GLOBAL STRATEGIC ADVISOR MICHAEL KLEIN TO SPEAK AT CANTON REGIONAL CHAMBER ANNUAL DINNER PRESENTED BY KeyBank

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to welcome Michael Klein, Managing Partner, M. Klein & Company, as the keynote speaker at the Chamber’s 104th Annual Dinner Presented by KeyBank on Thursday, Apr. 19 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center (1101 Market Ave. N., Canton). Tickets are on sale now at CantonChamber.org.

As Canton sets its sights on the NFL Draft in 2019 or 2020 and NFL Centennial in 2020, attendees will have the opportunity to hear from the global strategic advisor who will help guide Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village moving forward. The M. Klein & Company, led by Michael Klein, has recently been retained as a financial and strategic advisor to Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village.

“Michael Klein has vast experience and major successes advising organizations around the globe, and is bringing that wealth of expertise to a highly important development project for our region,” said Dennis P. Saunier, Chamber president and CEO.

“Michael Klein’s world-class expertise and talents will have a tremendous impact on the vision and execution of Johnson Controls Hall of Fame Village, “The Most Inspiring Place on Earth!” commented Pro Football Hall of Fame President David Baker. “Our community will meet a global leader who possesses a humble graciousness.”

Launched in 2012, M. Klein and Company is a global strategic advisor to CEOs, boards of directors, governments, and large institutional investors. Mr. Klein’s background in strategic advisory work was built during his more than three-decade career principally as the Vice Chairman and CEO of Global Banking at Citigroup. During his tenure at Citi, Mr. Klein led the investment, corporate and commercial banking businesses globally. Mr. Klein also served as a member of the NFL International Advisory Board. He graduated from the Wharton School at University of Pennsylvania.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the program. Registrations can be made online at www.cantonchamber.org or by calling 330.458.2070.

Tickets for the event are $100, and tables of eight are available. Sponsorship opportunities are available; contact Chris Gumpp at chrisg@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2055.

This event is open to both Chamber members and non-members. All registration payments must be received in advance and reservations must be received by April 13. Register now; space is limited.
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The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2018 winners of the Business Excellence Awards.

This year’s Business Excellence Award winners are:

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MAC Trailer Enterprises, Inc.
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Midwest Industrial Supply, Inc.
Patriot Software
Progressive Auto Group
Pero Dairy Farms

The Business Excellence Awards salute companies that have distinguished themselves in areas such as entrepreneurship, longevity, growth, innovation, capital improvements, and consistent involvement in the community.

Winners of the Business Excellence Awards will be honored on Tuesday, May 1, at a dinner and awards presentation at the Kent State University at Stark Conference Center (6000 Frank Ave. NW, North Canton, OH 44720). Tickets are $60, and tables of 10 or 12 are available.

The seventh annual Business Excellence Scholarship Award, presented by Day Ketterer and the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, will also be presented at the event. The scholarship will be awarded to a local student who writes the winning essay entitled: “The Proper Role of Government in the Regulation of U.S. Business.”

Tickets are on sale now! RSVP online at www.cantonchamber.org/bea-2018 or contact Monique Thompson at (330) 458-2070 to register by April 24.
Join Us at Our AultCare QuickConnect Luncheon Featuring Vincent Kehres

Want to grow your contacts and leads? Join us each month for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon at La Pizzaria in Jackson Township! QuickConnect attendees can obtain business leads through enjoyable networking activities, hear a compelling speaker, meet new business contacts and enjoy a delicious meal. Plus, when you bring a door prize valued at $15 or more, you’ll receive 30 seconds at the microphone to promote your business.

April AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon

TOPIC: “FOOTBALL FIELD TO BOARDROOM: COACHING TECHNIQUES THAT TRANSFORM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT”

Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on April 18 with Vincent Kehres, Head Football Coach, University of Mount Union. The legendary Purple Raiders have claimed 13 Division III national titles since 1993 and 28 conference titles since 1985. Get a peek into the coaching techniques that work on the field and in business.

