

# South Akron Board of Trade

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November 2011



## The Christmas In September - Support Our Troops Program . . .

has raised \$6299 plus many boxes and bags of snacks, books, magazines, and a variety of personal hygiene products for Our Troops stationed overseas. On October 13th members from the East Akron Board

of Trade, Kenmore Board of Trade, South Akron Board of Trade, Summit DD Board, and employees of Regency Seating gathered at the Regency Seating Office on Romig Road and packaged 80 boxes to go overseas to a local unit of troops for the Holiday Season. This shipment was received by October 24<sup>th</sup>. This completed phase one of our project.



We are now preparing to seek out families in the area that could use some assistance this Holiday Season. This program is open to veterans as well as families who currently have someone serving overseas. We will attempt to provide food assistance as well as gifts for the children. Please feel free to contact me with any families or veterans you feel may be of need. Our goal is to help 10 to 12 families this year from the funds we have collected. **We will continue to accept donations year round.**



**Thank you very much for your support!**



For several years, Regency has lent a helping hand in supporting our troops during the holiday season. This Year, Aaron Summerville, Lenny Morella, workers of Regency Inc, and members of the South Akron Board of Trade packaged 80 large size flat rate boxes of goods for the men and women that are fighting for our freedom. Goods included food items, hygiene products, books and gift cards of all types. Regency and Friends are also providing gifts for 15 families whose loved ones will be overseas during the holidays.

*A job well done!*

## Thank You!

Supporters of Christmas in September!

- Aaron Summerville, Matt Ausperk & Valerie Wise.....Regency Seating
- Bart Oldenburg
- Bill Rogers.....East Akron Board of Trade
- Charlie Ault.....Summit Moving & Storage
- Chesty Puller Detachment
- Christine Higham.....Summit County Russ Pry's Office
- Connie Delehanty.....United Dental Lab
- Debbie.....Heavenly Hash of Marshallville
- Denise Slater.....Oriana House
- Diane Ash.....In Working Order
- Dolores Reeves.....Reeves Cake Shop
- Dottie Achmoody.....OPEN M
- Dr. Gary Minorik.....Minorik Chiropractic Center
- Frank Salamone.....Montrose Auto Group
- Fred Shaheen.....Fred's Carpet
- Freddie the Frog Sunday Morning Classics.....WRQK FM 106.9
- Jewell Cardwell.....Akron Beacon Journal
- John Buntin Jr.....Kenmore Komiks
- Judi Jacobs.....Summit County DD Board
- Kay Lukac
- Kenmore Board of Trade
- Leslianne Love.....Old Carolina Barbeque
- Libby & Sue Preston
- Maria.....Arcadia Grill
- Massillon Lodge #481
- Melissa Roddy & Julie Rohrs.....Firestone Park YMCA
- North Akron Chamber of Commerce
- Patti & Rudy DiDonato
- Paul Becker.....Chick-Fil-A of Montrose
- Regency Seating Employees
- Rick Foutty.....Lakemore Wine & Liquor
- Rita Stahl.....Troop & Family Assistance Center Region 1
- Shirley Workman.....Arlington Self Storage
- Skip & Susan Summerville
- Stow Munroe-Falls Lions Club
- Tina Merlitti.....S.O.S Program
- Tom Mino.....Summit County ADM Board

**Adopt A Family** Information contact-Lenny Morella-lmorella@neo.rr.com or 330-418-5482



### The University of Akron Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program

has been added as a new benefit for our business members and their employees. Each employer and employee are eligible for a 10% discount in their catalog ([www.uakron.edu/ce](http://www.uakron.edu/ce)), if there are three or more people in the same class, a 15% discount will be in effect. Some of the classes may qualify for CEU credits. As an added benefit the Akron Boards of Trade Council will be awarding five grants to be used toward

any class offered in the catalog. The maximum award will be \$200 toward the course of your choice. Please fill out the form below and mail to: South Akron Board of Trade, P.O. Box 761, Akron, OH 44309-0761

Yes, I want a chance to win a continuing education grant for the University of Akron

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name (If Different) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Contact Information (If Different) \_\_\_\_\_

Course of Interest \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for submission - 12/31/11



**LEONARD MICHAEL MORELLA**

awarded Bright Star Award

Each year NOACC (Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce) recognizes one member from each board/chamber who has made a significant impact on the chamber through membership retention, sponsorship, economic development and/or education.



Akron Boards of Trade has a galaxy of glistening stars, but one star continued to shine brighter than all the rest. **LEONARD MICHAEL MORELLA.**



Lenny, a 2009 Bright Star, was again honored at the Chamber's Leadership & Bright Star Awards on October 27th at the Hyatt Regency Hotel's Arcade in downtown Cleveland.



