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A successful year under **Board Chair Paul Williams**



PAUL WILLIAMS President. Wooster Motor Ways

The Chamber would like to congratulate the 2017 Chamber Chair of the Board, Mr. Paul Williams, on a successful year. Under his leadership the Chamber completed the interior reconfiguration and upgrade to the organization's facility located at 377 West Liberty Street. Paul played an integral role in securing direct funding and in-kind contributions from various businesses and individuals throughout the community. These funds positioned the Chamber to undergo the project without seeking the assistance from outside financing. Additionally, it supports the current and future operations of the Chamber's close partners in Main Street Wooster and the Wayne County Farm Bureau.

Williams has also volunteered a significant amount of his own time to various Chamber initiatives, programs

and events. From leading ticket sales at Woosterfest to offering his professional advisement in the Chamber Wayne Economic Forum, Williams has brought significant value to the organization throughout his tenure as a board member and most recently as his year as Chair.

The Chamber Staff, Board of Directors and Members thank Mr. Paul Williams for his leadership in 2017!



Front Left to Right - Past Chairs of the Board - Mark Morrison, Dan Plumly, Charles Daughtery, Stephen Webster, Lesley Mast - Back Left to Right - Paul Williams, Steve Matthew, Dee Vaidya, Doug Drushal, Greg Long, Ted Bogner, Patrick Neyhart

Past Chairs recognize Williams Year of Leadership

A wide variety of community leaders, current board members and past board chairs convened at The Wooster Country Club on Tuesday December 12 to recognize Paul Williams year of Board leadership. Williams was joined by a number of past Board Chairs in celebrating a year that moved the organization forward in a number of aspects.



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Welcome **New Members**



• Wooster Chocolate Company:

Our focus at Wooster Chocolate Company is the actual chocolate itself. We are a bean-to-bar boutique factory, with a fun, but cozy seating area where you can sit and enjoy our rich, delicious drinking chocolate (a treat you have to experience to understand). We are currently selling our chocolate as quickly as we can make it! We are working to build up our chocolate production, as it was limited during the move. As that happens, we plan to add a wider array of confections, gift boxes, and other delightful surprises! Please follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to see daily specials, and updates on our offerings!



Studio Irie:

Studio Irie is a yoga & barre studio nestled in downtown Wooster, OH. At Studio Irie we hope to help you achieve that and so much more. Each of our instructors is here to help you focus on health, healing, and balance in your practice. To enjoy life one must be Irie... 323 East Liberty Street fb.com/studioirieyoga



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• Jus B Media:

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Small Business Development Centers

The Ohio Small Business Development Center at Kent State University at Stark conducts a workshop each month at the Chamber office for individuals interested in starting a small business or those in the early stages of business formation. This information-packed program provides an overview of all issues related to starting a business.

WHEN & WHERE

Wednesday, February 7th, 2018 2 – 4pm in the Schaeffler Conference Room

WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 377 West Liberty Street Wooster, OH 44691

> Register online at: www.cantonsbdc.org
>
> A small materials fee applies.



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Downtown Huntington Business After Hours Recap

On Tuesday, December 5th, members of the Wooster Area Chamber of Commerce enjoyed our annual Holiday Business After Hours at Huntington Bank in downtown Wooster. Guests enjoyed a wonderful spread prepared by the Wooster Inn, as well as a live harpist as they



celebrated the holiday season. Joy was had by all as two gift baskets donated by the Wooster Inn and Minglewood Distilling Co. were given away. Huntington Regional President, William Shivers, welcomed attendees and thanked all of those who came out. He expressed his gratitude toward Wooster and said he hopes Huntington can become more involved in the community in the coming years. The Chamber would like to thank William and his staff at Huntington Bank for their hospitality and for making this annual event a joyous time for all in attendance.



Chamber members network at Huntington Bank Business After Hours in Downtown Wooster



From Left to Right - Sandy Upperman, Senior Regional Vice President and William Shivers Regional President of Huntington Bank welcome Chamber Staff Justin Starlin, President and Samira Zimmerly, Events and Program Administrator, to their downtown branch.

