

The Clyde Business & Professional Association Inc. Newsletter  
PO Box 351, Clyde, Ohio 43410

## *Chief Gower first speaker for 2010 BPA luncheons*

Meeting is Feb. 11 Feb. 8 by calling 419-547-

The Clyde Business & Professional Association will hold its first member meeting at noon, Thursday, February 11 at the First United Methodist Church.

The cost will be \$8 and the church women will be cooking the meal.

**Reservations are due to Becky Brooks, BPA 1st vice president by Monday,**

9194 or e-mailing clyde-news@bizwoh.rr.com.

Although a small city, Clyde has seen its share of violence in recent months, and Clyde Police Chief Bruce Gower will be the guest speaker at the February meeting.

He will address how budget cuts have affected his department and how his officers are dealing with

the workload. He will also talk about changes that could affect local businesses and what they could be doing to help themselves.

Besides several violent crimes, Clyde Police officers have also been involved in a long investigation involving a former school superintendent that should be wrapping up with a court sentencing yet in January.

## **Clyde Expo coming up fast**

The 2010 Clyde Business Expo already has at least a half dozen businesses registered for spots at the Saturday, March 27 event.

The Expo will be held at Harvest Baptist Temple, 1022 S. Main St. this year due to the construction that continues at Clyde High School.

The theme this year will be "Agriculture Feeds Our Needs".

Reservations are due by

March 7 to Clyde BPA, PO Box 351, Clyde OH 43410-0351.

The fee for the early reservation deadline is \$30 for a space with one table. The fee increases to \$40 a space after that date if any are still available. Checks should be made out to the Clyde BPA.

Jim Miranda (419-332-1591) and Mike Neill (419-547-3500)

are collecting door prizes for the Expo. Door prizes should be

dropped off by March 22.

Participants in the Expo, which drew nearly 500 people last year, are permitted to set up a display to promote their business and products. Sales are not permitted during the Expo.

For more details call Sue Lemmon at 419-547-9825 or Connie Wohltman at 419-547-0351. Forms are available online at [www.clydebpa.org](http://www.clydebpa.org) or by calling a committee member.

# 55 members renew in first month: Board OKs promo for members

The Clyde BPA board held its first meeting for 2010 and the board approved participating in an advertising campaign with Clydescope Economic Development Corporation in 2010.

The board approved spending just under \$1,000 to co-purchase several full page advertisements in The Clyde Enterprise and list 2010 members of the Clyde BPA.

Board members said more details will be announced next month as part of a continuing membership drive.

For 2010, the Clyde BPA has already received 55 member renewals and more businesses have indicated they will renew shortly as checks become avail-

able from their corporations.

Membership in the Clyde BPA is \$30 for the calendar year. In 2009, the association had nearly 100 members.

Clyde BPA membership includes:

- A monthly newsletter by e-mail; a mailed newsletter is also available by request.

- A free listing in the annual Community Service Directory - but memberships must be renewed by March 27, 2010 to be included.

- In 2008, 2009 and 2010 being listed in local newspaper advertisements.

- A listing on the Clyde BPA website.

- The opportunity to advertise in the service directory.

- Participate in the Clyde 2010 Business Expo.

- A first option to participate in the 2nd Annual Fall Clyde Bag Lady Tour.

- An opportunity to attend quarterly member meetings and the Spring Banquet.

Membership forms were mailed late in 2009 to all members. Forms are also available at [www.clydebpa.org](http://www.clydebpa.org) or at The Clyde Enterprise office.

Membership is open to local residents, businesses, professionals and those interested in promoting the Clyde community. The Clyde BPA is a 501(C6) non profit organization.

## BPA tidbits

- The Clyde BPA Board is seeking a new promotions committee chair person for 2010. Anyone interested may contact President Kevin Michel at 419-684-5311.

- The BPA newsletter will not be including business advertisements, but members can share in their non-profit announcements. Members are encouraged to attend the general meetings and hand out fliers to those attending and participate in the group's business promotion events such as the Expo.

- The officers moved the general member meeting up one week in February due to a conflict with the annual Clydescope Economic Development Corporation annual meeting at noon, Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Community Shelter House.

- The BPA officers will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday,

Feb. 11 at the First United Methodist Church after the member meeting. The board normally meets the second Tuesday of each month at noon at Our Town's Brewin' and members are welcome. Please contact the president at least 24 hours ahead of the meeting to be included on the agenda if there is a special matter to discuss.

- Nomination forms are now available at [www.clydebpa.org](http://www.clydebpa.org) for the 2010 Community Service Award, which will be presented at the Clyde BPA Spring Banquet. (A form is included with today's newsletter)

- President Kevin Michel requests all committee chairperson present a budget for their events before the Feb. 11 meeting.

# Winesburg is packing its bags, moves back to November

Winesburg Christmas will be moving to Saturday and Sunday Nov. 20 and 21 - back to the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The committee which is part of the Clyde Business & Professional Association met Thursday, Jan. 14 with 13 members present at Our Town's Brewin.

After a discussion of all the events held at the 2009 Winesburg Weekend, members unanimously agreed to move the event back. Winesburg Weekend had been held the weekend before Thanksgiving since 1998 and moved to the first weekend in December in 2007.

After three continuous years of extremely cold weather and ice storms in 2008, the committee concluded that the November weekend gave the event a better chance of decent weather.

Santa parade chairman Ken Dick told the committee the major complaint he had received this year was again the extreme cold.

He said he would need to confirm with Harvest Baptist Temple that the parade could still stage at the church parking area on the earlier weekend.

Committee chairwoman Becky Brooks told members she had a similar complaints about the cold

from vendors and the horse and trolley company.

The committee also decided to keep the Winesburg Weekend to just two days - Saturday and Sunday in 2010. The Saturday Parade will start late Saturday afternoon before dusk. There was also discussion about including a turkey in the parade since it will back before Thanksgiving.

The parade moved to early December three years ago when the Ohio State vs. Michigan game creating a timing conflict in November for the parade. As of 2010, the game will be on Thanksgiving weekend.

The BPA committee also discussed continuing to trim its budget as donations to the committee were down by half in 2009. Several events would have been canceled if the Clyde Heritage League had not stepped up and paid for the horse and trolley and the Fultz family had not donated goodie bags for children who visited Santa at the fire house.

Dick reported that parade attendance was up in 2009 despite the cold to over 2,500 people.

Nearly 450 children visited Santa in the firehouse immediately after the parade for the first time in

over a decade. The committee discussed continuing to have Santa got to the fire house in 2010, but were not sure of the future of the Santa House.

Committee members discussed the many events held in 2009 and all went well except for the Christmas Lane wreath display which was canceled due to lack of entries.

Karen Sawyer, who coordinates Christmas Lane, will look into turning it into a silent auction to benefit the American Cancer Society.

With Winesburg Weekend moving back to December, Bev Hart of Memorial Home Health and Hospice did not know if Love Lites would move also. She said her staff would still want to participate.

Winesburg Christmas Weekend began in 1976 as a business promotion. The Clyde BPA formed shortly afterwards from the many participants.

The next Winesburg Committee meeting will be in April. The date has yet to be announced. **Anyone interested in serving on the committee or holding an activity should call Brooks at 419-547-9194 or e-mail [clydenews@bizwoh.rr.com](mailto:clydenews@bizwoh.rr.com).**