Daymond John, “The People’s Shark” from ABC’s hit show Shark Tank, was the keynote speaker at the 126th Ohio Chamber Annual Meeting. In a fireside chat setting, former Chairman of the Ohio Chamber Board of Directors Linda Hondros asked John questions about becoming an entrepreneur, being on Shark Tank and sharing his business expertise to those just starting out.

John says that growing up in Hollis, Queens, New York, the successful people who looked like him were either in sports or the music industry.

“I couldn’t sing, couldn’t rap, couldn’t dance, couldn’t produce, but I saw the need for a specific uniform for those in the music industry,” he says.

The problem he saw was that no clothing designers were supporting young rappers, so he started the clothing company FUBU.

“I felt that there was a customer that had a problem, and I needed to solve it,” he says.

He had tried other business ventures before, fixing up old cars at 17 and selling them, but only doing it for the money. He planned to be a millionaire by 1992 because he ran out of capital. However, the losses weren’t large enough to deter him.

“Many small businesses fail because of overfunding; they start off with a big loan, and when they fail, they can’t recover,” he says. “When I was ready to scale back up, I had made my mistakes. I knew my customer, I knew what I was weak at, I knew my assets, liabilities, inventory — everything. My failure was necessary.”

His success led him to become a mentor and consultant for others — including the Kardashian sisters — which led him to Shark Tank.

“I had gotten to a place in my life where I wanted to dedicate my time to educating entrepreneurs as to what they would find out there,” he says.

MENTORING ENTREPRENEURS

John says, yes, the “Sharks” really are investing their own money in companies. He has between 60 and 70 businesses he has invested in, including Bombas socks, MVMT watches and Bubba’s-Q boneless ribs in Avon, Ohio. The show receives about 40,000 applications for each series; the producers see 1,000, the Sharks see 200 and 100 make it on the show. Each pitch can be hours long, edited down to a few minutes, and there are no second takes.

He says he is drawn to companies with a cause or story.

“Twenty years ago, it wasn’t big to have a company story,” he says. “Companies today want to help, they want to know your story. I want to invest in a company that has a history of giving.”

That company story is now told through social media channels, which John calls a free, online focus group. He says various social media platforms address different audiences.

“If you are on LinkedIn, you need to speak like you are wearing a business suit,” he says. “Facebook is a family barbeque. Twitter is like you are hanging out in the streets. And if you are on Instagram, you are the funny kid hanging out in the park. You have to converse appropriately with your audience.”

He also has a warning to those using social media. Review what you are posting.

“Companies are now doing background checks and checking people’s social media like a credit report,” he says, adding that employers can search job candidates’ social media posts for certain words or actions, and a job can hinge on what the jobseeker has posted.

And to employers, he advises asking this question of potential hires.

“Ask how they describe themselves in two to five words,” he says, giving the examples of Nike’s “Just do it” and White Castle’s “What you crave.”

“The description of himself in two to five words? I’m on a quest.”

After the one-on-one, John heard pitches from three companies selected from 11 nominated by local chambers or Ohio Chamber members. The companies nominated were:

• Backroom Coffee Roasters, nominated by the Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce

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You want to hear from top-name speakers.

WE HOST NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EVENTS.

WE’RE ALL FOR OHIO.

A special thank you to all of our sponsors, nominated companies and attendees for helping us make the 126th Annual Meeting & Legislative Reception such a huge success!
During our 2019 Ohio Chamber Annual Meeting, the Ohio Chamber’s Chamber Action Alliance (CAA) awarded the Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce the 2019 Leadership in Grassroots Excellence Award for its extraordinary efforts and commitment to advocating on behalf of Ohio businesses. The Lima/Allen County Chamber was recognized for its continuous efforts in informing its membership on key issues impacting Ohio’s business climate through direct advocacy to legislators, dynamic programming on issues that are important to the business community and actively participating in Ohio Chamber Action Alliance priority initiatives.

