

**Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2007**

The August 21, 2007 Bremen Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting was opened by "75th Birthday Boy" John Schmelzer. John Boone presented John with a birthday cupcake and we all sang to him. The minutes from the June & July meetings were presented for approval. Motion to approve the minutes by Dee Mowry, seconded by Dale Shaw. Motion carried. Tracy Lecrone had the financial report at the door for anyone wishing a copy.

The Chamber has partnered with the Village to bring this newsletter to each resident of Bremen. As approved last month, it will be done quarterly and mailed with the water bill. Prior financial approval was given at a cost of \$250.00 per mailing however, President asked that be extended to \$275.00. Motion by Dr. Troy Hampton, seconded by Dale Shaw. Motion carried.

New member Mike Crawford of Triple C Farms was introduced and welcomed.

A special thank you was extended to all of the sponsors of the golf outing. A copy of the program was distributed to all attendees asking them to acknowledge the sponsors and personally thank them for contributing to the event. Connie thanked everyone for their help and especially for those who worked behind the scenes. When the dust settles, it appears we netted a tad bit over \$3,000.00. The winner of the Jack Nicklaus photo was Tim Kelley.

The Bremen Bank has allowed us to use their A Board signs to advertise the Farmers Market. Discussion was held to purchase an A-Board making it available to any organization/business wishing to borrow. It was decided to purchase one however, anyone wishing to borrow would need to purchase the signs to slide in the frame.

Local candidates running at the November 6th election are invited to speak at the October Chamber meeting. All residents of the community are encouraged to attend. It will be held on October 16th at The Liberty Bell Restaurant, 102 N. Broad St., Bremen, OH. Treasurer Tracy Lecrone will begin collecting the \$8.00 lunch fee at 11:45am. Meeting will begin promptly at 12:00. Reservation deadline is Friday, October 12th. Any candidate wishing to speak must contact the Chamber office before October 12th at 740-569-9150 or email @ bremen_chamberofcommerce@msn.com. After the meeting, attendees will be given a private tour of the display at the Historical Society.

The Chamber is working with Mike at Gene's Sign to get this project completed. This sign will be placed along the St. Rt. 37 & 664 junction. Local businesses, community organizations, or churches will have the ability to place an 18 X 24"

sign on the sign. Please contact the Chamber office if interested. Spaces are limited.

Several local residents decided to plan a Bremen Days Mix & Mingle 18 hole scramble golf outing. This will be held at Pumpkin Vine Golf Course on September 16th with registration beginning at 8:00am. Cost is \$35.00 per player and is a family event. Corn hole toss and other games will be available for non-golfers and supervised children. Bring a covered dish as hot dogs & drinks will be supplied. Registration forms are available at the Village office or call 569.4788.

Pumpkin Walk – The 5th Annual Pumpkin Walk will be held Saturday evening October 27th at Howell Park between 6:00pm & 9:00pm. Pumpkin carving in preparation for the walk will be Thursday & Friday nights from 6-9 at the Village Office. Already carved pumpkins can be dropped off at the Village Office between those times. This is a family-friendly event for children of all ages.

Village Administrator Terry McGrath spoke about a letter that some residents are getting from an insurance company posing as correspondence from Columbia Gas. This letter is not from Columbia Gas. Mr. McGrath has contacted the office of the Attorney General regarding the business practices of this company. Please contact the Village Office if you receive a letter and are willing to join the complaint.

Featured Speaker was Dr. Troy Hampton of Bremen Family Practice.