

Troy Area Chamber of Commerce 2007 Annual Report

The Chamber had the honor to recognize the following individuals and organization for their contribution to the community:

Ralph Grilliot (Individual) Community Service Award
Partners In Hope (Group) Community Service Award
Paul Gibboney, Outstanding Educator
Wanda Lukens, Distinguished Citizen
Joe Dickerson, A. Robert Davies MD Memorial Outstanding Young Man
Carol Hines Milota, Shirley Culp Davies Memorial Outstanding Young Woman



Jim Stubbs
Past Chairman of the Board

The Chamber's public relations team, better known as the Ambassadors pulled out the red carpet for area businesses with over 40 events.

The Miami County Chambers Small Business Council had a very successful year in its sixth year of countywide programming. A total of four Dale Carnegie "Business Advancement" seminars were held with more than 200 individuals attending over the year.

- i) Successfully Leading People – A Cram Course for Supervisors
- ii) How to run meetings that accomplish something
- iii) Creating a positive work environment and enthusiastic people
- iv) How to conquer workplace stress / Stress Management

Women In Networking in its 22nd year, continued to have a strong response to its monthly luncheons held at the Troy Hayner Cultural Center. The fifteenth "Invest in Yourself" seminar on the topic of "Measuring Up" brought women out of their place of business for an exciting day long program.

For the Troy Development Council 2007 was not quite the whirlwind year of 2006. However, we still experienced approximately \$100 million in new capital asset investment by industries throughout our community. F & P America initiated a \$60 million expansion which should be completed in early 2008. F-Tech, the parent company to F & P, established its research and development center in Troy earlier this year. Additionally, two new Japanese companies have located small operations in the Troy area. They are; US Koshin, a manufacturing engineering business and Prex, a division of Hanano Corporation, which produces material for the plastic injection molding industry.

The Troy Strawberry Festival turned the "spotlight" on Troy in 2007 with a theme of "Strawberryville". Chair, Tom Cooney along with approximately 70 committee chairs and hundreds of volunteers worked throughout the year on the 31st Festival. The Committee celebrated successful results despite a rainy close to the festival.

The Miami County Chambers Legislative Committee played an effective role in keeping the chamber members abreast of the local, state and federal issues. Our local committee joined together with the other county chambers to strengthen the area efforts. Chamber members were able to participate in several legislative events including the annual State of the City, State of the County, State Legislative Update, Congressman John Boehner Legislative update luncheons. In 2007 two new additional luncheon programs were added with State of the Base and the Dayton International Airport update luncheons. Our committee is also part of the LEAD legislative group that includes 23 area chambers.

The Human Resource Council met quarterly during the year to provide a networking forum on personnel issues for our members. The Council held four "Human Resource Professionals" leadership seminars, as follows:

- i) Internet Technology
- ii) Ohio Legislative Update – Immigration – Wage and Hour
- iii) CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS: Tools to Talking when Stakes are High
- iv) What the heck happened? An Employment Law Update

In addition to the highly acclaimed OSHA 10/30 Hour General Industry Outreach Training Program the Council also offered its free sixth annual, county-wide money management seminar on six different topics:

- i) Financial planning
- ii) Long Term Care
- iii) Tax planning
- iv) Trusts and wills
- v) Elder Law
- vi) College Planning and Admissions

The Council worked with area county chambers to conduct the annual wage, salary and benefit survey. The HR Council also continues to assist with workforce development.

Our Membership Committee was active in recruitment and retention efforts. The Chamber enjoyed welcoming almost 40 new members into our fold this year.

This year marked the 24th graduating class for the Troy Leadership program. Leadership Troy has graduated almost 500 people, including the Class of 2007. The Leadership Troy program once again sponsored the "Meet The Candidates" night.

The Teen Leadership Troy program celebrating its tenth year graduated over 250 students. In cooperation with The Troy Foundation, members of this year's program participated in the Project GIFT (Grants Investing in the Future of Troy.) This initiative distributed funding in the total amount of \$5,000 to twelve non-profit organizations. This project continues to prove to be extremely rewarding not only to the recipients but also to the teen participants.

The Chamber continued its strong efforts to promote our business community through the highly popular Business After Hours. Many members enjoyed this excellent networking opportunity in thanks to our 2007 hosts:

Troy City Schools
ProCare Vision Center
CBS Personnel Services
Andy's Garden
First Title of Miami County
Bakehouse Bread & Cookie Company
The Troy Foundation
Partners In Hope
Troy New Car Dealers: Arbogast, Erwin Chrysler, Joe Johnson and Troy Ford
OneCallNow
Wright Patt Credit Union
Troy Civic Theatre

Other promotional events included the Annual Dinner; Golf Outing; Recognition Banquet and the Annual Outing. The Chamber is also proud of its website which receives much internet traffic on a weekly basis, www.troyohiochamber.com.

As can be seen by the year in review your chamber has had quite an active year in 2007. Again these accomplishments would not be possible without the support of the members, Board of Directors, committee chairs and volunteers as well as our dedicated staff, Chuck Cochran, Maria Ariga, Sabra Johnson, Vivian Blair and Joan Thayer.

The Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, helping to build a great organization one member at a time now enters the 69th year of service to the Troy area business community.

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2007 Chairman of the Board
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