



Connections Newsletter

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September 2011

October Events Set

October is a busy month for the Ontario Growth Association. With two big events planned, it is a great time to get involved and promote your business!

On Tuesday, October 11th, the Annual "Meet the Candidates" Night will be held at 6:30p.m. at the Ontario Middle School. The OGA is proud to host this event each year and provide residents an opportunity to meet local candidates running for office and make informed decisions going into the November election.

This year, the high school government classes will be preparing and conducting a debate. All Ontario School Board and Ontario City Council candidates are invited to participate. In addition, other local candidates are invited to attend. They can

socialize and will be given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the crowd.

A special thank you to **Pizza Hut** for providing pizza for candidates and attendees that evening!



Later in the month, a Community Fall Festival is being planned for Saturday, October 22nd. Hosted by the Ontario Growth Association and Co-Sponsored by **Spherion Staffing** and **Key Bank**, the event will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Richland Mall, rain or shine. Weather permitting it will be outside in the north parking lot off of Fourth Street and in the case of inclement weather it will be moved inside the mall.

Activities planned include a corn-hole tournament, inflatables, a craft, facepainting, music, trick or treating and more. There will also be special appearances by Miss Ohio, Ellen Bryan and Miss Mansfield (and Ontario native) Ashley Warholic.

Raffle tickets will be sold and great prizes have been donated by local businesses. The grand-prize is dinner with Miss Ohio and Miss Mansfield sponsored by the **Brown Derby Roadhouse**. Proceeds will go to the Ontario Growth Association, the Miss Ohio Scholarship Program and the Ontario Athletic Boosters.

OGA businesses are welcome and encouraged to participate with a booth or activity. There are also sponsorship and donation opportunities. Call Dave Yaney at 419-610-4286 for more information .



Guest Speaker
Bridget McDaniel,
Executive Director of
Community
Development for the
Richland County
Development Group
will be at the October
6th OGA Meeting.
Don't miss out on
hearing her speak
about the direction
of the group and
success within some
of the sectors.

Golf Outing a Fun Success

The Annual OGA Golf Outing was held on Sunday, August 28th. Eighteen teams participated in the event at **Oak Tree**



Golf Course and enjoyed great weather, great food from the **Ontario Event Center** and great prizes!

Thank you to all the golfers, those that played the serious 18-holes and the crazy 9-holes, that came out for the day and to all the hole sponsors and prize donors that made the event possible. The event, which is one of our organiza-

tion's largest fundraisers for the year, raised around \$2,000. The funds will be used to help support the Growth Association's mission of developing and enhancing the business community of Ontario. We continue to make Ontario a great place to live, work and grow a business!

A special thank you to Sue Martin and the rest of the golf outing committee for all of their hard work in putting together a great event! We're looking forward to next year already. . .

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Member News

★ Karen Miller of Community Action for Capable Youth (CACY) recently left her position as Executive Director. Karen is moving to Tennessee to be closer to her daughters and grandchildren. We wish her the best of luck and thank her for her 15 years of service and dedi-

cation to the education and prevention of drug use in our community.

★ Joe Sansalone has been appointed as Treasurer by the OGA Board. Sansalone is replacing Beth Feldmeier who needed to resign for personal reasons. Thank

you to Beth for her service and Congratulations and Thank You to Joe for willingly filling in the position.

★ **NEW** members that pay in advance for 2012 will become members now - which means three free months of membership! Share the news.



After some down time, the OGA Facebook page is active again!

“Like” us today to stay up to date on OGA meetings and events!

Mark The Date:

Thursday, September 15th **Mansfield Area Chamber BAH @ DRM Productions - 5pm to 7pm**

Thursday, September 29th **OGA Board Meeting - 12 p.m.**

Tuesday, October 4th **CACY Drug Free Month Kick-off Rally @ The Richland Mall - 9a.m.** October is Drug-Free Month and everyone is invited to this annual rally to help CACY kick-off a month full of activities.

Wednesday, October 5th **Parent Awareness Forum brought to you by the Ontario Substance abuse Program @ Ontario Middle School Auditorium - 7 p.m.** Discussion topics include bath salts, heroine use, parent testimonials, drug testing, synthetic marijuana and resources. Call 419-747-7477 for more information.

Thursday, October 6th **OGA Meeting - 8 a.m.** Guest Speaker - Bridget McDaniel, Executive Director of Development for the RCDG. Refreshments provided by Richland Bank

Tuesday, October 11th **Meet the Candidates Night - 6:30 p.m.** (see page 1 for information)

Thursday, October 13th **Mansfield Area Chamber's Silent/Live Auction BAH - 5pm to 7pm at Ed Picken's Café on Main**

Saturday, October 22nd **OGA Fall Festival - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** (see page 1 for information)

Saturday, October 29th **Ontario High School Baseball Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction** Sponsored by Modern Woodmen of America, this event will be held at the Ontario High School Commons. \$8.00 for ages 7 & up or 2 for \$15. Ages 3 - 6 are \$5.00 and under age 3 are free. Silent Auction and 50/50 drawing will be held. **Modern Woodmen will be matching all proceeds up to \$2500!**

“If your success is not on your own terms, if it looks good to the world but does not feel good in your heart, it is not success at all.”

~ Anna Quindlen - Author, Columnist ~

