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SEPT. 28 — GOLF OUTING

Event guests can 'paint the town red' at Reds, Whites & Desserts on May 16



Despite the recession, partygoers can "paint the town red" with affordable elegance, sampling wines and enjoying world class cuisine and tempting auction packages at the Chamber's 12th annual Reds, Whites & Desserts fundraising event.

The Conference Center at NorthPointe, 9243 Columbus Pike, will host and sponsor the event for the fifth year, on Saturday, May 16, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Additional major sponsors of the 2009 event are B&C Blacktop Sealing Co., Mount Carmel St. Ann's and Worthington Jewelers.

A festive red color palate will showcase the wines, desserts and silent auction packages in NorthPointe's elegantly appointed Grand Ballroom, where guests will enjoy a Chef-Attended Fresh

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CHAMBER CONNECTIONS is published for Chamber members like Executive Chef Mark Moran of The Conference Center at NorthPointe, who has earned the distinction of 2009 Copper Skillet U.S.A. Champion from the International Association of Conference Centers (IACC). Mark won the national competition in January and competed in the International Copper Skillet Competition in March. Sample some of his culinary talents at Reds, Whites & Desserts on May 16.

Bill Owens to be honored as Chamber's Small Business Person of the Year

A Worthington native known for doing well in his industry and doing good in his community is the 2009 recipient of the Chamber's Small Business Person of the Year Award.

William W. "Bill" Owens, president and owner of Owens Construction Contracting Co., will receive the award at a Chamber luncheon program in his honor on Thursday, May 21, at the Worthington Inn.

Bill is the 23rd recipient of the annual award, created in 1987 to demonstrate support for small businesses and recognize successful Chamber members who are growing and bettering the Worthington community.

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Bill Owens, Owens Construction Contracting Co.

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Reds, Whites & Desserts, continued

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Mozzarella and Antipasti Market presented by NorthPointe's award-winning executive chef, Mark Moran. (See page 1, bottom left.) Additional hors d'oeuvres butlered to guests will include Genoa Salami and Montrachet Crostini; Spring Pea Coulis; White Truffle Tenderloin Canapé; and Panzanella Bruschetta.



Kelly Harvey of Signature Wines, one of eight wine presenters at the event

Chamber-member wine retailers who are presenting 35 wines for sampling include Brookside Golf and Country Club; Buca di Beppo; Cameron's American Bistro; House Wine; J. Liu;

Ruth's Chris Steak House; Signature Wines; and Two Brothers Wine & Spirits.

Desserts donated by Chamber member bakeries, restaurants and caterers will be available for sampling and for silent auction. A coffee bar will be presented by Scottie's Coffee & Tea House.

As they sip and savor, event goes can "shop" for dozens of themed silent

auction baskets that offer family excursions and romantic getaways, jewelry, theater tickets, hotel and restaurant gift certificates, golf packages, sports tickets and other items. Highlighting the auction lineup this year are a week-long stay in a condo at Myrtle Beach from Barb and Ken Island Vista; a \$2,500 ruby, diamond and white gold pendant and earring set handcrafted by Worthington Jewelers; Family Zoo and Gourmet Affair packages from The Conference Center at NorthPointe; and some popular favorites, a Lake Erie fishing excursion from Fire Escape Charters and a \$1,500 asphalt/paving package from B&C Blacktop Sealing.

Major sponsors and wine station sponsors enjoy seating at reserved tables, as well as tickets, signage and publicity. Wine station sponsors include Anthony Lordo, D.D.S.; Dayton Precision Services; First Place Bank; The Guernsey Bank; Insurance Partners Group Ltd.; King Business Interiors; Landis Properties; Rea Strategic Services; Tilton's Automotive Service; and Trinity Financial Advisors LLC.

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A week-long stay at a condo at Myrtle Beach could be yours if you are the lucky bidder on an auction package donated by Barb and Ken Island Vista.

Reservations, at \$50 per person, are still available and can be made by phone at 888-3040 or online at www.worthingtonchamber.org. Chamber members are encouraged to bring co-workers, clients, neighbors and relatives – anyone who enjoys wine, food and a festive party atmosphere. Cocktail/semi-formal attire or dressy business attire are appropriate for the event.

