LAST CALL FOR 2017 COMMUNITY SALUTE AWARDS TICKETS!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 8, as we recognize outstanding civic volunteerism and community service at our annual Community Salute Awards! This special evening recognizes exceptional and inspiring community stewards – individuals, businesses and organizations – for their outstanding contributions to the greater Canton community.

Thomas E. Cecconi, CEO Emeritus, Mercy Medical Center, will be recognized with the highest honor of the evening, the Award of Merit.

The award will be presented along with five Awards of Appreciation to:

- JRC
- Jerry Schroer, The Schroer Group
- Meals on Wheels of Stark and Wayne Counties
- Michael Gallina
- Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

A Special Award of Distinction will be given to Renee Powell.

Thursday, Nov. 8
5:30 pm, social
6:30 pm, dinner and awards program
Kent State University at Stark Conference Center
6000 Frank Ave. N.W., North Canton
$55 per person
RSVP by Nov. 3

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The AultCare network gives you more options.

AultCare’s expanded network now has over 7,200 providers, including over 30 hospitals. AultCare is expanding, and you receive the benefits. AultCare now covers you in more places, giving you more choices for your health care.


Let us show you.
Construction of the NEXUS gas transmission line has begun in Ohio and Michigan. NEXUS Gas Transmission President James Grech told our Utica Midstream conference in June that the project was revved up like a race car, ready for the green flag from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Final permission to begin work was granted last month by FERC.

NEXUS is a 255-mile, 36-inch gas transmission line from Columbiana County to western Ohio, then north into Michigan and eventually to Ontario. It will cost $2 billion to construct. According to NEXUS, the pipeline will employ nearly 7,000 construction workers. In its first five years of operation, the pipeline will pay about $412 million in taxes, about $125 million going to schools in Ohio and Michigan.

Property owners and communities in Summit and Medina counties are still trying to change the route of the pipeline. The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce has not taken a position on the specific route of the pipeline, but has strongly supported the project in principle. NEXUS will open new markets to economical Utica natural gas, which will be good for those markets and good for the prosperity of landowners who have gas wells.

As we bring another year of oil and gas programming to a close, a final thank you to the sponsors who supported our business development work throughout 2017: AEP Ohio, Beaver Excavating and Furbay Oil & Gas.

At Utica Summit V on Oct. 11 at Walsh University, these companies were joined by Visit Canton, whose hotel and hospitality partners staffed a booth at the seminar. We appreciate their support as well.
November AultCare Fast Break Breakfast: Four Generations in the Workplace
SPEAKER: Chrissy Myers, Director & CEO, AUI

Each generation has distinct attitudes, behaviors, expectations, habits and motivational buttons. Learning how to communicate with the different generations can eliminate many major confrontations and misunderstandings in the workplace and the world of business. At the next Fast Break, learn strategies on how to help your workplace navigate generational challenges and opportunities.

Friday, November 10
7:30 – 9:00 am (Registration begins at 7:00 am)
Courtyard by Marriott
4375 Metro Circle, Canton
$18 Members/$25 Non-Members
Register by Nov. 8 at www.CantonChamber.org

November AultCare QuickConnect Networking Luncheon: Print is Dead. Long Live Print! (#printisnotdead) SPEAKER: Jessica Bennett, Vice President-Magazine Division, GateHouse Ohio Media/The Canton Repository.

• Learn why print media is not dead—it is evolving
• Learn five things that media companies are doing to evolve along with their readers
• Why print remains a critical piece of the marketing mix

Wednesday, November 15
11:30 am – 1:00 pm (Registration -11:00 am)
Shady Hollow Country Club
4865 Wales Ave. NW, Massillon
$18/members, $25/non-members
Register by Nov. 13 at www.CantonChamber.org
Our Chamber Gives Thanks to YOU our Members at Thanksgathering:
November Stir After Hours at the Millennium Centre

Join us on Thursday, Nov. 16, for a special Stir After Hours hosted by the Chamber.

We’re giving thanks for you – our members – at our annual Thanksgathering event here at the Millennium Centre building. Mix and mingle with Chamber staff and fellow members as you enjoy entertainment, specialty hors d’oeuvres, delectable desserts, and wine and beer donated from member businesses. Check the website in coming days for a full list of participating vendors.

Millennium Centre businesses include Careworks, Day Ketterer Ltd, Attorneys at Law, Jülz by Alan Rodriguez, Schauer Group, Inc., PNC Financial Service Group, and of course, the Chamber!

Give those in need something to be thankful for by bringing your non-perishable food item or $3 donation for the Stark County Hunger Task Force and receive FREE admission to our Member Thanksgathering event. Reservations are required.

Thursday, Nov. 16
5:00–7:30 pm
Canton Regional Chamber
222 Market Ave., N.
in downtown Canton
FREE to members with a non-perishable food item or $3 donation
RSVP by Nov. 14 at
www.CantonChamber.org

The Millennium Centre Parking Deck will be open late. Tickets will be validated.