Welcome New 2018 **Board Members**



CHAD BOREMAN Partner, Boreman-Norton-Cook Wealth Partners





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Chamber Opens Doors to Community

On Thursday, December 14 the Chamber hosted an open house for members and community members to have the opportunity to view the upgraded Chamber facility. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvre and drinks from various local eateries. This was the official kick-off to the facility being open to its members and community partners. The Chamber Staff and Board of Directors would like to thank all who stopped by that evening.





Dec. Safety Council Recap: Creating a Healthy Workplace

The Wooster Area Safety Council finished 2017 strong by meeting on Wednesday, December 13th. Those in attendance heard from Sherry Leggett and Dr. Marianne Bowden of Certified Angus Beef. The duo teamed up to tackle the subject of how to create a psychologically healthy workplace.

Sherry began the presentation by getting the group up and moving. She then outlined some potential job stressors such as low pay and benefits, poor

communication, and favoritism. Sherry explained that in order to create a psychologically healthy workplace, there needs to be a balance between factors such as employee recognition, health and safety, work-life balance, employee involvement, and growth and development. In the center of all this is communication. Sherry noted that there are five components of a psychologically healthy workplace. These five components are physical, social, emotional, financial, and intellectual. Dr. Marianne Bowden finished out the

presentation by leading the group through several relaxation techniques including Belly Button Breathing, Progressive Relaxation, and Guided Imagery. We would like to thank Sherry and Dr. Bowden for taking the time out of their day to present to the group.

As we finish out the year, we would like to thank Memories Party & Conference Center for their hospitality the past 10+ years. Due to the closing of Memories, the Wooster Area Safety Council will be relocating to First Presbyterian Church in Wooster starting in January. Best wishes to the wonderful staff and ownership at Memories.





Sherry Leggett (L) and Dr. Marianne Bowden of Certified Angus Beef present on how to create a psychologically healthy workplace to Wooster Area Safety Council.

Upcoming Topic: Foot and Ankle Health while at Work



DR. JEFFREY WUNNINGFoot & Ankle Center of Ohio



The Wooster Area Safety Council will meet on Wednesday, January 24th to hear from Dr. Jeffrey Wunning of the Foot & Ankle Center of Ohio. Dr. Wunning will be discussing the importance of foot and ankle health in the workplace.

Dr. Wunning is a Foot and Ankle Specialist and Surgeon at the Foot and Ankle Center of Ohio in Wooster. He received his doctorate in Podiatric Medicine from Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in



2009. Prior to that, he graduated with his Bachelor of Science Biology from North Central College in 2005. Dr. Wunning is Board Certified by both the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgery. Outside of work, Dr. Wunning is an avid runner. Running Cross Country and Track in college, Dr. Wunning went on to run several marathons, qualifying for the Boston Marathon four times.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM with the presentation beginning at noon. Please note that this month's meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Wooster. If you have any questions regarding the new location, please contact Grant Delaney at gdelaney@woosterchamber.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

To register for this event visit: bit.ly/2Cf420k



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Local Area Ribbon Cuttings

A ribbon cutting was held on Thursday, November 30th to welcome C R Blooms to their new location on Smithville Western Road in Wooster. The Chamber was thrilled to take part in the celebration. C R Blooms has been serving the Wooster area for over 28 years. If you are looking for anything floral related, make sure to stop down and talk to one of their experts.



Justin Starlin, of the Wooster Chamber (L) watches as Cheryl Boreman, owner of CR Blooms cuts the ribbon to the company's new home on Smithville Western Road just west of Cleveland Road.





WOOSTER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EDUCATIONAL SERIES



Human Resources 101



JENNIFER ISAACS Director of Human Resources, Stratos Wealth Partners

The Chamber will hold its first Educational Series of 2018 on Tuesday, January 23rd from 11:30 am to 1 pm in the Schaeffler Community Conference Room located at the Chamber. Jennifer Isaacs, Director of Human Resources for Stratos Wealth Partners, will be addressing the topic of HR 101.

