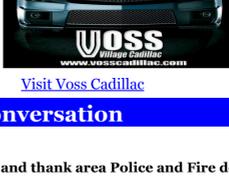


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My Side of the Conversation

Honoring our First Responders

Last fall the Chamber began a VIP initiative to recognize and thank area Police and Fire departments for their service.

We began with our October Annual Meeting at NCR Country Club where a dozen Police & Fire chiefs attended as guests of honor and were recognized. They also heard Ohio Attorney General, Mike Dewine speak on drugs and crime in Ohio.

Since that time, additional Police & Fire Departments have contacted me and requested to be included in our VIP First Responder Initiative.

These responders put their lives on the line for all of us daily, often going unrecognized for life or property saved. They offer themselves and their families in harm's way because they are willing to serve for the common good.

At South Metro Chamber, we pledge to continue to honor them and recognize them as often as possible. Our goal is to build a stout bridge from our business community to every man and woman out there who works to serve us in a way beyond what our imagination can fathom.

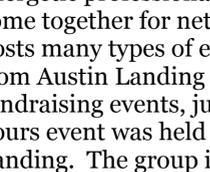
This ongoing initiative will consistently thank these fine people, and consistently remind you to thank them as well

Respect them, honor them, and thank them!!!

South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce, once again, leads

Anarchy – Do you know the definition?

Julia Maxton, Chamber President



Congratulations! to Clear My Head Business of the Year Winner for 2015

News from South Metro Chamber member, the Austin Landing Young Professionals

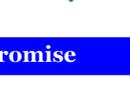
The Young Professionals at Austin Landing is a group of young, energetic professionals in the Austin Landing community who come together for networking, charity and comradery. YPAL hosts many types of events like luncheons with guest speakers from Austin Landing companies, after-hour events and fundraising events, just to name a few. The most recent after-hours event was held at Chuy's Mexican Restaurant at Austin Landing. The group is also looking forward to a pizza-making class at Dewey's Pizza in March. YPAL's members represent many companies in Austin Landing including UBS Financial Services, Brady Ware, Sogeti, Teradata, McGohan Brabender, LifePlan and Motoman. With a small membership fee of \$40, members receive great networking opportunities, Austin Landing First Friday Free Admission Tickets and many more perks. The Young Professionals at Austin Landing is quickly becoming the premiere young professionals group in the south metro region.

For more information on becoming a member of the Young Professionals at Austin Landing please email our president, Adam Daniels at adamjdaniels@outlook.com

South Metro "Quote" for the Month

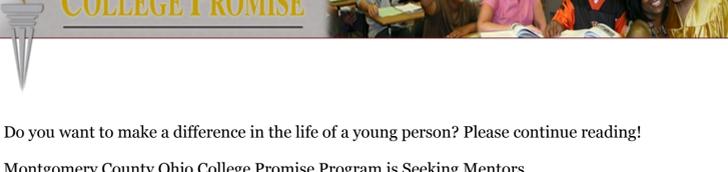


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College Promise



Do you want to make a difference in the life of a young person? Please continue reading!

Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program is Seeking Mentors

The Montgomery County Ohio College Promise Program's mission (within the next 10 years) is to identify, select and support up to 500 Montgomery County, poverty impacted, eighth grade students who have shown academic promise so that the dream of attending and graduating from college becomes a reality. Mentors will meet weekly with their mentee at the student's school. Fifty-five new eighth grade College Promise Scholars were recently identified and each one of them will receive support from a caring mentor.

Mentoring Program Details

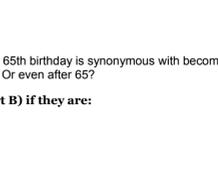
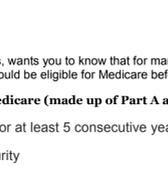
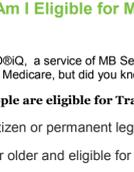
- Weekly mentoring sessions last between 30 and 50 minutes and take place during school hours.
- The day of the week and the specific time for mentoring sessions are arranged between the mentor and the mentee depending on their individual schedules and classes.
- Mentors will receive orientation and training that will provide them with the necessary tools for being successful in this endeavor; the training session will last 3 hours and take place in the spring.
- All mentor applicants are fingerprinted and background checked.
- The school-based mentor visits will begin in late August.