Lenny puts a tremendous amount of hours, effort, emotion, physical and intellectual work into our organization. He has never once walked away from any project and has taken on the duties and responsibilities of others. Among his strongest endeavors are reactivating our Education Committee and for the first time making grants available to members for continuing education. His Thanksgiving in May Italian luncheon to benefit OPEN M is legendary. This year he organized Christmas in September raising \$6299 and countless donations of various supplies to support our troops.

Thank you Lenny for representing us so faithfully!

Submitted by:  
ABOTC President Shirley Workman

# You're Invited to...

East Akron Board of Trade with the support of the South Akron Board of Trade. . .

## Annual Christmas Party

When: Friday, December 9, 2011

Where: F.O.P Lodge  
2610 Ley Drive  
Akron, OH 44319

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$13 - Holiday Buffet

**Please RSVP**



Great Food!  
Great Fun!  
Great Gifts!

(You can access Ley Drive off Waterloo Rd (right behind Akron Auto Auction))

Please RSVP to: Bill Rogers, East Board President - brogers@embarqmail.com - 330-289-3574



**17th Annual Project Ed Bear Auction  
Monday November 28, 2011  
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.**

Silent Auction, Oral Auction, Door Prizes, Raffle at The Quaker Station, 135 South Broadway, Akron. Cost is \$20 and includes Hors d'oeuvres. Project Ed Bear is a program for helping children who have been stricken with cancer. Please visit [www.projectedbear.org](http://www.projectedbear.org) to learn more.



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in 2012 Officers**



**Akron Boards of Trade Council's  
Annual Awards and  
Installation Banquet**

**Thursday, November 17th**  
Portage Country Club  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 7:00

The entertainment will be provided by The Rex Show prior to dinner. Cost is \$40 per person and the meal choice is chicken piccata, prime rib, salmon, or vegetarian. Checks will be presented to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank and SCORE. The Buchholzer, Kinser, and NOACC Bright Star Awards will be presented this evening as well as a look back over this year's accomplishments.

For tickets or to RSVP contact - Lenny Morella - [lmorella@neo.rr.com](mailto:lmorella@neo.rr.com) or 330-418-5482

**Dog Vests & Smoke Alarms  
Donated**

Akron Boards of Trade members have joined forces to support the Akron Fire and Police Departments as well as The University of Akron and the Soap Box Derby's National Super Kids Program. Through the overwhelming support of the over two hundred people who attended the Annual Meet You Officials Pork Chop Picnic, the Akron Boards of Trade Council was able to purchase two bullet proof vests for the Akron Police Department's canine units and one vest for The University of Akron's canine unit. Also, the ABOTC purchased 100 smoke detectors for the Akron Fire Department of which the first one was installed on October 10th at the home of Christine Frank in Akron.



**April 2, 2012**

*The Annual Final Four Reverse Raffle  
at Guy's Party Centre  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.*

Tickets are only \$45 and include buffet dinner and open bar. The money raised will benefit the All American Soap Box Derby, Edwin Shaw Challenge Golf, Firestone Park YMCA, OPEN M, Project Ed Bear, and the Christmas In September...Support Our Troops

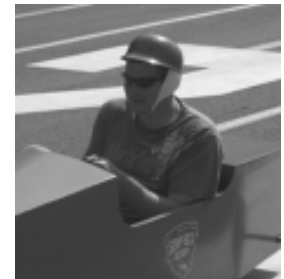
**May 4, 2012**

*Thanksgiving In May  
at OPEN M  
11:30 am till 1 pm*

The money raised at the Final Four Reverse Raffle will be handed out and an Italian Buffet will be served. Cost is \$10.



**The Annual Thrill of the Hill Race** was held at Derby Downs on Sunday September 18th with over twenty ABOTC members participating. The money raised at this event went to the Soap Box Derby's National Super Kids Program. These are handicapped children who have an opportunity to compete in their own race during the All American Soap Box Derby Week each summer.



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# Our Benefits

The **South Akron Board of Trade** offers numerous money saving benefits as part of your membership.



- **Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance** - group discount available



- **Worker's Comp Group savings through Baylor Associates, Inc.**
- **A-1 Communication Group LLC**, discounts on camera surveillance systems, a complete solution for your telephone, surveillance, and cabling needs.

- **NOACC sponsored benefits**



- **Various advertising/marketing benefits**
- **Networking opportunities with other Board/ Chamber programs and events**
- **The University of Akron Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program.** As a member you get 10% off any course in the catalog or 15% off if you enroll three or more employees. Some courses may count for CEU credits.

For more information on these benefits please call **Lenny Morella at 330-418-5482 or [lmorella@neo.rr.com](mailto:lmorella@neo.rr.com)**

## November Newsletter

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## 2012 Invoices

2012 invoices will be mailed the last week of December and renewal is \$60 (same as 2011). Please look over our list of cost saving benefits to see if there is something that will help your business.



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