

2008 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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Michelle Evans, Evans Home Loans; Pam Fahle, Adecco Employment Service; John Krukemyer, Mid-Wood, Inc.; Bruce Stevens, Middleton, Roebke & Nelson; Mark Remeis, A.A. Green Realty; Dan Galway, Kroger; Joe Campisi, Marathon Special Products

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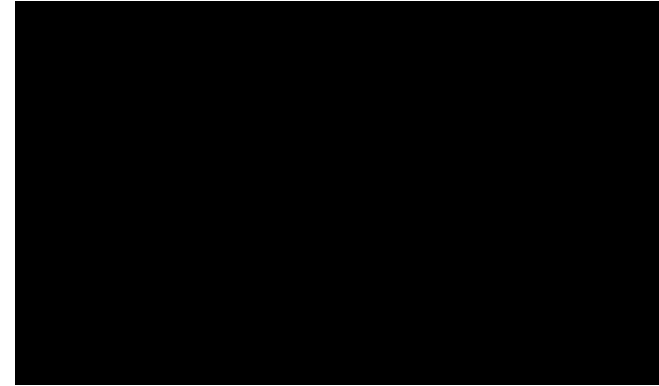
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Bob Scholl, Edward Jones Investments; Ann Stott, Stott CPA; Ray Fischer, Wood County Prosecutors Office; Karen Seeliger, Fifth Third Bank; Dave Shilling, David A. Shilling, O.D. & Associates; Elaine Skoog, BG Chamber of Commerce

Not pictured: Hugh Caumartin, BG City Schools; Doris Herringshaw, The Ohio State University Extension Office; and Wendy Zhuhlsdorf, Tin Man Heating & Cooling

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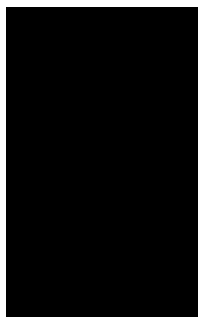
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Not pictured: Michael Bankey, Owens Community College; Hugh Caumartin, BG City Schools; Sue Clark, Bowling Green Community Development Foundation; Amy Craft Ahrens, For Keeps; Stan Korducki, Wood County Hospital; Pat Scholl, Cooper Standard Automotive; and Wendy Stram, BG Convention & Visitors Bureau.

From the 2009 President's Desk



Dear Chamber Investors:

Welcome and Best Wishes for a successful 2009. As we begin the year, I am filled with hope that 2009 will far surpass last year. To that end, please avail yourself to the many opportunities for you to become involved in 2009. Please come and meet people at the

Business After Hours or the Business Before Hours. These events help you meet, greet, and network with other chamber investors. Speaking of networking, please use the Business Briefing and Blitz to meet chamber investors you may not see at any of the other events and at the same time educate them on your business.

The chamber is made up of people who love Bowling Green. To that end, we sponsor a number of fun events throughout the year. We are able to do these events through the help of our member-volunteers. We're always looking for help on project teams with the fun things we do too. So, please help us by volunteering to serve on one of these fun project teams: Annual Dinner Dance, the Golf Outing, or the Holiday Parade.

This year, look for a series of seminars we plan to rollout that can help you improve various aspects of your business. Our goal is to give you as much help as we can to help you be successful in 2009.

Our Chamber Executive Board, Board of Directors and Executive Director are all dedicated, enthusiastic individuals who really want to do all we can to reach out to the Bowling Green Business Community and do everything we can to help them grow and prosper.

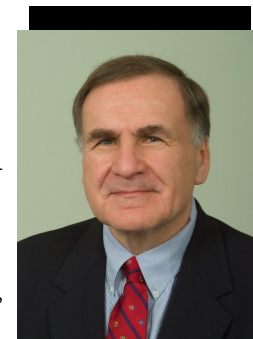
I look forward to a very successful year and invite you to get involved and take advantage of all the Chamber has to offer.

Here's to a Wonderful 2009,
Bob Scholl
2009 President

2008 President's Remarks

Dear Chamber Investors:

I have truly enjoyed serving as your President of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce this past year.



2008 has certainly been a year of "change" both nationally and locally. We were sad to see Elaine Skoog, our Executive Director for the past 6 years, leave, but we wish her well in her new focus on graduate work at BGSU and thank her for her service and dedication. We welcome Earlene Kilpatrick as our new director, and her wealth of experience as the former Director of Main Street B.G. Also, a very heartfelt thanks to Cathy Wenig for her stint as interim director (2nd time in 6 years) and for keeping us on an even keel during the transition.