Our Canton-Area Business Counts on CareWorksComp to Help Us Improve Safety and Control Our Ohio Workers’ Compensation Costs

The Canton Regional Chamber sponsors an Ohio workers’ comp program to help its members significantly lower their Ohio BWC premium.

Our results-oriented approach fully integrates accident prevention, risk control and claims management while delivering a significant return on your investment.

For a no-cost, no-obligation analysis of your potential group rating savings, please visit www.careworkscomp.com/groupratingapplication/Canton and complete our Temporary Authorization to Review Information form.

For employers who don’t qualify for group rating, CareWorksComp can still evaluate your best premium discount options.

For more information, contact CareWorksComp’s Robert Nicoll at 1-800-837-3200, Ext. 58595 or email robert.nicoll@careworkscomp.com.

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When the Light Up Downtown festivities happen on Thursday, Dec. 7, the Canton Fire Department will be “Spreading the Warmth” by handing out hats, mittens, scarves and socks to children in need.

Be sure to support this crucial aspect of our event – DONATE new children’s winter accessories and socks between now and Nov. 22.

Drop-off locations for your donations include:

**Avenue Arts Marketplace and Theatre**
324 Cleveland Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44702

**Canton Palace Theatre**
605 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702

**Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce**
222 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702

**Carpe Diem Coffee Shop**
215 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702

**Courtyard Marriott at Canton**
4375 Metro Cir. NW
Canton, OH 44720

**First Commonwealth Bank Branches:**
Belden Village: 4555 Belden Village St NW
Central Plaza: 100 Central Plaza South
East 62: 3100 Atlantic Blvd. NE
Foxboro: 5594 Wales Ave NW/Massillon
Hills & Dales: 2917 Whipple Ave NW
Canton Fulton: 2150 Locust Street S.
Louisville: 2150 E. Gorgas Street
Massillon: 140 Lincoln Way W
North Plaza: 1110 30th Street NW
Oakwood Square: 6252 Middlebranch Ave NW
Perry West: 2704 Lincoln Way E/Massillon

**Hazel and Rye Artisan**
220 Market Ave S
Canton, OH 44702

**Key Bank Locations:**
Key Bank CLC: 202 2nd St., NE Canton
100 Central Plaza South Canton 44702
1115 30th St NW Canton 44709
3001 Cleveland Ave SW Canton 44707
4428 Tuscarawas St. W Canton 44708
932 N Main St North Canton 44720
2867 Whipple Ave NW Canton 44708
4495 Everhard Rd NW Canton 44718
217 S Chapel St. Louisville 44641

**Malone University**
2600 Cleveland Ave. NW
Canton, OH 44709

**McKinley Grand Hotel**
320 Market Ave. S
Canton, OH 44702

**Original Arcade Coney**
215 Tuscarawas St W
Canton, OH 44702

**Print & Press Shop and Studios**
429 4th St., NW
Canton, OH 44702

**Salvation Army**
420 Market Ave S
Canton, OH 44702

**Samantha’s Downtown**
138 Second St., SW
Canton, OH 44702

**Stark County District Library**
715 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702

**United Way of Greater Stark County**
401 Market Ave. N
Canton, OH 44702

**WHBC**
550 Market Ave. S
Canton, OH 44702

Be sure to put the FREE downtown holiday extravaganza on your calendar! For more information, visit www.LightUpDowntown.com
In the 29th annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival Photo Contest sponsored by Western Reserve Group, Ray Stewart of North Canton won the coveted $250 “Best of Show” award for his shot at Drum Corps International Competition Tour of Champions. Stewart also earned $100 for his first place photo from the Canton Repository Grand Parade.

The winning photos will be on display at the Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, located at 520 Cleveland Ave. N in downtown Canton, from Nov. 3 through Dec. 1. The photos will also be showcased on the Enshrinement Festival’s Web site at www.profootballhofef.com.

Justin Deierling of North Canton won $125 for his first place photo from the Up, Up & Away 5K and an honorable mention for his photo from the Up, Up & Away 5K.

Lora Ury of Canton won $150 for her first place photo at the Drum Corps International Competition Tour of Champions and two honorable mention photos from the Community Parade and the Balloon Classic & Fireworks.

Chad Gertenslager of Massillon won $25 for his honorable mention photo from the Balloon Classic & Fireworks.

Jerry Ennis of Kent won $100 for his first place photo from the Balloon Classic & Fireworks.

2017 BEST OF SHOW PHOTO BY RAY STEWART
Cecconi started his career in healthcare administration at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in 1973. He has since served in executive positions at Hospital Management Professionals of Brentwood, TN, Virginia Regional Medical Center in Virginia, MN; Paris Community Hospital in Paris, IL; Rutherford Hospital in Rutherfordton, NC; and Hospital Management Professionals. He is a graduate of John Carroll University and received a Master’s in Business Administration from Baldwin Wallace College.

