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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING & DINNER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009
GRANTWOOD GOLF COURSE
SHOTGUN START - 10 A.M.

Scramble Format Skins Game Prizes Skill Shots

The Solon Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 11th at Grantwood Golf Course. There are only a few slots left, so call the Chamber office today and sign up. The Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. A continental breakfast will be available plus our legendary lunch cookout and steak dinner with all the trimmings. Lots of skill shots, games and prizes are available for those who attend. The Chinese auction is back which allows you to have the best chance to win what you want.

Still want to join the fun but don't golf? The golf outing takes the place of our September luncheon meeting, so non-golfers are encouraged to attend the dinner. The Non-Golfer's package, which includes open bar, is \$45. The open bar will start at approximately 3:30 p.m. with dinner at 4:30 p.m. The dinner is a great opportunity to network after a long, fun-filled day. **Reservations required!** Call 440.248.5080.

Our outing is an excellent way to get yourself and your company recognized while enjoying a great day. Visit the hole sponsors and see what activities they have planned under their striped canopies.

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Coming Events

Solon Chamber Golf Outing
Friday, September 11, 2009
Grantwood
10 a.m. Shotgun
(Golf Outing Dinner
to follow. All members
welcome to register
and attend the dinner.)

Solon HR Legal Update
Thursday, September 17, 2009
Signature of Solon
11:30 a.m.

Business After Hours
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
KraftMaid Experience
5 - 7 p.m.

SWIB Luncheon
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
Signature of Solon
11:30 a.m.

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Calendar of Events
including all committee
meetings, see the last page
of this newsletter or visit
us at www.solonchamber.com

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Ewa Antonczyk

Summer is over! I cannot believe that it is already September! I hope you enjoyed Labor Day weekend and you are getting ready to participate in the Solon Chamber Golf Outing at Grantwood on September 11th. This is such a great networking event. If you don't play golf I hope you signed up to join us for the delicious steak dinner. Deadline for reservations is September 4th. It's never too early to thank all those who signed up to golf and, especially, all our sponsors.

This year has been full of challenges and change. It is also a great time to reflect on how things have been done in the past and begin to refocus and leverage new ideas and opportunities for economic growth. Through membership in the Solon Chamber of Commerce, the tremendous potential of businesses and professionals is maximized. Together we accomplish collectively what no one person or group could accomplish individually.

I encourage everyone who provides "green" products to consumers to sign up for the 3 Chamber Green Show coming in October. This regional event from the Aurora, Solon and Twinsburg chambers follows our success 3 Chamber Business to Business Show held every May.

In addition to our golf outing, there are meetings in September that I hope you will pass on to other interested individuals within your company. Remember, if your company is a member, every employee is a member. The Solon Women in Business is having a luncheon on how women can network; there is a Legal Update Seminar scheduled for individuals in the HR field, and we're working on a Business After Hours event. For the latest information, visit the Solon Chamber web site at www.solonchamber.com.

I would like to let you know that we remain committed to providing our members a supportive system with continuous opportunities for growth, education and sustainability for their business.

Thank you for your support in making Solon such a wonderful city to live, work and play. I look forward to see you at upcoming events.

Welcome New Members

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Christina Cmarik
34500 Euclid Avenue
Willoughby, OH 44094
440.918.7900
Employment agency

Daniel Messeloff

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& Stewart PC
1271 Public Square, Ste. 4130
Cleveland, OH 44114
216.274.6904
Labor & employment lawyer

Signum, Inc.

Kim Greer
32000 Aurora Road
Solon, OH 44139
440.248.2233
Manufacturer of POP displays

Steve's Sports

Steve Baraona
6442 Metro Court, Unit B
Bedford Hts., OH 44146
440.735.0044
Sporting goods, promotional
products

United Way of Greater Cleveland

Josh Womack
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Cleveland, OH 44115
216.436.2189
Community organization

Farmers Insurance

Leeanne Divis
6100 Oak Tree Blvd., Suite 300
Independence, OH 44131
216.674.5274
Insurance

**We extend a warm welcome to
our new members and encourage you
to patronize their services.**

CALLING FOR BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Business of the Year are due at the Chamber office by Friday, October 9. The Business of the Year award recognizes best practices, accomplishments and community involvement of a member company. All Chamber members are eligible for the Business of the Year award.

