamber discount pricing on hundreds of products.

Greg Hause (greg.hause@officedepot.com), our Office Depot | Max representative, will contact you in the next couple of weeks to further discuss the program's benefits. We would greatly appreciate it if you would have your purchasing person meet for a few minutes with Greg to learn about the Chamber discount price points



on the products you already use in your office.

Changes on the Way to Ohio's BWC Billing

- The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is changing their billing practices. Under the new system, effective July 1 for private employers, businesses will be billed PRIOR to receiving coverage instead of the current practice of billing employers in arrears.
- In order to prevent double billing during this transition, the BWC will offer a premium credit to those employers in an active status. These employers are eligible to receive a CREDIT for eight months of workers' compensation coverage.
- Again, to be eligible for this credit, employers must be in active status by July 1 and: Report unreported payroll for currently lapsed payroll periods
- Pay any outstanding premium, late fees and penalties for assessed premium, or;
- Request a payment plan for any premium amounts that cannot be paid in full.

As reported in our last Chamber Update, BWC is offering free prospective billing webinars and seminars to answer questions. For more information, visit their [website](http://www.bwc.ohio.gov), call 800-644-6292 or email bwcprospectivebilling@bwc.state.oh.us



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2015-05K

Rescission of Executive Orders 2007-23S and 2008-02S

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2007, my predecessor issued Executive Order 2007-23S, and on February 1, 2008, my predecessor issued Executive Order 2008-02S, declaring independent, self-employed contractors who provide home health care and in-home child care services, respectively, to be eligible for collective bargaining with the state, although they are not state employees; and

WHEREAS, allowing these independent contractors to collectively bargain also gave them access to any health care insurance their chosen unions provide to their members as a benefit of membership; and

WHEREAS, since that time, health care insurance has become widely available through other means, such as the federal health insurance exchanges and Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, union membership is no longer one of the few, accessible ways for these contractors to potentially obtain health care insurance;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Ohio do hereby order and direct that Executive Orders 2007-23S and 2008-02S are rescinded, effective immediately.

I signed this Executive Order on May 22, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio.




John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State



EMV Rollout: Are You Ready?

Have you heard the news? From transaction processing companies to the national news media, credit card chip and pin technology seems to be gaining attention due to the upcoming EMV rollout, ("EMV" stands for Europay, MasterCard and Visa, a standard for chip-based transaction processing technology created in the 90's as a more secure way to handle credit and debit purchases").

With doom-and-gloom hype guaranteed to fill the air as the October 1 deadline approaches, competitors are pressuring merchants to be EMV ready... or else! The truth is, these scare tactics are unwarranted, and don't come close to accurately representing the situation at hand. Let's strip away all the noise and look at what's really happening.

Yes, major credit card companies are migrating from magstripe technology to chip technology on October 1, 2015. This is not a payment processing doomsday, but more of a beginning to a new payment-processing era that will be realized through gradual transition. Card issuers like Visa, Master Card, Discover and American Express will spend years creating and distributing chip and pin cards to everyone in the United States, and one day, magstripe technology will disappear. Support for this standard swipe card format will remain until all magstripe cards expire, but issuers will cease production of these cards in lieu of chip technology in 2015.



June 15, 2015

Senate Budget Avoids CAT and Sales Tax Hikes

The Ohio Senate appears ready to pass a budget and tax reform plan this week that significantly cuts the tax burden on small business owners, while avoiding sales tax and commercial activity tax (CAT) increases. An omnibus amendment will likely be incorporated into House Bill 64 by the Senate Finance Committee on Tues., June 16, and the bill will likely be set for a Senate floor vote on Wed., June 17.

Last week, the Senate unveiled its initial changes to the House-passed version of HB 64. In a joint statement with other business groups, the Ohio Chamber commended Senate President Keith Faber and his leadership team for expanding and building upon what Gov. John Kasich and the House had previously proposed in terms of cutting the tax burden on owners of small businesses. The Ohio Chamber continues to encourage policy-makers to fund any tax cuts using existing revenues and reductions in state spending, instead of tax shifting.

More specifically, the Senate plan would: increase from 75 to 100 percent the tax exemption on the first \$250,000 of the business income of pass-through entity business owners (sole proprietors, partners, S corporation shareholders), with a three percent flat tax on any business income above \$250,000; raise the excise tax on cigarettes by 40 cents per pack to \$1.65; delete the House provision that would have subjected social security benefits to income tax for taxpayers with incomes above \$100,000; offer a 45-day tax amnesty program beginning January 1, 2016; and, restore the income tax credit for political contributions deleted by the House.



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