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As my first official action as the 2011 Chairman of the Chamber, I would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to our outgoing Chairman, Mr. **Mike Baach**. It is certainly an honor and a privilege to follow not only in Mike's footsteps but the footsteps of the many outstanding chairmen that have come before us in serving our membership.

Mike is the epitome of a true leader in that he makes the people around him better. He has certainly made me, as well as the Greater Medina Chamber better during his year as Chairman of the Board. Most importantly, he truly cares about the community in which we live and work. His personal involvement in local issues as well as his hard work as Chairman is certainly testimony to his efforts. Again, thank you Mike!

Moving forward, all I can say is, "Expect great things from your Chamber Board in 2011". We have a committed group of board members who are willing to sort through and tackle the tough issues on behalf of our membership. This past year these issues have ranged from small, or only effecting one business, to large issues affecting our entire community. I am sure that this coming year will be more of the same.

During our annual meeting, I had a great opportunity to talk with many of our members. Most all used various words to describe a certain feeling they had about the Chamber. I can summarize their comments by simply stating that they feel we have momentum. The dictionary defines momentum as *a driving force, or a thrust of energy*. I believe that is exactly our role as the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce - to be that driving force behind key issues in our community - key issues that businesses find important.

As Chairman, I will tell you that I fully intend to carry this momentum forward by (1) continue our progress in advocating for local businesses and (2) encourage economic development. Coincidentally, these are two areas of focus that directly respond to the survey responses in our October 2010 survey. According to our membership, the top three largest concerns for 2011 on the local, state and federal level were taxes, health-care cost and the economy.

With all this said, I need your help to achieve our goals. We're only as strong as our membership and we wish to become an even stronger voice in advocating for our members. If you know of a business in our community who isn't a member, please encourage them to seek out membership or contact the Medina Chamber for membership information. Becoming a Chamber member not only shows support for our efforts as an organization but most importantly a strong commitment to the community.



Dave Mueller



## From the Desk of President, Debra Lynn-Schmitz



A special thank you to **Tom Krueger**, City Economic Development Director. Tom has been with the City for three years and has quite a record of accomplishments including working on cooperative agreements with the townships, recognition and branding for the City of Medina and working closely with our existing businesses through expansion while diligently following up with businesses that are considering locating here in the Medina area. Tom has taken a position with a Wadsworth manufacturer and will leave the City position after the first of the year. It has been a pleasure to work with him and wish him the best in his future position. The City will seek a candidate for the position.

This past year I had an opportunity to visit China and Spain – both through a Chamber sponsored travel program. Neither of these trips was at the Chamber’s expense.

The China trip was an intense seven days of touring sights such as the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square and local factories. Although I appreciated the sightseeing and shopping opportunities, one of the most remarkable things we observed was the extreme infrastructure, commercial and residential construction. China is aggressive in attracting companies and workers. Of course, it goes with-

out saying that they are in a learning curve regarding employee and human rights but I could not help but be impressed with how much they have invested in creating jobs and infrastructure that will move the country.

Spain was a little less aggressive but every bit as eager to establish new businesses, entrepreneurs, research and development and industrial opportunities. In a presentation by the Malaga, Spain, Chamber of Commerce, we were introduced to a new industrial and technology park that is a partnership with the Chamber, the local university, the City and the local businesses. They are seeking partnerships with American companies.

Sometimes it is difficult to clearly explain economic development and its importance. Economic Development includes education, transportation, workforce, training, communication, utilities, location, zoning, planning, permitting, leadership, government, housing, health and human services, safety forces, land/building costs, quality of life and just about any other aspect of a community.

Northeast Ohio, Medina County and the City of Medina know how important it is to address each of these issues to retain our existing businesses and attract new business and entrepreneurs. We are all still

learning how to work together for the best possible combination of circumstances to attract and retain diversity of businesses to our area because we need jobs.

Everyone can participate in economic development by participating in local decisions and recognizing our strengths and where we can improve. Keeping our local businesses and jobs is important to all of us.

I hope you have a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year. Thank you for being a part of our business community.



### SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Mini Golf Event, **Rinky Dink Family Fun Center**

Monday, August 8, 2011

Annual Golf Outing, **Weymouth Country Club**



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### Ohio Minimum Wage Going Up in 2011

The Ohio Department of Commerce announced a 5- to 10-cent per hour increase in the state's minimum wage effective Jan. 1, 2011. At the start of the year, the minimum wage for non-tipped employees will increase from \$7.30 per hour to \$7.40. For tipped employees, the rate jumps from \$3.65 to \$3.70 an hour. The increased wage will apply to employers who gross more than \$271,000 per year. Currently, Ohio's minimum wage applies to employers who gross more than \$267,000 per year, the agency reported. For employees at smaller companies and for 14- and 15-year-olds, the state minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour, which is tied to the federal minimum wage.

## MEMBER NEWS

Join the **American Red Cross of Medina County** at its 14th Annual Chocolate Festival. The 2011 event will feature decadent chocolate items from over 30 chocolatiers. Join them Saturday, February 5 from 11am to 3pm at the Medina Performing Arts Center at Medina High School, 851 Weymouth Rd, Medina.

The Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce now offers local businesses shipping savings typically reserved for larger companies. Through your local chamber of commerce membership, you will receive significant discounts with **FedEx**, which delivers expertise, great service and value for all your shipping needs—virtually anytime, anywhere. Go to [www.partnership.com/89NOACC](http://www.partnership.com/89NOACC) to enroll and start saving with this valuable member benefit!

**Chad Wilson** would like to announce the launch of a new ecommerce tool. **Rapid Marketplace** is a comprehensive package providing a broad array of ecommerce solutions, starting with a professionally designed website and then

adding modules as they are needed.

**Medina Hospital** is pleased to welcome Dhia Al-doori, MD, Internal Medicine, and Dane John Donich, MD, Neurosurgery have joined the medical staff. Both physicians are now seeing patients at **Medina Hospital**.

Medina County Auditor Mike Kovack announces new 2011 property values and tax rates for Medina County are now posted on the internet. Property owners who want to find out what their new tax bill will be can go to [www.medinacountyauditor.org](http://www.medinacountyauditor.org).

Krakovski Trucking, Inc., based in Medina, Ohio, has recently taken possession of 10 new 2011 Volvo VN tractors that are equipped with no idle in-cab heater/air conditioner units and the latest engine emission controls to reduce their carbon footprint. With the increasing needs of their present customers and the current lack of available trucks mounting throughout the country, we are taking the necessary steps for growth in 2011, while going "Greener".

### DECEMBER

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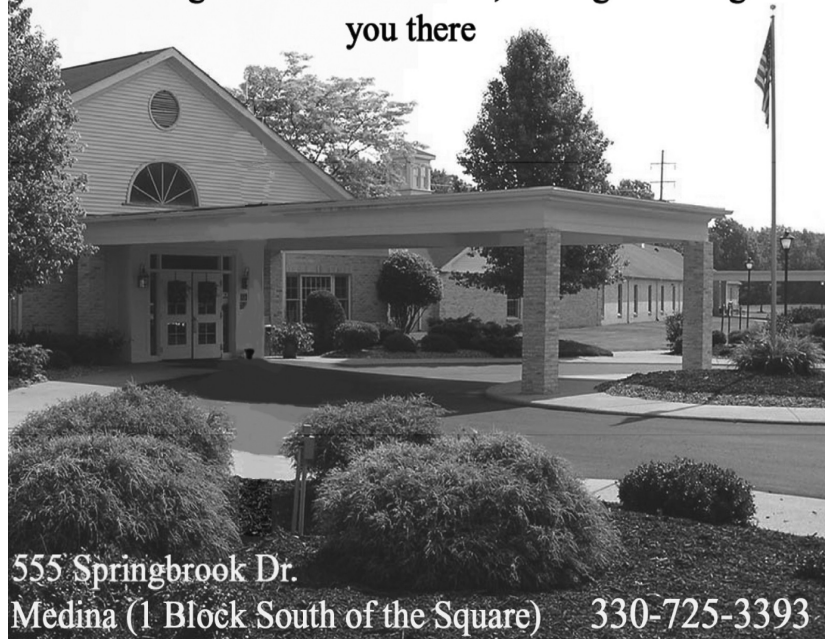
## January Membership Meeting

Be sure to join us on **Tuesday, January 4, 2011** for our January Membership Meeting. Our speaker will be **Greg Thomas, Leadership Excellence, Ltd** presenting “*Three Personal Strategies That Will Make 2011 Your Best Year Ever*”. This meeting will be held at **Williams on the Lake, 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina** from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Cost to attend is \$16 for Chamber members and \$21 for Future members. Please RSVP through the [chamber’s online calendar](#).