Cecconi is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and received the CEO Award of Excellence from the College of Osteopathic Healthcare Professionals in 1996. He is a member of the Stark Development Board of Directors Executive Committee and the New Health Collaborative ACO Board of Directors. Cecconi convened the Stark County hospital CEOs to spearhead efforts to combat the infant mortality issue, which resulted in the formation of THRIVE (Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality and Equity), a community wide initiative. He is a past chairman of the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees and of the Akron Regional Hospital Association, as well as a past member of the Massillon Chamber Board of Directors and Walsh University Board of Directors. He has led successful annual fundraising drives for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the Stark Development Board and ArtsinStark.

Awards of Appreciation

JRC
Founded in 1974 as an outreach ministry of St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Canton, Ohio, then Father John Robert Coleman built service to the people of the Northeast Canton community through his daily example and vision. The J.R.Coleman organizations were born out of his passion to assist people in need.

On September 5, 2013 the name “J.R. Coleman” was changed to “JRC”. Why the change? There was a need to differentiate our services to the community. Today, other “Coleman” organizations operate in Stark County, so it’s become harder for the community to understand the differences between the organizations. This name change sets us apart. It strengthens our foundation and gives us a fresh, new direction for the future. The tagline, “Kids. Seniors. Community,” clearly describes who we serve.

JRC Services
The JRC Adult Day Center began in 1980 and is located at 3300 Parkway Street NW. JRC Adult Day Center offers opportunities for entertainment, memory enhancing activities, socialization, a trained, professional and caring staff, education, and volunteerism. Adult Day Care provides a structured and organized program of service for those older adults who need supervision, social interaction, or assistance with more than one activity of daily living.

The JRC Learning Center was founded in 1980 and offers early education and care for all children. The modern $3.5 million, state of the art Center is located at 2213 14th Street N.E. JRC Learning Center has received a 5-Star Step Up To Quality Award, the highest rating achievable, from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Bureau of Child Care and Development, the state agency responsible for licensing and promoting high standards among Ohio's childcare centers. JRC Learning Center is committed to providing quality early learning experiences and developmental activities for children that lay the foundation for a bright and successful future.

JRC Home Repairs facilitates the rehabilitation of homes paying particular attention to health and safety issues, and specializes in home modifications that allow elderly persons to live independently as long as it is safe to do so.

JRC is committed to seeing the Mahoning Road Economic Development Project be completed by 2019. The multi-faceted plan includes a “complete street” design along Mahoning Road featuring wide sidewalks, pedestrian friendly historic lighting, bike lanes and enhancements. The plan also includes investment in private business, blight removal, upgraded parks, residential renovations and industrial improvements.

JRC Senior Housing opened in 1986 and is a 65-unit apartment building for seniors and handicapped persons. It is located at 1732 Market Avenue North in Canton. This is a HUD 202 housing development. There is a HUD Service Coordinator on staff to serve the residents of JRC Senior Housing.

Jerry Schroer, The Schroer Group
The Schroer Group (TSG) cares for and serves patients, families and businesses throughout Ohio and surrounding states. Its family of companies includes Altercare of Ohio, Inc., Absolute Health Services and Avalon Foodservice, Inc. For TSG, quality goes beyond meeting “industry standards.” Innovative approaches to technology and embracing new ideas are ways it generates stronger, measurable outcomes and healthier patients.

Company founder, Gerald F. Schroer, Sr., and his wife, Susan, established a culture of philanthropy from the inception of the company 45 years ago. Today, its nearly 3,000 employees carry that culture to patients, customers and the communities in which they live and work.

TSG has contributed to – and its employees volunteer with – the Alzheimer’s Association, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, The Arthritis Foundation, Arts in Stark, Boys & Girls Club of Massillon, Central Catholic High School, Hattie Larlham, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Jossete Beddell Memorial Foundation, Junior Achievement, National Volunteer Caregiving Network, Rotary, Saint Ignatius, Saint Joseph Academy, Jaycees, United Way, Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland and the YMCA.

In 2016, the company launched In Jerry’s Footsteps, a foundation that honors its founder’s commitment to caring for employees in need. Powered by the company and employee contributions, this...
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fund helps TSG employees facing personal hardships, such as illness, house fires and other circumstances.

In 2017, TSG created a stronger relationship with Habitat for Humanity. Employees gave to and worked on its first home this year. In the future, the company seeks to build at least one Habitat home per year for one of its employees.

Meals on Wheels of Stark & Wayne Counties

Meals on Wheels of Stark & Wayne Counties (MOW) is a nonprofit organization that has been serving homebound and nutritionally at-risk individuals in the two-county area for 44 years. Governed by a Board of Trustees, MOW’s daily operations are managed by Chief Executive Officer Ted Watko. The agency was established in 1973 as a catering company and in 1997 expanded and opened its own commissary to gain control of and enhance the quality of its meals, unique to this area and specifically designed to meet our community’s needs. The menu is planned by our staff dietitian, meeting and exceeding all nutritional guidelines recommended by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). More than 12 million meals have been prepared and delivered to clients by thousands of community volunteers over the past 44 years. Today, the agency serves nearly 1,500 meals daily, Monday through Friday, including home delivered and congregate dining.