We are all in the middle of celebrating the City of Bowling Green's 175th Anniversary and look forward to BGSU's 100th Anniversary festivities.

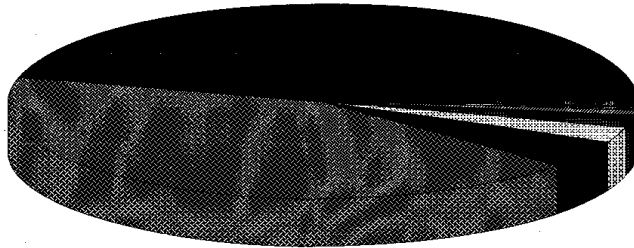
All of the Chamber's programs are doing well including, but not limited to, Business After Hours (BAH), Mid-Year Luncheon, Golf Outing, Holiday Parade, 4th of July Fireworks, the Annual Meeting and Dinner Dance, Business Advocacy Task Force and BBB&b. We also continue the function of hosting the annual State of the City Address, State of the County Address as well as Leadership BG and High School Leadership BG.

I would like to take this opportunity again to thank you for investing in the Chamber and its activities and making 2008 a successful year. Have a Happy Holiday Season.

Very truly yours,
Raymond C. Fischer
2008 President, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce

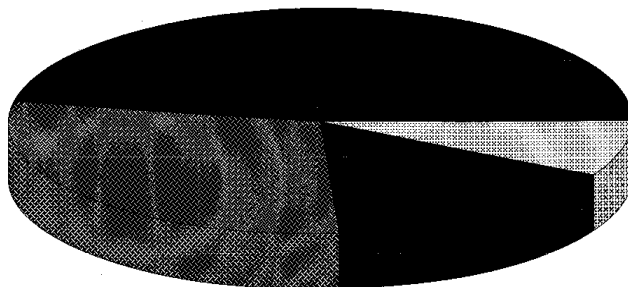
Financial Report

Income Summary



Member Income	%51.72
Special Project Income	41.97
Administrative Fees	4.50
Misc. Revenue	3.02
Sale of Information	0.77
Newsletter Advertising-Website	1.60
Interest Dividend	0.75

Expense Summary



Administrative Expenses	%46.22
Special Project Expense	30.68
Operating Expenses	17.35
Membership Expenses	5.76

Year in Review - Education

The Chamber continued to support education in the community, the backbone to any work force. The Chamber was proud to carry on four very successful education-based programs: New Teacher Luncheon, Adult Leadership BG, High School Leadership, and Career Forum.

Along with awarding annual scholarships, the Chamber and local financial institutions from the Chamber membership, hosted the **New Teacher's Luncheon**. This allowed an opportunity to welcome and congratulate new teachers to their new position, to the community, and to the Chamber.

Community members from all walks of life participated in the 2007-2008 **Leadership BG** Class and discovered areas of their community they didn't realize existed. This nine-month program offered an opportunity for the members to investigate and discuss issues facing the Bowling Green Community as well as sharpen up their leadership skills.

It has become a tradition to challenge each class to work together toward a common goal. The Class of 2008 worked with the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center and the Wood County District Public Library Foundation to expand the library of the Wood County Juvenile Detention Center. The Class contributed books, periodicals and new book selves. Members of the 2007-2008 class included: Paul Brock, Mary Davenport-Corthell, Kenneth Fortney, Anna Fowler, Kevin Fowler, Cristy Gray, Linda Holmes, Todd Hughes, Steve Kampf, Stephen Meredith, Adrienne Moyer, Eric Reynolds, Mark Shook, and Roberta Vermaaten.

LBGAA The Leadership BG Alumni Association with more than 325 graduates, holds quarterly luncheons that provide networking opportunities, speakers and entertainment for graduates of the Leadership BG Program. They are encouraged to participate in the events and programs offered by the Alumni Association. It is a tradition for members of the LBGAA to volunteer at the Black Swamp Arts Festival. This association raises funds to support academic scholarships given out in the spring of each year.

Launched in 1998, the **High School Leadership** program is a means of introducing area high school students to their community, while fostering leadership abilities. Twenty-two students from BGHS, kicked-off their five-month experience with a team-building program, a Mars Mission at the Challenger Learning Center, and visits to local businesses and facilities. Students learned about many relevant topics, including career options in various fields, leadership traits and styles, and issues of diversity in the workplace. Throughout the year, they worked to identify characteristics of good leaders during their trips into the community. HSL is a joint venture between the Chamber and Bowling Green City Schools, funded in part by BG Noon Kiwanis, the Exchange Club of Bowling Green, and the Wood County Educational Service Center.

