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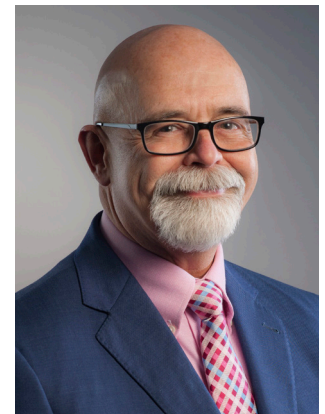
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**What is the Economic Forecast for Hilliard and our Region?**

We have an expert who will tell us what we can expect in 2020 at our February 14 luncheon. This luncheon will be very informational so make sure to bring others from your business with you. Join us as we bring Dr. Bill LaFayette as our featured speaker. Dr. Bill LaFayette is owner of Regionomics®, a consulting firm focused on helping clients understand and thrive in small-area economies - neighborhoods, communities, and regions. Services include economic development strategy, workforce strategy, economic impact analysis, economic and demographic analysis, and fiscal analysis.



Bill brings to his work 25 years of experience in economic development and economic analysis in central Ohio. Prior to founding Regionomics in 2011, he spent 12 years as vice president of economic analysis for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce and four years with Rickenbacker Port Authority, which formerly managed Rickenbacker International Airport and its Global Logistics Park and Foreign-Trade Zone.

We will be meeting on **Friday, February 14th**, from 11:30-1:00pm at **Heritage Golf Club**, 3525 Heritage Club Drive, and reservations are required by Wednesday, February 12th. Feel free to bring your office colleagues or even a prospective member. This event is open to the public.

Thank you to our luncheon sponsor, **Indiana Wesleyan University**.



## Ribbon Cutting: McAlister's Deli

We celebrated **McAlister's Deli** with a recent ribbon cutting! We are excited to have them in our community located at 1593 Hilliard Rome Road. Check out their amazing sandwiches and they have great sweet tea. They also have a great catering menu for any occasion—graduation parties, office events, family gatherings, etc. We are glad that they did #ChooseHilliard!



## Hollyfest Scholarship Application

Do you have a senior in high school in Hilliard City Schools? The Hollyfest Scholarship Foundation, an extension of the Hilliard Chamber, has its application at each of the three high school guidance offices as well as the guidance office at Tolles Career & Technical Center. The deadline to apply is February 28 at 3:00 pm by returning it to the guidance office. We give out \$31,000 annually to graduates from Hilliard Schools. #ChooseHilliard

## Member Anniversaries

The Chamber would like to recognize our members who have continually supported the purpose of the chamber and its activities. The following members have invested in the chamber for ten or more years as of February 2020:

**30 years**

**Stanley Insurance Group LLC** – *Erica McKibben*

**23 years**

**Homewood Suites Columbus/Hilliard** – *Kecia Mathys*

**Modern Office Methods** – *Dan Vail*

**22 years**

**AAA Travel and Insurance** – *Ashley Ford*  
**Hilliard Pediatrics, Inc.** – *Cathy Homick*

**21 years**

**Hilliard Ohio Historical Society** – *Tim Woodruff*

**19 years**

**Norwich Township** – *Jamie Fisher*

**18 years**

**CompManagement, Inc.** – *Rejeana Woolum-Napier*  
**Heritage Family Eye Care** – *Heather Gebhart*  
**Hilliard Arts Council** – *Robin Brenneman*  
**Racquet Club of Columbus, Ltd.** – *James Hendrix*

**17 years**

**Sam's Club** – *Connie Hughes*

**16 years**

**Encore Trophies and Engraving** – *Judi Rohrer*  
**Dance Connection** – *Judi Rohrer*

**15 years**

**Northwest Bible Church** – *Ron Whiteside*

**13 years**

**Van Horn Title Agency, Inc.** – *Janice VanHorn*

**12 years**

**Massage Envy Spa - Hilliard** – *Jonathan Turner*

**11 years**

**Acloche** – *Jason Harrison*

# Annual Meeting March 13 - Nominate A Member Today!

## ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING

NOMINATE NOW!