Wednesday, April 18
11:30 am - 1:00 pm
(Registration begins at 11:00 am)
La Pizzaria
3656 Dressler Rd. NW, Canton 44718
$18/members, $25/non-members
Register by April 16 at www.cantonchamber.org

Featured Entree of the Month: Chicken Parmesan, Penne Pasta & Side Salad

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MAY!
May, 16 2018 – Dan Flowers, President & CEO, Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank on “Managing Communication, Conflict & Negotiation.”

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HEADLINERS ANNOUNCED FOR 2018

Canton Blues Fest

Northeast Ohio’s premier blues festival, Canton Blues Fest, has announced a 2018 lineup that will be rocking downtown Canton this June!

This annual outdoor blues festival, now in its 17th year, will take place on Market Square (301 Market Ave. N) in downtown Canton on Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, with headliners taking the stage nightly at 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8: Toronzo Cannon
SATURDAY, JUNE 9: Tab Benoit

Opening acts Selwyn Birchwood and John Primer & The Real Deal Blues Band will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, respectively. The jam-packed lineup features 18 unique blues acts on two stages, with live music running daily from noon to 10:30 p.m. Visit CantonBluesFest.com for a full list of festival performers.

VIP Passes, which are on sale now, include complimentary food and beverages in the evening (after 5 p.m.) and incredible views of the stage all day. Two-day VIP passes are available for $80; one-day passes are $50. Purchase online at CantonBluesFest.com or by calling 330.458.2070.

For more information on the Canton Blues Fest, contact Andrea Hartman, event manager, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, at andreah@cantonchamber.org or 330.458.2054.

HEADLINER BIOGRAPHIES:

Friday Headliner - Toronzo Cannon

Since the 2016 release of his Alligator Records debut, The Chicago Way, contemporary blues guitarist/vocalist/songwriter (and Chicago Transit Authority bus driver) Toronzo Cannon has burst onto the international stage as one of Chicago’s – and the world’s – most acclaimed next-generation bluesmen. He’s earned his fame through the overwhelming response to his album, the sheer force of his music, his original songs, and his live charisma. Since the CD’s release, he’s played major cities all over the U.S., Canada and Europe, delivering one hard-rocking performance after another.

Cannon’s unofficial launch from local hero to national star took place on June 13, 2015 at the world-renowned Chicago Blues Festival, where he performed as a festival headliner for the massive crowd. After announcing that he had just signed with Alligator Records, he delivered a riveting set, instantly earning tens of thousands of new fans.

In addition to his devoted fans, Chicago media helped launch Cannon toward blues stardom. Powerhouse television station WGN won a local Emmy Award for their six-minute feature story on the hometown bluesman. Public Television’s WTTW interviewed Cannon on multiple occasions, and local CBS, FOX and ABC affiliates all featured him and his band. The Chicago Tribune and Chicago Magazine ran in-depth stories on Toronzo. With all of the positive local coverage, national and international media soon came calling. CNN filmed Cannon leading a tour of Chicago blues clubs and then broadcast the piece around the world. England’s MOJO magazine declared The Chicago Way the #1 Best Blues Album of 2016, as did the readers of Living Bluesmagazine in their annual poll. The album and Cannon were also nominated for four Blues Music Awards (the Grammy of the blues) in 2017. And the world champion Chicago Cubs invited Cannon to throw out the ceremonial first pitch of the September 13, 2017 game.

Saturday Headliner – Tab Benoit

Tab Benoit is a Cajun man who’s definitely got the blues. Born November 17, 1967, he grew up in Houma, Louisiana. A guitar player since his teenage years, he hung out at the Blues Box, a ramshackle music club and cultural center in nearby Baton Rouge run by guitarist Tabby Thomas. Playing guitar alongside Thomas, Ralf Neal, Henry Gray and other high-profile regulars at the club, Benoit learned the blues first-hand from a faculty of living blues legends.

The nightly impromptu gigs were enough to inspire Benoit to assemble his own band – a stripped down bass-and-drums unit propelled by his solid guitar skills and leathery, Cajun-spiced vocal attack. He took his show on the road in the early ‘90s and hasn’t stopped since.

