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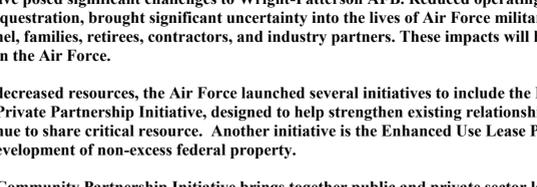


My Side of the Conversation

WE SHALL SEE!?

There has been a clamor from many of you to bring back the famous METRO BREAKFASTS. We were forced to abandon these popular monthly gatherings last spring when Champps Americana Grill, our host, closed overnight without warning. It was a shock to this office, and frankly, a bit of relief based upon the huge workload this very small office produces. However, in the spirit of our relentless customer service commitment, I have scheduled three trial Metro Breakfasts this fall; September, October, and November to test the waters and see if the event appeal is still there. To vote yes for future Metro Breakfasts, make your reservations now for all three..... and maybe I can be persuaded to schedule them for 2015!

Julia Maxton Chamber President



GUEST COLUMN

Submitted By Daniel L. France, GS-14 DAF, SMRCOC Board Member

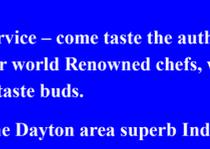
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has a long history of building relationships with its neighbors throughout the Miami Valley. Over the past few years, base officials have made it a priority to take care of their people and to optimize partnerships in order to deliver world-class capabilities. Recent years have posed significant challenges to Wright-Patterson AFB. Reduced operating budgets, coupled with sequestration, brought significant uncertainty into the lives of Air Force military and civilian personnel, families, retirees, contractors, and industry partners. These impacts will have long-lasting effects on the Air Force.

In response to decreased resources, the Air Force launched several initiatives to include the Public-Public, Public-Private Partnership Initiative, designed to help strengthen existing relationships and to provide an avenue to share critical resource. Another initiative is the Enhanced Use Lease Program, which allows development of non-excess federal property.

The Air Force Community Partnership Initiative brings together public and private sector leaders to develop creative ways to match their resources and identify mutually beneficial services targeted at reducing cost and enhancing efficiencies. "This is a new way of doing business, and it's key that stakeholders to the mission generate ideas in the best interest of the Air Force and the community," said Col. John Devillier, 88th Air Base Wing commander. In order to pursue a partnership through the "P4" Program, ideas must show mutual benefit to both the base and the community, he added. Over the past seven months, organizations from across the community have been working together to find opportunities to develop strong partnerships that will leverage the capabilities and resources of both parties. Currently, there are several opportunities being pursued within this initiative. These projects include easing veterans' transition to civilian life and shared recreation facilities and programs. While still in their infancy stages, many of the partnership opportunities show great promise and we are excited to see these initiatives prosper. This year, the base has accomplished a few partnership ideas which have provided direct support to the base and local communities. For example, in May the base opened its pools to the community and is also offering local swims teams a place to practice. Focusing on Airmen resiliency, Wright-Patterson AFB partnered with a local university to have faculty, students and the base's workforce participate in a self-defense certification course. This opportunity alone provided a significant savings for both parties and trained nearly 90 Airmen who are helping to teach 12 self-defense sessions per week.

The partnership initiative has provided the installation and community leaders with a process to help define requirements, while finding ways to develop unprecedented partnership opportunities. Along with the new Partnership Initiative, Wright-Patterson AFB currently is participating in the Air Force's Enhanced Use Lease Program. Through this program Wright-Patterson AFB is offering seven non-excess properties for solicited development proposals of 50 year leases for cash or in kind resources. Unsolicited proposals for property outside the seven parcels are accepted on a continuous basis.

For additional information on the Community Partnership or EUL Initiatives, visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/communitypartnership.asp>. If you have a partnership idea, you may email it to Wright-Patterson Partnership Office at 88abw.partners@us.af.mil.



MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Amar India Restaurant

Aesthetic décor, delicious food and unparalleled service – come taste the authentic sounds of India. Our delicious cuisines are prepared by our world Renowned chefs, who create mouth-watering masterpieces sure to delight your taste buds.

Surjit S Mattu and his staff have been providing the Dayton area superb Indian cuisine, as well as a rich cultural experience for over twenty five years.

Amar India offers a great menu as well as a daily buffet for those who would like to experience a wider variety of Indian dishes.

In addition to his Amar India Restaurant Surjit is very well known in the Indian community and has catered a multitude of weddings and other special occasions.