Jennifer started her career in 1998 with Smith Barney, where she worked as an Operations Manager. After the merger with Morgan Stanley, she served as the Senior Risk Officer in the San Diego, CA complex of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. In 2016, Jennifer joined the Stratos Wealth Partners team where she currently holds the position of Director of Human Resources.

If you have any questions regarding this presentation, please contact the Wooster Chamber at 330-262-5735. We hope you will join us as we kick off our 2018 Educational Series Program.

To register for this event visit: bit.ly/2le2prw

A FREE PROGRAM TO MEMBERS

WHEN & WHERE

Tuesday, January 23rd 11:30am - 1pm

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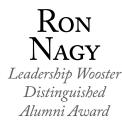
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Leadership Wooster students Tour Wooster Health Centers

The Leadership Wooster class met on Wednesday, December 6th to focus on Health & Wellness in the community. The day started at the Wooster Community Hospital where the class heard about different services provided. The hospital offered a tour of the Outpatient Pavilion. The class traveled to HealthPoint to learn about all of the offerings and tour the facility. The next stop was at the Cleveland Clinic to learn about the offerings and changes that the Clinic has made recently. The class learned about mindful eating and participated in some exercise with yoga & a salsa dance lesson. The Wooster community is very fortunate to have such dynamic health & wellness offerings available!







Jamie Parsons, Executive Director of The Viola Startzman Clinic, shares an overview of the clinic to Leadership Wooster participants.



Christine Canter, Owner of Studio Irie in downtown Wooster, holds an introductory session of yoga for the Leadership Wooster class at The Cleveland Clinic.



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Our Featured Students



JOEL GRASSMAN Claims Manager, Wayne Insurance Group



Why did you decide to participate in Leadership Wooster? Wayne Insurance Group is heavily involved in the community and the company feels Leadership Wooster is a great opportunity to encourage community involvement from their employees.



CHRISTINE LINDEMAN



Executive Director, Boys & Girls Club of Wooster

What brought you to Wooster/Wayne County? I grew up in Wooster. After attending college and spending some time on either coast, I came home, and ultimately found an opportunity with BGCW. Boys & Girls Club is a great way to give back to the community that raised me.



CURT DENNING

City of Wooster, Public Properties Maintenance Division Manager

Your favorite thing about Wooster/Wayne County? People taking care of one another especially in times of need and the outpouring of generosity of monies and time when community projects are being funded and constructed.



HEATHER KINER

Farmers National Bank AVP, Branch Manager



Something people wouldn't know about you? I was very fortunate at a young age to have a passion for the banking industry and helping people with their finances. I started working at a banking center when I was 16 years old. I am now approaching my 23rd year working in banking. I have a great passion for helping customers, providing good customer service, and being a trusted partner with my customers during some of the most important decisions in their lives.







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Being a Perfect Team Player

The Young Professionals met on Tuesday, December 12th for a special Professional Development Luncheon. Rodd Welker, Partner at Eagle Advisor Group, addressed the topic of what makes the perfect team player. Rodd discussed that in order to be the ideal team player, one must have the right balance of humility, hunger, and smarts. We would like to thank Rodd Welker for taking the time to educate our YP's, as well as Buckeye Deli for catering the event.



Rodd Welker, Partner at Eagle Advisor Group, shares with the Young Professionals, the qualities that typically make up an ideal team player in the workplace.

YP Holiday Social a Favorite!

The Wooster Young Professionals rounded out the year by meeting at Coccia House on Wednesday, December 13th. Those in attendance enjoyed pizza and appetizers as they celebrated the holiday season together. We would like to thank the YP's who braved the snowy conditions to be with us as well as Coccia House for graciously hosting!