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## Schedule of Events

- 12/24–12/31 Chamber Office Closed
- 1/4-Monthly Membership Meeting  
Williams on the Lake  
11:30am to 1:00pm
- 1/18-Safety Council Meeting  
Weymouth Country Club  
11:30am to 1:00pm
- 1/18-MCYPA Tax Tips with Erich  
Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar  
5:30pm to 7:30pm
- 1/19-Networking Wow  
Fox Meadows Country Club  
7:30am to 9:00am
- 1/19-Safety Council Seminar  
PERRP Recordkeeping Workshop  
Weymouth Country Club 9:00am
- 1/24-State Legislative Update  
Westfield Group—The Blair Center  
Noon-1:30pm
- 1/25-Business After Business  
HHL  
5-7PM
- 1/26-Workplace Violence Seminar  
Weymouth Country Club  
8:00am to 10:30am

# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Program Committee					1
2	3	4 Member-ship Meet- ing	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Business Development Committee	15
16	17	18 Safety Council MCYPA	19 Net- working WOW	20	21	22
23	24 State Leg. Update	25 Bus After Bus.	26 Work- place Vio- lence	27	28	29

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## PERRP RECORDKEEPING WORKSHOP FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE BWC** Ohio public employers (townships, cities, counties, school districts, villages, etc) are now required to submit an annual injury and illness report to the BWC's Public Employment Risk Reduction Program (PERRP) on or before February 1, 2011. To assist with this State Mandated record keeping task, the **Medina County Safety Council** will host a special two hour breakfast workshop on **Wednesday, January 19, 2011** starting at 9am at **Weymouth Country Club**, 3946 Weymouth Road, Medina. Mr. Glenn McGinley, Compliance Investigator for the Ohio Public Employment Risk Reduction Program since 1998 will be the speaker. Cost is \$12 for the breakfast meeting. Please be sure to RSVP



The workshop will cover PERRP injury and illness recordkeeping requirements...what every public employer needs to know. For more information, please call Susan at the **Medina County Safety Council** 330-591-9281 or email [safety@medinaohchamber.com](mailto:safety@medinaohchamber.com).

## WORKPLACE SAFETY

The **Greater Medina Chamber** and the **Medina County Safety Council** invite you to join us at a **SPECIAL SEMINAR**, "Workplace Violence - Can It Happen To You". In the wake of the many shootings and violence at businesses, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and retail stores, we are planning a special 2 hour breakfast seminar in January. Wednesday, January 26th from 8:00am - 10:30am at **Weymouth Country Club** cost is \$12. Safety vouchers will be accepted. Our speakers will be: Larry J. Banaszak from Otterbein University and **Jim Bigam** from **Medina Hospital**. Be sure to rsvp as soon as possible. Larry Banaszak is the Security Director & Chief of Police at Otterbein University. He has extensive knowledge of safety practices and has developed among other things a safety program titled "Response to campus shooter" **Jim Bigam** is the Director of Security / Safety at **Medina Hospital** and has extensive knowledge & training in mass casualty preparation, police and fire investigations, campus and hospital safety. RSVP's are required [www.medinaohchamber.com](http://www.medinaohchamber.com) and visit the event calendar.

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to serve member investors and promote business interests through economic development, business advocacy and member services, which benefit the Greater Medina Community.

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2011 Membership Meetings

January 4, 2011  
**Williams on the Lake**  
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 11:30am-1:00pm

February 1, 2011  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

March 1, 2011  
 "Best of The Chamber"  
**Weymouth Country Club**  
 11:30am-1:00pm

April 5, 2011  
 Larry Johns, McJak Candy Company  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

May 3, 2011  
 Summa Health System, Tom Strauss & Dr. Surso  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

June 7, 2011  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

July & August—NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 6, 2011  
 State of the City, Medina Mayor Dennis Hanwell  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

October 4, 2011  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

November 1, 2011  
**Williams on the Lake**  
 787 Lafayette Rd, Medina  
 11:30am-1:00pm

Cost: Chamber Members & Guests \$16  
 Future Chamber Members \$21

December 13, 2011  
Annual Meeting & Holiday Luncheon  
**Weymouth Country Club**  
 11:30am-1:00pm

Annual Meeting Cost: Chamber Members & Guests \$21  
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