The Business of the Year award nomination form will be emailed to all members soon. You may nominate someone you know or you may self-nominate.

Please call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 if you have any questions.

**The Chamber office will be CLOSED on
Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day and
on Friday, September 25 for software systems upgrade.**



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August Luncheon Meeting

Solon Community Center



Solon Mayor Kevin Patton; luncheon sponsor Tom Wasson, Wasson Company; speaker Congressman Steven LaTourette; Board Chairman Ewa Antonczyk, Hampton Inn



New member Christina Cmarik, Employ-Ease; Jan Davis, Noble-Davis Consulting Services; Marc Paige, APG Office Furnishings



Ingrid Halpert, Weiss Movers & Storage; Jim Benjamin, Precision Brush Co; Donna Scicolone, Astro Travel, Inc.



Dave Anderson and John Mitchell, The Robert Newton Co. with Richard Hughes, Alpha HR, LLC

Members in the News

- ❑ *Crain's* ranked **Corporate College East #13** and **Executive Caterers #17** in Largest Conference Centers according to meeting space.
- ❑ Jekyll's Kitchen, part of **Hyde Park Restaurant Systems**, was given a glowing review in the "Scoop du Jour" section of the Solon Sun.
- ❑ *Crain's* listed **Nestle Prepared Foods #2** and **TTI Floor Care #13** of Largest Foreign-owned companies ranked by number of local employees.
- ❑ **North Coast Tutoring Services** will hold adult classes this fall in English, Math and English as a Second Language. Please call Jessica Smith at 440.914.0200 for dates, times and fee.
- ❑ *Inc. Magazine* has named **Findaway World**, makers of Playaway, one of the Top 500 fastest growing private companies in the nation. Congratulations!

Do You Have News To Share?

We like to know what is going on in your company. If you have news you would like us to share with other Chamber members, please email staff@solonchamber.com or call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080.



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CITY BUSINESS NEWS

I-1 ZONING AMENDMENT REQUEST -

The owner of property on Naiman Parkway has agreed to delay a request to amend the uses permitted in the I-1 Industrial Warehousing District until the May, 2010 ballot at the earliest to give the property owner time to address adjacent residents' concerns about noise, lighting and traffic. This item has been placed on the inactive agendas of the Planning Commission and Council.

RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY - A renewable energy facility will be built at the Solon Water Reclamation Plant. The anaerobic digester will be replaced with a more energy efficient design that will allow the capture of methane gas produced by the digester. The gas will be used to run the plant's heating system and provide energy for future use. Any excess methane gas could be marketed. The plant will also undergo electrical upgrades. Solon's water reclamation plant treats most of the waste generated in the city, amounting to 4 million gallons a day.

SENIOR HOUSING - Work on the Carrington Court model home and first apartment building (64 units) is in progress. The apartment building is expected to open during the second quarter of 2010. Carrington Court is located east of Solar Shopping Center on Aurora Road.

SOLAR SHOPPING CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL - A public hearing was held over the course of three Council meetings to consider a request by the owners of Solar Shopping Center to rezone property for the redevelopment of the shopping center. In response, the City has proposed creating a new C-3-A Commercial Shopping Center District and rezoning a portion of the property to C-3-A and rezoning 2.6 acres on Aurora Road from O-1 General Office District to C-3 Commercial District.

The conceptual site plan for the 21 acre site includes a 99,000 sq. ft. new Giant Eagle, renovation of 58,000 sq. ft. of the existing shopping center, demolition of the remainder of the existing shopping center, construction of five smaller retail buildings ranging from 3,200 to 9,200 sq. ft., and a 12-pump Get-Go service station on site. The Planning Commission and Council expressed a preference for an off-site Get-Go.

The proposed new C-3-A Commercial Shopping Center zoning is intended to achieve the high quality redevelopment of Solar Shopping Center, as per recommendations in the City's Master Plan. The major differences between the proposed zoning and the existing C-3 Commercial Zoning are: 1) It increases maximum building size from 60,000 sq. ft. to 90,000 sq. ft.; 2)

It allows one gas station as a directly affiliated subsidiary to the principal anchor tenant; 3) Business and professional offices and hotels are specifically listed as permitted uses. The Planning Commission endorsed the adoption of the C-3-A zoning, the rezoning of 2.6 acres on Aurora Road from O-1 General Office to C-3 Commercial, and the rezoning of the shopping center property currently zoned C-3 Commercial to C-3A. Also under consideration is a development agreement to address planning, legal, and engineering issues that will govern the development.