MOW provides much more than a HOT meal. With more than 400 community volunteers donating their time every week, they are often a client’s only daily contact. MOW offers a PEACE OF MIND, as well as NUTRITIONAL SUPPORT. Volunteers deliver meals throughout the two-county area via 17 distribution sites, covering 65 routes every weekday. Volunteers allow MOW to address any concerns and immediately bring them to the attention of the client’s closest family member or emergency contact. Lives have been saved because of the quick response of dedicated volunteers and staff.

Despite the challenges due to stagnate federal and state funding programs, MOW has continued its mission of providing meals for our neighbors in need. During fiscal year 2016, more than 420 volunteers donated 33,216 hours and delivered 322,128 meals to the homebound clients in need. MOW also provided 20,799 congregate meals at our various sites through two counties.

As MOW looks toward its 45th year of providing a life-saving service to our community, its primary focus is to provide nutritional support to the homebound, elderly, and disabled while keeping an eye on the growing need in our community to do even more—regardless of increased costs or decreased funding. We are poised on the edge of an exciting future, which includes offering services to those under the age of 60 struggling with the recent economic hardships and working more closely with the medical community to lower hospital re-admission rates. As a successful community-based organization, MOW continues to seek opportunities designed to help assist those people in the community with the greatest need, the hidden hungry.

Michael Gallina

Mike Gallina is currently the Vice President of Outreach Services for the AultCare Health Plans. Prior to joining AultCare, his career spanned thirty years in the field of education. Twenty-four of those years were spent as a school administrator, with the final nineteen years in the role of superintendent in the Minerva Local and North Canton City Schools, respectively.

Gallina attended the University of Mount Union, majoring in Elementary Education, with a concentration in Learning Disabilities. He was a four-year baseball letter-winner at Mount Union and captain of the team during his senior year. He was also named the Outstanding Senior in Elementary Education.

In 2009, he was chosen by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation as Ohio’s Superintendent of the Year.

Gallina serves on numerous area boards including the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce, North Canton YMCA, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, Domestic Violence Project, Inc., Pro Football Hall of Fame Luncheon Club, Canton Student Loan Foundation, Massillon Chamber of Commerce, Walsh University Advisory Board and Stark Educational Partnership. Additionally, he has been elected into both academic and athletic halls of fame at Minerva High School and at the University of Mount Union, as well as into the Stark County and Tuscarawas County Amateur Baseball Halls of Fame.

Gallina is a motivational and keynote speaker, having provided talks, presentations, and retreats all across Ohio. He and his wife, Lynnette, continue to reside in North Canton, celebrating as much time as they can with their son, Kiel, daughter-in-law, Jessica, and their grandsons Xavier and Colton.

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

For over 160 years, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine have dedicated their mission and ministry to addressing the unmet needs of the spiritually, socially, psychologically, physically, or materially underserved in the areas of health, education, and social service. As Catholic organizations, the Sisters’ foundations were established to live out that mission.

The Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton recently celebrated its 20th anniversary. The Foundation is committed to making a difference in the lives of the poor and to extending the ministry of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine through its innovative, strategic, and mission-driven grandmaking. The Foundation has invested nearly $60 million to further its mission in Stark and surrounding counties.

Responsive Grandmaking: The Foundation has supported numerous efforts addressing the needs of the poor and underserved, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, and emphasizing youth and family.

Sustained Initiatives & Strategic Collaborations: The Foundation has partnered with a diverse range of community organizations focusing on early childhood, homelessness, oral health, employment, bullying prevention, and prescription assistance. The Foundation was an integral partner in the establishment of the Early Childhood Resource Center, the SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids) kindergarten readiness program, Stark County’s THRIVE infant mortality effort, the Stark Housing Network, the Prescription Assistance Network, and the Health Policy Institute of Ohio.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT LEADERSHIP STARK COUNTY AT OUR INFORMATION BREAKFAST

Curious about Leadership Stark County’s programs and if they’re a good fit for you personally or your employees? Attend our Information Breakfast on December 13 and have all your questions answered by our Leadership Stark County staff.

- What programs does Leadership Stark County offer?
- How will Leadership Stark County participation benefit me or my company?
- How do I apply? When do I start?
- How will Leadership Stark County change the way I solve problems, interact with team members, view my community, and approach the future?

Join us and discover the answers to these and any other questions you may have. There is no cost to attend but do let us know you’ll be there. Make your reservation by calling 330-458-2095 or email Info@LeadershipStarkCounty.org

Wednesday, Dec. 13
8:00 am
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce
222 Market Ave. N
Cost: Free but Reservations Requested

TOUR THE HERCULES PROJECT WITH DEVELOPER BOB TIMKEN

Be one of the first to see the inside of the Hercules project, 90 one and two-bedroom apartments and a variety of amenities spread over 125,000 square feet of historic manufacturing space. Hercules is a true economic development project that will have a huge impact on the community, while restoring the heritage and character of Canton. Enjoy wine, beer, soda, and light appetizers. Cocktail hour provided with the support of Cormony Development.

