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TWENTY SEVEN GRADUATE FROM SIDNEY-SHELBY COUNTY CHAMBER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Pictured L-R—Vicki Ruhe, Amy West, Jessica Hammaker, Eric Shoemaker, Doug Westerheide, Lora Heitman, Lisa Van Horn, Jessica Fortkamp, Jamie Crippin, Sarah Schmitz, Jeff McAtee, Arthur Franklin

On Tuesday, October 19th 27 individuals became a part of an elite group of leaders who have graduated from the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program. A dinner celebration was held in their honor at Murphy's Craftbar & Kitchen. Social time began the evening followed by dinner and a presentation of their certificates of graduation. Local attorney and historian Rich Wallace provided a keynote message to the group regarding the keys to leadership as they go forward in life and in their careers.

The men and women from various community organizations, professionals in business and industry, are now included in a group of more than 550 graduates in the 31 years of the program's existence.

According to Dawn Eilert, Chamber Vice President, "The purpose of the Chamber Leadership Program is to increase the quality and quantity of men and women capable of accepting leadership roles in the communities they live and work".

Congratulations Graduates! Now on to the next adventure! Best of Luck!



If you or someone within your organization have questions or would like more information regarding the Chamber Leadership Program, please contact Dawn Eilert at (937) 492-9122 or deilert@sidneyshelbychamber.com.

CHAMBER LEADERSHIP CLASS OF 2021

- Kristen Arnett, Sidney Alive
- Chris Burmeister, City of Sidney Police Department
- Jimmy Butler, Village of Jackson Center
- Jamie Crippin, Sidney-Shelby County YMCA
- Jessica Fortkamp, Community Foundation of Shelby Co
- Arthur Franklin, City of Sidney
- Kevin Frazier-Jones, Gay Smith Associates
- Jessica Hammaker, Ashley Himes Insurance & Fin. Svcs.
- Lora Heitman, Honda of America Credit Union
- Ashley Himes, Ashley Himes Insurance & Fin. Svcs.
- Brad Hoge, McCrate, DeLaet & Company
- Rob Jameson, City of Sidney Police Department
- Tim Kennedy, City of Sidney Police Department
- Jeff McAtee, Agape' Distribution
- Vicki Ruhe, US Bank
- Sarah Schmitz, US Bank
- Joel Schneider, Peoples Federal Savings & Loan
- Meghan Serr, Village of Jackson Center
- Eric Shoemaker, Ohio Living Dorothy Love
- Zach Smith, Village of Jackson Center
- Wayne Thompson, Retired (Ross Castings & Innov.)
- Alex Tuttle, US Bank
- Lisa Van Horn, NK Parts Industries, Inc.
- Leigh Anne Wenning, Shelby County Board of DD
- Amy West, Shelby County United Way
- Doug Westerheide, Milligan Construction Company
- Deborah Wildermuth, US Bank

NOVEMBER

Meeting & Event Dates

- 2 Election Day 
- 3 Shelby County Safety Council
Topic: Covid Update
Speaker: Dr. Scott Short, Wilson Health
10:00—11:00 a.m. via Zoom
- 4 Shelby County United Way Finale
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—Sidney Veteran's Center,
1265 Fourth Avenue
Complimentary Lunch Provided
- 4 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: A Shot of Art
6:30—7:30 p.m.—120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events
- 6 Retirement Reception for City of Sidney
Manager Mark Cundiff
4:00—6:00 p.m.—The Oaks Club, 9900 Sidney-
Freyburg Road (more information on page 2)
- 6 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Small Town
Brothers Concert
7:30 p.m.—120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events
- 9 Chamber Board of Directors
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—The Hive Executive Center,
101 South Ohio Avenue, lower level
- 10 Townplace Suites by Marriott Ribbon Cutting
12:00 noon—4:20 Folkert Avenue
- 10 - Angels in the Attic Craft Show
13 Ross Historical Center, 120 North Main Street
(more information on page 2)
- 10 - Holiday Shop Hop
13 www.visitsidneyshelby.com/calendar
(more information on page 2)
- 11 Veteran's Day 
- 11 YPConnect Lunch Mob
12:00—1:00 p.m.—Culver's Restaurant, 2575 West
Michigan Street
- 11 - Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: All Together
Now
120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events
- 13 Charity League Holiday Maker's Market
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Lehman High School, 2400 St.
Marys Avenue

ADDITIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS ON PAGE 2



FROM JEFF'S DESK—HOW WE MEASURE UP

Earlier this year a four member Board/Staff task force conducted a study to benchmark the services and member dues structure of the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber against those of 13 other Chambers of Commerce. The Chambers selected for comparison included similarly sized Chambers in Miami County, Auglaize County, and Union County along with major metropolitan Chambers in Lima, Dayton, and Cincinnati. Our survey also included five additional Chambers who have the distinction of serving the Top 5 Micropolitan Cities in the United States as ranked in 2020 by Site Selection Magazine. In that survey, Sidney was ranked 11th.

The results of this comparison were very attractive from our point of view in that the depth of member benefit and service offerings by the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber were superior to those of the others. Except for only a few specific member benefit and discount items, our Chamber offered everything they offered and typically more. This was a welcome result for our organization.

When comparing member dues structures, it was the feeling of our task force that the dues schedule for membership in the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber is not only competitive, but in fact offers greater value when compared to the dues schedules and cost/benefit proposition of the other Chambers surveyed. It's worth noting that the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber has not instituted an across-the-board member dues increase to its base or variable rates since the mid-1990s. A minimal dues increase of \$20 per year was put in effect for the Individual, Not For Profit, Education, and Government member categories in the last 25 years, but nothing else.

NOVEMBER MEETING & EVENT DATES

- 13 SCARF Lip Sync Battle**
6:00 p.m.—Doors Open; 7:00 p.m.—Show Starts
The Palazzo, 309 South Main Street, Botkias
(more information on page 3)
- 18 Chamber Leadership**
Topic: Economic Development
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast; 8:45 a.m.—Session Begins
City of Sidney Council Chambers, 201 West Poplar Street
- 18 Human Resources Council**
12:00 noon—TBD
- 18 Journey 4 Self Business After Hours**
5:00—7:00 p.m.—121 East North Street
RSVP: dellert@sidneyshelbychamber.com
- 18 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Glaze & Go**
6:30—7:30 p.m.—120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events
- 18 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Holiday Showcase with All Soles Dance Studio**
7:00—8:00 p.m.—120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events
- 24 Downtown Sidney Holiday Lights Grand Illumination**
6:00 p.m.—Shelby County Courthouse
www.visitsidneyshelby.com/calendar
- 25 Thanksgiving** 
- 25 - Chamber, SSEP & Workforce Offices Closed**
- 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**
- 27 Historic Sidney Theatre Presents: Kegs & Eggs—Ohio State vs. Michigan**
7:00 a.m.—End of Game—120 West Poplar Street
www.sidneytheatre.org/all-events



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OF
38 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

You Are Cordially Invited
to attend a
Retirement Reception
For
City Manager Mark Cundiff
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Saturday, November 6, 2021
4:00—6:00 p.m.
Oaks Club, 9900 Sidney-Freyburg Road

RSVP
City Clerk, Kari Egbert
kegbert@sidneyoh.com



CHAMBER MEMBERS HEAR ECONOMIC UPDATE

On Wednesday, October 6th, the 33rd annual Economic Outlook Luncheon, sponsored by Wilson Health, was held at the Sidney-Shelby County YMCA. Those in attendance listened intently as Richard Kaglic, Vice President and Senior Regional Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland spoke about not only local economic issues but, also national issues and what we can possibly expect as we go forward.

2021 HOLIDAY SHOP HOP

NOVEMBER 10-13

Enjoy our locally-owned businesses this holiday shopping season & get entered for a fantastic prize!