Guests can top off a perfect evening with an overnight stay at The Conference Center at NorthPointe, offered at special rates. Rooms should be booked in advance by calling Erin Ellis at (614) 880-4202. ★



Thank You, Renewing Members

The Chamber thanks and recognizes the following businesses or individuals who have renewed their annual membership as of April 21. Each month, members who renew are acknowledged in the newsletter, along with a key contact person for the renewing business.

Accent Exhibits Inc., Bill Pfeifferle
Acme Canine, Laura Pakis
Ann Baldwin - Independent Senior Sales Director, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Ann Baldwin
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Harding Heritage Foundation of Worthington, Corinne Garvey
Hetter Heating & Cooling, Rick Hetterscheidt
High Road Gallery, Carol Hershey Durell

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Paradigm Properties of Ohio, LLC, Jane Ford
Pension Plans Associates Inc., Jeffrey Barber
Polaris Traveler, Inc., Dennis Karn
Schoedinger Funeral Service, Carl Mooney
Sign-A-Rama, David Mayer
Wesley Glen, Lauren Croman
Worthington Pizza Primo, Eric T. Rummel

Grand opening set for central Ohio's rail museums

The Depot Rail Museum's grand opening will be held in conjunction with the annual opening of The Ohio Railway Museum on Sunday, May 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. Guests are invited to visit The Depot Rail Museum, 921 Old Henderson Road in Columbus, and The Ohio Railway Museum, 990 Proprietors Road in Worthington. At both locations, visitors will be able to tour historic rail cars and artifacts and enjoy rides on one-third scale trains, full-size streetcars and Depot trolley buses. Fees of \$2/per ride will benefit The Ohio Railway Museum. Events at both locations have free admission and free parking. For more information, call Christine Henderson at (614) 324-5930 or visit The Depot's Web site, www.the-depot.org.



Above: Phil Sorentino of Humor Consultants leads event guests on the left side of the dining pavilion in a standing cheer saluting those seated on the right side of the room. Phil entertained and inspired attendees at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on April 21 with a presentation called "Work Smart, Have Fun & Make Money: Being Strong During Uncertain Times."

Highlights of Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Center: Ximena Jones of the Ohio Council of Churches accepts her staff gift from Lori and Jeff Pisching of the Loralie Baking Co., sponsors of the spring tin of Loralie's brownies. Other event sponsors were MT Business Technologies, A-1 Copy & Mailing Services, and Career Choices Unlimited.



Right: Staff from Whalen & Co. CPAs and Consultants, a Gold Sustaining Member, attending with Whalen partner Richard Crabtree.



Monaco's Catering offers facility rental to other caterers

Monaco's Catering is reaching out to others in the catering and food service business who may not own event or banquet facilities of their own. Monaco's new program offers rental of their facility at 4555 Cleveland Ave. — and use of commercial culinary equipment and supplies — to chefs, caterers and cooking enthusiasts who rely upon rental venues. Two banquet rooms seat 150 and 250, respectively. For more information about the rental program, or Monaco's in-house or offsite catering, contact George Norris or John Buchenroth at (614) 475-4817.



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Larry France

CVB/Holiday Inn “Hometown Hero Program” generates donations for new arts center

Larry France of France & Associates is the first “Hometown Hero” to assist the new arts center and provide bed tax to Worthington by supporting its major bed-tax hotel, Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington. The Convention & Visitors Bureau of Worthington and Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington have joined together to develop the Hometown Hero Program to increase business and produce funds for the McConnell Arts Center of Worthington, set to open this fall. Larry assisted in booking three meetings with the Professional Insurance Agents of Ohio that will produce an \$1,800 donation to the arts center.



“Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington appreciates what the new arts center represents for Worthington,” said Vijay Phatak, general manager of the hotel. “We look forward to giving back to our community through these donations, while connecting to our local businesses and residents.”

Worthington businesses and residents can become Hometown Heroes when they assist in booking convention and meeting space, overnight rooms or a location for a catered event at the Holiday Inn. When the event takes place, a donation will be made to the arts center. Overnight sleeping rooms will produce a donation of \$5 per room night, and a catered event will produce a donation of 3 percent of revenue. Donations will be made to the arts center in the name of the person who assisted in booking the business.

