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4 nominated for trustee positions



Ann Baldwin



Jeff Regensburger

The Chamber's board of trustees has nominated four members to serve as trustees for three-year terms beginning in February 2010 and has recommended three board members to serve as officers for the coming year. The nominees include the following:

ANN BALDWIN will bring to the board sales, recruitment and event planning talents, as well as experience as a volunteer for numerous Chamber activities. Ann, who co-chaired the Chamber's Young Professionals of Worthington (YPOW) group during the past year, is an independent senior sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics. She began her sales business in February 1996, while working full-time at the Hyatt Regency in catering and special event planning. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication from The Ohio State University.

Ann has earned six career cars, including the prestigious Pink Cadillac DTS. She is a circle of achievement director and has been a star consultant for 34 quarters. Ann has twice been honored by her national area with the Go-Give award. She founded a women's networking group called WOVEN and has been involved in many charitable activities.

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Gobble up tickets for Art of Fine Dining raffle

If visions of sugarplums — or steak or seafood or stirfry — are dancing in your head this holiday season, the Chamber's Member Development Committee has just the thing. Just in time for holiday gift-giving, the Chamber's Art of Fine Dining raffle tempts you to try your luck at winning \$1,000 of gift certificates featuring 10 of the area's finest dining establishments (all Chamber-member restaurants, naturally).

The holder of the winning raffle ticket will receive:

- \$100 gift certificate to Cameron's of Worthington
- \$100 gift certificate to Columbus Fish Market
- \$100 gift certificate to J. Gilbert's
- \$100 gift certificate to J. Liu Restaurant & Bar
- \$100 gift certificate to Marcella's
- \$100 gift certificate to Mitchell's Steakhouse
- \$100 gift certificate to Molly Woo's
- \$100 gift certificate to Old Bag of Nails
- \$100 gift certificate to The Refectory
- \$100 gift certificate to Ruth's Chris Steak House

Total: \$1,000 of ready-made holiday gifts (or opportunities to treat yourself)

"Imagine ... if your ticket is drawn at the Arts Center during our

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CHAMBER CONNECTIONS is published for Chamber members like Gary Stephenson of **Accent Exhibits**, who is the Chamber's Volunteer of the Month. Over the past decade, Gary has been a key volunteer at Reds, Whites & Desserts, the Chamber's Business Expo, Taste of Worthington, Market Day and membership recruitment activities. Each month the Chamber recognizes a volunteer through a random drawing of members who have volunteered during the year. Volunteers of the Month receive gift certificates. To volunteer for an upcoming event, contact the Chamber at 888-3040.





Please join the Chamber in welcoming these new members who joined during the past month. Do you have friends, colleagues and suppliers who should be benefiting from Chamber membership? Through the Chamber's Membership Referral Rewards Program, you can "Cash in on Connections." For more information, contact the Chamber at 888-3040, or e-mail Karen@worthingtonchamber.org.

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Becky Henman, left, and Sue Fox, right, demonstrate the ease of creating a new accessory look with the large size Miche bag carried at Chic Bags & Shells, their new shop in the Worthington Square Shopping Center. Everything in the shop, from purses to Ubu jackets, to bracelet/watches, is reversible, changeable or has "double-duty" fashion use.

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Chic Bags & Shells at Worthington Square sells Miche ("MEE-chie") bags and shells and other chic fashion accessories that are reversible or "double duty." Miche shells attach to and detach from the Miche bag base with electronic-safe magnets; in seconds, you can express yourself with a whole new accessory.

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Matt Hamilton has an opportunity to promote the services of Global Builders when he wins a door prize at the Nov. 19 Business After Hours.

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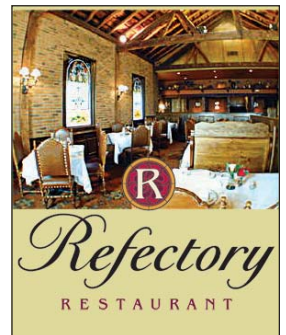
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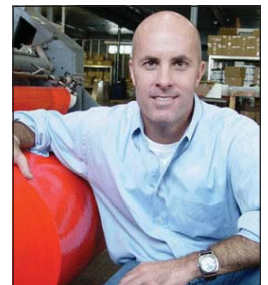
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David W. Robinson

Gobble up tickets for the Art of Fine Dining raffle

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Dec. 8 Business After Hours, you could have most of your holiday shopping done all at once, while supporting the Chamber,” said Erin Ellis, co-chair of the Member Development Committee. “With \$100 gift certificates to 10 different restaurants, you’re sure to have a gift to please any of your friends, family or co-workers,” she said.

The investment in the \$1,000 prize, benefiting Chamber scholarship and educational programs, is \$20 per ticket, or three tickets for \$50. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted for payment.

