



**MADISON-PERRY AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
*Newsletter On Line*

MARCH 2010



**You're Invited To Attend The Madison-Perry  
Area Chamber of Commerce  
Annual Awards Dinner**

**THURSDAY – MARCH 11, 2010**

6 pm (Cash Bar) Social Hour • 7 pm Dinner  
Madison Country Club ~ 6131 Chapel Rd. – Madison  
**Cost: \$32.00 per person**

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***French Chiropractic & Wellness Center***  
"2010 Business of the Year"

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***Jan Warren***  
"2010 Community Service Award"

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***The Madison Food Center***  
"2010 Heritage Award"

NAME(s) \_\_\_\_\_ (for nametags)

You can register online and pay by credit card at [www.mpacc.org](http://www.mpacc.org). All payments must be received in advance of the event or mail with check payable to MPACC — Mail before Friday, March 6, 2010 to:

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P.O. Box 4 Madison, OH 44057

**DINNER INCLUDES:**

Mixed Greens Salad, Chicken Oscar, Roasted Redskin Potatoes,  
Vegetable Medley, Pecan Ball with Hot Fudge.

*A complimentary beverage of beer or wine will be served during the social hour.*

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*"The Madison-Perry Area Chamber of Commerce exists to develop, enhance, and represent business, stimulate community leadership, and promote economic growth."*

## 2009 - 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*The following chamber members will serve as the executive board of the MPACC for a 1 year term beginning July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010.*

**Chairman of the Board, Mike Zinn**  
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## Shop Locally and Support Chamber Members!

**From the Chamber President, Cindy Girdler.....**

The results of the membership survey are included in this newsletter and I was pleased to see how many of our members use the membership directory and look to our members when purchasing a product or service.

During the month of January, my husband and I decided we needed to update a bathroom in our home. I wanted to see how many products or services I could use from Madison and Perry to complete our project.

I always chose a chamber member first when I can and if a business is not a member but still local, I will try to support that business. Below are some of the results of my bathroom remodel.

This project, we worked with a local construction company in Perry to install a new window (purchased locally) and some other work that needed to be done. He gave me the name of a local man to skim coat the walls. We purchased our bathroom cabinets from a Madison business and our floor tile from a flooring company in Perry. We hired a local contractor to lay the tile. We purchased some duct work and other supplies from a local hardware store and we bought our paint, rollers, etc. from a paint store in Madison. A chamber member will be framing the bathroom mirror to coordinate with the cabinets.

**We have spent over 5,000.00 to date supporting chamber members and other local businesses in the area on just this project.**

Shopping locally helps to create jobs. Job creation helps to fund more services like education and emergency services through taxes, and promoting community development.

The well-being of a community benefits when consumers shop locally. Businesses contribute to local charities, support sports teams, festivals, service clubs, school activities, etc. Local business owners invest in the community and have a vested interest in the future of the community. I hope you too will consider shopping locally. **When you shop locally, not only does it help build community but it helps to build connections that are important to sustaining our local businesses.**



**The Following Businesses  
Attended the January 20<sup>th</sup>  
Membership Luncheon  
at Lakeland East**

American Alert  
Blue Spruce Storage & Materials  
Bond, Sippola, DeJoy & Co.  
Civic Member - Mary Lou McCracken  
Claudia Bentley  
Continuum Home Care, Inc.  
Dollar Bank  
Eagle Excavating, Inc.  
Edward Jones  
FirstMerit Bank  
Grand River Cellars Winery & Restaurant  
Howard Hanna — Warren Team  
Joeys Italian Grille  
Lake County Port Authority  
Lees Machinery  
Madison Pet & Garden  
Madison Township  
Madison Village  
Madison Village Council  
Madison Village Zoning Commission  
Martins Nursery Inc.  
Mitchell Construction  
NEO Technical CO-OP  
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Northern Dental Specialists  
Northwest Savings Bank  
Perry Public Library  
Perry Township  
Potti Funeral Home  
Rabbit Run Community Arts Association  
Silver Fox Gunsmithing  
StonEngraver  
The Prudential Insurance Co. of America  
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**The Following Businesses  
Attended Networking Madness  
on February 17<sup>th</sup>**