To participate in the program, contact Mindy Mace at the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Worthington, (614) 841-2545, or Melissa Latvala at Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington, at (614) 436-0700.

Holiday Inn plans special Mother’s Day brunch on May 10

Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington, 7007 N. High St., has planned a grand Mother’s Day Brunch to treat Moms of all ages on their special day, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A carving station, omelette station and waffle station will be offered, along with pasta, assorted entrees and salads, and an array of delicious desserts. Prices are \$23.95 for adults; \$20.95 for senior citizens; and \$14.95 for kids aged 6 to 12. Reservations can be made at (614) 436-0700.



Nan Steyn joins MAGNUM Press as sales representative

Nan Steyn has joined MAGNUM Press in the role of sales representative. Steyn has extensive experience in both the communications and pharmaceutical industries and is a



graduate of The Ohio State University. She joins MAGNUM

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Nan Steyn

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Bill Owens to be honored as Small Business Person the Year

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Numerous properties in Worthington, as well as other central Ohio communities, reflect the fine workmanship and design talents of Owens Construction, a residential design/build contractor firm that Bill founded in 1982. With many local and national design awards to its credit, the company has marketed its services primarily through customer referrals.

Bill's personal emphasis on integrity and philanthropy also have garnered attention. In 2001 Owens Construction won the Business Integrity Award from the Better Business Bureau of Central Ohio. In 2003, during Worthington's Bicentennial Celebration, Owens rescued the Griswold house from being razed, moved it onto a lot they own on State Route 161, remodeled it and added a large addition specifically designed for "aging in place." The home was then on tour for the summer as a cooperative project with Partners for Citizenship and Character (PCC). At the open house conclusion, Bill donated \$40,000 to PCC to start its not-for-profit endowment.

A graduate of Miami University, Bill has served on numerous committees and councils governing the housing and remodeling industries on a local, regional and national basis. He serves as a representative to the board of directors of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and was appointed as a life director in January of this year. Bill served as a trustee of NAHB's Remodelers Council and chaired the 6,000-member council in 2002. In 1998 he won NAHB's CADRE award for Council Chair of the Year.

On the state level, Bill has served on Ohio Home Builders Association's board of trustees from 1999 to present, as a life director. He is an OHBA area vice president and will assume the role of state president in 2011. Bill also served for two years on the first State of Ohio Residential Code Advisory Committee, the group's charge being to develop a statewide residential building code.

He has chaired and served on the Building Industry Association (BIA) of Central Ohio board of trustees and serves as an instructor. In 1999, 2000 and 2003 he was named BIA "Remodeler of the Year."

Bill earned the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation in 1998. He chaired the Home Builders Institute committee to rewrite CGR project management courses and co-wrote the CGR design/build course.

Among numerous national leadership roles in his trade, he is a member of Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies - Remodeling Futures Steering Committee. Bill also is on the editorial advisory board of *Professional Remodeler* magazine and is a frequent speaker at regional and national building and remodeling conferences. Among his many areas of advocacy and expertise are "aging in place" and "green building."

Bill will share his reflections on running a small business at the May 21 awards luncheon, which will celebrate the accomplishments of small businesses everywhere. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Reservations may be made on the Chamber's Web site under the CALENDAR OF EVENTS, by calling 888-3040, or by mailing the form included in the newsletter packet.

Small business persons from the Chamber are nominated for this award each year by fellow Chamber members, employees, customers, past honorees and others who are aware of their exemplary business practices. Nominations are accepted year-round, and judging is performed each April by a committee of past honorees. Judges consider nominees' solutions to business problems; reputation for personal integrity and fair business practices; financial strength and profitability; creativity, innovation/improvement or quality customer service; and community involvement.★