Thursday, Nov. 16
4:30 - 6:30 pm
Hercules Project
1036 Market Ave S, Canton OH 44702
Cost $20 – Reservations limited to first 100
Register at www.leadershipstarkcounty.org

Not-For-Profit Update Seminar

Walsh University Conference Center
November 8
+ 12:30......registration
+ 1–4:45.....program
+ reception to follow
+ NO FEE
+ CPE Offered

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Visit maloneynovotny.com/events for details and registration link. Or email, info@maloneynovotny.com
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

From tourism and travel to economic development, Ally Bussey and Mike Gill will share recent advancements and successes within the region, as well as their vision for future development within Stark County. If you live or work in our region, you don’t want to miss this!

Wellspring UnSpeaker sessions, are $25/each. Class spaces are limited and are likely to sell out. All sessions run from 7:30-9:00 am at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce (222 Market Ave. N, Canton, OH 44702), and a continental breakfast is provided. Visit www.LeadershipStarkCounty.org for more information.

Wednesday, Nov. 15
7:30 - 9 am
Canton Regional Chamber
222 Market Ave N, Canton OH 44702
$25 per person
Register online at www.CantonChamber.org
The Stark County Safety Council is pleased to offer the opportunity for you to showcase your company as the “spotlight” company and luncheon sponsor at one of our monthly luncheons.

Cost is $175 which includes a $25 door prize to be raffled to the members.

As a spotlight company, you will receive:

- 3-5 minutes to conduct a brief presentation about your company. This can include history, mission, overview, success stories, etc.
- Two lunches
- 8’ table to display company products, awards, materials, services, etc.
- Opportunity to have a business card or a small article in the Safety Council newsletter
- Your logo included on the meeting notice and on the upcoming event section of the Safety Council and the Chamber’s websites
- Your company shown as the monthly spotlight company in the Safety Council and the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter
- Information about your business and a link to your website on the Safety Council website.

If your company is interested in being a SCSC spotlight sponsor, please email Connie Cerrny at conniec@cantonchamber.org or call 330.458.2061.

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Our commitment to providing exceptional service sets us apart.

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Join us for the November Safety Council luncheon with Charlotte Schaar, Wellness Product Specialist, Client Strategy and Benefits Innovation, Huntington Insurance.

An alarming 80% of diseases are caused by stress. Most employees spend a majority of their time in a demanding workplace often dealing with stressful situations. Responding effectively to stress is a survival skill. Charlotte will teach you stress management techniques that will reduce stress and enrich employee productivity. You’ll also learn invaluable coping mechanisms that can be used at work and home.

Thursday, Nov. 9
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Alex D. Krassas Event Center
251 25th St. NW, Canton
$17 per person
Register at www.StarkCountySC.com

About Charlotte Scharr:
Charlotte resides in Gnadenhutten, Ohio and holds a strong background in population health management. She previously worked at the Army Wellness Center in Fort Bragg, NC as a health promotion technician before joining Huntington Insurance in the fall of 2016.

As a Wellness Product Specialist, Charlotte works with clients to develop and maintain wellness programs while monitoring each program for efficiency and productivity. Through programs such as smoking cessation, disease management options, and wellness newsletters, Charlotte helps clients improve their VOI (value of investment).
LIVE IN BLISS!

You’re invited to an inspiring night with one of the greatest visionaries of Downtown Canton!

Steve Coon, President of Coon Restoration & Sealants, opens the doors to his latest crown jewel of Downtown - the Bliss Lofts. Join us for an evening filled with tastings of Basil Asian Bistro, complimentary drinks, behind-the-scenes tours of the Bliss Lofts, and Steve’s personal story of bold vision and investment in the future of our Downtown. The only sight more breath-taking than Steve’s vision is your top-of-the-world, floor-to-ceiling views of the city. Bring your cameras; you won’t want to miss this one.

Space is limited, register soon!
Thursday, Nov. 9
5:30-7:30 pm
Bliss Tower
Downtown Canton
Cost: $15, advanced registration is required at www.ystark.org.

OUR 2018 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS PRINTING SOON!

Did you get our letter about updating your membership directory listing? If you need to make changes or updates to your business listing, be sure to submit them to Debbie Busby, director of membership development, at debbieb@cantonchamber.org by Nov. 30.

If you’re interested in promoting your business in our membership directory with an ad, reserve your space now! The publication will include:

• Your member listing in the Membership Directory
• Your member listing in the Buyer’s Guide sorted by business classification
• The Chamber’s 2018 Executive Board & Directors
• The Chamber’s Executive Management and staff

The book will be distributed in early 2018 to just nearly 2,000 Canton Regional Chamber member firms and their employees, new residents of Stark County, and people seeking information about where to buy or sell products and services.

