

May 2020

## Director's Note:

I am sure many of us that have continued to work during this global pandemic and each of us have our own stories to tell. I have not experienced so many different feelings and moods each day for well over six weeks. I either wake up eager to put on my happy face for our community and members or I drag myself (after very little sleep) to my home office and have to remind myself with each phone call and email I answer to be present. My feelings can get the best of me when I am working to help our small business owners through some of the toughest days they have ever faced. I carry the weight of community and question how else can we help. We have worked many extra hours on Zoom calls, researching all of the different benefits that are available or might not be available for individual members. Answering hundreds of phone calls and not always having all of the information, but being the connector to the resources has literally been beyond rewarding for me (most times). There are always those one in hundred callers that get you in the "what the heck zone"! We have added new members during this challenging time, because they see the work we are doing for our community and know at the end of the day we are here to support each and every business.

I am learning from reflection to celebrate the small wins and in this newsletter I hope you see just that. We live in a community where we will not let this difficult situation define us. We are resilient and show up for one another. Have you seen the video Hasseman Marketing put together for the Coshocton Port Authority yet? If not please take a few minutes and check it out on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yv72npRsVol&t=3s> It brings me to happy tears each time I watch it. I think watching all the good that is going on around us can have huge positive impact on each of us. Did you know there is a unique "Adopt a Senior" program going on for all our graduating high school seniors to make sure these kids know that they are loved and supported during this time. I know we will make sure graduation happens in whatever way possible, because that is who we are. We are Coshocton Proud! Our member, the Rose of Sharon and many other caring individuals stepped up to the plate when our nursing home, home healthcare and many others needed face masks. They organized all the needs of our community with leadership and volunteers from all over Coshocton County to make thousands of face masks for those working the front lines. The Coshocton Rotary club and Mercantile on Main also donated financially and with supplies to make this program successful.

As we move forward, I am positive that we will make sure our businesses know we are behind them. We have seen it during this time and coming out of it might be one of the hardest fights yet, but we are in this together.

Amy Crown  
Executive Director

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## Fun things to do in Coshocton County:

While all events have been canceled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, there are many things you can still enjoy in Coshocton County while maintaining social distancing. Here are some suggestions:

Clary Gardens

Lake Park trails and paths

Fishing with your family

Long car rides

Picnic in the parks

We hope you will all stay safe out there!



## Executive Board Members

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## Chamber Staff

Amy Crown

Executive Director

Debbie Ford

Project Coordinator



The Coshocton County Safety Council will not meet in May due to the Coronavirus situation. All members will be awarded credit for this meeting. As this situation takes us closer to the end of the fiscal year, BWC is reviewing policy and legal requirements to determine flexibility with program requirements. When any further decisions are made about the Ohio Safety Council rebate program we will share them with you. We will keep our Safety Council members updated for future meetings. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Amy and Debbie  
Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce

### **Annual Chamber Auction.....**

The pickup date for the Annual Auction is *May 6th from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.* All of the merchandise is secured in COTC. All items must be picked up on this day unless other arrangements have been made. Please pull up to the front of COTC and we will accept your auction purchase invoice and payment and will retrieve your items and place them in your trunk. Thank you for understanding that during this Covid-19 situation our main goal is to keep the community safe. Your bidding is much appreciated! If you have any questions please contact the Chamber office. (740) 622-5411



### **Annual Chamber Dinner.....**



## New Members.....

Fidelity Title and Closing Services  
232 Chestnut Street  
Coshocton, OH 43812  
(740) 291-8080

Drown Law Offices, Inc.  
232 Chestnut Street  
Coshocton, OH 43824  
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HER Realtors / Melissa Rodgers  
4261 Morse Road  
Gahanna, OH 43230  
(740) 513-8956  
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## Coshocton Strong.....

Wiley Companies stepped up to the plate to help supply the Coshocton community with the much needed hand sanitizer. To date, they have distributed 10,300 32 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer to Coshocton and surrounding communities. They have donated mostly for essential Coshocton-based businesses that are operating through the pandemic. Greg Lindsey, Vice President, Corporate Marketing stated in an interview, "One thing that definitely needs mentioning from our side, is that our employees facilitated this initiative

even with our production at full capacity. It's really a testament to the commitment of our workforce, most of whom are Coshocton based. It was an initiative of which we could all contribute – and one that made us feel like we could help make a difference, and protect those on the frontline of the pandemic."

We are so proud to have Wiley Companies as a local business and a Chamber member.



## Social Media.....



The Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page is communicating weekly with around 8,000 to 10,000 people. If you have postings you would like the Chamber to forward, please tag us in your posts. That way we can see them and share them. Take a minute to like our Facebook page. We also post job listings which you can email to [debbieford@coshoctonchamber.com](mailto:debbieford@coshoctonchamber.com).