Amar India has been a proud member and supporter of the South Metro Chamber since 1996

Be sure to visit the restaurant located at 2751 Miamisburg Centerville Rd, across from the Dayton Mall. For hours of operation or more information visit the web site at www.amarindiandayton.com or phone 937 439 1971

Previous Member of the Month Companies

- August 2013** Long Cleaners
- September 2013** Storage Inns of America
- October 2013** G W Land Title
- November 2013** Think Patented
- December 2013** Five Seasons Sports Club
- January 2014** Clear My Head
- February 2014** Minuteman Press Centerville
- March 2014** Thompson Hine
- April 2014** Dayton Dragons
- May 2014** Buckeye O'Heil
- June 2014** Archers Tavern
- July 2014** Canopy Creek Farm
- August 2014** The Station House Restaurant

Would you like to see your company name listed above? Enter your business by emailing contact information to memberservices@smrcoc.org Business of the month will be drawn at the monthly Chamber Board meeting.

OHIO BWC NEWS

During its August meeting, the BWC Board of Directors will discuss the proposal to extend a \$1 billion rebate for private employers and public-taxing districts paying into Ohio's workers' compensation system.

BWC's investments continue to perform well above expectations as a result of prudent management and a careful, conservative investment strategy. BWC's preliminary annualized return of investments was 8.9 percent over the last three fiscal years, including 13.3 percent in 2014. The State Insurance Fund net assets stand at \$7.7 billion and a funding ratio above the target guidelines set by the BWC Board of Directors.

If approved by the board, each rebate would equal 60% of the employers' annual premium and checks will be distributed beginning in October. Private employers and public-taxing districts that pay premium into the State Insurance Fund and have active, up-to-date policies will be eligible for the rebate. Each employer's rebate will reflect 60% of what they were billed during the last policy period (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013 for private employers; January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012 for public taxing districts).

To be eligible, private employers must have been in an active, reinstated, combined or debtor in possession status as of September 5; public taxing districts must also have been in an active or reinstated status as of September 5.

Employers with an outstanding BWC balance will have their rebate first applied to that balance.

Did you know!

About The Habitat for Humanity ReStore—Recycle, Reuse, Revive

The Habitat ReStore is a retail outlet where quality used and surplus building materials are sold at a fraction of normal prices. Proceeds from the ReStore help fund the construction of Habitat homes within Montgomery County.

Materials sold by the Habitat ReStore are usually donated from building supply stores, contractors, demolition crews or from individuals who wish to show their support for Habitat. In addition to raising funds, ReStore helps the environment by rechanneling good, usable material into use.

The ReStore is Located at 115 W. Riverview Ave. in Dayton and is open Tuesday – Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and on Saturday 9:00 Am to 3:00 PM

SOUTH METRO REGIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN'S "SAFETY TIDBIT"

So last weekend, like the good Dad that I am, I drove ahead of my daughter as she navigated, in her new car, the highways and byways from our house in Centerville to the University of Kentucky. I was proud of her driving skills, especially thru the construction zone south of Dayton as you enter the "burbs" of Cincinnati. She made it, and is settled in her new home for the year. However, what struck me as I drove the 128 miles (one way), and returned, was the number of cars and trucks I saw veering from their respective lane, into other lanes, or veering off the road – distracted! Yes indeed. And what really surprised me the most was the number of commercial vehicles (i.e. those over 10,000 pounds) that the driver (1) was not wearing a seat belt, and (2) was, what appeared to me at least, to be texting! The U.S. Department of transportation recently issued a Regulatory Guidance making it clear that drivers of commercial vehicles covered by DOT regulations are prohibited from texting while driving. DOT regulations apply to commercial vehicles such as trucks or buses that are used on highways in interstate commerce and weigh more than 10,000 pounds or carry more than 8 passengers.

The Regulatory Guidance interprots existing DOT regulations governing the use of equipment and accessories onboard commercial vehicles to impose this new prohibition on the grounds that texting while driving decreases the safety of operating a commercial vehicle. "Texting" is defined as "the review of, or preparation and transmission of, typed messages through any device, or engaging in any form of electronic data retrieval or electronic data communication through any such device." Under the new prohibition, truck and bus drivers who text while driving commercial vehicles may be subject to civil or criminal penalties of up to \$2,750.00.

This Regulatory Guidance is the latest in a series of actions by the federal government to reduce distracted driving following a national summit in 2012 that focused attention on the problem. President Obama issued an Executive Order at the end of 2009 directing federal employees from texting while driving government-owned vehicles. The Regulatory Guidance states that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration will issue more specific and comprehensive regulations to address the problem of texting while driving a commercial vehicle in an expedited rulemaking procedure later that year, and they did.