In 2007, Benoit won the dual awards of B.B. King Entertainer of the Year and Best Contemporary Male Performer at the Blues Music Awards (formerly the W.C. Handy Awards) in Memphis. Medicine, Benoit’s latest release on Telarc, successfully joins two gifted guitarists/songwriters in a session that proves greater than the sum of its very talented parts. Set for April 2011, the 11-track recording features seven new Benoit originals co-written with ace songwriter Anders Osborne. Engineered by David Z. Medicine spotlights the work of keyboardist Ivan Neville, drummer Brady Blade and bassist Corey Duplechin. Fiddler/singer Michael Doucet of BeauSoleil makes a special appearance on three tracks.

An environmental activist as well as a stellar blues musician, Benoit has made the preservation of the endangered delta wetlands his personal crusade. In 2010, Benoit received the Governor’s Award for Conservationist of the Year for 2009 from the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

VIP TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE

VIP Passes, which are on sale now, include complimentary food and beverages after 5:00 pm and incredible views of the stage all day. Two-day VIP passes are available for $80; one-day passes are $50. Buy online at www.CantonBluesFest.com or call 330.458.2070.
Pictured Clockwise from Top Left:

Tab Benoit  
Photographed by Jerry Moran

Toronzo Cannon  
Photographed by Chris Monaghan

Real Deal Blues Band

Selwyn Birchwood  
Photographed by Gail Gerdes

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8:30 a.m. - noon, networking
Cost: $35 for members, $60 for non-members
Full breakfast included. No Shows will be billed.

Tabletop Exhibit tables available for $35, contact Molly Romig at (330) 833-4400 or mollyr@cantonchamber.org.

Register by Apr. 6 at www.cantonchamber.org or contact Monique Thompson at moniquet@cantonchamber.org or (330) 458-2070.
INTRODUCING HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OPTIONS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES.

The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and AultCare have partnered together to offer a health care plan for the small business community through a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA). The MEWA was developed to provide additional options and to help control the costs of health care benefits. Medically underwritten MEWA rates may provide a less expensive option than a smaller community rated plan obtained under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This plan is available for small group employers with less than 50 employees.

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NEW LEADERSHIP SIGNATURE PROGRAM DAY
STRENGTHENING STARK THROUGH A CIVIC IDEATION SPRINT

Recently, you may have read the Strengthening Stark Report which identified several key areas of concern for our community. Ultimately, the report suggests that if we do not take action and work together as leaders in our community, our community will not thrive. The report can be found online at StarkCF.org/StrengtheningStark.

In keeping with our strategic plan initiative to improve our programs through innovation, a new experiential learning concept is being introduced as an additional session of the Signature Program. The Civic Ideation Sprint is a one-day immersion taking place this month and will work as follows:

- Signature Program members will work on one problem identified in the Strengthening Stark report for an entire day
- Participants will then divide into teams to maximize their different strengths and abilities
- All teams will tackle the same challenge, though some teams may be given different parameters (budget, timeline, etc.) to create a diversity of ideas
- The group will explore issues, find solutions, build connections, and develop resources to ensure the problem solving continues
- The day will culminate with each team presenting a tangible, actionable idea for strengthening Stark County

Assisting in rolling out this new concept are committee chairs Joel Daniel Harris, director of TomTodd Ideas & Jean McFarren, interim director, Stark County District Library. The support of the local Rotary Clubs of Alliance, Canton, and Massillon has been essential in allowing us to add this session that will benefit the community to the Signature Program.

The Civic Ideation Sprint is just one aspect of the 10-month Signature Program for emerging and established leaders. Applications for the Signature Program are now available at www.LeadershipStarkCounty.org.
EAT LOCAL, SHOP LOCAL
at the Canton Farmers’ Market

Named one of About Magazine “Local Faves” for Favorite Farmers’ Market, our very own Canton Farmers’ Market is indeed a downtown favorite, and we’re looking forward to its return in June! Along with local produce, the market offers baked goods, herbs and flowers, honey, cheese, eggs, grass-fed meats, and much more.