Working through the high school administrators and guidance counselors, juniors from Bowling Green High School, and area schools have the opportunity to explore career options thru **Career Forum**. This event held in March, exposed students to available work opportunities in their own community, while helping create a stable employee pool for our area.

Year in Review

In mid July, the Chamber membership reunited at the **Mid-Year Luncheon**. Hosted by Stone Ridge Golf Club, over 100 Chamber investors and friends congratulated Joan Gordon as the 2008 recipient of the "I Love BG" award. Additionally, the Chamber scholarship was awarded to Brigitte Reinke.

The **Chamber Day at the Fair** and the **Merchant Fair** continue to be favorites of Chamber investors. Due to space limitations, the Chamber Business Day at the Fair is open to Chamber investors on a first come first served basis. Both events were at maximum capacity of participants. The Merchant Fair is in collaboration with Bowling Green State University's All Campus Fest. Both events provide a venue for Chamber investors to showcase their business in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

In the third season of **Shirt Showcase Fridays** spots filled up fast. For the months of April through October the Chamber staff wore a shirt sporting the logo of the participating Chamber investor, each Friday of their sponsored month. If you read the Chatter you would have seen photos of the Shirt Showcase Friday business with the Chamber staff.

The 4th Annual **Community Collaboration Day** was hosted by the Chamber, BG Community Development Foundation, and the WC Economic Development Commission. Brief remarks were made by representatives of BGSU, BG City Schools, BGCDF, The Chamber, and BGSU. The guest speaker was Dave Horger, focusing on the community collaboration of the 88.1 fm radio program, The Morning Show.

Kicking off the holiday season, the Chamber's **Annual BG Holiday Parade** celebrated BG's next 175 years through the theme 'Holiday Reflections - Of the Future'. There were 126 units including six bands. Fox 36 filmed the event for rebroadcast on Thanksgiving morning. WBGU aired this rebroadcast numerous times during the months of November and December. Santa arrived on a futuristic 'rocket sled' designed by Mid-Wood.

The Chamber was proud to contribute to the success of Bowling Green's designation as a **'Preserve America'** Community. This award is one more example of our community's quality of life.

2008 was the end of Bowling Green's **Terquasquicentennial** celebrations. The Chamber supported the 175th Anniversary committee by selling and storing their merchandise, and promoting their events.

Thank You...

An estimated 175 volunteers supported and implemented the diverse 2008 programming offered by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, the Chamber is very grateful to all the sponsors and partners who have helped us host these events, supported educational endeavors, and contributed to business development. You have helped the Chamber maintain its mission of strengthening Bowling Green's quality of life by strengthening our business community.

The changes and growth brought about in the past year will continue to create momentum as the Chamber moves into 2009. As we gather together for the Annual Meeting, Dinner & Dance, we have a fantastic opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new investors, and learn from the experiences of 2008.

New Investors in 2008

Al-Jiboury Investments	Kirian's Home Shop
Allies in Mental Health, LLC	Lockbox Services LLC
Ameriprise Financial	Stephen Merrill
Mary Davenport-Corthell	Midwest Compost, Inc.
ASB Technology Solutions	Mr. Rooter Plumbing
Ashley Insurance Group	Natures Way Landscapes
Aurand Trucking	NRG Industrial Lighting Mfg. Co.
Broken Acres Electronics	Paramount Insurance
Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar	Pemberville Public Library
Carlson Millstream Travel	Portable Storage
Chauncey Pointe	Matt Reger
Columbia Gas	Reno, Bogden & Ferber
Delphos Publications Business Journal	Reverend Chico's
Discovery Kingdom	Riverview Bookkeeping Services
Doug Meyer Trucking	Sherwin Williams
Downey Orthodontics	Silver Lining Bookkeeping
Farmers & Merchants State Bank	Suburban Natural Gas Company
First Presbyterian Church	Toledo Free Press, LLC
Guru India	Verizon Wireless Premium Retailer
Henschen & Associates, Inc.	Williams Industrial Service, Inc.
Cindy Hofner	
Huguley & Associates, LLC	
Huntington Chiropractic & Wellness, LLC	
Jeremy Muessling Chiropractic	
Job 1 USA	
Kel-Mar, Inc.	
Kingston Residence of Perrysburg	

Thank you for your investment. Through you, we are able to continue our mission, working together for the common good of strengthening your business and your community!

