

# **Chamber Newsletter**

Happy Holidays! Spread some holiday cheer and tell a new or existing small business about getting a Chamber membership in 2024!

Linking Business with Community

December 2023

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The Chamber is thrilled to recognize these individuals and organizations at the 124th Annual Dinner Meeting in 2024! Page 6 & 7

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#### **VOTING INFORMATION:**

- Each participating house will be marked on an interactive map, which will be available at woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow
- Look for the entry number displayed on the Let It Glow yard sign
- Cast your vote by texting the number on the yard sign (1 – 30) to (520) 468-0267.
   Vote anytime between December 15 – December 29
- · Winners will be contacted and posted on social media

#### PRIZE CATEGORIES:

- Best in Show: \$100 prize Chosen by: MCTV
- Clark Griswold (most lights): \$100 prize
   Chosen by: McClintock Electric
- People's Choice: \$100 prize Chosen by: Community Vote

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### \* New Members



#### **Aspen Racquet Club**

No matter what draws you to the sport year after year — the physicality, the friendships, the competition - they want it to bring you to Aspen Racquet Club. Catering to players of all ages and abilities, Aspen Racquet Club is a first-rate indoor tennis hub right here in Wooster. Since opening its doors in 2018, ARC has provided its members and the public with the highest quality programming in a state-ofthe-art facility that spans 48,000 square feet. At Aspen Racquet Club, they aim to serve, support, and grow a vibrant local tennis and pickleball community.



#### **Chrysalis Family Solutions**

Chrysalis Family Solutions offers consultation, training, and comprehensive assessment and mental health treatment services. They serve agencies statewide but are passionate about serving local children, families, adults and couples. Chrysalis provides therapeutic interventions that are based on empirical research combined with years of clinical training and experience, with treatment goals tailored to meet the needs of each client. Honoring their core values of trust, collaboration, expertise, hope, and individualized care is of utmost importance to their team.



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#### Schlabach Funeral Home

Schlabach Funeral Home proudly serves Shreve and the surrounding areas in Wayne and Holmes County, Ohio. When you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you can trust Schlabach Funeral home to guide you through the process of honoring their life. Family owned and operated by the Schlabach family since 1983. The funeral home dates back to the late 1800's to when one of the first licensed embalmers in Ohio; Abraham Tidball, established his cabinetmaker / undertaker business in Shreve. Their staff is experienced in a variety of funeral services and can help you celebrate you loved one no matter your religion, culture, or budget

**Small Business** 

Webinars and

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, January 11

Tuesday, February 6

Orientation

Workshops

ECONOMIC INDICATORS							
	August 2022	September 2022	September 2023		August 2022	September 2022	September 2023
Unemployment, United States	3.8%	3.3%	3.6%	Labor Force, Employed Wayne County	57,600	57,500	59,100
Unemployment, Ohio	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	Labor Force, Unemployed Wayne County	2,000	1,800	1,700
Unemployment, Wayne County	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%	Wayne County Sales Tax by Month	\$1,259,660.76	\$1,406,827.90	NA

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### **Opening Doors and Minds to Wayne County Manufacturing**

## 9th Annual Manufacturing Day was a success!

The ninth annual Manufacturing Day was a great success as students from the local schools were able to visit 14 manufacturers across Wayne County! The students participated in hands-on activities, saw automation in action, learned about the various career paths available in the manufacturing field, and witnessed many of the cool things that are made locally.



Manufacturing Day is an annual event where high school students have the opportunity to visit top employers in Wayne County. It is a mutually beneficial program that connects the future workforce with employers in need of skilled labor.









#### Thank you to these manufacturers for participating in the day:





































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## \*Loyal to Local

## **Think local first** this holiday season

Take your Loyal to Local passport with you while you shop around the area through January 4 to receive a stamp for every purchase you make at any of the 110 participating businesses.



Collect enough stamps to fill the passport and submit it to the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce for a chance to win a grand prize package full of local goodies!

Turn in any completed passports before Monday, December 11 to be entered into an extra prize drawing for local treats. The winner will still be eligible to win a grand prize package.

be entered into an extra prize drawing for these great prizes!

- Coffee from Sure House Coffee Roasting Co.
- \$25 gift card to The Curry Pot





#### **GRAND PRIZES**

#### 'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCAL

- 2-night stay at Casa Mirabella Guest Hous \$250 gift card to National Design Mart
- \$70 gift certificate to
- Daivim Massage and Wellnes
- \$50 gift card to The Curry Pot \$50 gift card & goodies from Beef 'O' Brady's
- Lincoln Way Vineyards Katie Laxton purse from Ivory Roon
- Organized By Design (\$180 value)







