

# Chamber Newsletter

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January 2023

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## Welcome McClintock as 2023 Chair and new board members



Michael McClintock President, McClintock Electric 2023 Chair

Michael McClintock, President, McClintock Electric, has been named the 2023 Wooster Chamber Board of Directors Chair.

Mike has been involved with McClintock Electric full-time since 1977 and assumed the position of president in 1993. He is also a second-generation owner of the business. His resume includes an Associate of Applied Science degree from the University of Akron in Electronic Technology and 15 years in the field as a journeyman electrician. Additionally,

Mike holds State licenses as a certified Electrical Contractor and Certified Fire Alarm installation Contractor.

Under Mike's leadership,
McClintock Electric continues
providing the quality service
and craftsmanship that has
kept it a growing, viable
company for over half a
century. They help their clients
navigate the increasingly
complex decisions that need



made when they decide to make improvements or changes to the myriad types of electrical, communication, networking, security, fire alarm, card access and other systems they support.

Mike is an active member of the community through his company and is involved with the Wooster Noon Lions Club. He sits on the board of United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties, as well as the board of Wayne Center for the Arts. The Chamber appreciates his experience and looks forward to his leadership in 2023.



**Chad Kauffman** Founder & CEO, Kitty Poo Club



Kimberly Hall
Partner, Critchfield,
Critchfield & Johnston



Rodd Welker President, Eagle Advisor Group

The Chamber is excited to announce the addition of three new board members this year! Chad Kauffman, Founder & CEO of Kitty Poo Club, Kimberly Hall, Partner at Critchfield, Critchfield & Johnston, and Rodd Welker, President of Eagle Advisor Group will serve through 2028.

Chad Kauffman is a born entrepreneur. He developed Kitty Poo Club as a solution for an everyday problem that cat-owners experience: the litter box. He is an experienced President with a demonstrated history of working in the plastics industry and is a strong business development professional with a BSBA focused in Marketing and International Business from Appalachian State University.

Kimberly Hall is the chair of Critchfield's Employment Law Practice Group and is a member of the Litigation Practice Group. She focuses her practice on counseling employers in employment law matters and regularly assists employers in complying with the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family and

Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. Kim is also experienced in defending employers in collective action/class action wage and hour lawsuits.

Rodd Welker has vast experience in leading and empowering others, maximizing their potential and performance. He facilitates leadership development for companies and organizations nationwide, provides executive coaching for top execs as well as emerging leaders, and conducts adventure-based teambuilding. Rodd has more than 35 years of managerial and executive leadership experience in business, higher education and non-profit organizations.

These three individuals bring great experience and perspectives to the Board of Directors, and the Chamber looks forward to their involvement in the coming years.



To meet our new 2023 Board of Directors, please visit woosterchamber.com/board-of-directors

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### \* New Members



#### Beef 'O' Brady's

Beef 'O' Brady's is a neighborhood pub where friends and families could gather to enjoy good food and sports in a fun, comfortable atmosphere. With a variety of bar food and healthy options Beef 'O' Brady's is sure to please every member of the family. Jason and Michelle Holcomb wanted to provide a people over profits environment where each teammate and guest can feel at home. Beef 'O' Brady's offers daily food and drink specials throughout the week. Their World Class Service standards and their attention to detail really shine through with the quality and portion sizes of their food. They can't wait to serve you at Beef's!



#### **Ruoff Mortgage**

Ruoff Mortgage is a national mortgage banker based in Fort Wayne, Indiana established in 1984. Ohio offices were established in 2017 and the company continues to grow brick and mortar in multiple states including Kentucky, West Virginia, Michigan, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina. They are licensed in 48 states

Their Medina office location with 11 licensed loan officers services all of Ohio but concentrates on Medina Wayne, Richland, Cuyahoga and Summit Counties. They are available 24/7 for any residential mortgage needs and look forward to serving the Wooster and surrounding areas!



#### **Scott Dental Group**

Dr. Tyler Scott, DDS recently acquired the practice of Dr. Alexander Difilippo, DDS, now under the name Scott Dental Group. The dental practice is conveniently located at the north end of Wooster at 178 East Milltown Road. Scott Dental Groups is a general dental practice that offers several advanced services including Invisalign, oral appliances for sleep apnea and tongue tie revisions for infants. The practice utilizes the latest dental technology including dental lasers, 3D scanning and printing for our Wooster community. For more information about Scott Dental Group, visit www.scottdentalgroup.com.



#### SHC/The Link

The Link Day Program is a social, recreational, and educational day program provided by The Society. They provide new and meaningful experiences to adult individuals with developmental disabilities with primary emphasis on the development of skills that facilitate community integration. Their primary focus is on individuals' interests with an emphasis on personal growth, employment skills, and freedom of choice.