Tickets may be ordered by calling the Chamber at 888-3040 or e-mailing theresa@worthingtonchamber.org.

Board members, ambassadors and members of the Member Development Committee also have tickets for sale throughout the community and their workplaces.

Tickets also may be purchased with a credit card on the Chamber’s Web site. (In the Chamber Calendar of Events section, select Dec. 8, the date of the drawing at the McConnell Arts Center, and click on REGISTER NOW at the right of the screen. Select the number of tickets you wish to purchase and follow the prompts. Your tickets will be held in your name at the registration table at the Dec. 8 Business After Hours, unless you request (in the “comment” section of your Web purchase) that they be mailed to you or held at the Chamber office.

While on the Web site, be sure to click on the logos of the participating restaurants. You’ll find links to their

menus and signature dishes, as well as location and reservation information.

Please note: Tickets will be sold at the Dec. 8 Business After Hours from 5:30 p.m. until 6:10 p.m. The drawing will take place at approximately 6:25 p.m. during announcements and prize drawings in the arts center auditorium. Representatives of some of the participating restaurants will be in attendance to introduce themselves and highlight their menus. Ticket holders do not need to be present to win the raffle.

Participating restaurants include some longtime Chamber-member favorites, as well as two new member restaurants (see New Members on page 2.) Included are (in alphabetical order): Cameron’s of Worthington; Columbus Fish Market; J. Gilbert’s Wood-Fired Steak and Seafood; J. Liu Restaurant & Bar; Marcella’s; Mitchell’s Steakhouse; Molly Woo’s; Old Bag of Nails; The Refectory; and Ruth’s Chris Steak House. ★



Thank You, Renewing Members

The Chamber thanks and recognizes the following businesses or individuals who have renewed their annual membership as of Nov. 23.

★ denotes a Sustaining Member of the Chamber. For information on how your business can become a Sustaining Member, contact the Chamber office at 888-3040.

Alford Foundation, John & Mary,
Ron Alford

Andara Travel, Roe Mauro
ARCOS, Inc., Mitch McLeod

The Cachet Salon, Linda Castle

Caffé Daniela, Joe Milano Jr.

Donatos Pizza - Worthington,
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Trinity Financial Advisors LLC,
Geoffrey Biehn

WebLink International, DJ Muller

Workware, Nancy Curley

Worthington Chiropractic Center,
Julia Keiser

Memberanda

Signature Wines creates personalized wines for gift giving

Kelly Harvey, Signature Wines' owner and wine maker, is busy filling holiday orders after crushing and pressing three tons of Cabernet Sauvignon grapes from California. Signature Wines crafts the wine in central Ohio, adding personalized labels for businesses and individuals who would like to show appreciation to clients, customers and co-workers. Signature Wines can add a personalized logo to a label and create a unique branding opportunity, with no set up fees and no minimum order required. To learn more, call 614-395-2355, e-mail kharvey@signaturewinesofohio.com or follow Signature Wines on Twitter @Signature_Wines.



Depot Rail Museum holds holiday event

The Depot Rail Museum, 921 Old Henderson Road, will team with Toys for Tots and the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves at the annual "Holiday Golden Spike Celebration" on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Guests can tour beautifully restored rail cars as they visit with Santa. Admission is free with the donation of a new unwrapped toy. For more information, contact Christine Henderson at (614) 205-6670.



The Rite Bite provides healthy holiday programs, discounts

The Rite Bite has a holiday gift for Chamber members and has planned two programs on making small changes for a healthier holiday season. All Rite Bite gift certificates will be discounted 20 percent for Chamber members. A program called *Comfort and Joy*, on Dec. 9 at 6:30 p.m., addresses the link between eating and mood, and *Holiday Stress*, on Dec. 16 at 5:30 p.m., is focused on meditation and breathing techniques to mitigate holiday stress. These events, held at The Rite Bite's wellness center at 171 Green Meadows Dr. S., Lewis Center, are free to members and guests. For more information or to register for a program, call Mary Leep at (614) 985-6569.



Free ADA training for employers is offered

Chamber members are encouraged to take advantage of free training on complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), offered by Vision & Vocational Services and three other collaborators, and made possible through ARRA stimulus funds in cooperation with the State of Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. The training covers a review of the law and changes adopted in 2008. Participants may bring job descriptions for discussion. The concept of reasonable accommodation is explored and applied to real life examples. To schedule a time for trainers to come to your offices, call (614) 294-5571 or e-mail gstanford@vsohio.org.