#### **FA LA LA LOCAL** lex Yoga Sampler

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- Dry Needling, Reiki, Occupational Therapy, 1 Reformer Pilates Session for 3
- 4. 3 Sauna Sessions \$100 gift card to The Oaks Lakeside
- \$100 gift card to Muddy's
- A pair of Steel Blue Boots from the Hobart line in a ladies or men's from Tricor
- \$70 gift certificate to Daivim Massage and Wellness Gift Basket from F&H Ace Hardware
- \$50 gift certificate to Bullseye's Axe 1 free oil change, and 1 month of free car
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Casa Mirabella Guest

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City Square Steakhouse,

Clothing Warehouse, The Coblentz Chocolate

Coccia House Ristorante Pizzeria

Cookie Snob Daivim Massage and Wellness

Dream Face + Skin Bar

E&H Ace Hardware Embellish Tattoo

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Sweethaven of Shreve The Cigar Vault

The Curry Pot

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Village Catering Company Walnut Street Gallery

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**Wooster Gift Corner Wooster Natural Foods**  \* December Newsletter

## Young Professionals will host a gift exchange in December



Join the Young Professionals on Thursday, December 14 from 5-7 pm at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce. We will be celebrating the holidays with a local gift exchange! Please bring a \$10-15 gift to exchange from a local business. We will have drinks and light refreshments to enjoy throughout the evening. We hope to see you there!



Wooster Young Professionals is sponsored by:





Register at www.woosterchamber.com/young-professionals

## Safety Council will review electrical hazards everyone should be watching out for

The ability to identify electrical hazards in the workplace can prevent many harmful situations for employees, as well as raise awareness of the risks, and their severity.

Jim Miller and Rick

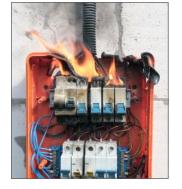
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Register at www.woosterchamber.com/wooster-area-safety-council

will present at the December 20 Safety Council meeting about Electrical Hazards and what employers can do to increase safety. Their presentation will cover storm preparedness, safety around power lines, and contractor safety.

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We hope you can join us for this month's session

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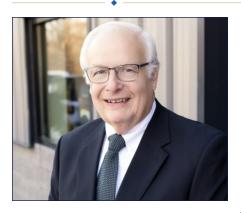
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## \* CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2024 AWARD RECIPIENTS \*



Bill DeRodes
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Jack O'Donnell Award Recipient for Community Service



Leo Miller

Leadership Wooster

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Guidetti
Mike Lezak Award Recipient
for Volunteer Service



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Save The Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

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Accepted by: Chad Kiefer



Board of Directors Award

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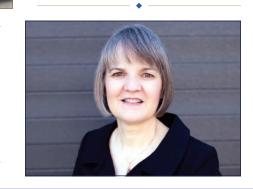


Accepted by: Paul Fryman



Accepted by: Robin Wisner

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## **Leadership Wooster Education Day was full of learning!**

November brought another insightful day to the Leadership Wooster class for Education Day. To kick it off, a panel of superintendents across the county shared their vision and experiences in the local schools. The class then traveled to Ida Sue where they learned about the numerous services the school provides and toured the facilities.

A highlight of the day was the presentations at the Wayne County Schools Career Center, where students shared about their programs and provided demonstrations. For lunch, the class traveled to the newly renovated Lowry Center at the College of Wooster. There, they heard from a panel of higher education experts from local institutions. It provided a helpful Q&A time as the class explored the enrollment and acceptance processes in higher ed.



At the end of the day, the class participated in a valuable Leadership Connection activity, led by Rodd Welker of Eagle Advisor Group. Each class member took a DISC assessment and they learned about their various leadership styles, strengths, and weaknesses. They learned how each style is valuable in the workplace and how they can all work together. It was an overall great day of learning!

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## **Upcoming Educational Series will cover Ohio's New Recreational Marijuana Law**



Kimberly Hall Partner, Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston

As an employer, you may have questions about the new law that passed about the recreational use of marijuana and what that means for your organization. The Chamber invites you to join us for an Educational Series with Kimberly Hall, an attorney with Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, on December 5 at the Chamber's conference room at 8 a.m. as she covers:

- Employment-related provisions in the recreational marijuana law.
- Key considerations for employers as they evaluate their policies and practices applicable to Ohio employees.

Kimberly Hall is an attorney out of Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston's Wooster office and is certified as a specialist by the Ohio State Bar Association in Labor and Employment Law. She assists employers in complying with state and federal employment laws, provides training to employers and assists with developing employment policies.

Light breakfast refreshments will be provided. We hope you can join us for this informational session!

Register at bit.ly/woochamberesmarijuana

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### 2023 Board Chair **Reflects on the Year**



Michael McClintock. President, McClintock Electric 2023 Board Chair

It's been my privilege and honor to serve as Chair for our Chamber throughout 2023. Although I was of course very familiar with the myriad number of programs and events our Chamber offered, working closely with Samira, her staff and our Board of Directors gave me a deep appreciation and understanding of the positive impact we make on our members and the overall community.