Now in its 15th year, the market opens on June 16 and runs every Saturday through October 6 from 8-11:30 am at Fourth St. NW and McKinley Ave. NW in the Nadine McIlwain Administrative Building parking lot. Plenty of on-site parking is available.

With something “extra” happening most every weekend, you’ll enjoy nutrition and health education from Aultman Hospital, cooking demonstrations, live music, organic gardening tips, children’s activities, and more! There’s always something NEW at the Canton Farmers’ Market. With over 25 vendors, along with activities for the whole family, the market is the best way to kick off your weekend. Come down rain or shine!

The market is managed by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District and supported by Aultman, The Canton Repository, Mix 94.1 and News-Talk 1480 WHBC AM, the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Canton.

Visit www.CantonFarmersMarket.com for vendor application information, as well as a complete listing of vendors and weekly events.

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS & Urban Gardeners!

It may not look like it now but spring is coming soon, and gardeners in the Downtown Canton Community Garden are ready! Located at the corner of 5th & High NW in the Summit Neighborhood, this community garden started in 2009 with a mission of providing residents of the downtown area a peaceful and safe location to grow their own food, interact with other residents and strengthen their community.

Since then, it has grown to over 75 plots with many of the original gardeners still gardening today. Plots are 10’ x 10’ with double plots available. The cost of renting a plot for the year (April to March) is $10 per 10’ x 10’ and $20 for a 10’ x 20’. The location offers water on-site, a garden shed with shared tools, a compost pile, and a waste pile. It also offers a lighted, fenced-in space with locked gates.

For more information or to be added to the waiting list, please contact Project REBUILD at 330-588-3205, ext 115.

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The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Vintage Canton event on Thursday, May 24, from 4:30 to 9:30 pm along Central Plaza North in downtown Canton. Tickets are available for purchase at www.VintageCanton.org.

This year’s event will feature some of the finest quality wines from area wineries and abroad; hand-picked wine selections from distributors and retailers will also be available. The popular Beer Garden will return with a diverse offering of craft beers.

In addition to wine and craft beer, guests can enjoy small tasting plates for a nominal charge from downtown restaurants and Stark County favorites.

Tickets for Vintage Canton are $30 if purchased prior to 5:00 pm on May 23, and $40 after that time and at the event. Special group-rate pricing is available for groups of 20 or more at $25 per ticket. The ticket price includes eight wine or craft beer tastings, collectible wine glass, and a variety of breads and cheeses. Non-tasting tickets (no wine or beer) are available for $10.

To purchase tickets, please visit www.VintageCanton.org or call 330.458.2070. Tickets will be available at all Fishers Foods locations and Carpe Diem Coffee Shop in mid-April. The event will be held rain or shine.
Every Saturday through April 28, you can shop and save in Downtown Canton! Shop Small Saturdays and Save is a promotional campaign created by the Downtown Canton Special Improvement District, in affiliation with the Canton Regional Chamber, designed to encourage shoppers to discover retailers in downtown Canton.

Nearly a dozen specialty retailers are offering a special discount of 20% off a single item. Simply download your coupon from ShopDowntownCanton.com or trim from print ads and redeem at each individual store. We’ve even included a coupon in this issue for your convenience. You’ll save on the most unique fashion, art, handmade goods, gifts, jewelry, personal care items, furniture and furnishings, vintage goods, books and more, every Saturday.

Coupon rules are simple: the promotion may not be combined with any other offer, but the coupon may be used at multiple retailers each Saturday (but only one time per store per day per customer).

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Please make reservations at www.cantonchamber.org or contact Molly Romig at (330) 833-4400 or mollyr@cantonchamber.org
The Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Queen & Royal Ambassadors Pageant will take place Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 7 p.m. at The Canton Palace Theatre with 36 outstanding contestants. All seats are reserved at $22 each (subject to additional processing fee and handling charge). For tickets, please visit www.profootballhofef.com or call 330.458.2048.