Get More Information

Questions regarding the mentor program can be answered by contacting Gary Smiga at 225-9922 or Jenni Guanciale at 225-9957. Additional information can be found by visiting www.mcccp.org

Please consider becoming a mentor!

Gary Smiga
Executive Director



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Be Prepared for Medicare

This is part of an ongoing series designed to provide education for you or your loved ones that may be approaching 65

When Am I Eligible for Medicare?

RetireMED@IQ, a service of MB Senior Solutions, wants you to know that for many, your 65th birthday is synonymous with becoming eligible for Medicare, but did you know that you could be eligible for Medicare before 65? Or even after 65?

Most people are eligible for Traditional Medicare (made up of Part A and Part B) if they are:

A U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident for at least 5 consecutive years

Age 65 or older and eligible for Social Security

Permanently disabled and receiving disability benefits for at least two years

Have End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)

Have Lou Gehrig's disease

This also depends largely on your employment situation. If you are still working, there may be some other considerations. But for the most part, people who fit into one or more of the descriptions above are most likely to be able to get their Part A and Part B benefits at age 65.

"What if I'm under 65? Can I get Medicare benefits?"

If you are permanently disabled and receive disability benefits for at least two years, you most likely qualify for Medicare before 65. You automatically get Part A and Part B after you get disability benefits from Social Security for 24 months or certain disability benefits from the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) for 24 months.

You may also be able to get Medicare benefits early if you have ESRD (permanent kidney failure that requires dialysis treatment or a kidney transplant). However, you will have to sign up for Medicare benefits manually, because enrollment under the condition of ESRD is not automatic.

You may also be eligible for early Medicare benefits if you have Lou Gehrig's disease (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS). If you have ALS, you are automatically enrolled in Parts A and B the month that your disability benefits kick in.

"Do I have to take Medicare benefits at 65?"

The short answer is no. If you are working or have coverage through a spouse, you may want to consider deferring Medicare.

However, we strongly caution you to get expert advice on what to do if you aren't sure. Many individuals are given misinformation about how and when to defer Medicare. Not enrolling at the right time can lead to lifelong penalties and even periods without health insurance. Trust us, it's not fun.

RetireMED@IQ can help you understand whether Medicare is right for you at 65 or not. Please visit our web site www.retiremed.com or call Kevin Lowden at 937-281-2281.

Declaration of Business Member Principles

SOUTH METRO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DECLARATION OF BUSINESS MEMBER PRINCIPLES - CHALLENGE

We ask you to -

- Encourage straight forward and ethical business practices
- Endorse graciousness and kindness to all persons encountered. (Quality experience results in return business)
- Offer the best goods and service
- Cultivate all business contacts as opportunities
- Prices at a fair amount
- Consider customer service in all forms as the ultimate goal of business success

In March We are Saluting our Medical Service Providers

Alex Bell Dental	Anesthesiology Services Network, LTD.
Appro-Rx	Associated Therapeutic Services, Inc.
Bright Now! Dental	Burke Orthodontics
Centerville Pediatric Dentistry	Clear My Head
Community EMS	Community Health Centers of Greater Dayton
Daniel J. Passidomo, DMD, PC	Dayton Spine & Rehab Medicine
Dayton Center for Neurological Disorders, Inc.	Elements Massage of Centerville
Grandview Medical Center	Holtzen Wellness Center
Kettering Medical Center	Kettering Medical Center Radiation Oncology
Miami Valley Hospital South	Nurses Care, Inc.
Southview Medical Center	SpringCreek Fertility
Superior Dental Care	Sycamore Medical Center
Synergy Family Therapy Specialists	Synergy Home Care

MEMBER SERVICE MOMENT

March 10th Safety Council Meeting will feature Ken Fields, Owner of Waynesville Pharmacy, speaking on Drug Dependency. Meetings are open to the public but RSVP is required to info@smrccoc.org. The cost for non-members is \$20.