This useful directory is made possible only through the advertising support of our members. We appreciate your complete cooperation toward making this outstanding, professionally prepared publication a success. There are a limited number of preferred position ad spaces available on a first reply basis.

This is an excellent opportunity to sell your products and services throughout Canton and Stark County.

Please contact Debbie Busby at 330.458.2051 or Molly Romig at 330.833.4400 to have your name placed on the priority-calling list.
Special Award of Distinction

Renee Powell is one of the most resilient athletes of our time. Raised on the East Canton, Ohio golf course built by her father, William “Bill” Powell, during times of racial adversity and segregation, Renee learned early what it meant to excel against the odds. By age three, Powell was swinging a golf club for the first time. Early into her teenage years, she had won more than 30 tournaments. In 1967, Powell became the second African-American woman to compete on the LPGA Tour. As a tour professional, she competed in more than 250 tournaments and won the 1973 Kelly Springfield Open in Brisbane, Australia.

Following her LPGA Tour career, Powell has dedicated her life to diversifying the game of golf. She became an international goodwill ambassador, spanning a 1971 USO tour of American troops in Vietnam to making more than 25 trips to Africa to host golf instruction clinics. In 2011, Powell launched Clearview HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere), a cost-free, year-round therapeutic and recreational golf program for women veterans. As a sought-after public speaker, Powell has informed, inspired, and enlightened countless audiences locally, nationally, and internationally.

Powell is the recipient of countless honors during her more than five decades in the game of golf. In November 2017, she was inducted into the PGA of America Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Austin, Texas. In 2015, Powell made history internationally when she became one of two American women given honorary membership into the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland. Some of her other notable honors include being named 1998 PGA Tour Card Walker Award; the 2003 PGA of America’s First Lady of Golf; the 2007 LPGA Rolex For the Love of the Game Award; the 2015 USGA Ike Grainger Award and the 2014 Pioneers of the LPGA Award. In 2008, Powell became the third American, and the only woman golfer, to receive an honorary doctorate from The University of St. Andrews, Scotland in its more than 600-year history. In 2010, The University of Maryland Eastern Shore awarded Renee with an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service.

Powell also has made strides in other areas of the golf industry including fashion and broadcasting. While living in London in the 1960s, Powell served at Silvermere Golf Club as the first woman head professional in the United Kingdom. It was during that period that she also was one of the first women golfers to design her own apparel line. She also has served as golf commentator on both CBS and ABC.

Today, Powell is the PGA/LPGA Head Golf Professional at Clearview Golf Club in East Canton, Ohio, where she maintains her father’s legacy of “Golf for Everyone.” Her community service includes serving on several boards, including the Northern Ohio PGA; the Pro Football Hall of Fame; Mercy Medical Center; Pathway Caring for Children; as well as a member of Rotary International.

AultWorks Occupational Medicine specializes in treating work-related injuries and illnesses. We are certified by the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation.

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- Pre-placement Physicals
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Friday, November 17  6-10 p.m.

APPETIZERS - CASH BAR - CASINO TABLE GAMES

Courtyard by Marriott | 4375 Metro Cir. NW | North Canton

Cost: $30 per ticket I $55 per couple

Proceeds and donations will benefit local families in need. Cost includes $250 in “funny money” per person. Winnings can be redeemed for tickets toward our Chinese drawing and other raffle prize drawings. Business attire required.
NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in September. 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.

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### November Calendar

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- **First Friday**  
  www.cantonfirstfriday.com  
  First Friday is a monthly party in the downtown Canton Arts District featuring themed music, performance and visual arts events. Rain or shine, year ’round. November’s theme: Dia De Los Muertos  
  **First Friday, November 3**  
  6:00-10:00 pm  
  Downtown Canton Arts District  
  **FREE**

**8**
- **Community Salute Awards**  
  www.cantonchamber.org  
  Join us as we recognize outstanding civic volunteerism and community service at the Chamber’s annual Community Salute Awards dinner on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at Kent State University at Stark Conference Center.  
  **Wednesday, November 8**  
  5:30 pm, cocktail hour; 6:30 pm, dinner and program  
  Kent State University at Stark Conference Center  
  **$55 per person**

**9**
- **Stark County Safety Council November Luncheon**  
  www.cantonchamber.org  
  Learn how to reduce stress and improve productivity at our next Safety Council Luncheon.  
  **Thursday, November 9**  
  11:30 am-1:00 pm  
  Alex D. Krassas Event Center  
  **$17 per person to attend**

- **ystark! Meet&Eat**  
  www.ystark.org  
  Learn what it’s like to live in Bliss! You’re invited to an inspiring night with Downtown Canton visionary, Steve Coon, President of Coon Restoration & Sealants, as he opens the doors to his latest crown jewel - the Bliss Lofts.  
  **Thursday, November 9**  
  5:30-7:30 pm  
  Bliss Lofts  
  **$15 (reservations required)**