AGM Physical Therapy  
Bond, Sippola, DeJoy & Co.  
Classic Madison  
Creative Memories Scraping with Genny  
DaVita Inc - DVA Renal Healthcare  
Debonne Vineyards  
Edward Jones  
FirstMerit Bank  
French Chiropractic & Wellness Center  
Gehring's Agency, Inc.  
Grand River Cellars Winery & Restaurant  
His Majesty's on the Square  
Howard Hanna — Warren Team  
Jacks Pools & Spas  
Layton Physical Therapy  
Little Mountain Insurance Group  
Madison Pet & Garden  
Madison Public Library  
Martins Nursery Inc.  
NEO Technical CO-OP  
Northwest Savings Bank  
Peebles  
Perry Public Library  
Perry Township  
Rabbit Run Community Arts Association  
Rae-Ann Geneva Nursing & Rehab Center  
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# Chamber Member News & Events

## SENIOR SERVICE HEALTH FAIR

Rae-Ann Geneva Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is proud to announce the upcoming 5th Annual Senior Services Health Fair which will be held on **Friday, April 16, 2010, from 9am to 1pm at the Geneva Community Center**. This event is **free and open to the public** with over 25 vendors from the community providing FREE health related screenings/information.

**Gold Sponsors include:** UH-Geneva Medical Center, UH-Home Care and Rae-Ann Geneva Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. **Silver Sponsors include:** The Sanctuary of Geneva, Harbinger Hospice, Walker Funeral Home, Ashtabula Regional Home Care, and French Chiropractic & Wellness.

Contact Beth Cheney, Admissions Coordinator for Rae-Ann Geneva, at 440-466-5733 for more information.

## Selection Committee for 2010 Awards

Thank you to our members for serving on the awards committee for 2010:

**Jim O'Leary**, Chairman

**Bill Holl – Lorraine Sears** (MPACC Board of Directors)

**Bert Covell** (MPACC Member)

**Rick Amos – Don Welsh – Wally Siegel** (past recipients)

Thank you to our members, and members of the community, for the nominations received this year. Nominations received this year will be reviewed again by the selection committee in 2011.

## FREE COMMUNITY APPRECIATION PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010  
7:30aM to 9:30aM**

Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, Juice and Coffee

*Complements of Rae-Ann Geneva Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation*

839 West Main Street, Geneva OH

Contact Beth Cheney, Admissions Coordinator at 440-466-5733 for more information

## Scraping with Genny

**Genny Pochodzay**, who runs **Scraping with Genny**, will be taking the challenge of the 60 miles, 3 day walk in July and August.

She has 3 sisters with breast cancer and would like to invite you to join her team and help fight breast cancer.

You can contact Genny at 440-259-2828 (leave a message). Don't wait, we have training to do for the walk and we need to recruit other to join us.

Thank you for helping with the fight to stamp out breast cancer - - Scrap With Genny.

**Edward Jones**  
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# PROTECT YOUR BUSINESS FROM FRAUD

## Report Scams and Get Tips

*Small businesses and non-profits act like consumers every day, purchasing goods and services from other businesses. If you've been a victim of an unfair or deceptive business transaction, report it to Attorney General Richard Cordray. Go to [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Business](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Business) or call the Help Center at (800) 282-0515.*



### Beware of these common scams!

- Businesses that charge a fee to help your business comply with a “new government regulation.”
- Unauthorized phone charges.
- Office supply scams where businesses will supply you with products you did not order or deliver lower quality goods.
- Phony offers to advertise on behalf of your business.
- Phony billing schemes, where businesses are sent phony invoices or a service is “renewed” without consent.