Past Small Business Person of the Year honorees

Dwight Moody (1987), *Moody's*; Steve Potter (1988), *Potter Builders, Inc.*; Tom Hull, D.D.S. (1989), *dental practice*; Joe Mezera (1990), *The Mezera Co.*; Bob Vosler (1991), *Vosler Co., CPAs*; Raeen Foust (1992), *American Traditions*; Richard Hunter (1993), *Potter Lumber & Supply Co.*; George Norris, D.V.M. (1994), *Animal Hospital of Worthington*; Phil Giessler (1995), *Cam Taylor Co. Ltd. Realtors*; Charles Claibourne, D.D.S. (1996), *dental practice*; Steve Schnulo, O.D. (1997), *Albright & Schnulo*; Matt Anderson (1998), *Anderson's FrameDesign*; Kathryn Paugh (1999), *KRP Communications*; Gloria Yonadi (2000), *Kerbler's Restaurant*; Nicki Budin (2001), *Curio Cabinet & Christmas Village*; Bill Dawson (2002), *NexTech Materials Ltd.*; Darla King (2003), *King Business Interiors*; Charlotte VanSteyn (2004), *RE/MAX Premier Choice*; Bryan Myers (2005), *B&C Blacktop Sealing*; Mike Beck (2006), *Think Painting*; Bill Alsnauer (2007), *State Farm*; and Tom Hastings (2008), *Computer Site Columbus*.

April events offered something for everybody



Chamber events reached out to members with varying interests in April.

Members connected at a Business After Hours sponsored by The Laurels and GFS Marketplace; a Women's Business Network Luncheon with Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy; a Get Smart book discussion group at The Winery; and a Young Professionals of Worthington PoWerUp networking event at Hyatt



Place. For information on this month's activities, check out the Chamber calendar of events on our Web site.





"The wines! Reds, Whites & Desserts offers a chance to taste multiple high-quality but affordable wines while getting to know our Chamber-member wine retailers."

Steve Sommer
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"The desserts. What's not to love about chocolate and cheesecake in many varieties and numerous other treats — all in one place?"

Shirley Scott
Jockey Person-to-Person
 Volunteer at past Reds, Whites & Desserts events



"The silent auction packages. They're whimsically named and creatively packaged, and they contain a lot of valuable products and services. My wife, Nancy, and I usually take home several of them — especially the overnight getaways — and enjoy them all year long."

Ron Robbins
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City, partners collaborate to update Worthington businesses and residents about H1N1 "swine" flu risks

The City of Worthington is working together with community partners to become informed and prepared as the situation involving cases of H1N1 influenza evolves. Information from Worthington Libraries is available at: www.worthingtonlibraries.org/swine-flu.



Columbus Public Health, Worthington's health agency, is collaborating with the Franklin County Board of Health, the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor the situation and provide updated and accurate information to the public. A Franklin County Joint Information Center has opened and can be reached by phone at 724-0908 or 724-0909. These resources are available to the public:

- A public flu hotline has been activated for Franklin County. Anyone with general questions about swine flu is asked to call 211 (for cell phones: 614-221-2255). Specific medical questions should be directed to one's primary health care provider.
- A separate hotline for health care providers in Franklin County has been established at 614-355-0461.
- The Web site www.ColumbusPandemicFlu.com contains information about influenza, including home care guidelines, a checklist for families on preparation for flu, and a comprehensive question-and-answer guide.
- Additional, up-to-date national and international information about "swine" flu is available at www.CDC.gov/swineflu.



Public health officials recommend staying informed; covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze; frequent hand cleansing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand cleaners; avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth; avoiding close contact with those who are ill; limiting contact with others if you are ill; and avoiding non-essential travel to Mexico. Changes to this travel recommendation will be posted at www.cdc.gov/travel/.

Children's Home hires full-time adoption coordinator

A new, full-time adoption coordinator will help the United Methodist Children's Home (UMCH) meet the increasing number of inquiries about adoptions. Traci Keesee, LSW, has joined the staff as adoption coordinator, a position that resulted from growing needs to serve adoptive families. Last year 14 children were adopted through UMCH by their UMCH foster families.

Traci was the founder and executive director of an adoption agency in Johnstown. She is an Ohio State Certified Adoption Assessor and an Ohio State Licensed Social Worker. She has 24 years' experience working with families and youth. She can be reached by phone at 614-229-2800, ext. 410. ★



Traci Keesee

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