



### **Thursday, February 1, 2024 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda**

**John Dunn, Denise McCarty, Ginni Murphy, Terri Kiedrowski, Cindi Manning, Nouie Nodal, David Janick, Kristen Marx, Austin Stull, Melissa Porter, Rob Janik, Mike Naegele, Stacy Francis, Sandy Kaiser, John Sekletar, Lauren Hoffman, Nick Hurst, Richard Pozywak, Jeri Leigh Siss, Laura Potter Sadowski, Larissa Buriswill, Suzanne Dorr, Matt Nahorn, Chris Durkin, Vic Pajer, Sarah Walker, Mike Molnar, Tom Sekerak, Koreen Brattoli, Tyler Perkins, Eric Lucas, Becky Dennis, Jason Runyon, Danielle Lowe, Deb Jeffreys, J.D. Tomlinson, Mark Cawthon, Andrew Krieger, Stephen Zacharias, Buddy Sivert, Jacob Perez, Laura Malone, Allie Heider, Dan Petticord, Tom Anderson, Shelby Horvath.**

#### **President ~ Denise**

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9:05am.
- Prayer by Josh Smith (if in attendance). Absent. Denise wished everyone well.
- Please help yourself to the goodies provided by Laura Malone from the Community Foundation of Lorain County.
- Go around the room and introduce.
- Approve the minutes from January Morning Mingle, Ginni 1<sup>st</sup>, Kristin, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes, minutes approved.
- Main Street Amherst supports the Leo Club with their backpack program that feeds students within the Amherst schools. If you would like to sign-up to bring an item in March or April, please sign-up on the sheet being passed around.

#### **Promotional Chairs ~ Joni & Terri**

Sunday, April 7 - Basket Bingo-tics go on sale **2/15 at 10am online or in person**. You may only get a reserved table if you purchase all 8 tics at once. We are looking for baskets and letters went out about 2 weeks ago. We sell 264 tickets, and it is a great way to promote your business to citizens. Thank you to Buckeye Bank for sponsoring the tickets for the event and Tyson for sponsoring the food.

Saturday, May 18 – Beautification Day 9am to 12pm – Do you know any groups that would like to help spruce up the downtown area? Please see me afterwards and I will give you a form to fill out or you can go online and fill out the form - [www.mainstreetamherst.org](http://www.mainstreetamherst.org). Thank you to Nordson Corp. for sponsoring this event.

Sunday, May 19 – Wine & Chocolate Walk – The tickets will go on sale online or in person on Thursday, March 7 at 11am after the Morning Mingle. If you are a business owner and would like to participate, I will send around the form, or you may go on our website and fill it out. Members are



free to participate, cost is \$78 for non-members – all businesses members/non-members are required to pay a refundable deposit. Thank you to Doc Watson's Market for sponsoring the bags and Donna Templeton – Howard Hanna sponsoring the tickets.

June 12, July 10, August 14 & Sept. 11 – Walkin' on Wednesday – We had over 100 businesses/vendors participate last year, and we would love to have everyone back again this summer. I am passing around the form or you can go to the website as well. This is truly a great way to visit our historic downtown for an evening of entertainment, dining and shopping. Don't forget we have a car show as well on Church Street. If you have a vehicle that you want to show off, please sign up.

### **Organizational Chair ~ Francisco**

- Once again membership dues were due January 1. We would like to have new brochures printed with each member listed. If you would like to be included in this publication, please get those dues in by Friday, February 16, 2024. Thank you.

### **Design Chair ~ Terri**

- Thank you to everyone that donated items for the welcome bags. If you still have not and want to, please drop off your items to the bakery.
- New Members – Give them a welcome bag (if present)
  - LORCO Data – Richard Pozywak ~ Internet/security/data providers in Amherst Twp.
  - ESP Brewing Co. – Michelle & Larry Esper. Not present.
  - The Cupcake Nook – Allison Heider ~ participates in pop-ups, etc.
  - Wonderland Sips, Sweets & Scoops – grand opening, Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon. All are welcome.

### **Special Projects Chair ~ David**

- Thank you to everyone that signed up to be on my committee. I will be reaching out after the board retreat to set up a meeting time to get busy. More info to follow for March meeting.

### **Business Enhancement ~ Kristen**

- I am sending around a sign-up sheet for the Main Street Lives. They are done on Wednesday's at 12:30pm and this is for our \$125 or higher members. This is a great way to promote your business as we have over 11,000 followers on our Facebook page.

