



# ERIE COUNTY CHAMBER of COMMERCE

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## MESSAGE UPDATE FROM PAMELA SMITH-DROLL:

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood as Fred Rogers used to say! In this edition of our Chamber Newsletter I would like to focus on Spring bringing new opportunities and new energy to your business. This is the time to get rid of winter clutter and spring forward with new ideas, maintain business relationships, and create new ones as well.

I want to tell you a little bit about the Chamber's New Program to better connect and serve our members. The Chamber has a great group of Ambassadors that do a lot for the Chamber and the community. They are the marketing arm of the Chamber. Each Ambassador will be making phone calls to connect with our members to ask a simple question: How can the Chamber help you and your business right now? The Chamber is always working behind the scenes to develop and support our members. I wanted to make you aware that our Ambassadors will be reaching out to you in the future.

As always, make this a great day!

## UPCOMING CHAMBER EVENTS

### **Business After Hours \*TOMORROW\***

When: Wed., March 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM

Where: Mad River Harley-Davidson

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### **Business After Hours / Ribbon Cutting**

When: Wed., March 27<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM

Where: ONNYX (FKA MCPc)

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### **Business After Hours**

When: Wed., April 10<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM

Where: Cinderella's Closet

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### **Annual Meeting & Awards**

When: Thu., April 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM

Where: Castaway Bay

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## 2019 Annual Meeting & Awards

Join us in honoring this year's Award Recipients!

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm at Castaway Bay**

**Business of the Year: NOMS Healthcare**

**Business Person of the Year: Ron Waite,  
Sandusky Register**

**Lifetime Achievement Award: David E. Mehling**

**Senior Council Award: BAS Broadcasting Randy  
Hugg, Mark Fogg and Steve Shoffner**

**Entrepreneur of the Year: Claudio Salvador,  
Firelands Winery**

**Ambassador of the Year: Kathleen Hottman**

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## How to Grow Your Side Hustle

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### Tech Seminar Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8AM: *Learn how to protect your business from cyber security threats*

*Presented by Buckeye Broadband in partnership with the Erie County Chamber of Commerce*

Cyber security threats can cause major disruptions to your business network. Having help to manage your online network will become more important to help keep your business running fluidly. BrainiacPro is uniquely designed to help manage your entire online network with faster internet speeds, managed WiFi, point of sales systems, malware protection, and so much more.

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### First National Bank looking to hire Part Time Bank Teller

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## Accounting Scholarships Available

Payne Nickles & Company, CPAs, through the Huron County Community Foundation (an affiliate of The Community Foundation of Lorain County), is proud to announce it is again offering up to two (2) \$2,000 scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year. The scholarship is open to second, third, fourth or fifth year students with accounting majors, and is intended to assist the student in meeting the 150-hour requirement to take the CPA exam.

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## Going Green and Saving Green: *Simple Energy Tips for Bars, Restaurants, and Cafés*

Make the switch to LED. Energy-efficient lighting can be a quick and cost-effective way to reduce your monthly electricity bill and to make your space look nicer! Also, many utilities offer rebates to help offset the cost.

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## Now Accepting Inquiries for New Chamber Ambassadors

Are you a hands on person looking to get more involved? As an Erie County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, you are a volunteer representative for the Chamber at public and chamber-sponsored events.

If you're interested in becoming a Chamber Ambassador, contact Pamela to setup your interview!

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