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TINGS LUNCHEON
(Professionals In Networking Grow Success)

October 15, 2020
 11:45 am- 1:00 pm

**Speaker - Superintendent Tony Thomas
 and Treasurer/CFO Ann Ferraro**

**Topic - Upcoming Northmont Levy and
 Northmont's restart plan for
 Face-to-Face Learning**

Great Networking Opportunity

Meadowbrook at Clayton
 6001 Salem Ave.
 Clayton, OH 45415

\$10.00 (members)
\$15.00 (future members)

RSVP by October 9, 2020
937-836-2550 or Angie@northmontchamber.com

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Community Books

The new community book HAS ARRIVED. If you would like some for your business, contact Angie at 937-836-2550 or angie@northmontchamber.com. Thank you to all of our wonderful advertisers and everyone who helped supply information or articles for the book. Early 2021 NovoPrint will be working on the new area map.

Coming Events

Oct 15 PINGS- Meadowbrook at Clayton
 Nov 4 Coffee Connection-Cypress Pointe Clubhouse

Comments from Cathy

This is probably THE HARDEST newsletter article I've written and definitely the most emotional. It's hard to believe it's been a little over 20 years since I was asked if I'd like to work for the Northmont Chamber of Commerce. I'd been retired from banking but was missing the people contact I enjoyed so much. It's been a great journey, working with local business leaders, helping them find ways to save money and make their businesses grow. Through my position here, I've been able to help them connect not only with each other, customers as well as local, State and Federal elected officials. The Northmont Community has really changed over the past 20 years, many businesses closed or retired but others have emerged. Our 5 communities are working hard to make the Northern part of the Miami Valley become the place to live in or visit. The partnership with Miami Valley CTC, Northmont City Schools and Sinclair Community College has been a great benefit to the Chamber and myself, I've met so many wonderful people. I've been lucky enough to work with my peers at the other local Chambers of Commerce; County, State and Federal elected officials and several industry groups. CCEO (Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio) and SOCA (Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance) have made this job easier to help our members.

As I finish my last few days with the Chamber I'd like to thank the amazing board members and committee members I've had over the past 20+ years. It is impossible to list all of the wonderful business leaders I've worked with that have become my friends, but you are ALL Very Special to me and THANK YOU.

Good luck to Angie Clifford as she takes my place, and I know you will receive the same help and guidance I did.

Cathy Hutton, CEO

ONE final note: **Shop Northmont, SHOP LOCAL**

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BWC Information

(Bureau of Workers Compensation) –information provided by: CareWorksComp, Hunter Consulting, or the BWC

“Three things cannot long be hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth.” ~Confucious

BWC Board Approves 2nd Dividend this Year to Ease COVID-19 Financial Impact

On September 25, 2020, the Board of Directors of the Ohio BWC approved yet another employer “Billion Back” dividend. This approximately \$1.5 billion dividend will be sent to Ohio employers near the end of October 2020, after first applying the dividend to any unpaid balances. The BWC’s aim is to provide some immediate economic relief to employers amid the ongoing pandemic.

This dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums paid in policy year 2019. (This would be January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 for public employers and July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 for private employers.) Dividends like this, as well as previous ones, are possible because of strong investment returns on employer premiums, a declining number of claims each year, prudent fiscal management, and employers who work hard to improve workplace safety and reduce injury claims. Employers who did not complete their 2019 policy year True Up may be ineligible to receive this Billion Back Dividend.

“Thank you to the BWC Board of Directors for approving a second round of dividends for Ohio employers,” said Governor DeWine. “The pandemic continues to impact businesses across Ohio, and we hope that this next round of dividends provides financial relief.”

- Increases the maximum amount of reimbursable funeral expenses in death claims from \$5,500 to \$7,500.
- The Industrial Commission may now invoke continuing jurisdiction from within five years from the date medical services were provided or services rendered, rather than the date of payment. The change will apply to all claims occurring on or after July 1, 2020.
- While testing of peace officers, firefighters, emergency medical workers, and corrections officers exposed to blood and bodily fluids on the job is already covered by workers’ comp, H.B. 81 expands that coverage. Beginning September 15, 2020, ORC 4123.026 extends payments of post-exposure testing to employees of detention centers and includes exposure to drugs or other chemical substances.

H.B. 81: Changes with “Voluntary Abandonment”

In addition to the changes listed above, H.B. 81 also has reframed the conversation around whether a claimant has “voluntarily abandoned” his or her job. Prior to this recent decision, the voluntary abandonment case law offered an option to stop disability benefits (temporary total compensation “TT” and permanent total compensation “PTD”) if a claimant retired, quit or was terminated due to violation of a known work policy.

The new legislation removes language surrounding “voluntary abandonment” and instead replaces it with a general guideline that PTD (ORC 4123.58) and TT (ORC 4123.56) may not be payable if the claimant “is not working for reasons unrelated to the allowed injury or occupational disease”. This applies to all claims pending on and arising after 9/15/2020.

What does this mean for an employer? While voluntary abandonment language has been removed from ORC 4123.56 and ORC 4123.58, the discussion will now focus on whether the claimant’s disability is related to the allowed conditions. This leaves the question of “voluntary abandonment” up in the air until this new legislation is tested and applied to real world Industrial Commission hearing determinations. This will give us guidance on how the Industrial Commission intends to interpret and apply this statute.

In short, this legislation change is being closely watched by all parties participating in the workers’ compensation system. Attorneys for both sides of the conversation will provide recommendations and guidance as we navigate this change.

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GOLF OUTING

September 23rd 48 amazing (for the most part) golfers enjoyed a great day at Meadowbrook at Clayton. We would like to thank our Grand Sponsors (pictured below)



American Legion Post 707



City of Clayton



Miami Valley Hospital North

Other wonderful sponsors were:

Event Sponsors: Hunter Consulting and Roth & Co, CPA

Green Sponsors: Boord-Henne Insurance, Northmont Rotary, and ServPro of Northwest Dayton

Tee Sponsors: Abbey Credit Union

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Thank you Cypress Pointe for the Bloody Mary Bar and First Financial bank for the snack, pop and water

Thank you to all of our sponsors

Our winners were:

1st place with a score of 56

Brandon Hunter Jeff Price Shawn King

2nd Place with a score of 59

Aaron Flatter Tim Smallwood

Alex Nikolai Joe White

Long Drive Women Jenny Wilson

Close to pin Cory Linder

Long Drive Men Jeff Price

Long Putt made Jenny Wilson

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all who attended

Benefits

As a reminder of all the great Chamber member benefits

Chamber Energy Program

Elavon (credit Card processing)

Legal Shield/ID Shield

Office Depot Discount Card

SOCA Benefit Plan

SOCA Prescription Savings card

Strategic HR

Teamworx

Workers Comp. Discounts

These are great ways for members to save money in addition to the educational and networking opportunities available. Visit the Chamber website northmontchamber.com or contact the Chamber office 937-836-2550 or angie@northmontchamber.com



The Taste of Northmont is scheduled for February 11, 2021 might have a **Fresh New look**. The committee is working to change it up some in order to social distance but still have a great event, our plan is to enhance the wine and beer tasting along with great local food. If interested in being a sponsor or serving on the committee, please contact the chamber office at 937-836-2550.

Thank you to all of our new & renewing members, please visit our great members and keep our local economy strong

NEW MEMBERS:

Civista Bank

Mr. Eric Albers
20 West Whipp Rd.
Kettering, OH 45459

Mill-Cliff Books

Frank Miller
65 Prospect Ave.
Dayton, OH 45415

RENEWALS:

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