### Tips for protecting your business

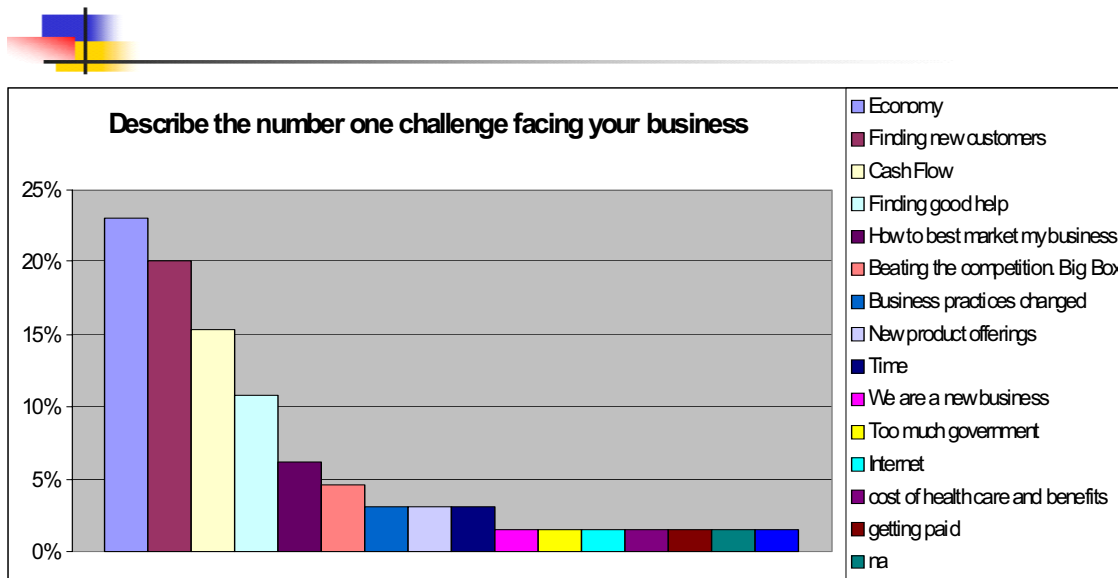
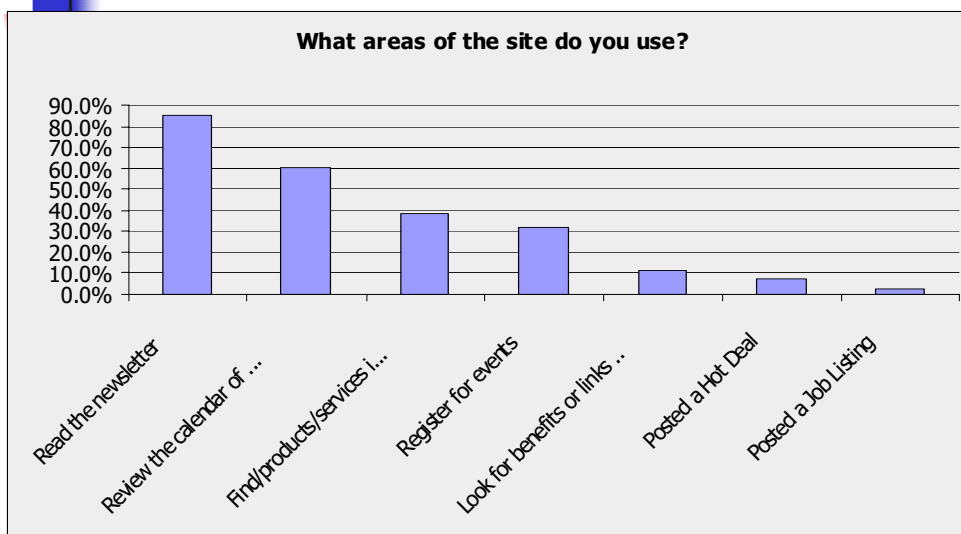
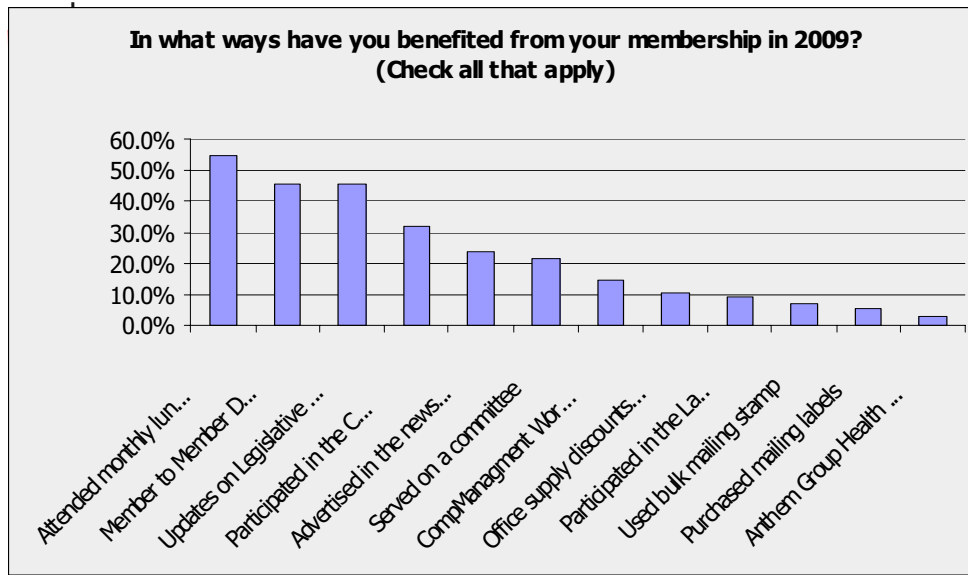
- Centralize office management so that one person knows all of the vendors for your business. This will help prevent companies from pretending that they've done business with you before.
- Immediately report any unordered merchandise or invoices to the supplier.
- Ask for written confirmation of your transaction with all conditions clearly stated.
- Always get contact information from those offering services over the phone or email.