The 2020 Annual Meeting will be a luncheon meeting to be held at the Heritage Golf Club on Friday, March 13, 2019, 11:30 – 1:15. The annual Chamber report in addition to Chamber awards will be presented. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this important meeting. Please view the nomination form at [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org) for the three categories for chamber awards: Emerging Business, Established Business, and Most Involved Volunteer. This form includes all information and criteria for the awards.



## Leadership Elected to the Hilliard Chamber Board

The Board of Directors held the election of its officers and we are proud to announce the following people will be leading the Hilliard Chamber in 2020:

Chair: Jill Gerschutz, **Credit Union of Ohio**

Vice-Chair: Jeremy Felix, **A Team Investments**

Treasurer: Keith Lewis, **JC & Company**

Please congratulate them when you see them around the Hilliard area!

## #LeapOfKindnessDay

The Hilliard Chamber is excited to bring this opportunity to our community and partner with the **Hilliard Community Foundation!** The year 2020 is a Leap Year. This means that we all get one extra day — February 29th. Let's use this extra day, on Saturday, February 29th or on Friday, February 28th, to do something kind for someone else. We are inviting all of our members, their employees and the community at-large to participate.

What are ways that you can participate? We have some non-profits who have shared with us the needs that our community may fulfill. Some, but not all include, items for Columbus Humane, bird seed for a bird feeder at a local senior citizen building, pretty variety of unopened napkins, plates and cups for Holiday events coming up in the new year for senior residents, items for veterans, sitting and having a conversation with a senior who would like some company, write a note of gratitude to someone in your life who has made a difference, write notes to residents of nursing homes, etc. We will be sharing items and opportunities in our community that are needed on a special Facebook page as well as our website.

Interested and want to know more? Feel free to contact us at [info@hilliardchamber.org](mailto:info@hilliardchamber.org)



# Business Spotlight — Ohio Party Bull

**O**hio Party Bull is a party/event rental company. We are a family owned business by Cejay and Andrea Blevins and enlist our three little ones, Glen, Carl and Elizabeth to help. We were established in 2011 with just one mechanical bull. By 2016 we ventured into inflatables which has let us expand our client base and provide more options to our existing clients.

We offer many items such as mechanical shark, bull, hog, spider, buckeye, surf board and this past winter we had a custom Holiday Ornament to ride! We have a four-station bungee trampoline (that you will flip over) and a two-person gyroscope and NO, you will not get sick riding the gyroscope! We also provide bounce houses, obstacle courses, slides and many interactive games to get everyone involved. **Ohio Party Bull** also provides

concession items, such as a cotton candy machine, snow cones and a popcorn maker. We strive to cater to all types of events from back yard birthday, graduation parties to community festivals, company picnics, church and school events. We even have made memories at several weddings!

**Ohio Party Bull** believes in the value of making memories with friends, family, neighbors and new faces! We strive to provide

more than just a party; we strive to provide “The” Party you will remember for years to come. We want to offer our clients a great item at a great price. When planning your next event/ party please check out our website [www.ohiopartybull.com](http://www.ohiopartybull.com) and **Ohio Party Bull** on Facebook.



## Save the Date: June 8th — Golf Outing!

**I**t may be cold and outside now, but on June 8th it will be a great day for golf! We will once more have our outing at Heritage Golf Club with a shotgun start, boxed lunch, dinner, and lots of prizes! There will be fun activities to do on the course as well during this scramble. We sell out every year so don't delay in marking this on your calendar. Sign ups will begin soon!

## In Your Shoes— Schedule Libby Now!

**H**ow would you like President/CEO Libby Gierach to come to your business and participate in doing something where she can experience what it is like to be an employee? The possibilities are endless--restaurant, craft store, retail store, landscape, hotel, martial arts, etc., Libby will do a Facebook Live segment as well as other videos and photos to promote your business during the 90 minutes that she will be onsite. Contact her soon to get your business scheduled!



# Member Renewals

You should have received your invoice for your 2020 membership. Please remit your payment as soon as possible. We appreciate your continued support of the Chamber's work on behalf of the business community. We appreciate you being a chamber member and look forward to another great year!