The CAA is the statewide grassroots advocacy coalition of Ohio chambers of commerce coordinated by the Ohio Chamber. The CAA determines statewide policy issues facing the business community, educates and empowers pro-business advocates to take action and champions a business-friendly climate throughout the state of Ohio. Every year, the CAA selects one local chamber that exemplifies the purpose of the CAA and awards the Leadership in Grassroots Excellence Award.

This past year, the Lima/Allen County Chamber helped educate its members on State Issue 1, the flawed proposal to amend Ohio’s Constitution to reduce penalties for crimes of obtaining, possessing and using illegal drugs. It also promoted Get Out the Vote campaigns, took positions on business-related bills and shared legislative information with its members through email and social media.

“We have always been able to rely on the Lima/Allen County Chamber to educate its members on the actions impacting businesses at the Statehouse,” says the Ohio Chamber’s Director of Political and Grassroots Programs Anthony Lagunzad. “The Lima/Allen County Chamber is a leader in Ohio in issue advocacy and is well deserving of this recognition.”

OSHA HAS ARRIVED — WITH A CAMERA AND CLIPBOARD

It's a normal Friday morning. About 9 a.m. you are notified that a visitor has arrived in HR. It is an OSHA inspector. What do you do if an OSHA inspector show up to your workplace? Here are some tips to be prepared.

Be aware that despite the appearance of an “employer-friendly” administration, OSHA has continued to issue significant penalties to employers throughout Ohio since the end of 2017. Most recently, OSHA issued over $1 million in penalties to a metal heat treatment plant in northeast Ohio.

OSHA HAS A RIGHT TO INSPECT YOUR WORKPLACE

It is highly unlikely that you will ever have advance notice of an OSHA inspection. Technically, OSHA cannot enter private premises for inspection purposes unless it first obtains the employer’s consent or a valid warrant authorizing the inspection. Most inspections are based upon an employer’s consent and, if you believe it is best for OSHA to have a warrant prior to entering your workplace, it is recommended you seek legal counsel to assist you in that request.

Prior to OSHA showing up, you should have a plan as to what happens when OSHA arrives. It is important to have your team in place and for everyone to know their roles. Pick a team that includes members of management from HR, operations, safety, maintenance and other departments. Have a back-up person in case someone is out. Determine if the company wishes to have an employee representative available to participate in the inspection (if nonunion).

Once the team is in place, make sure that each member is specifically designated to perform during the inspection, e.g., one person takes pictures, one person takes notes, one person takes samples, etc. A key role in ensuring the credibility of your inspection is to have someone on your team take extensive notes. It is critical that each member has specific roles to perform. However, what the compliance officer will request that the company to improve safety.

OSHA INSPECTION ABILITIES

Always request the OSHA compliance officer’s credentials. Always escort the compliance officer into a conference room away from the work site for the opening conference. Always ask for the specific reasons for the inspection. Although you cannot ask for the identity of the employee who filed a complaint with OSHA, you should be advised of the complaint with the name of the complianted redacted.

THE OPENING CONFERENCE

The inspection is an evidence-gathering expedition. The compliance officer should explain the scope of the inspection — imminent danger, a complaint, a fatality, an amputated body part, or to conduct a programmed health or safety inspection. The compliance officer should explain to the scope of the inspection — private employee interviews, physical inspection of the workplace and records, environmental testing, and video and still pictures.

If a union represents employees, the compliance officer will request that a union representative be brought in to fulfill the role of the employee representative; otherwise, the compliance officer will interview employees generally. Make sure the compliance officer has all PPE necessary and is informed of any hazards. Identify trade secrets to the compliance officer and ensure he or she has proper clearance to enter restricted areas.

The compliance officer will make document requests at this time and throughout the course of the inspection. Often, requests for documents and files will be made even after the inspection but prior to the issuance of citations.

THE INSPECTION

Always accompany the compliance officer and ask questions. Always accompany the compliance officer equipped with a camera and/or video camera to take still or video side-by-side with the inspector. If the compliance officer collects samples, such as soil, air, or other materials, collect your own samples, too. Never agree with a statement of violation by the compliance officer. Train management, including supervisors, that when OSHA is inspecting, it is there to gather evidence for violations, not consult the company to improve safety.