At the conclusion of the Pageant, a Queen and five Royal Ambassadors will have been selected on the basis of personality, poise, beauty, communication skills, academic achievement and service to community. The Queen and Royal Ambassadors will serve as role models and goodwill ambassadors throughout the community, while also promoting the importance and rewards of volunteerism.

The Queen Committee, under the leadership of chairman Barb Schloneger, is responsible for working with Enshrinement Festival staff in coordinating all activities relating to the Enshrinement Festival Queen and Royal Ambassadors and serving as chaperones during their community service activities and official event appearances.

For more information about the event or sponsorship opportunities, contact Kathy Lindenberger at (330) 458-2056 or visit the Enshrinement Festival Web site at www.profootballhofef.com.
2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16
7:00 p.m. QUEEN PAGEANT

SUNDAY, JULY 22
2:30 p.m. COMMUNITY PARADE

FRIDAY, JULY 27
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & NIGHT GLOW

SATURDAY, JULY 28
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC
8:00 a.m. UP, UP & AWAY 5K
4:00 p.m. BALLOON CLASSIC & FIREWORKS

SUNDAY, JULY 29
6:30 a.m. BALLOON CLASSIC

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
10:00 a.m. PLAY FOOTBALL “FIRST PLAY”
TBD PLAY FOOTBALL “SKILLS CAMP”

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
3:00 p.m. CLASS OF 2018 AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
8:00 p.m. HALL OF FAME GAME: BALTIMORE RAVENS VS. CHICAGO BEARS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3
9:30 a.m. GOLD JACKET PHOTO OP
11:30 a.m. FASHION SHOW LUNCHEON
5:00 p.m. ENSHRINEES’ GOLD JACKET DINNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4
8:00 a.m. THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE
Noon RETURNING GOLD JACKET AUTOGRAPH SESSION PRESENTED BY PANINI
7:00 p.m. ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5
12:30 p.m. ENSHRINEES’ ROUNDTABLE
8:00 p.m. CONCERT FOR LEGENDS FEATURING MAROON 5

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
7:30 p.m. DRUM CORPS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TOUR OF CHAMPIONS

Schedule as of March 31, 2018.
Dates and times are subject to change.
Ohio BWC Superintendent to Speak at Stark County Safety Council Awards Banquet

On Tuesday, April 17, the Stark County Safety Council and the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation will honor area companies who are committed to maintaining a safe workplace at the 2018 Safety Awards Banquet at Skyland Pines Banquet Center.

This year’s keynote speaker is Ibraheem “Abe” al-Tarawneh, Superintendent, BWC Division of Safety & Hygiene. Superintendent Al-Tarawneh will discuss the future of safety and health in Ohio and the ambitions of the BWC’s Division of Safety and Hygiene programming to expand these gains for many years to come.

Awards from the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Division of Safety and Hygiene will be presented in the following categories:

- Group Award (for the lowest incident in each group)
- 100 Percent Award (for each company that worked the entire year without a lost-time injury)
- Achievement Award (for each company that decreased its incident rate by at least 25 percent from the previous year)
- Special Award (for each company that has accumulated at least 500,000 hours and operated at least six months without a lost-time injury within a year)

Tuesday, April 17
5:30 pm Cash Bar; 6:00 pm Dinner
Skyland Pines Event Center
3550 Columbus Rd NE, Canton, OH
Cost: $35 per person
RSVP April 13 at www.StarkCountySC.com

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About our speaker:

Douglas Risley currently serves as The Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Northeast Regional Special Investigations Unit. Doug supervises cases in 18 counties including Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Mansfield and Youngstown areas. Prior to being promoted, Doug served as a Special Agent, successfully investigating hundreds of cases including several high profile cases in the Cleveland area. Doug has specialized training in the area of covert electronics, surveillance tactics and 27 years law enforcement experience.

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SAFETY COUNCIL APRIL LUNCHEON & AWARDS BANQUET

April Safety Council Luncheon: Special Investigations Department Overview
Featured Speaker: Douglas Risley, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, State of Ohio, BWC, North East Regional Field Office

Doug Risley's presentation will cover the various investigative teams within the Special Investigations Department. He will illustrate the detailed investigative process that occurs in the three types of fraud cases – Claimant Fraud, Health Care Fraud and Employer Fraud. You’ll also learn how to report fraud if you suspect it’s being committed.