Despite a snowy night, a good number of Young Professionals attended a social event featuring great food and drinks at

UPCOMING 2018 EVENTS

Join us Wednesday, January 10th from 5-7pm at H2 Huth & Harris Wine Merchants to kick off the new year! RSVP at: bit.lv/2kQNZ0i



211 South Market Street, Wooster

Join us Tuesday, February 6th from 5-7pm at Studio Irie! RSVP at: bit.ly/2BgSLv8



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What's Happening January 2017

JAN 7 **WOOSTER BRIDAL SHOW**

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JAN 12 - 17 **WAYNE ARTISTS GROUP EFFORT EXHIBIT**

Annual art exhibit highlights the work of local artists in a wide variety of media. Join us for an artists reception Jan. 1 at 7 PM. Wayne Center for the Arts Daily, 330-264-2787 wayneartscenter.org

JAN 13 - 14 **WOOSTER OILERS** JR. HOCKEY GAMES

NA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice Noble Ice Arena Sat 7:45 PM, Sun 1 PM woosteroilers.com

JAN 14 FACULTY RECITAL-COREY SHOTWELL, VOICE

Gault Recital Hall, College of Wooster 7:30 PM 330-263-2419 wooster.edu

JAN 15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. **CELEBRATION**

Guest speaker, Jeanine Donaldson. 5:00 pm dinner, advance purchase only dinner tickets \$8.00 each. Buy tickets at: First Presbyterian Church in Wooster (330-264-9420), Trinity United Church of Christ (330-264-9250), NAACP Wooster/Orrville Chapter #3208 (330-804-4203) First Presbyterian Church 7 PM 330-264-9420

JAN 17 MUSIC ON MARKET: "HIROYA TSUKAMOTO"

G"Cinematic Guitar Poetry." A blend of East and West, New and Old. Free-will offering collected. Wooster United Methodist Church 7 PM 330-262-5641 fb.com/MusiconMarketWooster

JAN 17 WOOSTER BREWFEST

Area Brewmasters present their finest creations along with delicious selections from Wooster's independent restaurateurs to benefit the Wayne Center for the Arts. Wooster Hospitality Transit, Inc. 5-10 PM 330-264-2787 brewfestwooster.com

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JAN 20 PROGRAM "LIFE WITH EIGHT SIDES" SPEAKERS GORDON **AND LYNNE BURY**

Ken Miller Gas and Oil Museum 1 PM 330-464-4382 shreveohio.comg

JAN 20 PERFORMANCE SERIES: "MUSIC WITH STEVE FREE"

Sonnenberg Village 7 PM 330-857-9111 kidronhistoricalsociety.org

JAN 20 WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAME

NA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice Noble Ice Arena 7:45 PM woosteroilers.com

JAN 20 - 21 JUNE IN JANUARY, **OUTDOOR LIVING PREVIEW**

An outdoor living preview event featuring local Wayne County Businesses. Helpful seminars, creative displays, refreshments and drawings. Buchwalter Greenhouse Sat 10 AM-4 PM 330-669-3489 juneinjanuary.com

JAN 21 VOICES FROM THE PAST: "MUSIC WITH STEVE FREE"

Tickets available at the historical society or Local Roots. Wayne County Historical Society 2 PM 330-264-8856 waynehistoricalohio.org

JAN 27 WOOSTER OILERS JR. HOCKEY GAME

NA3HL Junior Hockey Club. Alice Noble Ice Arena 7:45 PM woosteroilers.com

JAN 27 YOUTH BOWFEST

Youth Archery Instruction Workshop at the indoor archery range, 3018 W. Smithville-Western Rd. Wooster. We have all the equipment neecessary. Wayne County Federation of Conservation Clubs 9 AM 330-466-0067 fb.com/waynecountyarchers

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JAN 28 WOOSTER CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES-IMANI WINDS

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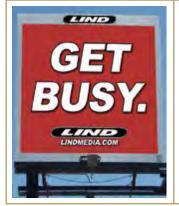
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