Thank you to the following members who have re-invested as of press time: **A Team Investments; AC Roofing & Siding; AGK Medical Revenue Management LLC; Ahlum & Arbor Tree Preservation; All About Kids Childcare; An Occasional Florist; Aventura World; Battelle for Kids; Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Calhoon Company; Bresco Broadband; Buck Gardens Animal Hospital; Buckeye Physical Medicine & Rehab – Hilliard; Buffalo Wild Wings; C-3 Group; cHc Publications Columbus; City Publications Columbus; Coldwell Banker King Thompson; Coldwell Banker King Thompson – Cynthia Vermillion; Collins Law Office, LLC; Courtyard Columbus West/Hilliard; Cozaq, LLC; Credit Union of Ohio; Crooked Can Brewing Co.; Deep Green Lawn Service; Dickey's Barbecue Pit – Hilliard; DISH Network; Dogwatch Hidden Fences of Columbus; Edward Jones – Berry Leaf Lane; Embody Health and Wellness; Equity, LLC; FASTSIGNS of Hilliard; Freedom**



**Recovery; Hilliard Dental Associates; Hilliard Education Association; Hilliard Ohio Historical Society; Hotbed Media; Invitation to Dance, LLC; JL Johnson Photography, LLC; Katie's Premium Jerky and Snacks; KeyBank – Cemetery Road; Kirkey & Co. Financial Advisors, Inc.; Ktech Solutions, LLC; Learning Leaf; Mall at Tuttle Crossing; Max & Erma's; Mayfair Village Nursing Center; McDonald's; Mill Run Rehabilitation Center; Mount Carmel Health System; Nationwide Children's Hilliard Close to Home; Neptune Society; New Grounds Coffee House; Nikworks LLC; Northwest Bible Church; OSU Sports Medicine Physical Therapy; Park Dental; Park National Bank; Performance Auto Glass; Pfefferle Law LLC; Power Shack Fitness Center; Primrose School of Hilliard West; Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers; Rusty Bucket Restaurant & Tavern Hilliard; Sam's Club; Scene75 Entertainment Center; SHAKLEE Make A Difference, LLC; State Farm – Dee Miller; State Farm Insurance Mike McClaskie Agency; Sterling Protective Services, Inc.; Syntero, Inc.; The Rail; Two Men and a Truck; Universal Windows Direct; Vision Health Practices, Inc.; YMCA Hilliard/Ray Patch Family Branch and Zuko's Pizza.**



Don't forget to check out Connections and Coffee which will meet on **Friday, February 14th** from 8:00AM to 9:00AM. Our meeting location is **Homewood Suites Columbus/Hilliard**, 3841 Park Mill Run Drive. The group meets for coffee, networking, and information sharing. Coffee and breakfast will be provided - please arrive at 7:45am to make sure you have enough time to grab some food before we start. This monthly meeting is for chamber members only. Come with lots of business cards. You may RSVP to this event on our website.



# New Members

**entrotech, inc.**  
Doug Davis  
1245 Kinnear Road  
Columbus, OH 43212  
614-946-7602  
[www.entrotech.com](http://www.entrotech.com)

*As a vertically integrated provider of advanced material solutions.*

**ABS Money Systems, Inc.**  
Debbi Smith  
2105 Riverside Drive  
Columbus, OH 43221  
614-481-8071  
[www.absmoney.com](http://www.absmoney.com)

*Sales/Service Business Machines.*

**Arlington Park**  
Jennifer Williams  
3280 Mill Run Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-921-8888  
[www.livearlingtonpark.com](http://www.livearlingtonpark.com)  
*Apartment Community*

**Eyemart Express**  
Marsha Benson  
1918 Hilliard Rome Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-335-4639  
[www.eyemartexpress.com](http://www.eyemartexpress.com)

*Eyemart Express provides designer frames and prescription eyeglasses. We offer same-day service. Visit site for eyeglasses coupons on progressive lens, sunglasses, frames and more.*

**Daylight Donuts & Café**  
Mazen Alwadeya  
5228 Cemetery Road  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-742-7888  
[www.daylighthilliard.com](http://www.daylighthilliard.com)

