

It's been a privilege, but soon it will be time for a change



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After more than 31 years of service, five as a volunteer and 26 next year as president and CEO, I have decided it's time for a change in leading our region's chamber of commerce. During the past few months, the chamber board officers and later our board helped me develop a succession plan that would take me to the end of July 2020.

First and foremost, let me say how much of a sincere honor and privilege it has been working and serving our chamber, its members and the business community for these many years.

For a person who has thoroughly enjoyed being involved in the community, there has been no better career for me than to serve and represent the business community, employers, their

employees and the many other community leaders that have touched my life during that time.

My thanks and appreciation go out to the many chamber staff, board chairs, board members and volunteers who have allowed me to be a part of their lives.

I am especially grateful to my family, especially my wife Donna, daughter Natasha and son Matthew, who not only supported this calling, but no doubt tolerated the many times I missed dinners, sporting games and school events over the years in an effort to do my job to the best of my ability.

During my career I have also made many good friends and developed relationships with fellow chamber colleagues on local, state and national levels. I have also been afforded the opportunity to serve in leadership roles at all those same levels.

To the community and the 10,000 businesses with which I have had an association, I say thank you for your support and friendship.

During more than three

decades, I have seen many changes to our area. Thanks to many who listened to the advocacy by the business community, we have seen a number of improvements to the business climate and success.

I can still remember when state regulation issues, like our state's workers' compensation program, was a silent killer of jobs in Ohio. Today we have experienced much improvement in those regulations and others such that in 2018, several news outlets have named Ohio the 10th best state or better in which to do business in America. That is a far cry from being near the bottom of the pack at 37th in the '90s when I started, but clearly there is room for further improvements.

The chamber has been involved in much during my tenure including many advocacy issues, infrastructure needs, member services, education and training, employer/employee safety, economic improvement initiatives, inclusion and equity and much more.

I have been fortunate to work for one of the

very few 5-star accredited chambers in the nation as well as one of the oldest, largest and most respected. For that I thank everyone involved.

But there is still much yet to do by our organization, plus some additional internal operational items like our move to our new home at 8 N. Main St. and our re-accreditation in 2020.

I will be here to help complete those tasks and will be ready to hand off my role as CEO to the new leader chosen by our board.

It's been a great run. I am not moving. Yes, I am a transplant from Florida but after almost 46 years, this is clearly my home. I still have a number of things I can do using my experience and energy to help in our community and our citizens.

I have been blessed and will forever be in the debt of the chamber and the business community. My best to all who work and care for our region and I look forward to continuing to be a part of that "Dayton Strong" community even after July 31, 2020.

Thank you.

BUSINESS OPENINGS

Premier opens new Beavercreek facility

Premier Health held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community open house on Dec. 19th for a new medical office building that will house both primary and specialty care physicians along with imaging and lab services. The two-story, 45,000-square-foot building is located at 2400 Lakeview Dr. in Beavercreek.

"This facility will act as a Premier Physician Network primary and specialty care center, and will also have X-ray and laboratory services," said Diane Pleiman, president of Premier Physician Network. "It will provide patients from Beavercreek and the surrounding communities a single point of multidisciplinary services, where they can receive diagnostic and preventive care close to home. Our goal is to make their health care convenient, streamlined, and comprehensive - while at the same time easy to access."

The medical office building will have space for 12 primary care providers and will offer specialty services in orthopedics, cardiology, rheumatology, OB/GYN, imaging, and lab services through CompuNet.

Two practices, Fairfield Road Physician Offices and First Care Family Medical, will relocate to the site and come together as **Premier Health Primary Care Beavercreek**. Providers include: Quratulain Aziz, MD; Joseph Leithold, MD; Anjana Shah, MD; Samar Hijazi, MD; Ziad Khatib, MD; Jennifer Romaker, FNP; and Estella Wetzel, FNP.

The project, a collaborative investment of \$9 million, represents growth and expansion for Premier Health in the Beavercreek area and

surrounding communities. The Beavercreek location will have approximately 56 employees; 15 of those positions will be new.