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THE CLOSING CONFERENCE

Always have a closing conference to find out what the compliance officer expects in the citations. However, what the compliance officer says in the closing conference is not binding.

Take extensive notes.

CITATIONS

You have 15 working days from the date of receipt to contest citations.

You are offered the opportunity to have an informal conference with the OSHA area director. This is not a requirement. It is unlikely that OSHA would be willing to withdraw citations at an informal conference. More often than not, those who contest with significant monetary penalties and may involve the company providing a root cause analysis for the incident.

OSHA penalties continue to increase year after year, and all companies should be aware that OSHA penalties are not an insurable risk.

HOW TO REPORT UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Submitted by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds

The Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Unclaimed Funds, reunites Ohioans with their hard-earned money, and businesses play a vital role in completing this important duty. Simply put, the more unclaimed funds reported to the division, the more funds the division can return to citizens.

Those funds can include a bank account, uncashed check or undelivered stock certificates, and the division connects holders of funds to those who rightfully own them. For further information on Ohio reporting requirements, refer to http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/Sec/109.01. The goal of the division in 2020 is to collect and return more unclaimed funds than in previous years through increased outreach to the business community and by educating consumers on how to claim their funds.

Many individuals are unaware they have missing funds because some businesses do not do the necessary outreach to the division. This is why the division wants to increase awareness to business owners of how imperative they are in the process. Imagine holding on to a $5,000 check, and the recipient was unaware. Now think about the impact a business owner could have on an individual’s life once the division reconnects that person with the check.

Reporting unclaimed funds is not tedious, and the division has excellent support service staff willing and wanting to guide business owners through the simple steps to return funds to the state. If a business does not have funds to submit, it simply must check a box on a Negative Report, which can be easily accessed on the division’s website, www.com.oh.gov/ find. The division takes pride in every claim processed, and staff strive to make a positive impact on the lives of hard-working Ohioans.

If you as a business owners have questions regarding the process of submitting unclaimed funds, contact the division at (614) 466-4433 or uoffclaiams.com.state.oh.us. •

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED TO OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As with all associations, the quality and commitment of the volunteer leadership are critical to its success, and we all appreciate the willingness of these individuals to serve. Each year, we elect new members to our board of directors. Below is the list that was voted on at our May 8 Annual Meeting. Board members serve three-year terms and are eligible for re-election after their initial term.

NORTHWEST

Lois Rosenberry, Children’s Discovery Center, Maumee

Karma Thompson, Marathon Petroleum Co. LP, Findlay

NORTHEAST

Christophor Pherson*, Heritage Thermal Services, East Liverpool

Jeffrey Walters*, CBIZ Accounting & Tax Advisory Services, Akron

SOUTHWEST

Robert Baxter, Mercy Health, Lima

Rex Elsasser, The Strategy Group for Media, Delaware

SOUTHEAST

Charles Sulzeryski, Peoples Bancorp Inc., Marietta

Joe Watson, Peltrend Inc., Chillicothe

CENTRAL

Jan Bana, AT&T, Columbus

Thomas Zaino, Zaino Hall & Farrin LLC, Columbus

AT-LARGE

Johnni Beckel, OhioHealth, Columbus

Jason Birney*, Penn National Gaming Inc.

COLUMBUS

Candice Carley*, FedEx Custom Critical, Inc., Uniontown

Everett Gallagher*, Abercornie & Fitch, Columbus

Brian Hicks, Hicks Partners, Columbus

Linda Hondonos, Hondonos Family of Companies, Westerville

A.J Miller*, UnitedHealthcare of Ohio, Dublin

Donnie Moore*, Gulpert Energy, St. Clairsville

Eric Roegner*, Amcor Rigid Plastics, Columbus

Robert Wente, C.P.A.*, Wyndot Inc, Marion

*Denotes a new board member.