The DOT's prohibition against texting while driving does not apply to onboard dispatching systems that transmit directions or instructions to truck or bus drivers by text message, as long as drivers are not required to read or type messages while driving. Most of these systems cannot be used while a commercial vehicle is in motion.

As the summer draws to a close, it might be a good thing to check your drivers Policy Manuals as that relates to texting, it could be that your Manual is out of date, and that could present a problem for you, and the affected driver.

Enjoy the last few days of pool weather! Michael Kerr MAKSSolve LLC

MEMBER SERVICE MOMENT

The Metro Breakfast is Back! Join us Sept. 17 at the Station House Restaurant

The open enrollment period for the Chamber Group Workers Comp plan is beginning soon. If you would like a quote or to request an A-C3 email memberservices@smrcoc.org.

Superior Dental offers Chamber members discounts on individual and family plans. Contact them at 937 438 0283 for complete details.

The Business Showcase is filling up fast already so reserve your space today. Don't be left out.

SOUTH METRO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY



Work in Progress

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.smrcoc.org or event invitation). This date represents a guarantee from the Chamber to the event facility concerning 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 offer 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**

Date	Event	Location
Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 19	Metro Breakfast	The Station House Restaurant
	"New Location"	Provincial Way
	7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Centerville OH
Please RSVP 433 2032 X 200 Members \$16 Non-members \$17 Walk –ins \$25		
Women Who Work series		
First Wednesday of each month	*NEW LOCATION*	
Feb 5, March 5, April 2,	Thompson Hine LLP Attorneys at Law Office	Thompson Hine LLP
May 7, June 4, Aug 6, Sept 3,	4:30-6:30 p.m.	1005 Landing
Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3	Please RSVP Sponsored By: Weber Jewelers & Thompson Hine LLP NO CHARGE EVENT	1025 Innovation Dr, Ste. 400 (Floor #3 – The Cafe)
Tuesday	An Education Celebration Business Open House	
February 25	5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres "Cash Bar" Presented by: West Carrollton Education Supporters and SMRCOC Please RSVP 433 2032 x 200 NO CHARGE EVENT	El Mason Restaurant 909 E Dixie Drive Dayton, OH 45449
Wednesday	"Annual" Networking Party	Five Seasons Sports Club
June, 18	5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sponsored By: Hunter Consulting Co., Weber Jewelers, Key•Ads, Five Seasons Sports Club, Freund Freeze & Arnold, The Ohlmann Group, Oberer Realty, Southview Medical Center, Grandview Hospital and Sycamore Medical Center Graceworks Lutheran Services, Polaris Benefit Administrators and Appro-Rx, LLC Please RSVP	4242 Cloy Rd Dayton, OH 45440
Wednesday	Annual Breakfast & Business Awards	NCR Country Club
October, 29	7:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. No payment at the door Sponsored By: Hunter Consulting Co., Weber Jewelers, Key•Ads, The Ohlmann Group, Freund, Freeze & Arnold, Southview Medical Center, Grandview Hospital and Sycamore Medical Center , Wright Patt Credit Union, Polaris Benefit Administrators and Appro-Rx LLC Please RSVP	4435 Dogwood Trail Kettering
Wednesday	Holiday Business Showcase	Miami Valley Hospital South
November, 12	5:00-7:00 p.m. Admission: No Charge Members - \$100.00 per 6' display table - Non Members \$150.00 per 6' display table Call for more information - (937) 433-2032 x100 Sponsored By: Miami Valley Hospital South Please RSVP	2400 Miami Valley Dr. Centerville
South Metro Chamber 2014 Open Houses!		
Wednesday	Pinots Palette	2860 Miamisburg - Centerville Rd.
April 9	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Miamisburg
Tuesday	Sycamore Medical Center (New Hyperbaric Chamber tour)	4000 Miamisburg—Centerville Rd
April 15	7:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Miamisburg
Tuesday	Dragons 5/3 Field Breakfast	Fifth Third Field
April 22	7:30–9:00 a.m. RSVP REQUIRED No Charge Event RSVP by April 17 info@smrcoc.org or 937 433 2032 ext. 200	Dayton
Wednesday	Dayton Dragons unique outing	Fifth Third Field
May 21	5:30 – End of Game – Dragons vs Great Lakes Loons Contact Evan Elkins 937-228 2287 x 218 \$25.00 per person	Dayton
Thursday	Zig Zag Gallery (Holiday Kick Off)	101 E. Alex Bell Rd. Ste 172
November 6	5:00–7:00 p.m.	Centerville