To streamline and enhance the patient experience, an "On Stage - Off Stage" model of care will be adopted to help reduce patient wait times, encourage even greater collaboration among the care team, and shorten distances to exam rooms. This increases the amount of time the caregiver can spend with a patient.

Pop-up shop opens permanent space

The Entrepreneurs Marketplace, owned by Chanta Winston, signed a three-year lease with Wright Dunbar, Inc. The permanent pop-up shop is located at 13 North Williams and will have up to 7 retail vendors.

The Entrepreneurs Marketplace offers a diverse range of retail offerings from fashion to food. This will be Dayton's first permanent pop-up shop. They offer opportunities for local entrepreneurs to have a brick and mortar location. They are currently accepting applications from commercial retail vendors.

Winston has been doing Entrepreneur events and pop ups at event centers since 2016. She also owns and operates the Fashion Remedy Fashion Truck and was named *Entrepreneur of the Year* by Dayton Young Black Professionals in 2019.

The Entrepreneurs Marketplace held its Grand Opening on Dec. 15. Normal business hours will be Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday, 12-5 p.m.

For more information, contact Chanta Winston at 937-540-5286 or www.theentrepreneursmarketplace.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Register for all events at DaytonChamber.org.

■ **Russell Total Wealth & Wellness Ribbon-Cutting**, Jan. 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

One Russell Place, Dayton
■ **Generation Dayton Monthly Mixer**, Jan. 9, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bar Granada, 3 W. Monument Ave., Dayton
■ **Breakfast Briefing**,

Jan. 10, 7:15 to 9 a.m., The Dayton Club, 40 N. Main St., Dayton. Speaker: Buddy LaChance, CEO, onMain
■ **Leadership Dayton Information Breakfast**,

Jan. 15, 7:30 to 9 a.m., Marriott at the University of Dayton, 1414 S. Patterson Blvd., Dayton. Topic: Learn more about applying for Leadership Dayton

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Sep 2019	Sep 2018	12 Mos Change	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,743,801	\$3,616,294	3.53%	\$33,632,560	\$32,410,997	3.77%
Clark	1.5	\$1,910,098	\$1,910,759	-0.03%	\$19,404,795	\$17,497,261	10.90%
Darke	1.5	\$726,991	\$728,272	-0.18%	\$6,732,954	\$6,567,188	2.52%
Greene	1	\$2,462,292	\$2,238,050	10.02%	\$21,255,638	\$20,326,118	4.57%
Miami	1.25	\$1,567,253	\$1,514,682	3.47%	\$14,106,399	\$13,670,587	3.19%
Montgomery	1.25	\$8,315,053	\$6,313,963	31.69%	\$74,689,846	\$57,628,045	29.61%
Preble	1.5	\$383,806	\$466,521	-17.73%	\$4,327,583	\$4,253,957	1.73%
Warren	1.25	\$4,646,735	\$4,597,906	1.06%	\$41,168,186	\$37,639,889	9.37%
Region Total		\$23,756,029	\$21,386,448	11.08%	\$215,317,961	\$189,994,041	13.33%

Source: [http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/\\$1M0919.aspx](http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/$1M0919.aspx)

Residential Home Sales

	Sep '19	Sep '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1425	1325	7.55%	12,561	12,495	0.53%
Total Home Sales	\$258,376,767	\$222,225,022	16.27%	\$2,222,527,849	\$2,075,833,595	7.07%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$181,317	\$167,717	8.11%	\$176,939	\$166,133	6.50%

Source: Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Area Home Sales for Sep 2019

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Jaeger joins agency

The Ohlmann Group announced that **Tom Jaeger** has joined the agency as Director, Strategic Marketing, where he will focus on developing and implementing integrated strategic marketing programs for the firm's clients.

Jaeger comes to The Ohlmann Group with over 30 years of agency experience in delivering strategic marketing, branding, advertising, corporate communications and media planning services to leading local and national companies. He is the latest in a series of hires the organization has made in 2019 as part of its plans for continued growth and expansion.