By Nelva J. Smith and William J. Wahoff, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC

MAY / JUNE 2019
Ohio is at a crossroads. We’ve made great progress over the last several years in tackling some of our biggest challenges, but it’s clear there’s much more work to do. Our state continues to be challenged by issues like infant mortality and addiction. Jobs are going unfilled by applicants who can’t pass drug tests, holding back Ohio’s economy. Even worse, lives are being lost and it’s costing Ohioans billions of dollars across a multitude of services, including health care, schools, jails, businesses and more.

So why am I, the state treasurer, talking about these issues? Because I believe the treasurer’s office is well-positioned to assist stakeholders and policymakers in addressing these challenges head on.

Too often, when we see a problem like addiction tearing apart our communities, policymakers rush into conference rooms in Columbus and work out one-size-fits-all government solutions aimed at fixing the issue. But rarely does this work. Instead, taxpayer dollars are spent on more failing programs that place Ohio even further away from identifying real solutions to very real problems.

Columbus cannot and should not quarterback these solutions. It has to be done at the local level, by the people on the ground. Policymakers in Columbus instead should focus their efforts on producing results rather than providing services.

It’s time for us to turn to a new financial tool that uses the expertise of Ohio’s private and philanthropic sectors. In March, I partnered with Sen. Steve Wilson and Rep. Don Manning to introduce legislation to create the innovative new ResultsOhio fund. This fund will support “pay for success” initiatives that ensure Ohio’s taxpayer dollars are only spent on programs and initiatives that have proven to be effective. Here’s how it works.

GETTING RESULTS

A persistent social or public health challenge, such as heroin addiction, is identified by lawmakers. A private sector entity steps forward with its proposal to tackle the problem. The private entity and the state of Ohio then develop an agreement — at the initiative’s conclusion — that if the initiative has succeeded in producing positive results, like reducing overdoses and improving treatment options. If the initiative has, in fact, met or surpassed the predetermined metrics, the ResultsOhio fund will reimburse the private sector partner for all costs associated with the administration of the project. But if the metrics are not met, the private entity absorbs all costs, and not a single taxpayer dollar is spent.

Through the ResultsOhio model, any public policy challenge that has a measurable outcome of success may be addressed. ResultsOhio does not create any new debt, it is not a new form of public assistance, and it stops putting hard-earned tax dollars behind failed government-run programs.

This approach is fairly new, but the time is right for Ohio to be on the cutting edge. Through ResultsOhio, we can create a smarter government and end the cycle of bankrolling failed programs. Now is the time to unleash our programs that work; our state’s future is dependent on it.

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“Other job boards charge for these services, but at OhioMeansJobs.com they are free,” says Kimberly Hall, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, which manages the website. “These are just a few of the many websites that are set to roll out next year that will make it easier for Ohio’s employers to identify individuals with the skills they need to be successful.”

Also as of April 12, employers will need to register an account to post jobs. In the past, they had to register to search resumes but not to post open positions. Registration takes just a few minutes and requires only a state and federal tax ID number. Jobs already posted on the site will remain posted until they expire, typically 90 days. This change is expected to reduce the number of “scam” job postings.

At any given time, OhioMeansJobs.com lists millions of resumes with advanced filtering tools that allow employers to quickly narrow down many resumes to the most promising ones. Last year, the website had nearly 3 million unique visitors, and employers used it to post more than 300,000 resumes searches.

Employers can use the website to:

• Post job opportunities
• Easily save resumes of potential candidates
• Find career fairs, workshops and other events in their area
• Research wage trends, economic indicators and demographic data
• Learn about employee training, tax incentives and other state and federal programs that can help their businesses grow

SHARE SUCCESS.

WALTS EXPRESS CHAIRMAN OF THE OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jeff Walters has been installed as the new chairman of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Walters will serve a two-year term as the chairman of the 68-member board.

Walters has been involved in the Ohio Chamber of Commerce since 2000, when he first attended a meeting of the Ohio Small Business Council (OSBC), a committee of the Ohio Chamber, and was asked to become a member of that group representing businesses in the Canton area. In 2000, he was asked to serve as the OSBC’s chair, which led to a seat on the Ohio Chamber’s Board of Directors. His service on the board also includes leadership roles of executive committee member, treasurer, nominating committee chair and chairman-elect.