Thursday, Apr. 12
11:30 am-1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
251 25th St. NW, Canton
Cost: $17 per person

RSVP at www.cantonchamber.org by Apr. 9
Reservations are required unless you are a season pass holder. All attendees will have a chance to win a door prize provided by our spotlight company.

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A WORKERS’ COMPENSATION MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION

About our speaker:

Douglas Risley currently serves as The Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, Northeast Regional Special Investigations Unit. Doug supervises cases in 18 counties including the Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Mansfield and Youngstown areas. Prior to being promoted, Doug served as a Special Agent, successfully investigating hundreds of cases including several high profile cases in the Cleveland area. Doug has specialized training in the area of covert electronics, surveillance tactics and 27 years law enforcement experience.
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<td>Harness your sales prowess and cultivate relationship with 100 NEW CONTACTS.</td>
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<td>Join the Stark County Safety Council and Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation are they honor area companies who are committed to maintaining a safe workplace.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, April 17</td>
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<td>Join us for the AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon on April 18 with Vincent Kehres, University of Mount Union, Head Football Coach.</td>
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<td>La Pizzeria</td>
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<td>The goal of this training class is to provide companies with management strategies to assist with building a program compliant with the construction standard.</td>
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<td>Together, let’s celebrate the continued success of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and our members on this special night!</td>
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<td>Join our team of business experts for a series of courses that will help your business step up to its full growth potential.</td>
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<td>Help us spring into spring while gathering at Glenmoor! Sponsored by Express Employment Professionals.</td>
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American Title Associates Agency, Inc., a subsidiary of Black McCuskey Law Firm, is pleased to announce that Dana Cross has joined the agency as a Sales Representative. In her new role, she is responsible for client development for the agency. Cross was most recently a licensed realtor and was employed by Cutler Real Estate. Cross brings over fifteen years of management and sales experience to American Title Associates. Additionally, she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Organizational Communication from The University of Akron.

Progressive Auto Group recently presented $44,500 in checks from its 2017 Annual Employee Civic Fund donation to 18 separate local community-based charities. These checks were distributed during the ceremonies held at their dealership showrooms on December 11, 2017. The Civic Fund began in the early 1950s by the founder of Progressive Chevrolet, J.S. “Sandy” Sanders. It has continued to grow over the years and has raised over $450,000 for our community in just the past 10 years. Each employee contributes and has input as to the local charity supported.

The Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Kent State University at Stark is sponsoring the Understanding Fraud Prevention program on Tuesday, May 22, 2018. A continental breakfast will be offered at 7:30 a.m. and the seminar will take place from 8 – 10 a.m. at the Kent State Stark Conference Center, 6000 Frank Avenue NW in Jackson Township. Small businesses experience a much higher rate of fraud than larger firms. Facilitated by Bruce A. McDonnell, CPA, Understanding Fraud Prevention will instruct participants on how to identify and control fraud in their businesses. Areas of potential fraud include: cash and cash accounts, accounts receivable, accounts payable, inventory and employee time. The program will include a discussion on controlling records and finances while running a business. The fee for Understanding Fraud Prevention is $19.00 per person. Register soon as space is limited. Registration and payment must be made online at www.cantonsbdc.org.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc. (Goodwill) honored Richard McCully of Canton, Donzell Cooper of Oakwood Village and Tionna Clark of Canton for outstanding accomplishments in overcoming barriers to employment at a breakfast event held this morning at Kent State University at Stark Conference Center. Jim Gibbons, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries International, gave the keynote address to a crowd of about 375, and also helped to launch Goodwill’s year-long Centennial celebration. TimkenSteel served as the lead sponsor of today’s program, and has also committed to supporting Goodwill throughout 2018. “Today is one of my favorite days of the year, because the people doing the hard work to get the jobs they want are able to take a minute to be proud of themselves,” said Anne Richards, President and CEO of Goodwill. “And the fact that we can now say we have been helping make these stories possible for 100 years is something really special,” she continued.