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#### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS** September 2022 October 2021 October 2022 September 2022 October 2021 October 2022 Labor Force, Employed Unemployment, 4.3% 3.4% 58.500 58.400 58.500 United States Wayne County Unemployment, Labor Force, Unemployed 3.8% 4.1% 1,700 1,800 1.900 Wayne County Unemployment **Wavne County Sales** 2.9% 2.9% 3.1% \$1,406,827,90 \$1.197.034.15 Wayne County Tax by Month

#### 2023 Board of Directors

#### **Executive Board**

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Chad Boreman Past Chair, Boreman Norton Cook Wealth Partners

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UPCOMING DATES

Thursday, January 12

Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 1

Orientation

Workshops

### \* New Members

## Wooster YPs to kickoff Young Professionals new year with session



The Wooster Young Professionals will gather in January for a professional development session to kick off the new year!



Michelle Barrios with Vision 4 Your Life, LLC will lead the group in a Leadership Gold Interactive Training. Key points in this training

 No One Gets To The Stop Working And Top Alone

How To Lead

Yourself

- Get In The Zone
- Get Real: Your First Responsibility
- How To Handle **Defining Moments And Criticism**
- Leaders Never Stop Learning
- People Quit People: How To Be A Leader Worth Following
- What Will Be Your Leadership Legacy

The session will be held on January 24 from 12 – 1 p.m. Lunch will be included. Please register at woosterchamber.com/youngprofessionals if you would like to attend.

Register at woosterchamber.com/young-professionals

## **Young Professionals gather** for a local gift exchange

The Wooster Young Professionals gathered at the Chamber to do a local gift exchange in December! It was an evening with a lot of laughs and local favorites. We greatly appreciate Cheeky's Twisted Eatz and Sassy Shay's for providing the delicious appetizers, and Cherry Top Cookie Shop for the festive cookies!



Wooster Young Professionals is sponsored by:





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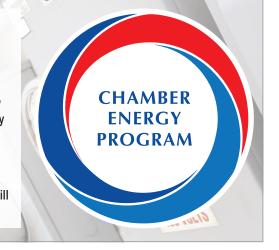
Save the Date! Community Energy Advisors will be coming to the Chamber on February 8 at 12 p.m. to share how Chamber Members can save on their electric and gas bills. Did you know electric rates are expected to increase come June? Learn how you can lock in your rate, improve your energy assets, and save big with Community **Energy Advisors!** 

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Register to attend at woosterchamber.com/educationalseries.

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# **Certified Angus Beef hosts December BAH in new print shop**

In December, Certified Angus Beef hosted a Business After Hours at their new warehouse and print shop! Chamber members gathered together to tour the new facility and enjoyed festive drinks, delicious beef, and appetizers. Attendees were also



treated to a dessert station provided by Miss Amy's Bakery

The warehouse, located at 147 Riffel Road, houses the Brand Store products, marketing materials, and more. You can shop the Certified Angus Beef Brand Store at shop.certifiedangusbeef.com.

We greatly appreciate the team at Certified Angus Beef for hosting such a wonderful event and opening their doors to our members. It was an evening full of camaraderie and tasty treats!













Join us for a special Business After Hours celebrating the 50th anniversary of RBB Systems! On February 9 from 4:30 to 6:30, Chamber members are invited to mingle and celebrate at RBB. located at 1909 Old Mansfield Rd. in Wooster. The evening will include drinks, appetizers, and door prizes, alongside manufacturing tours.

RBB was established in 1973 as an industrial engineering services firm. For many years, their engineers designed, assembled, and installed control systems for OEMs and other manufacturing to also become a printed circuit board manufacturer. Through their many years of service, RBB has developed a unique approach to which has been proven to lower



client costs and ensure they provide superior service.

We are excited to celebrate with this longstanding community business! Please register at woosterchamber.com/businessafter-hours if you plan to attend.

## \* Home & Garden Show



# **Save the Date! For the 32nd Annual Wayne County Home & Garden Show**

It may be cold now, but warmer days are ahead! The 32nd Annual Wayne County Home & Garden Show returns to the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 29, and Sunday, April 30.

With children's activities, a plant sale and traditional fair food concessions in addition to exhibits, the event offers something for

everyone. Exhibitors have found it the perfect place to feature their products and services to the public, and participation in the show includes booth space, backdrops and side curtains, electric and water, plus advertising to households all across the area.

The event is the longest-running spring show in the area with an amazing variety of innovative home products and services. Learn more and register to be a vendor at www.woosterchamber.com/wayne-county-home-garden-show.









Wayne County Home&Garden

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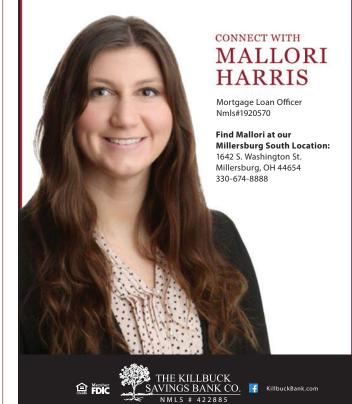
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# **Join us at our next Business After Hours celebrating RBB Systems**



environments. They later expanded electronic assembly manufacturing,

# \* CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS \*



Bill Sheron Wall of Fame Recipient



**Robin Carlton** Jack O'Donnell Award Recipient for Community Service



Leadership Wooster

Award Recipient

**Travis Mills** Mike Lezak Award Recipient for Volunteer Service







### The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to the 123rd Annual Dinner on March 23, 2023

The Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to once again gather our Chamber membership together to celebrate those who have made extraordinary accomplishments in our community through the years. We will also celebrate the Chamber's longstanding history of supporting the business community and promoting economic growth.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 23 at Greystone Event Center. The Annual Dinner Meeting is the single largest gathering of the Chamber's membership and promises to be a grand evening. We invite you to join us for social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m. and awards at 7 p.m.