“I’ve enjoyed having an influence on the issues and legislation that the chamber has been involved with,” Walters says. “Having a voice in these matters is where it begins, and I really want to continue the success the chamber has achieved for the last 125 years.”

Walters serves as a managing director in the Northeast Ohio offices of CBIZ MHM LLC, one of the nation’s leading providers of accounting, tax and business advisory services. His practice includes providing tax, consulting, merger and acquisition, succession planning and other business advisory services to closely held businesses. He has assisted numerous companies in seeking investment capital, tax incentives and financing alternatives. Walters has over 35 years of experience in working with entrepreneurial businesses, including startup, developmental stage and growth companies.

Besides being involved in the Ohio Chamber, Walters has taken leadership roles in a number of business and charitable organizations and is active in promoting taxation and business issues through advocacy roles in organizations such as the Greater Akron Chamber and Greater Cleveland Partnership. He serves on the College of Business Advancement Council for the University of Akron and the board of directors for organizations including the Greater Akron Chamber and Stark State College.

“Jeff’s leadership roles here at the Ohio Chamber have prepared him well to take over as our chairman,” says the Ohio Chamber’s President and CEO Andrew E. Dohrle. “His understanding of business issues, combined with his advocacy work, will be of great benefit to our organization and the members that we serve.”

Walters received both his bachelor’s degree in science and accounting and his master’s degree in taxation from the University of Akron and his Juris Doctor from the University of Akron School of Law. He is a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs, Institute of Management Accountants, American Institute of CPAs, Ohio State Bar Association and Akron Bar Association.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is a champion for Ohio businesses so that our state can grow, prosper and succeed. With over 8,000 members, we have been Ohio’s premier business advocate since 1893.
GREEN MIDWEST

Grey Midwest

Creatives is in the DNA of one of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce’s newest members, Grey Midwest. This Cincinnati-based digital agency is part of the Grey family, a global advertising and marketing agency founded in 1917. Grey operates in over 90 countries and seven cities in North America, Grey Midwest is the only Grey office in Ohio.

Grey joined the Ohio Chamber in March. It has always considered itself a leader in Cincinnati and wants to expand its ability to affect, influence and help to drive Ohio’s creative and innovation presence on a larger stage.

“We believe we have a lot to teach but also a lot to learn from Ohio’s leaders,” says Executive Director, Client Acquisition Jason Brandt. “Grey Midwest’s famously Effective commerce and performance marketing team continues to grow and evolve as they replace the pace of our industry. We want to help make Cincinnati a creative destination while continuing to build its reputation and capability as a technology and innovative force. We believe the Ohio Chamber will provide us with the access and forum to help us continue to partner with the Cincinnati creative and tech community.”

Grey got its start in retail advertising, a foundational building block of the agency. Over the years, it has worked with innovators and leaders in that category and is a recognized leader in the digital/mobile space. It continues to innovate to meet the needs of how platforms and devices fit into people’s lives.

The company’s social capabilities also continue to grow. Among its most successful integrated end-to-end efforts was a rapid response center for Coca-Cola that delivered full-service, real-time social marketing across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat, Pinterest and local media to boost the work within the digital channels.

These capabilities have helped Grey Midwest create incredible relationships with its client partners, which include Conagra, Eossier, McCormick, Mars, PG&G and Royal Canin. To view its work, visit https://www.greymidwest.com.

PENN NATIONAL GAMING

Penn National Gaming Inc. is a respected leader in the gaming and racing industries. While gaming is a relatively new industry in Ohio, Penn National Gaming strives to be a valued business partner and model within the business community.

Since being founded in 1994, it has grown from its headquarters in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, to facilitating 40 properties across 18 states — including four in Ohio with 2,434 team members — with an additional corporate presence at its Las Vegas Service Centers. The properties include casinos, racinos and racetracks.

Its Ohio presence led it to membership with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

“It was crucial to us to ensure we were a member of the business community to share knowledge of our business and gather support, as well,” says Jason Birney, vice president and general manager of Hollywood Casino Columbus.