Open the Floor - Please only take 2 to 3 minutes so that we give everyone time to speak - Police, City Council, School District, Rotary, Library, AHS & Vet Wall:



- Amherst Police ~ Mark Cawthon, working on registering new businesses downtown. Planning w/LC on handling the influx of people to Amherst. Check online for events throughout the county. Recommend you prepare your business with extra staff. Schools are cancelled. Stay off the roads due to increased traffic.
- City Council ~ David Janick, there will be a meeting re: new development behind Rock Creek Run. Voting: Residents in 4A have been moved to Grow Point Church. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> is deadline to register as a new voter in city of Amherst.
- Amherst Schools ~ Mike Molnar, encouraging students & staff to stay home during the eclipse. Had 2 Senior athletes reach the "1000 point" scoring achievement! Congratulations. Invited residents to come to all events at the schools; sports, Gallery of Success, etc. Students are also manning the audio/video for all events. Great job! Thanked members for donating gift cards & items for teacher Inservice day. They were so happy to receive, and thankful!
- Amherst Library ~ please see their website for activities. It is improved! Registration starts tomorrow for Solar Eclipse glasses, 2 per household.
- Amherst Historical Society ~ sold-out for Super Bowl Sunday event! All are welcome if they'd like to watch the game, \$10 fee. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm is Matt Nahorn's presentation on the Old Spring. See their website for all events. During the eclipse, the gates will be closed on the grounds.
- Veteran's Wall ~ Mike Sekletar, will be doing improvements in the parking lot where Veteran's Wall is placed.
- Studio Q & Veteran's Banners ~ Mike Ciu, still accepting pictures for banners. 5x7" or larger work the best. Please go to Studio Q. See MSA Website for more details. Month of February receive \$10 off for new business headshots.
- Community Foundation of LC ~ Laura Malone, scholarship season is upon us. CF also offers 60 scholarships for graduating seniors. Deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Note: all the monies CF has come from donors like you. Just received a "Legacy" gift for support of Maude Neiding Park!
- LCCC ~ David Janick, contact enrollment services office to enroll. Sandy Kaiser praised the culinary staff for an excellent meal.
- Amherst Athletic Assoc. ~ Tom Anderson, scan their new QR code to support our athletes. They could use our support. Please consider being a sponsor!
- Financial Planner ~ Jeri Leigh Siss, explained what to do with your tax return. There are many options. See Jeri Leigh for ideas!
- Retirement Solutions ~ Hotel at Oberlin, reviewing wills, trusts, probate, etc. All are welcome.
- Lorain Estates Senior Living ~ Tyler Perkins, Grand Re-Opening for their assisted living and memory care. Wednesday, March 6, 4-7pm. All are welcome. Flyers passed.
- Main Street Suites ~ Melissa Porter, open house Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm. All are welcome. Second floor, no elevator. Raffle for a free-nights stay! Month of February, Melissa will create a digital guidebook for visitors.



- LC Prosecutors Office ~ passed out cups to all members from JD Tomlinson's office! JD is available to visit your group and explain what the prosecutor's office does for our county. Also offered free eclipse glasses during the meeting.
- Shelby L Photography ~ Shelby Horvath, hosting a charity event. Enter your dog in the competition. Will receive a free picture and keychain. Monies go to a local charity. Also looking for sponsors of this event. See Shelby for details. FB page or call/text Shelby. Contact info on the MSA member page.
- ACC Adult Homecare ~ Koreen Brattoli, Valentine Senior luncheon. Info at the sign-in table.
- PNC Bank ~ Ginni Murphy, offered financial solutions, i.e. checking, savings, credit cards. Specials through March. See Ginni or their website.
- Ohio Means Jobs will be holding 18 job fairs this year! Flyers passed. See their website for more details.
- WOBL ~ Stacey Francis, offered advertising specials. See their website or see Stacy.
- Serendipity Med Spa ~ open house Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11-4pm.
- Pajer Pro Painting ~ Vic Pajer, full-service painting company. 440-281-5930. Email: [pajerpropainting@gmail.com](mailto:pajerpropainting@gmail.com) Please like their Facebook page.

Pull winner from business cards to win a \$10 gift card to Sugar Buzz (they will accept these-no expiration). Winner ~ Tyler Perkins, Lorain Estates. Congratulations!

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Adjournment, John Dunn 1<sup>st</sup>, Ginni 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned. Have a great weekend!