> To make reservations, call the Chamber at (330) 262-5735 or email Grace Howell, Events and Programming Coordinator, at ghowell@woosterchamber.com.













Accepted by: Amy Demlow



Accepted by: Jason Carrick





WorthyWorks Award

Accepted by: Sara Reith





Accepted by: Natasha Wood





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# Wooster sparkles and shines for Let It Glow

The third annual Let It Glow competition spread holiday cheer across the area again this year. With 30 decked-out homes, and a special musical display at the Chamber building, each stop was unique and a worthy contestant.

Friends and families toured the route spanning the 44691 area to enjoy the houses adorned in lights, wreaths, lawn ornaments, and more! Votes for the People's Choice award were collected through January 1 and will be announced on the Chamber's social media and included in the February edition of the newsletter. Stay tuned!

Thank you to everyone who participated this year and spread joy throughout our community!



A special thank you to our contest sponsors:





To learn more about the third annual Let It Glow light competition, visit woosterchamber.com/let-it-glow

# **Shoppers stay Loyal to Local this holiday season**

Over 90 businesses across the area participated in the Loyal to Local holiday passport program this year. Shoppers took their passports



to the various businesses to collect stamps for the amount of their purchases. Passports were collected through January 5 and winners of the grand prizes will be announced on the Chamber's social media and in the February edition of the newsletter.

Shopping locally supports your friends and neighbors while contributing to the unique character of your community. Each purchase is an investment in a dream and inspires the spirit of your town.









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# Safety Council

# **Join us for Safety Council in January** to hear from Sedgwick on Navigating Ohio's Workers' Compensation System

sedgwick.

**MEETING DETAILS** 

Navigating Ohio's Workers'

Date: Wednesday, January 25

Compensation System":

The 10 Most Important

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

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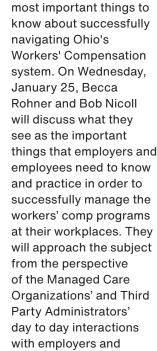
**Topic:** Successfully

Things To Know

Location:



Account Executive Sedgwick



Wooster Area Safety Council is going to start

off 2023 with the 10

Program Manager

employees. They will share best practices related to both claim and cost management.

Bob is a Program Manager and just celebrated his 25th year with Sedgwick. During his time with Sedgwick, he has served in various positions from sales to customer service. His responsibilities now include assisting Sedgwick's group rating chamber sponsors and their members with the administration of Sedgwick's group rating and claim management programs. Prior to joining Sedgwick, Bob worked in the commercial property and casualty field for 15 years.

Becca has a BA in Rehabilitation Services from Wright State University and has over 20 years of Workers Comp experience. She has held

several positions within Sedgwick MCO including claims management, training new colleagues and management. She currently holds the role of Account Executive and serves clients across the state of Ohio, providing seamless solutions to help injured employees recover, and helping clients control expenses and reduce lost workdays.

Registration is available at bit.ly/woochambersafetyjan2023

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## **The Leadership Wooster Class explored Arts, Religion & Inclusion in December**

Throughout the year, Leadership Wooster explores different facets in the community and learn how those aspects tie into leadership. This past month, the class learned about the Arts in Wooster, the different religions in the area, and how to be more inclusive.

To start the day off, the class participated in an activity that helped them embrace their differences. Sherry Leggett and Laura Newberry -Yokley from Certified Angus Beef presented on a Respectful Workplace. They then traveled to the

Leadership Wooster

Ohio Light Opera, where Laura Neill gave a tour of the facilities and shared how everything comes together for the shows each summer.

Next, they traveled to the Church of the Nazarene for a tour, lunch provided by Basil, and religion round tables. They closed out the tours by traveling to Wayne Center for the Arts and learned about all of the programming they provide.

To finish the day, Rodd Welker taught CQ Your Bias which brings awareness to the inherent biases we all have and may unknowingly project. It was a day full of learning and growth opportunities and helped bring light to all of the wonderful diversity and art opportunities in our area

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We were excited to celebrate the opening of Cor-Tech's new office at 243 East

Cor-Tech International LLC is a full-service staffing agency that assists companies with all of their hiring needs. Their mission is to bring together the real

opportunities that employees seek with the talented workforce requirements that

We are glad to have Cor-Tech as an active member in Wayne County and look forward to their growth in their new space!



# **Chamber celebrates CorTech on new** office location with ribbon cutting!



Liberty Street with a ribbon cutting!

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