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Cott Systems welcomes public officials at November BAH

Cott Systems, a company that regularly works with municipalities, recorders' offices and public servants in 22 states, welcomed



approximately 120 local elected officials and Chamber members at a Business After Hours on Nov. 19. As members mingled with local officials and enjoyed food, beverages and door prizes (below), Cott Systems president Gary Ross (left) explained the company's long history and its roles in technology for recording, imaging and searching records; data management and migration; document reduction services and hosting; and disaster planning services.



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Acme Canine helps dogs improve through socialization

Acme Canine, 1385 Franklin St., Lewis Center, is pleased to announce that Laura Pakis and Alice Williamson are now certified as Pack to Basics instructors. Pack to Basics is an advanced socialization process for suburban and urban canines. The program focuses on dogs that are typically excluded from doggie day-care facilities and other socialization venues. Laura, founder and owner, is registered by the state of Ohio as a professional dog trainer and by the AKC as a Canine Good Citizen Evaluator. Alice, the primary Puppy Preschool instructor, is a Master Trainer graduate of National K9 training school and a certified professional trainer, E-touch trainer and certified PetSaver technician. Her specialty areas include puppy development, behavior modification, in-home training and agility training. For more information, visit www.acmecanine.com or phone (740) 548-1717.



Laura with Woofie, above; Alice with Greg, below.



Steve Crain promoted at Two Men and a Truck



Steve Crain has been promoted to general manager at Two Men and a Truck, an award-winning full-service, local and long distance moving company. Previously he served as sales and marketing director. To schedule services or learn more, call (614) 901-1570.

Steve Crain

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Ann has actively recruited new members for the Chamber and has hosted new member events and QuickConnect sessions at her office. She has led the Reds, Whites & Desserts silent auction committee for two years and is a regular supporter of the Women's Business Network. Ann and her husband, Tim, have been married for 14 years. They reside near Worthington with their 6-year-old son, Beaux. Ann is involved as a volunteer at Beaux's school and currently is assisting a colleague in the launch of a new start-up company.

JEFF REGENSBURGER will apply past experience serving Chamber members in new ways as a trustee. Jeff began his career at Worthington Libraries in 1997 and currently is an adult services lead librarian at the Northwest Library. In 2003 Jeff was appointed as the libraries' Chamber liaison, a position developed to provide support, research service and programs to Chamber members. He has conducted Lunch and Learn sessions and seminars on using library business resources and social networking tools. In 2008 he launched the Get Smart! Book Discussion Group, a Library-Chamber partnership.

THE CHAMBER'S ELECTION PROCESS

The candidates for trustee and officer positions will be considered for election at the organization's annual business meeting on Feb. 23, 2010, at The Holiday Inn Columbus/Worthington. Additional notification of the luncheon meeting will be e-mailed to each member business.

According to the Chamber's bylaws, additional names of candidates for trustee positions may be submitted for nomination by "petition bearing the genuine signatures of at least 10 qualified regular members of the Chamber. Such petition shall be filed with the Nominating Committee/Executive Committee within 10 days after notice has been given of the names of those nominated" (i.e., the date this newsletter is e-mailed to members and posted on the Chamber's Web site). "The determination of the Nominating Committee as to the legality of the petition(s) shall be final."

Voting at the annual meeting shall be by members only. Each member business has one vote. One representative of a regular member or a community/not-for-profit organization may cast the vote for himself or herself. New trustees and officers take office after the vote at the business meeting. ★



Jeff serves on the Ohio Library Council's Intellectual Freedom Committee, as well as the State Library's LSTA Advisory Committee. Jeff also is active in the arts in central Ohio. He serves on the Visual Arts Committee of the Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center and the Programming Committee of the Ohio Art League. Jeff is also a member of the Worthington Area Art League. He is a graduate of both Leadership Worthington and Library Leadership Ohio.

Jeff earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts from The Ohio State University and a master's in library science from Kent State University. He lives in the University District with his wife, Tutti Jackson.



Sheila Sinno

SHEILA SINNO will bring extensive board leadership and legal expertise to the board. Principal of Sinno Law Office, Sheila has been practicing law for 22 years, most recently with a focus on family law and estate planning. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in November 1987 and admitted to the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, in January 1989. She holds a juris doctorate degree from The Ohio

State University College of Law and a bachelor's degree from Ohio Northern University. She is a member of the Ohio State and Columbus bar associations.

Sheila first became involved with the Chamber in 1995, the same year she co-founded Worthington Area Business & Professional Women, which is now the Chamber's Women's Business Network. She has co-chaired the Chamber's Taste of Worthington event and has been a sponsor of Reds, Whites & Desserts, among other Chamber activities. She has been active in the community and her profession as a trustee for Worthington Libraries, school levy volunteer, board member for Women Lawyers of Franklin County and officer of the Far North Columbus Communities Coalition, as well as a Girl Scout leader. Sheila resides in Westerville with her husband, Ahmad, and daughters Dina and Hana.