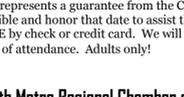
March 16th the second of the South Metro Media Toolkit Digital Workshop Series, "Maximize Your Google Analytics", 7:30 to 9 AM, Miami Township Branch of the Dayton Metro Library. This is a no - charge program, but reservations are required. RSVP to info@smrccoc.org

March 23rd the Dayton Metro Library Foundation is presenting "Refreshments in 2016", refreshments, networking and information on how to transform your business in 2016. The location is the Miami Township Branch Library at 2718 Lyons Rd. This is a no-charge event but please RSVP to info@smrccoc.org.

For information on all Chamber events and programs visit our website at smrccoc.org.

SOUTH METRO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY



SAVE THESE DATES!

EVENT RESERVATION POLICY

All reservations for Chamber events have a cancellation date, usually one week prior to the event (check our website at www.smrccoc.org or event invitation). This date represents a guarantee from the Chamber to the event (event facility contracting payment and commitment, no exceptions. Please be responsible and honor that date to assist this office in managing our budget. All event registrations will only be accepted IN ADVANCE by check or credit card. We will not accept payment at the door. No refunds after cancellation date or 3 days prior, including lack of attendance. Adults only! **Reservations required. (937) 433-2032 x 200**

BEGIN or END your day with the South Metro Regional Chamber of Commerce Quarterly Events!

Date	Event	Location
Thursday	Safety Council Meetings (Improve Workplace Safety)	Miami Valley Hospital South
Jan 14, Feb 11, March 10,	Events & Programs will be held from 8-10 a.m. (Starts 8:30 Sharp)	2400 Miami Valley Dr.
April 14, May 12, June 9,	Safety Council Members - \$15.00, Non Safety Council Members - \$20.00	Centerville
July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8,	Must RSVP - 433-2032 x 200	
Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8	Sponsored By: Miami Valley Hospital South	

Wednesday

June 15	"Adult Summer Camp"	
	Presented by: NCR Country Club & Women Who Work	NCR Country Club
		4435 Dogwood Trail, Kettering
	5:00-7:00 p.m.	
	\$35.00 per person / C.O.D Bar/Reservations are Required	
	Please RSVP 433-2032 x 200	

Wednesday

January 20, March 16, May 18	South Metro Media Toolkit Digital Workshop Series	
	South Metro Regional Chamber and Cox Digital Marketing will team up on three events to inform Chamber members on best practice in digital marketing	
	7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Breakfast / 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Presentation	
	No Charge Event!	Miami Township Library
	(937) 433-2032 x 200 or info@smrccoc.org	2718 Lyons Rd.
		Miamisburg, Oh 45342

Wednesday

October 26	Annual Breakfast & Business Awards	
	7:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	NCR Country Club
	No payment at the door	4435 Dogwood Trail
	Please RSVP 433-2032 x 200	Kettering

Thursday

September 29	Business-To-Business Health & Benefit Showcase	
	5:00-7:00 p.m. Admission: No Charge	Miami Valley Hospital South
	Members - \$100.00 per 6' display table - Non Members \$150.00 per 6' display table	2400 Miami Valley Dr.
	Call for more information - (937) 433-2032 x 100	Centerville
	Sponsored By: Miami Valley Hospital South Please RSVP 433-2032 x 200	

Two very popular events, **Metro Breakfast and Women Who Work**, will be scheduled throughout 2016. Watch for changing locations and powerful topics. Reservations will be required.

South Metro Chamber 2016

Business Open Houses!

"We advocate for business needs to assure economic vitality in our region!"

(Adults only, reservations required, guests welcome)

No-charge events

Monday	Dayton Dragons Unique Outing with Austin Landing Young Professionals	Fifth Third Field
May 23	6:00 - End of Game - Dragons vs Bowling Green Hot Rods	Dayton
	Contact Matt Heithaus 937-228-2287 X 634 or email matt.heithaus@daytondragons.com	
		\$30.00 per person - MUST RSVP
	Night Includes: 1 Suite/Party Deck Ticket for Game, Unlimited Food & Nonalcoholic Beverages, 2 Alcoholic Drink Tickets, 1 Parking	