KUDOS - The City of Solon ranked #23 nationally in *Money Magazine's* Best Places to Live 2009 for small towns with populations between 8,500 and 50,000. The City moved up several notches from its 2005 ranking of #42. The listing can be viewed at <http://money.cnn.com/magazines/moneymag/bplive/2009/snapshots/PL3972928.html>

GOLF OUTING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

The Chamber is looking for raffle prize donations for the 2009 Solon Chamber Golf Outing. This is a great way to advertise because your company's name will be in the golf program, announced at the dinner and again in the October newsletter.

Prizes can be dropped off at the Chamber office on or before September 8. Please call the Chamber office at 440.248.5080 with any questions or to let us know you are donating a prize.

Chamber Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday
8:30 a.m. - 12 noon

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Wednesday, September 23
5 - 7 p.m.

Hosted by



21 North Franklin Street
Chagrin Falls
(additional parking available
in rear of building)

Join us for a Business After Hours at KraftMaid Experience's beautiful new showroom. This event is open only to member companies and their employees.

Reservations are requested. Please call the Chamber at 440-248-5080.

Business Growth Seminar

"Social Networking -
What is It, How to
Get Involved"

Tuesday, October 6, 2009
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Homewood Suites
6085 Enterprise Parkway

Speaker: Brad Kleinman,
WorkSmart e-Marketing

Brad will take you through the steps needed in setting up a Social Networking account for yourself and for your company. He will explain the advantage to having your company profile on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter as well as discussing the other Social Networking sites.

You are encouraged to bring your laptop to this event.

FEE: \$12.00 members;
\$20.00 non members

NOTE: \$5.00 additional for late
reservations

Deadline for registration is 3 p.m.
Friday, October 2, 2009. Prepaid
reservations requested. Call the
Chamber office at 440.248.5080;
email-staff@solonchamber.com
or online at www.solonchamber.com.
Credit cards accepted by phone.
(No Shows will be invoiced)

Solon Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing Scramble

Friday, September 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. Shotgun
(Same as last year - one shotgun)

Golf & Dinner: Grantwood Golf Course
38855 Aurora Road, Solon



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Simply choose one of the following sponsorship levels.

Hole Sponsors (18): \$300

Package consisting of one hole sign, two tee signs

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Travel around the course greeting thirsty golfers!

Lunch Sponsors (2): \$200 - SOLD OUT

Sponsor the "Hot Dog" stand or the "Pizza & Sub" tent.

Tee Sponsor: \$75

Golf Ball Tee Sign with your company name.

Breakfast Sponsor (1): \$75 - SOLD OUT

Welcome golfers with coffee and a snack.

Skill Shot Sponsors (3): \$100 - SOLD OUT

Your name on signs & announced at dinner!

Golf Cart Sponsor (1): \$500 - SOLD OUT

Your name on all golf carts!

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on Chamber web site, and in Chamber newsletter.

PLAY GOLF!

Golfer's Complete Package:

\$125 per person

Non-Golfer's Package:

\$45 (Open bar & dinner)

Please sign me up for the following:

- Hole Sponsor (\$300)
- Tee Sponsor (\$75)
- ~~Sold Out~~ Beverage Cart Sponsor (\$300)
- ~~Sold Out~~ Lunch Sponsor (\$200)
- ~~Sold Out~~ Breakfast Sponsor (\$75)
- ~~Sold Out~~ Skill Shot Sponsors (\$100)
- ~~Sold Out~~ Golf Cart Sponsor (\$500)

Complete Golfer's Package (\$125)

Golfer's Name(s) Company

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

(Note: we will match single golfers)

Non-Golfer's Package (\$45-open bar & dinner)

Name(s) Company

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Solon HR Roundtable Legal Update II

Thursday, September 17, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**Signature of Solon
39000 Signature Drive, Solon**

**Presenters: Steve Moss, Rob Fischer and
Adrian Thompson
Taft Stettinius & Hollister, LLC**

This program is a must for all Human Resource professionals. The presenters will provide information on recent developments concerning the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as other significant recent developments in labor and employment law. Also included will be a discussion on the current status of the much publicized Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) and what employers should do now to prepare. Following the presentations, there will be time for a question and answer session on issues relating to labor and employment law.