Year in Review

The Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce continues its momentum as a voluntary organization of business and professional men and women who have joined together for the purpose of promoting the civic and commercial progress. Our success is due entirely to you, the investor, local chamber partners and over 175 volunteers. As we tackle the challenges of tough economic times, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting and strengthening our local businesses and organizations.

New for 2008, included the **Member-2-Member** program. This savings program allows any member of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce to offer an exclusive discounted service or product to other Chamber investors. Every year, chamber investors receive a M2M Discount Card with their renewal packet, allowing them to take advantage of these discounts. Details of the M2M program is on the chamber website.

The Chamber is pleased to report its on-going collaboration with Bowling Green State University's WBGU 88.1 fm, morning radio program hosted by Dave Horger. **The Morning Show** is broadcasted live, Monday through Friday, from 6:00 am to 9:00 am. This program offers underwriter opportunities for Chamber investors as it provides the community with up-to-date local and national news, weather, sports, and community happenings.

Among other benefits, chamber investors participated in the **Group Health Insurance Programs** and **Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**. As the concern for, and the cost of health care continues to rise, the Chamber is dedicated to serving its investors by working in partnership with the health care community.

The **Chamber Delegates**, worked as two distinct committees, the Ceremonial Delegates and the Welcome Delegates. They continued to represent the Chamber at ribbon cuttings, grand openings and ground breaking ceremonies, and welcomed new businesses to the community on behalf of the Chamber.

The **Business Council** devoted themselves to sponsor the Business, Briefing and brew, or known as the BB&b, scheduled the second Thursday of each month. Any Chamber investor interested, is welcome to attend and share information about the service, product and/or program, they offer. Once again in 2008, the Business Council sponsored the State of the City and the State of the County addresses. Each provided valuable information about what was happening in the city and county. A question and answer period was provided allowing investors the opportunity to have their concerns addressed.

Business Before Hours and **Business After Hours** continued to be an event for showcasing the sponsoring business, and a meet and greet for Chamber investors. During 2008, the Chamber Executive Board approved new 'budget friendly options' of hosting a Business Before/After Hours.

Year in Review

With the rising costs of natural gas, The Chamber was proud to support Bowling Green Community Development Foundation & Chamber Energy Solution's **Gas Aggregation Program**. This program is designed specifically to help save on investor's natural gas bill by utilizing the strength of group buying.

The Chamber partnered with the Bowling Green Community Development Foundation and **SCORE** of Northwest Ohio, with a program designed to help those interested in starting-up a business, *Small Business Basics*. An average of 15 individuals attended four different seminars held throughout the year at the Wood County District Public Library.

The Chamber **Scholarship Project Team**, in tandem with the Wood County Hospital, sponsored the fourth annual **Blood Analysis** fundraiser. One hundred forty nine participants took advantage of the low cost, 14 hour blood fasting analysis test (including PSA for men), had blood pressure checks, and viewed Health Displays, all geared towards identifying health risks. Held in April at the Wood County Hospital Rehab Center, this program not only benefits Chamber scholarship recipients, but also those of the Wood County Hospital Foundation.

The **Advocacy Task Force** concentrated on educating Chamber investors so they could make educated decisions on local, state and federal issues that may affect their business. The Advocacy Task Force works hand and hand with the League of Women Voters helping to promote the legislative process that is crucial to our community through candidate forums.

The **Young Professionals** hosted networking events, raised child safety awareness through a fundraiser, and became holiday elves by collecting gently used books, new toys and non-perishable food items for needy families. Open to all young professionals of the Chamber, and those young at heart, the purpose of the Young Professionals is to provide professional development opportunities, to promote business and social networking, and to help young people in business develop and strengthen ties to the community of Bowling Green.

Three times over the course of the year, new investors are invited to a **New Investor Orientation** breakfast. With 46 new businesses joining the Chamber in 2008, these breakfasts provided an opportunity for existing investors to introduce themselves to new investors. New investors are also given the opportunity to learn more about how they can be involved in the Chamber.

Many thanks to the City of Bowling Green for partnering with the Chamber to produce the community **Fourth of July Fireworks** display. Hundreds of citizens from throughout the county enjoyed this annual event.

Crowning the end of the summer of 2008, the Chamber hosted its annual **Golf Outing**. Twenty eight teams participated, and 98 Chamber businesses, either sponsored and/or donated prizes. This annual event enjoyed by novice and avid golfers alike is considered one of the Chamber's largest fundraiser.