Norris Woods Jr.

NORRIS WOODS JR. is the general manager of OhioHealth's McConnell Heart Health Center and Big Red's Lodges. The McConnell Center is a health and fitness facility offering a balanced combination of physical exercise, wellness education and medical services for members and non-members. Big Red's Lodges, opened in April, are well-appointed guest lodges open to the public, nestled in a serene wooded location within walking distance of

McConnell Heart Health Center.

Norris earned a bachelor of science degree in exercise science from Norfolk State University and an M.B.A. from University of Phoenix. He has several years of leadership experience with business and facility operations.

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In December 2007 the McConnell Center hosted a combined Business After Hours event that included the Worthington, Upper Arlington and Clintonville chambers of commerce. Norris also is a member of Get Smart! book discussion group, a collaboration of Worthington Libraries and the Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce. He has attended the Chamber's Business After Hours and Young Professionals of Worthington (YPoW) events.

Originally from Rochester, N.Y., Norris and his family relocated to central Ohio in 2006.

CHAMBER TRUSTEES WHO WERE NOMINATED FOR OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE COMING YEAR INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

KAY LAKHI is nominated to serve as board chair. Kay is president of The Rite Bite, which provides corporate and individual wellness programs, as well as fitness and nutrition services. The company recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Kay has served on the Reds, Whites & Desserts planning committee and has sponsored that event, as well as hosting Business After Hours, Women's Business Network, Lunch and Learn and QuickConnect activities. This year, she served on the board's Executive Committee as chair-elect.



Kay Lakhi — nominated for board chair

A registered and licensed dietician, Kay also has board and committee leadership experience with the Ohio Healthcare Association's Dietary Counsel, the Columbus Dietetic Association, and the Ohio Consultant Dietitians Practice Group, among others.

Kay and her husband, Ken, reside in Powell and have two grown children.

SHERA SKAGGS has been nominated for the position of chair-elect. Shera is vice president of CSGraphics, a full-service printing firm located at 6530 Singletree Dr. She attended Franklin University and has 30 years of experience in the printing industry.

CSGraphics has been a sponsor of the Chamber's Reds, Whites & Desserts and Taste of Worthington events, and Shera has volunteered for those and many other Chamber events.



Shera Skaggs —nominated for chair-elect

Elected to the board in February 2009, Shera is a member of the steering committee of the Women's Business Network and chairs the board's Communications & Technology committee. Shera also has served on board committees for charities, including several Chamber-member organizations. She and her husband, John, owner of CSGraphics, live in Westerville and have two grown sons.

PAUL CYNKAR, nominated for the position of treasurer, is managing director of operations for Battelle for Kids. The independent, not-for-profit organization supports educators' school-improvement efforts through strategic consulting, professional development, innovative tools and resources, data management and technology solutions, research and evaluation services, communications counsel and support.



Paul Cynkar — nominated for treasurer

Paul assumed that post last December, following 26 years as an educator and administrator with Worthington Schools, most recently as assistant superintendent. In that position, Paul was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Worthington School District and leading the district's response to declining enrollment.

Paul is concluding his first year on the board. He has chaired the Chamber's Taste of Worthington event, served on the economic development committee, and has served as a board liaison to Young Professionals of Worthington (YPoW).

Paul earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Marietta College and a master's degree in educational administration from Ohio University. He has completed additional postgraduate work in educational leadership at The Ohio State University. A Worthington resident, Paul has a grown daughter. ★

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Darla King honored for leadership

Darla King, president and CEO of King Business Interiors, was honored recently by New Directions Career Center as the Board Volunteer of the Year. Darla has served as chair of the agency's board of directors for the past year. In another community support effort, King Business Interiors provides free, reusable office furniture to nonprofit and charitable organizations through Connecting the Dots, an environmentally friendly program that Darla created. KBI "recycles" used office furniture from client companies and connects the available furnishings with organizations in need. The program eliminates disposal costs, keeps durable materials from going to landfills, and provides much-needed resources to nonprofits. For more information, visit www.kbiinc.com or call (614) 430-0020.



Darla King

Popular book on local history to be reprinted

The Worthington Historical Society is set to print an updated version of Jennie McCormick's *Scioto Company Descendants: Genealogies of the Original Proprietors of Worthington, Ohio*. The book chronicles the original 38 members of the Scioto Company, the group responsible for buying and developing the land that would later become Worthington. Contact the Historical Society at (614) 885-1247 for more information.



Mitchell's Steakhouse open for lunch on Fridays in December

Mitchell's Steakhouse Polaris will be open for lunch on Friday, Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call (614) 888-CHOP (2467).★

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