Fee: \$20.00 Solon Chamber members; \$40.00 non members

NOTE: Late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.00

Deadline for registration is 3 p.m. Monday, September 14, 2009

**Prepaid reservations requested. Call the Chamber office at 400.248.5080;
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Solon Women in Business Luncheon

“Women and Networking”

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

11:30 a.m.

**Signature of Solon
39000 Signature Drive**

Speaker: Tara Templeman, Who Does That Productions

Tara Templeman has been called the “Networking Guru” by Ladies Who Launch. She, along with her partner, manage an event planning business that depends on networking. She will be discussing how women network differently than men, what business advantages can be gained by networking with the right people and how to network to get what you want.

Fee: \$20.00 Solon Chamber members; \$40.00 non members

NOTE: Late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.00

Deadline for registration is 3 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2009

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CHANGES COMING!

The Solon Chamber office will be closed on Friday, September 25th so that staff can accomplish the migration to a new web-based version of our Membership Management Software. The following are some of the short- and long-term changes that will take place:

- The Chamber web site will be down on migration day - September 25. Members will not have access to information including the Online Business Directory and Online Event Registration.
- Members will continue to log in to the Online Event Registration with their user name (email) and password. New features for the Online Event Registration will be added to make the process easier and more streamline.
- Following the migration, the Chamber will be unveiling its newly designed web site. The new web site will be easier to navigate and will reduce redundancy.
- Member-Only Secure Page: A special new addition to the web site will be a member-only section. This section, accessible through the same user name and password as the Online Event Registration, will feature information on member-only benefits. It will also give the Chamber the opportunity to expand member-only services in the future.

The Chamber anticipates an easy conversion to the upgrade of its membership management software. Please feel free to contact the Chamber office if you experience any difficulties or have any questions.

Get LinkedIn to the Solon Chamber

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Member price: \$125
Non-member price: \$175
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of your “green” product or service.

Call the Solon Chamber of Commerce
at 440-248-5080

*Thanks for your participation! No refunds after 9-28-09
Refunds prior to 9-28-09 minus \$20 handling fee*



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Business Dev. Com. Mtg Solon City Hall 8:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Golf Com. Mtg Grantwood 8:00 a.m.	5
6	7 <i>Chamber office Closed</i>	8	9 Membership Com. Mtg. Hampton Inn 8:30 a.m.	10 Board of Directors Mtg. Solon City Hall 8 a.m.	11 SCOC Golf Outing Grantwood 10 a.m.	12
13	14 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	15	16	17 HR Legal Update Seminar Signature of Solon 11:30 a.m.	18 SWIB Com. Mtg Arabica Solon 12 noon	19
20	21	22	23 Business After Hours KraftMaid Experience 5:00 p.m.	24 SYP Comm. Meeting SAECO 8 a.m.	25 <i>Chamber office Closed - Software systems upgrade</i>	26
27	28	29 SWIB Luncheon Meeting Signature of Solon 11:30 a.m.	30			

Solon Chamber of Commerce Mission

To serve as advocates for the business community by supporting and fostering vibrant economic growth.

Chamber to Hold Auction for a Suite at Lake Erie Monsters Game

The Solon Chamber will be raffling off a Suite at a Lake Erie Monsters Hockey Game a \$1,250 Value!

The package includes 18 tickets and 3 parking passes. Food and beverage can be ordered or purchased the day of the game.

The Winning Bidder will be announced at the Chamber Annual Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17th.

Watch your email for details on bidding and date selection for the game.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS OUR RESTAURANTS!

The next time you plan a lunch with customers or an evening out, consider the many casual and fine restaurants that are Solon Chamber members. Many also provide catering for your inhouse event. More information on these restaurants can be found on the Chamber web site, www.solonchamber.com in the Online Business Directory. By supporting Chamber members you are supporting the local economy.

Alesci's Place
Bertram Inn & Conference Center (Paws & Leopard)
Chicago Deli
D & R Bagels
DiBella's Submarines
Domino's Pizza
Donato's Pizza
Glenwillow Grille
HoneyBaked Ham Company & Cafe
Hunan of Solon
Hyde Park Restaurant Systems (Hyde Park & Jekyll's Kitchen)
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