*Our donuts are made fresh on premises daily. Donuts are the heart of our business. We offer homemade Baklava, Turkish coffee, breakfast sandwiches, lunch and other homemade pastries.*

**Denney's Custom Flooring**  
Jaime Denney  
641 Alton Road  
Galloway, OH 43119  
614-419-0031  
*Hardwood & Tile Business.*

**Greene Speed Academy**  
Jeff Greene  
3985 Main Street  
Hilliard, OH 43026  
614-951-9041

[www.greenspeedacademy.com](http://www.greenspeedacademy.com)  
*Greene Speed Academy has one goal in mind: to make an athlete better in his or her sport with a clear emphasis of developing the athletes speed and explosiveness. G.S.A. will help take you to the next level by, Increasing Strength and Conditioning Creating the Athletes Muscular Symmetry Teaching Skill and embedding knowledge to develop the athlete into their greatest potential.*

## After Hours—Be an Exhibitor!

**D**o you want your business exposed to others in our region? We are partnering with the chambers of Dublin and Westerville for a multi-chamber business expo on February 20 at **Scene75**, 5033 Tuttle Crossing, Dublin, 43016 from 4:30-7:00 pm.. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar await you as you visit with 100 businesses and 500 attendees. Spaces are limited so don't delay in getting your space. Reserve your space by **February 3, 2020**.

- A 6 ft. x 3 ft. space with a 6 ft. table is available for only \$200
- A 10 ft. x 3 ft. floor display is available for only \$225
- Electric is available for an additional \$25 per booth (bring your own extension cord)
- No chairs or table coverings will be provided

You may register online on our website, [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org). Not interested in being an exhibitor? Join us for this fun and engaging connection event by doing an RSVP on our website for February 20.



We thank our sponsors for this event:





## Travel with us to Spain and The Costa del Sol in November 2020!

**W**e are getting a great response to this fabulous trip to visit Spain and The Costa del Sol on November 2-10, 2020 with an optional extension in Madrid.

Immerse yourself in the sunshine of legendary Costa del Sol, and then embark on a discovery of its exciting history of explorers and invaders. Hilltop citadels, elaborate cathedrals and palaces, brilliantly whitewashed houses, and quaint Andalusian courtyards speak of the many cultures that graced Southern Spain. This once-great stronghold of Muslim Spain is rich in beauty, history, and tradition, and contains some of the country's most celebrated architectural wonders: the Alhambra in Granada, the great Gothic cathedral in Seville, the Alcazar, and the incredible sight of Ronda, perched dramatically on a bluff overlooking a plunging gorge.

Our trips are open to all in the United States so feel free to contact your friends and family. The cost is from \$2,899 with round-trip airfare from Columbus. The full brochure is on our website, [www.hilliardchamber.org](http://www.hilliardchamber.org)



## Taste of Hilliard & Business Expo Committee Needs YOU!

**H**elp plan one of Hilliard's most entertaining events which will be held on August 12 at the **Makoy Center**--11th Annual Taste of Hilliard & Business Expo! Interested in becoming more involved with the chamber? This

is your opportunity! Contact the Chamber at 614.876.7666 or [info@hilliardchamber.org](mailto:info@hilliardchamber.org) to express your interest. We will begin meeting in March.



## Board of Directors:

Jeremy Felix, A Team Investments  
 Aaron Conrad, Bo Jackson's Elite Sports  
 Jill Gerschutz, Credit Union of Ohio  
 Keith Lewis, JC & Company  
 Brian McCallister, OhioHealth  
 Melissa McKenzie, OhioHealth  
 Stacie Raterman, Hilliard City Schools  
 Steve Sefner, Heritage Golf Club  
 Bobby Sneed, Heritage Golf Club  
 Mitch Staugler, The Ohio State University Wexner  
 Medical Center  
 Emily West, Dogwatch of Columbus

## Staff:

Libby Gierach, President/CEO  
 Sandra Simpson, Events Coordinator  
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**ADD YOUR EVENT**

Quickly add your events to the **HACC event calendar** online by selecting the event calendar in the events drop-down menu and click on **Submit New Event!**