

New Members

Welcome to our new Members from last month: **SCORE of Northwest Ohio** and **Henry County Engineers Office**. We're glad to have you as part of the Chamber family.

Calendar of Events

April 3 – Business After Hours *Sponsored by **First Federal Bank*** @ Spengler's 5 – 7 PM

April 16 – Membership Committee Meeting @ Chamber Basement 12 Noon

April 22 – Tourism Committee Meeting @ Chamber Basement 9AM

April 24 – Rib Fest Subcommittee Meeting @ Chamber Basement 12 Noon

Required Labor Posters – Don't Pay For Them!

Businesses have been inundated with regular mail and email warnings about packets of posters that are required to be displayed at their worksites. There are other options to use instead of paying for the posters from these companies that are warning you.

One option is through Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. If you know what posters you need, contact them at (614) 728-7300 or order the posters directly at the following website: www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/inter.asp. This site will allow you direct access.

Thanks to Tootie Bockelman at **Divine Inspirations** for help with this information.

Member Benefit/Insurance Plan Surveys Returned

A grateful Thank You to everyone who returned their surveys that we sent out in February. The Chamber's Membership Committee will be using the results to assist in planning where we

look for future Member Benefits. The Committee will also use the compiled Health Insurance information to assure the needs of our Members are being addressed to the fullest level possible.

There was a large quantity of useful information in the returns. We, again, appreciate your time and thoughts.

Goodwill Launches Free Computer Recycling Service

Goodwill Industries of NW Ohio recently launched Reconnect – a free drop-off program to recycle computers in conjunction with Dell Computers. The program will serve people and businesses throughout Northwest Ohio.

Reconnect is designed to help protect the environment through the responsible recycling or reuse of computer equipment and provide a convenient way to support a local non-profit.

Goodwill's goal is two-fold: divert nearly one million pounds of used computers and computer equipment from our landfills over the next year; and provide consumer education on the importance of environmentally responsible computer disposal. The program will also help create job opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other employment barriers.

Computers and computer equipment will be accepted for recycling at the Napoleon location or any of the other 13 participating **Goodwill** locations across NW Ohio.

If you would like more details on the program – head to www.reconnectpartnership.com or contact the Napoleon **Goodwill Store** at (419) 592-0201.

Again, the program is free and you may be eligible for a tax deduction. You are responsible for the removal of data from your hard drives. This program is an excellent opportunity to ease the stress on our landfills and save money (and the environment).