Birney says the company is excited to network and support the Ohio Chamber’s efforts toward business advocacy.

Visit https://www.pnngaming.com or https://www.linkedin.com/company/penn-national-gaming/

NEW MEMBERS

I Tree Inc, West Chester
330 Dustless Blasting LLC, Wadsworth
80 Acres Urban Agricultural LLC, Cincinnati
Accura, Inc., Westlake
Adios Corp., Bexley
Adkins Disposal Service LLC, Newark
Aerial Brothers Communication Construction, Cincinnati
Allied High Tech Products Inc, Roacho Dominguez, CA
Altamaha Technologies Corp, McLean, VA
Amica Rigid Plastics, Ann Arbor, MI
Ankiah Wester LLC, Toledo
Anderson Smile Center Reddy Inc, Cincinnati
Antenan Robotics LLC, West Chester
Applied Sciences Inc., Cedarville
Ardmore Door Dealer Systems LLC, Cincinnati
Arrowhead Outdoor Services LLC, Wooster
Ashland Chiropractic Inc, Mansfield
Aspen Pile Collaborative, Springfield
Atalier Fine Homes LLC, Beavercreek
Audition Master Services LLC, Fortworth, PA
Avilion Park LLC, Columbus
Beechmont Dental Dr. Patel Inc., Cincinnati
Beer Transport LLC, Mansfield
Belmont Solids Control LLC, Lebanon
Bay & Troy’s Corner Market LLC, Springfield
Blakely Electric, Warren
Blue Line Classics LLC, North Royalton
Bluestream Professional Services LLC, Fairlawn, OH
Bravoon Contracting & Maintenance Services LLC, Duncan Falls
Brian Bachman Electric Inc, Cleves
Broadway Group International LLC, Brookpark
Building Blocks Therapy LLC, University Heights
Burford’s Tree LLC, Willow Grove, PA
Can Group USA Inc, Hilliard
Capital City Periodontics and Oral Implantology, Columbus
Capital Advocates, Columbus
Certified Pressure Testing LLC, Houston, TX
Challenge Unlimited Inc., Alton, IL
Chasten Aviation Inc., Portmouth
Chatham Oak Construction LLC, Heath
Chayyan Builders, Fremont
Christian Assembly Church, Richmond Heights
CIB LLC, Columbus
Civico, Civico
Cleveland Cathing Inc., Cleveland
Cleveland Industrial Group Inc., Cleveland
Clough Pike Veterinary Clinic Inc., Batavia
Cologan & Group Ltd, Garfield Heights
Columbus Corporate Wellness LLC, Columbus
Combined Worksite ACH, BBBank, Columbus
Compal Fitness Management, LLC, Seven Hills
Consumer Choice Marketing LLC, Toledo
Cooper Smith, Toledo
Cornerstone Plumbing and Remodeling LLC, Salem
Crete Fashions for Men, New Philadelphia
Crossroads Group, Richfield
Crowes Cabinets Inc., Poland
Dayton Family Practice Inc. St. Clairsville
Deep End Properties LLC, Columbus
Denali Protective Service Inc., Howard
Dennis Seaman Co. LPA, Cleveland
Difco Barnes Inc., Chariton
Dillons Outdoor Solutions Inc, Carroll
Dits Fire & Safety Equipment Co. Inc., Ravenna, WV
DLTTherapy Services LLC, Cincinnati
Edgell-Groover Hardware Inc., Gahanna
Euphoria Vapor, Middleburg Heights
Evite Cable Enterprises Ltd, Brookfield, VT
Ever Rack Platinum Inc, Massillon
Eys Uarrison, Inc., Ravenna
Fultz Corp., Archbold
First Baptist Church, Findlay
Fitz Girls LLC, Norwalk
Fuller Drywall LLC, Clevelend
Galardi Family Animal Hospital, Milford
Generations Behavioral Health Youngstown, Youngstown