Linda Kahn, CEO of The Ohlmann Group, said, "As The Ohlmann Group enters our next phase of growth, we're committed to remaining at the forefront of modern integrated marketing by continuing to add highly skilled, forward-thinking professionals to our team."

For more information, visit ohlmanngroup.com.

Shutts new director

The Miami Valley Division of the American Heart Association

has hired **Bryan Shutts** as Heart Walk Director.

Shutts is a graduate of the University of Dayton and holds a bachelor's degree in education. He previously worked for G & G Fitness Equipment as a sales manager.

"We are excited to welcome Bryan to our team in Dayton," said Kelli Dixon, executive director of the Miami Valley Division of the American Heart Association. "He has a diverse skillset and a powerful drive for success. We look forward to his unique contributions to our events and to our team."

In his new role, Shutts is responsible for the Greater Dayton Heart Walk and Run, the single largest fundraising event for the Miami Valley Division. Held annually in September, the event attracts more than 10,000 walkers and runners and raises nearly \$400,000. He will also oversee the Clark and Champaign Counties Heart Walk and the overall Healthy for Good cause

campaign locally.

For more information about The American Heart Association, connect with them on heart.org, Facebook, Twitter or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

Tran joins network

Thao Tran, MD, has joined Kettering Physician Network Primary Care at Englewood Health Center.

Dr. Tran is board-certified family medicine physician focusing on preventative medicine, adolescent medicine and primary care. She is fluent in Vietnamese.

Dr. Tran earned her medical degree from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine. She completed her family medicine residency at Trident Medical Center / Medical University of South Carolina Family Medicine Residency Program.

Kettering Physician Network Primary Care at Englewood Health Center is located at 1250 National

Road, Suite 400 in Englewood. For more information or to make an appointment call 937-836-6000.

Wahl named principal

Pickrel, Schaeffer and Ebeling announced that **Katie Wahl** has been named a Principal with the firm.

Wahl has been practicing law for over 15 years and focuses on business and corporate law, as well as estate

planning, probate (including estate administration and guardianships) and Medicaid planning.

As a corporate and business lawyer, Katie focuses on the formation of new entities, assisting clients with the sale or purchase of a business, and succession planning for a business and its owners. Wahl also has extensive experience in working with non-profit entities to obtain and maintain their non-profit status.

Wahl is a 2003 honors graduate of the Notre Dame Law School; she also earned

a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Notre Dame and was the first in the school's history to combine the two curricula into one program.

Wahl practices out of the Downtown Dayton office in the StrataCache Tower (formerly Kettering Tower) and also in the Troy Office located across from the Miami County Courthouse at 22 Short North Street. You can contact her at kwahl@pselaw.com.

For more information about PS&E, call 937-223-1130 or visit them online at www.pselaw.com.

Woods to chair event

The Miami Valley Division of the American Heart Association has named **Kamal R. Woods**, MD, FAANS as the chair of the 2020 Dayton Heart Ball.

Dr. Woods is a board-certified neurosurgeon and minimally invasive spine surgeon. He received his medical doctorate from Loma Linda Uni-

versity in California. Woods moved from California to Kettering in 2016 to assume the role of medical director of Kettering Brain and Spine, part of Kettering Health Network. He performed a first of its kind neck surgery that received national recognition and was named to the "Top 1% of America's Most Honored Professionals" in 2018.

"I am honored to chair the American Heart Association's premier black-tie fundraising event in 2020," Woods said. "I am passionate about revolutionary, transformative health care. This event and my collaboration with the AHA are important because my work, like the Association's mission, is focused on improving health and wellbeing in our community."

The 2020 Dayton Heart Ball will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the Sinclair Community College Ponitz Center. The event is expected to attract 400 guests and raise \$500,000 in support of the AHA mission. For more information or to register for the Dayton Heart Ball, log on to <http://DaytonHeartBall.heart.org>.



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