**10**
- **November Aultcare Fast Break Breakfast**  
  www.cantonchamber.org  
  “Four Generations in the Workplace” with Chrissy Meyers, Director & CEO, AUI.  
  **Friday, November 10**  
  7:00-9:00 am  
  Courtyard by Marriott  
  **$18 members, $25 non-members**

**15**
- **Wellspring Un-Speaker Series**  
  www.leadershipstarkcounty.org  
  At the final event of our Wellspring Unspeaker series, hear from two of Stark County’s innovative leaders as they share their vision and direction for Stark County!  
  **Wednesday, November 15**  
  7:30-9:00 am  
  Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce  
  **$25 per person**

- **November Aultcare QuickConnect Luncheon**  
  www.cantonchamber.org  
  Join Jessica Bennett of GateHouse Ohio Media on why print media is not dead, but evolving.  
  **Wednesday, November 15**  
  11:30 am-1:00 pm  
  Shady Hollow Country Club  
  **$18 members, $25 non-members**

**16**
- **November Stir After Hours**  
  www.cantonchamber.org  
  Join us for our November STIR After Hours at the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce as we give thanks for you – our members!  
  **Thursday, November 16**  
  5:00-7:30 pm  
  Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce  
  Free with a non-perishable food item or $3 without

**NOV. 17**
- **Casino Christmas for a Cause**  
  www.ystark.org  
  Join us for an evening of casino table games along with yummy appetizers and a cash bar. Proceeds and donations will benefit local families in need.  
  **Friday, November 17**  
  6:00-10:00 pm  
  Courtyard by Marriott – Canton  
  **$30 per person/$55 per couple**
The Pro Football Hall of Fame, consistent with its mission to “Honor the Heroes of the Game, Preserve its History, Promote its Values and Celebrate Excellence EVERYWHERE,” will salute the military throughout the month of November. An admission special, programs, and events are among the many ways in which the Hall of Fame will honor our country’s heroes. Through the generous support of The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, the Pro Football Hall of Fame will provide free museum admission to all veterans and active military plus one guest throughout November. The Hall of Fame’s annual Veterans Day Event takes place on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 11 a.m. This year’s program is titled “Honor the Heroes: Women in the Military.” Participating in the program Lt. Commander Kim Mitchell, PGA Hall of Famer and Hall of Fame Board of Trustee member Renee Powell, and Army Staff Sergeant Hollis Burkes. Several Medal of Honor recipients will also be on hand for the event.

Malone University has been named by Money Magazine as one of the nation’s “Best colleges for your money.” The publication analyzed 2,400 institutions on 27 data points to select their “Best Colleges” schools. To be considered for the designation, institutions had to enroll at least 500 students, have sufficient, reliable data to be analyzed, not be in financial distress, and have a graduation rate that is above the media for its institutional category (public or private).

Join Stark County District Library this fall for the next installment of the new Dr. Audrey Lavin Speaking of Books Author Series, which brings acclaimed writers to Stark County who inspire lively discussion and community conversation while exemplifying literary excellence. The 2017-2018 season includes four special evenings planned at the Canton Palace Theatre. New York Times bestselling author Jay Asher will join us at the Canton Palace Theatre on November 14 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the writing process. His debut novel, Thirteen Reasons Why, offers a realistic and at times scary look at suicide while sharing the story of Hannah, a young woman whose suicide is slowly made sense of via a series of tapes sent to a classmate. The novel was released as a successful Netflix original series.

Black McCuskey Souers & Arbaugh Law Firm is pleased to announce that Attorney Ray Meiers has joined the Intellectual Property Practice Group. The addition of Meiers not only expands the IP practice group, but extends the firm’s geographic footprint into the Toledo market. Meiers has engineering degrees in both mechanical engineering and electrical engineering from the University of Toledo and a juris doctor degree from the University Of Cincinnati College Of Law. He is registered as a Patent Attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Meiers began his practice in 2000, after having spent five years working as an engineer. Over the years, he has obtained hundreds of patents and trademarks on behalf of clients and has conducted numerous investigations into the value, validity, and scope of patents in various areas of technology and business. Meiers is a frequent lecturer on IP topics.

Mercy Service League held its 2017 Harvest Ball on Saturday, Oct. 21 at the Canton Memorial Civic Center Auditorium. Mercy Medical Staff president, Ronald Crock, M.D., and Stark County sheriff, George Maier, served as honorary Harvest Ball chairs and Barbara Frustaci and Kathleen Prasnal served as Mercy Service League event co-chairs. The event raised over $240,000, with proceeds benefitting Mercy’s Safe Caring initiative - AvaSure TeleSitter, a video monitoring system for at-risk patients Themed “Feast & Fantasy,” this year’s Harvest Ball was an evening reminiscent of whimsical adventures in Rio, filled with fine dining, dancing, fun and elegance. The Harvest Ball, Mercy Service League’s signature fund raising event, attracted approximately 400 guests this year.