Gentle Care Dental of Fremont Ohio, Ann Arbor, MI
Georgetown Condominium, Akron
Gibson Technical Services Inc, Canton
Goldwires Gardens LLC, Cincinnati
Grey Group, Cincinnati
Gurman S. Shoker, W College Corner, IN
Harold’s Excavating LLC, Urbana
Hamilton Christian Center, Auburn
Haynes Enterprises Inc, Akro, OH
Helping Appalachian Rural Peoples, Caldwell
Hendrickson Racing Repair Inc., Bryan
Highway Family Conco LLC, Satefield
Hyde Park Center for Older Adults, Cincinnati
International Container & Rubber LLC, Barlava, PA
Jarrod Sack Lawn Care Inc, Jefferson
JC Dougherty’s, Napoleon
JCC Inc., Willilcok
Jeff Johnson & Co. LLC, Columbus
JMC Logistics LLC, Tontee
John A. Armbeg, Ada
John’s Auto Repair, Marietta
JW&J Sons Transport LLC, Newark
K.E.S Industrial Services LLC, Canal Winchester
Kip Larcomb, Bexley
Koalacj LLC, Columbus
Generations Behavioral Health Youngstown, Youngtown

We welcome new members to the Ohio Chamber of Commerce! These companies joined the Ohio Chamber between Feb 23rd and May 7th. We look forward working with all of these companies that are #AllforOhio!
**TONY LONG**
Tony Long is the Ohio Chamber’s new director of tax and economic policy. He previously worked for Honda in the Law Division and the Office of Gov. John Kasich and spent six years on Capitol Hill with Rep. Steve Stivers in roles involving policy and procedure. He has eight siblings — three stepbrothers and four stepisters. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in political science.

1. What do you do when you are not working?
2. Where did you grow up?
3. What is your favorite place to dine out?
4. Do you have a secret family recipe?
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7. What is one thing most people don’t know about you?
8. Where is your favorite place to vacation?
9. What is your favorite quote?
10. If you could have dinner with two people — living or dead — who would they be?

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**JUSTIN BARNES**
Our new executive director for the Ohio Chamber’s Research Foundation is Justin Barnes. Previously, he worked as a federal liaison for the Office of the Gov. John Kasich and spent six years on Capitol Hill with Rep. Steve Stivers in roles involving policy and procedure. He has eight siblings — three stepbrothers and four stepisters. He graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in political science.

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**LILLIAN VAN WYNGAARDEN**
Lillian VanWyngaarden has been hired as communications coordinator at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. A recent journalism and media communications graduate from Otterbein University, she will be headquarters communications coordinator.

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A DOSE OF REALITY FOR EMPLOYERS: CONTINUING TO EDUCATE OHIO’S EMPLOYERS

In March 2018, in partnership with Ohio Chamber members Working Partners® and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, we launched the employer opioid toolkit. A Dose of Reality for Employers. Since then, the free online toolkit has received national attention as businesses from Ohio and other states continue to use it.

The opioid toolkit is on our website at www.ohiocohamber.com, then click on the Opioid Toolkit picture on the front page, or access it using the dropdown menu. This page is the second-most visited page on our website. The toolkit is made up of five interactive modules, each from 13 to 15 minutes in length. Users can watch the modules all at once, or as they have time. The modules also include support documents such as drug testing checklists, sample employee policies and how to develop an Employee Assistance Program.

Our program caught the attention of the Indiana Chamber and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and the U.S. Chamber Foundation to host an opioid summit at our headquarters. This morning event will feature state and national speakers discussing the opioid crisis as it relates to employers. This is a free educational event open to all of our members. Registration information will be available in June, so watch your email and our website for more information.

Finally, to let business owners throughout the state know about our toolkit, we are advertising on several business newspaper websites. The interactive ad links back to our opioid toolkit on our website. We encourage members to share our toolkit, as well. We built A Dose of Reality for Employers for all employers to use, so please help us get the word out.

Again, I would like to thank our partners Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield for helping provide the funding, and Working Partners®, which provides the educational expertise. The work being done in Ohio to combat the opioid crisis will certainly benefit all Ohioans.

SAVE THE DATE:
SEPT. 4-6, 2019

POLICY CONFERENCE AT SALT FORK

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this biennial event. More information will be available this summer.