Innis Maggiore, the nation’s leading positioning ad agency, has announced the promotions of Casey Schandel to director of media and digital marketing services. Jim Cyphert, APR, to public relations director, Richard Prince to senior web developer and Trista Todd to account executive. Schandel will lead the agency’s media-related activities, including strategy, research, planning, buying and negotiating. She also will manage the agency’s team of associates handling digital marketing services, including marketing automation and social media strategy. Cyphert will oversee all PR efforts for the agency and its clients, including content development, media relations, and crisis and internal communications. Prince’s new responsibilities include reviewing code from junior developers and approving changes, planning website deployments and estimating. Todd will serve as lead on several accounts. She joined the agency in 2017 as a project manager.

Hall, Kistler is pleased to announce the promotions of Sarah Yost and Alex Ferrara to supervisors and the addition of staff accountant, Jordan Knapp. Yost is one of their leaders in the bookkeeping department. She is certified in Xero and is a QuickBooks ProAdvisor. She is knowledgeable in RainMaker, TCS, and Applied Systems. Yost also practices in the areas of accounting, audit, and tax for clients in the Restaurant, Medical and Manufacturing industries and has experience in preparing 1040s as well as bankruptcy workouts. Ferrara practices in the area of individual and corporate taxation and audit, and is a member of the Non-Profit Niche. Knapp is a recent graduate of Walsh University with a B.A. in Accounting. As a staff accountant, he will practice in general accounting.

Needs special treatment!

KeyBank is pleased to announce that their Canton Downtown branch received “Branch of the Year for 2017” for the Canton/Akron/Youngstown market. Pictured below, left to right, Matt Kelly, Katelyn Reinhart, Raquel Trachsel, and Ricardo Melbourne. Congratulations to the entire Canton Downtown team!
NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in February. We encourage you to patronize their businesses. If you know of other businesses that would benefit from Chamber membership, please contact the Membership Department at (330) 458-2051.

Accurate Auto Repair LLC
(AUTO REPAIR)
Heather Renicker
716 West High Ave.
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
(330) 339-7094

Altimate Construction, LLC
(CONSTRUCTION)
Allen Yoder
PO. Box 307
Sugarcreek, OH 44681
(330) 852-0900

Ambit Energy (Canton River Office)
(ENERGY CONSULTANTS)
James Christoffel
219 E. Maple Street
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 353-2932
www.jamesfc.whyambitworks.com

America's Best Bowstrings, Inc.
(MANUFACTURERS)
Jerry Mullet
3149 Ohio 39
Millersburg, OH 44654
(330) 893-7155
www.americasbestbowstrings.com

Apple Growth Partners
ACCOUNTANTS - ACCOUNTING CONSULTANTS
Chuck Mullen
4740 Belpar St. NW - Ste. B
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 867-7350
www.applegrowth.com

Avalon RV Center
(RECREATIONAL VEHICLES - DEALERS & SERVICE)
Terrie Ball
1604 Medina Road
Medina, OH 44256
(330) 239-2131
www.avalonrvcenter.com

Berlin Township
(GOVERNMENT)
Janet Stutzman
P.O. Box 425
Berlin, OH 44610
(330) 231-0964

Bethlehem Township Trustees
(GOVERNMENT)
Jody Matics
P.O. Box 161
Navarre, OH 44662
(330) 756-9207

Buell & Olivieri Insurance
(INSURANCE)
Anthony Olivieri III
3249 Wales Ave. NW
Massillon, OH 44646
(330) 833-1026
www.bandoins.com

The Caring Center
(SENIOR SERVICES)
Jen Schmotzer
4421 Whipple Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 491-9221

Gastroenterology & Hepatology Specialists, Inc.
(PHYSICIANS & SURGEOINS)
Nabil Fahmy
4360 Fulton Dr.
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 305-2020
www.ghs.canton.com