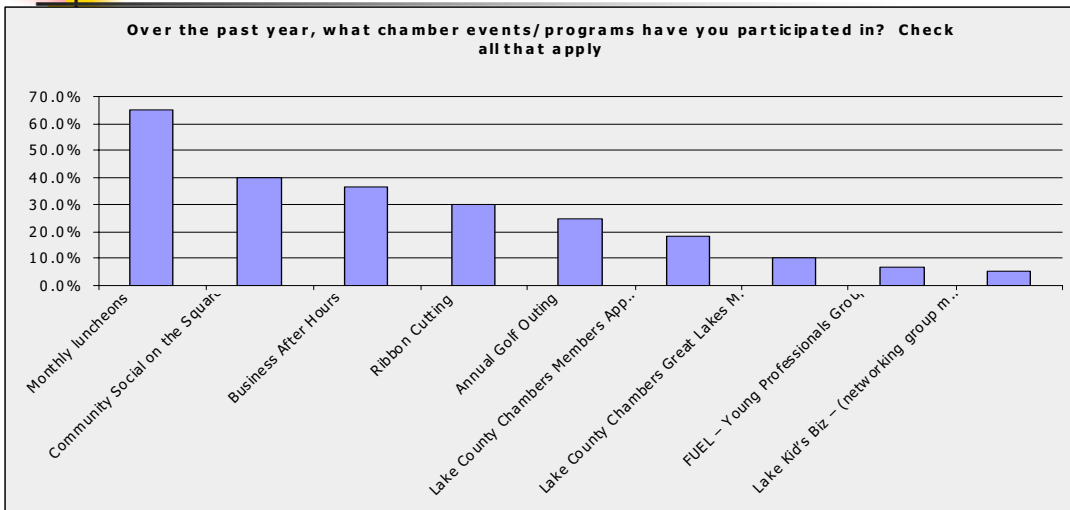
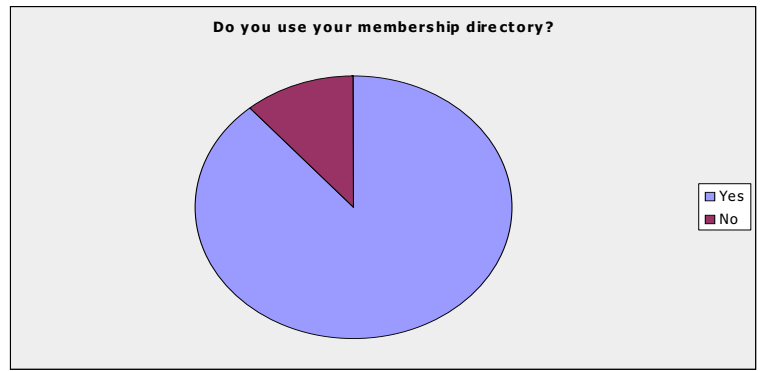
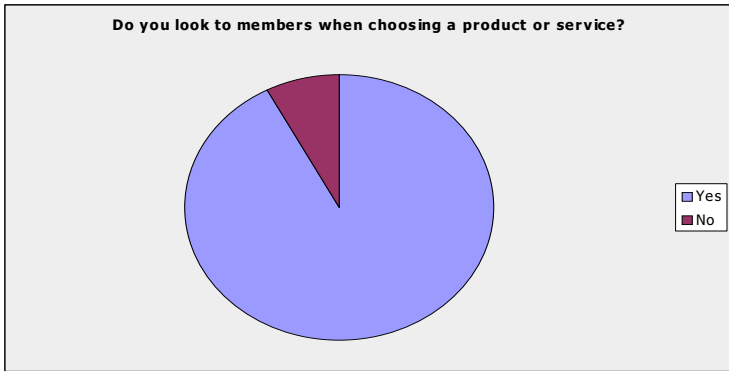
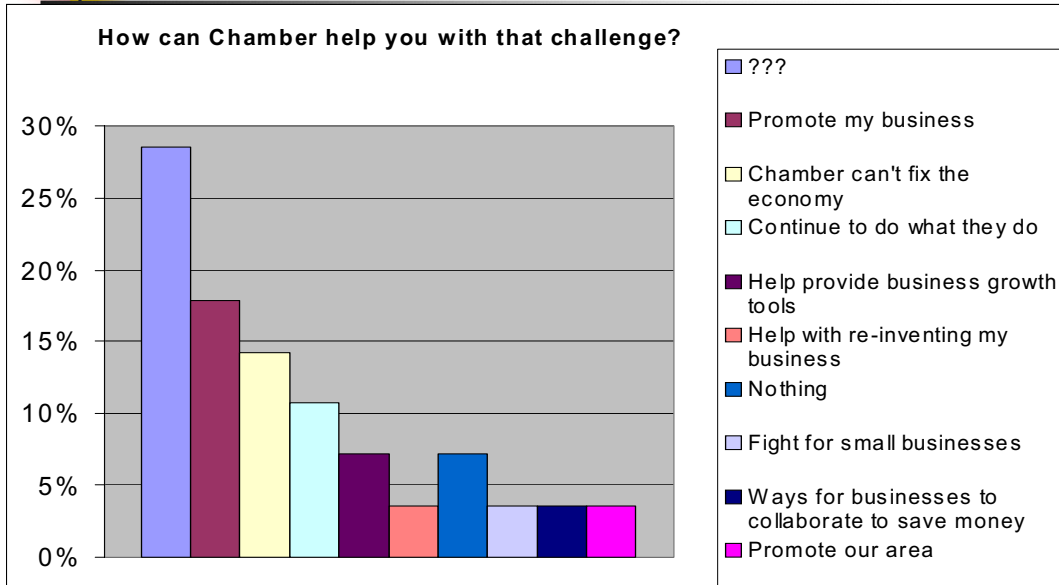
Visit [www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Business](http://www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/Business) to learn about the latest scams affecting businesses or to file a complaint about another business that has acted unfairly or deceptively.