I was also very fortunate to assume my role with an organization that has remained fundamentally solid year after year because of previous strong leadership. Much of what I already believed to be integral to our mission of being an advocate for members in areas such as legislative advocacy and workforce development was already established, thereby giving

- Michael McClintock

me the opportunity to further those causes. I also enjoyed bringing monthly topics to our Board Meetings to better educate ourselves on what the Chamber does to further economic growth in our community.

I am grateful to the Chamber team and our members for allowing me to lead the Chamber throughout 2023 and look forward to working with Samira, her team and new leadership in 2024.

## THANK YOU

## Thank you to our **Outgoing Board Member!**

consistently led by strong leaders who volunteer their time and expertise to the organization's Board of Directors. This year, the Board has one member who has fulfilled his term which concludes at the end of 2023. Thank you for your time and dedication to the organization!



Chad Boreman. Partner, Boreman Norton Cook Wealth Partners

## **You're invited to a special Chamber Travel presentation!**

Join us at the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce to learn more about the opportunity to travel to Rome and the Amalfi Coast in the fall of 2024!

#### **MEETING DETAILS**

Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce building at 377 W. Liberty Street, Wooster









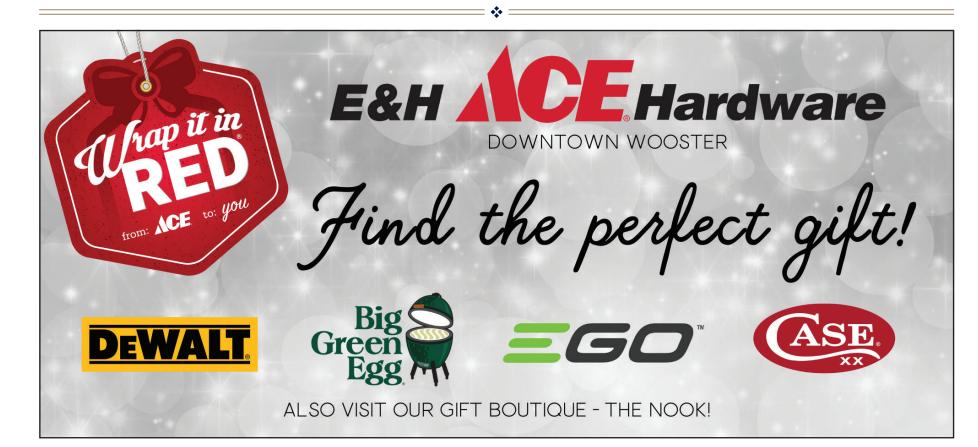
#### November 14 - 23, 2024

10 Days & 13 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch. 4 Dinners

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Rome, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Colosseum, Montecassino, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento. Farmhouse Visit and Mozzarella - Making Demonstration, Pompeii, Choice on Tour, Winery Visit and Lunch

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## Ribbon Cuttings

## **Congrats to The Curry Pot on official opening!**

Congratulations to The Curry Pot on their official ribbon cutting and grand opening!

The Curry Pot is an authentic Indian Restaurant, nestled in the heart of Wooster, Ohio. This vibrant establishment is a culinary haven for those seeking the rich and diverse flavors of Indian cuisine. Whether you're a seasoned lover of Indian cuisine or a newcomer eager to explore new flavors, The Curry Pot promises an unforgettable culinary adventure that will leave your taste buds delighted and your senses satisfied.



## **Book Your Next Getaway at Casa Mirabella Guest House**



Congratulations to Casa Mirabella Guest House on their official ribbon cutting!

Casa Mirabella Guest House is a short-term rental in a 1913 historic home on Beall Avenue in the heart of Wooster. New property owners Juan and Carla Reyes are honoring its legacy while adding their own appreciation for Latin American hospitality and contemporizing the short-term stay experience. Reservations for any of its five private bedrooms can be made online through AirBnb.

## **Congratulations to Kiki's Kreations** on holding an official ribbon cutting!

Congratulations to Kiki's Kreations on their official ribbon cutting! Kaley creates custom charcuterie boards and grazing tables to meet all of your events or special occasion needs. Check out her Instagram at kikis\_kreations4you or contact her today at 330-621-6001



## \* Ribbon Cuttings

## **Congratulations to Freeman Building Systems on their official ribbon cutting!**



Freeman Building Systems has relocated their office space to 580 Venture Boulevard. After their ribbon cutting, they hosted a Business After Hours to give Chamber members a chance to tour their new space.



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## **Congrats to the Wayne County Health Department on their new location!**

Congratulations to the Wayne County Health Department on their ribbon cutting at their new location at 244 W South Street! The Health Department works with community partners to promote and protect the health and social well-being of all Wayne County residents and the environment. They can be



contacted at 330-264-9590 or at 330-264-1942 to schedule an appointment.

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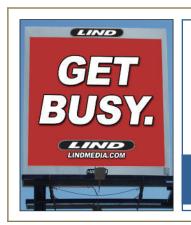
Wishing you a joyful and festive holiday season!



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