Stop by participating businesses to pick up your stamp card and visit at least 10 businesses to be entered into a drawing for the **GRAND PRIZE**, basket featuring gift cards and items from participating businesses!

Drop your card off to the Sidney Alliance office (or our mail slot in our front door) located at 109 South Ohio Avenue in Downtown Sidney!



UVCC INDUCTS DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI MEMBERS

The Upper Valley Career Center annually honors the endeavors, achievements, and civic contributions of graduates through their Distinguished Alumni Award. On Thursday, October 7, they inducted five new members.

This class of Distinguished Alumni includes Nick Fullenkamp, President and Co-Owner of Custom Foam Products, Chris Goubeaux, President and Owner of Buschur Electric, **Tom Martin Owner of Sidney, Piqua, and Troy Carstar** locations, Keith Perkins, Technical Sales Manager at SAATI Americas, and Steve Sherman, Vice President and Co-Owner of Custom Foam Products.

These individuals embody the school's tradition of excellence through their career accomplishments and commitment to the communities in which they live and work.

Pictured to the left is fellow Chamber member Tom Martin his family and many of his staff from the three Carstar facilities. **Congratulations Tom!!**



ANGELS IN THE ATTIC CRAFT SHOW 2021

**The 27th ANNUAL
'ANGELS in the Attic' CRAFT SHOW**
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WE ♥ RIBBON CUTTINGS

Pictured holding the scissors are Kim Leopold with two of her daughters, her other daughter and husband are holding the ribbon and her parents are front for the celebration.

Congratulations to Kim Leopold and her family on the recent opening of their new store, Our Creative Marketplace at 310 West Main Street in Anna.

Our Creative Marketplace is a collection of local vendors to bring you a shop local gift shopping experience! There is also a rental room that will be used for birthday parties, creative classes, meetings and more! Check them out at www.ourcreativemarketplace.com.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

BBBS Lunch Buddies Program: A high schooler and individuals in the community are able to come in during the littles lunch and spend quality time with them. 5th grade-12:10-12:40; 6th grade-11:38-12:08.

AVID Buddies: An individual from the community can come and spend time with their assigned little during their intervention time. 7th grade-10:36-11:04; 8th grade-11:08-11:36.

SMS Mentoring Programs: Matches a SMS student with a SHS high school student or adult-aged Big Brother or Big Sister. The match will be during the students Thursday assigned lunch or intervention time.

For more details contact the BBBS office at (937) 492-7611.

READY, SET, DECORATE! Christmas Cookie Decorating Kits

The money raised will be used to help provide mentoring programs for youth in Shelby & Darke County.



Big Brothers Big Sisters is partnering with The Winery at Versailles and Bean's Batterscream Bakery in Greenville to offer you the perfect cookie kit activity to get in the holiday spirit while donating to a great cause.

One cookie kit includes:

- 12 Sugar Cookies*
- *Shapes may be different than photo.
- 5 Bags of Icing
- 3 Kinds of Sprinkles

- > Pre-Order only. Pre-Orders must be received by **December 3, 2021**.
- > Order Pick-up will be Dec. 16th at the Winery at Versailles from 5-7PM or Dec. 17, 2021 at the Sidney BBBS Office, 121 North St., Sidney, 9AM-6PM.

> Return form, or order online at www.bbbbs.org or use the QR code

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Shelby & Darke County, P.O. Box 885, Sidney, OH 45365
Shelby County: 937-492-7611 Darke County: 937-547-9622

BBBS of Shelby & Darke County - Christmas Cookie Decorating Kits 2021

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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NO BOREDOM NOVEMBER!

- 11/05: Board Meeting, 9:00a
- 11/09: Carry-In, 11:30a
- 11/10: Veterans' Brunch and Program, 10:00a
- 11/12: Veterans Only Billiard Tourn., Noon with lunch
- 11/23: Health Luncheon, 11:30a
- 11/25 & 11/26: CLOSED for Thanksgiving

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Join now and your membership includes 2021 and 2022.



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