CareWorksComp is pleased to invite your members to an exclusive Ohio Workers’ Compensation Workshop: “How to Apply Intermediate and Advanced Risk Reduction Solutions to Ohio Workers’ Compensation. If you’re available for a couple of hours and want to learn a different angle on how to keep your BWC premiums down, we highly suggest attending this workshop. (FYI: Unfortunately, attendance does not count towards the BWC Two Hour Group Safety Training Requirement for the current 2017 Rate Year!) There are four workshops remaining in the series:

Kent State University at Stark will host the annual Turkey Trot, an adult 5K and a children’s ¼ mile Fun Run, on Saturday, Nov. 18. The events will be held on Kent State Stark’s beautiful, 200-acre campus, located at 6000 Frank Ave NW in Jackson Township. The Kids Fun Run begins at 8:30 a.m. Registration takes place on the day of the event, beginning at 7:30 a.m., at Kent State Stark’s Recreation & Wellness Center. The fee is $5 per child and may be paid on the day of the event. Participants in the children’s Fun Run will receive a medal. The adult 5K race begins at 9 a.m. Registration will take place between 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Registration is required. The pre-pay fee, accepted through Nov. 3, is $20 per person. From Nov. 4-18, the fee is $25 per person. Participants can pay online with their registration at ohioaceday.com.

Also in Kent State University at Stark news, Melissa Griffy Seeton has been named their coordinator for public relations and media communications. Griffy Seeton, of Jackson Township, was formerly editor of The Times-Reporter in New Philadelphia, where she coordinated daily production of the newspaper and TimesReporter.com. She spent 10 years working as a reporter at The Repository, winning numerous Associated Press awards for news reporting and feature writing. During her time at the Canton newspaper, she received national recognition when awarded honorable mention for the Casey Medal for Meritorious Journalism by the Journalism Center on Children and Families, which honors distinguished coverage of disadvantaged children, youth and families. As a member of Kent State Stark’s Office of External Affairs, Griffy Seeton is responsible for writing promotional copy for the campus in a full range of marketing materials, including the Kent State Stark Campus’ bi-annual magazine Encompass, as well as its website and social media pages. Her duties also include working with media professionals to disseminate Kent State Stark news.

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Bill Wappler has seemingly spent his life looking for ways to create raving fans for his business ideas. He has moved along the leading edge of the packaging industry as it became a vital link in the data revolution shaking up global businesses. His company, Surgere, helps some of the world’s largest manufacturers know everything going on in their supply chains. Over 60 U.S. employees and a company-owned programming group in India are making big fans of some large global companies, while turning Surgere into a thriving business.

Wappler first arrived in northeast Ohio to help Diebold spin off their service business. He became President of a San Diego software company at a time when most businesses still took inventory by hand, and the only way to know a truck had arrived at its destination was to have the driver make a phone call. Back then, Wappler was fascinated by talk of new “integrated supply chains.” He quickly saw that data-gathering was the missing link and wanted in on the action.

He formed Surgere in 2004 with the idea of getting five of the smartest guys he knew to parachute into companies and help them solve packaging problems. For example, one of America’s largest appliance manufacturers was wasting millions of dollars a year shipping parts in corrugated, throwaway containers. Surgere advised converting to reusable containers, but the company didn’t want to own them. So, Surgere became the proud owner of $16 million worth of reusable containers. Unfortunately, they had no idea where these containers were located because they couldn’t be tracked.

While developing software to track their own assets, Surgere turned to RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) labels with printed antennas sandwiched between paper and adhesive layers. RFID allowed them to gather unprecedented amounts of data as parts moved around the world. It became a foundation technology as Surgere looked for new ways to turn supply chains into information super highways.

In 2013, while working for a global controls manufacturer, Surgere set up the first RFID system in a manufacturing environment. The march was on to gain raving fans as Surgere began layering new technologies like augmented reality and autonomous robotics on top of their RFID expertise. They were continually creating new ways to help clients know everything possible about their supply chains.

Bill Wappler has moved far beyond his dream of “Five Smart Guys.” Today Surgere is a growing force in the supply chain industry. A leader of MIT’s RFID department recently joined the company and new business from one of their many raving fans is moving growth into hyperdrive.

Looking back, Wappler sees his toughest entrepreneurial challenge as building and maintaining a healthy corporate culture where everyone rows in the same direction without stifling innovation. He regularly gathers his team together to discuss the business. They spend about two minutes on bottom line matters and hours looking for ways to create more raving fans among some of the leading companies in the world.

Elvis is in the building. A man sitting in an office near Akron-Canton airport strikes some computer keys and a robot in the corner of a Dayton, Ohio automotive warehouse, comes to life. Nicknamed “Elvis” it methodically moves through warehouse aisles, taking inventory and playing Elvis Presley music so workers know it’s coming. Elvis has raving fans.
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