**RICHARD CORDRAY**  
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# SURVEY RESULTS - THANK YOU!





Detailed results of the survey are available at the chamber office.

The results have been reviewed at our annual planning session in January.

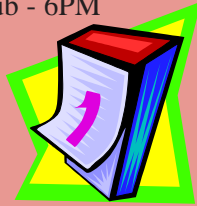
The Board of Directors and the committees will use the survey in planning for 2010 and beyond.

**Thank you for your participation.**

# CHAMBER EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**March 11, 2010 – Thursday – Annual Awards  
Dinner** – Madison Country Club - 6PM

**April 15, 2010 – Social  
Networking: How To's –**  
Perry Community Center –  
NOON to 1:30PM.



**May 20, 2010 – Volunteer Recognition  
Breakfast** – Joey's Italian Grille – 8AM

**June 17, 2010 – Community Social  
on the Square** – 4-9PM.

*If you are a company who targets parents and  
kids in the Lake County area, please join us...*

**LAKE kidzbiz**  
Linking Family-Focused Businesses

**Wednesday, April 7th  
8:30am-9:30am**

**The Fine Arts Association  
38660 Mentor Avenue, Willoughby**

 **Speaker: Donald Wayne McLeod  
LISTEN!UP**

**Topic: "Successful Networking"** 

**\$5 for any Lake County Chamber Member  
\$10 for Non-Chamber Member**

Enjoy a continental breakfast with Lake Kidz Biz. Bring your  
business cards and literature with you. We want to get to know you!

Lake Kidz Biz is a new organization under the Lake County Chambers of Commerce  
which is structured to be a resource for companies focusing on children's services  
and products. Come check us out!

 RSVP by Friday, April 2nd to 440-266-1677 (Prelude Photography / Lake Kidz Biz member)  
or email lakekidzbiz@gmail.com



## LAKE COUNTY SAFETY COUNCIL

**Date:** Friday, March 26, 2010

**Time:** Registration 11:15 a.m. – Meeting & Program 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Place:** Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites LaMalfa

**Cost:** \$18 Members; \$20 Non-Members

**Speaker:** Peter Anselmi, Maverick Safety

**Topic:** Hazard Communications, General OSHA Hazcom Standards

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