Gemini Industrial Machine Group
MANUFACTURERS
Jason Johnson
5697 Crown Road
Dover, OH 44622
(330) 204-4513
www.geminiindustrial.com

Glenwood Care & Rehabilitation
(NURSING HOMES)
Jennifer Hamilton
836 - 34th St. NW
Canton, OH 44709
(330) 492-7131
www.glenwoodcare.com

Gregory's Family Restaurant
(RESTAURANTS)
Lisa Jones
2835 Whipple Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44708
(330) 477-1296
www.gregorysfamilyrestaurant.com

Jack's Auto Express
(TOWING)
Jack Ford
1583 Baltzley Valley Rd. SE
New Philadelphia, OH 44663
(330) 795-7501

Liberty Ford Lincoln Canton LLC
(AUTO DEALERS - CARS, TRUCKS - NEW/ USED, LEASE, SERVICE, PARTS, BODY SHOP)
Sean Forsythe
1423 W Tuscarawas St.
Canton, OH 44702
(330) 456-2781
www.libertyford.com

Midwest Modular Homes
(HOME BUILDERS)
Pete Houitz
1041 East Lincoln Way
Minerva, OH 44657
(330) 868-7788
www.midwestmodularhomes.com

Papa John's Pizza J & J Ventures
(PIZZA)
Dave A. Cottrill
4527 W Tuscarawas St.
Canton, OH 44708
(330) 477-1725

Pivot Staffing
(EMPLOYMENT SERVICES)
Melissa Houser
4328 Dressler Rd. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 356-4747
www.pivotstaff.com

Raising Cane's
(RESTAURANTS)
Andria Morgan
5455 Dressler Road
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 437-1150
www.raisingcane.com

Stark County Veterinary Emergency Clinic
(VETERINARY HOSPITAL - EMERGENCY)
Joan Cordillo
4303 Whipple Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44718
(330) 452-5117
www.starkevet.com

Sugarcreek Concrete Finishers, Inc.
(CONCRETE CONTRACTORS)
Ruby Troyer
5965 Township Road 355
Millersburg, OH 44654
(330) 893-2059

Triple Canopy Media
(DIGITAL MARKETING)
Matt Williams
7915 Wales Ave. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(234) 200-6590
www.triplecanopymedia.com

Turfscape, Inc.
(LANDSCAPING - LAWN MAINTENANCE - SNOW REMOVAL)
Jeff O'Neill
8357 Cleveland Ave. NW
North Canton, OH 44720
(330) 405-7979
www.turfscapeohio.com

Valley Hydraulic Service, Inc.
(HYDRAULIC REMANUFACTURING)
Heather Poloisky
960 N. Wooster Ave.
Strasburg, OH 44680
(330) 878-4101
A young couple asked a hostess at Gervasi Bistro for directions to the elegant party Pavilion they’d heard so much about. Instead of pointing, the hostess took their arms and led them along a bricked path to a beautiful Pavilion overlooking a picture-perfect lake and the Four Diamond Award-winning Villas. Now you know the link between selling automotive water pumps and fine dining.

Ted Swaldo started with one-tenth of next-to-nothing and one great talent..."seeing possibilities."

One of ten children of a coal miner, he built the world’s largest automotive water pump manufacturer. At one time, ASC Industries sold 90% of all aftermarket water pumps because they understood how badly customers needed reliable inventory. Faith in his manufacturing processes and his employees led Ted to promise a national retailer 95% order fulfillment or he’d, voluntarily, pay a 10% penalty. ASC got the order and hit their targets. The same attention to customer needs led him to create Gervasi Vineyard, Canton’s second most popular travel destination.

Soon Gervasi will expand even further with the building of a luxury boutique hotel and craft distillery. We congratulate Mr. Swaldo, and the rest of his Gervasi family for the outstanding contributions they have made to Stark County. The best is yet to come.

As the area’s premier distributor of business supplies, we want to see other entrepreneurial companies start with an entrepreneurial glint in their eyes and make Stark County great for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,

Bob Stewart
CEO, The M. Conley Company

Go to www.neobrightestlights.com to learn about the other nominees!