



MENTOR AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Your Monthly News & Updates

Check out what's going on in February!

Coffee & Conversation

Join us at the first Coffee & Conversation of the year! Speakers are State Representative John Rogers, State Representative Ronald Young and State Senator John Eklund.

Friday, February 10
7:30a-9:00a
Holiday Inn Mentor
7701 Reynolds Rd.
Mentor
[Register Here!](#)



Lunch & Learn: Cyber Security Awareness 101

Learn how to keep your systems safe!

Friday, February 10
11:00a-1:00p
Holden University Center
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland
[More Info Here!](#)

Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting

Learn about the current state of the city with Mentor city manager Ken Filipiak!

Tuesday, February 28
11:30a-1:00p
LaMalfa
5783 Heisley Rd.
Mentor

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Join us for free networking and coffee!

Thursday, February 16
Brew Mentor
9528 Diamond Centre Dr.
Mentor
[Register Here!](#)

Business After Hours: Family Feud Night!

Join us for networking and fun at our first-ever game night!

Wednesday, February 15
5:30p-8:00p
Holiday Inn Mentor
7701 Reynolds Rd.
Mentor
[Register Here!](#)



Taste of Mentor 2017 is on April 19 at the Mentor Civic Ice Arena! Tickets are now on sale, so purchase yours today!

[Click here!](#)

Member News & Updates

- [Huntington Bank Recognized as One of the Nation's Best](#)
- [Democracy Day in Mentor](#)
- [NMS Announces Completion & Opening of New Mentor Office](#)
- [Roll-Kraft Ltd. Re-Certified by ISO](#)
- [Lake County Development Council Holds to hold 2017 Legislative Breakfast](#)
- [Lake Health Study Shows Music Therapy Boosts Patient Satisfaction](#)
- [Howard's Jewelry Center to hold Ladies Night Out](#)
- [Free Tax Preparation Help Available at Lifeline, Inc.](#)
- [Mentor Welcomes New International Trade Manager](#)



Member Deals

- [All Occasion Limousine](#): Mention "Mark Twain Wainwright" to receive 50% off any limousine service!
- [All Tune and Lube](#): Get an oil change and tire rotation for \$24.90. Mention you are a Chamber member when scheduling an appointment to receive this offer.
- [Home Savings Bank](#): Home Savings Bank is offering a 3.75% fixed rate Small Business Loan Special! Contact Paul Catalano at 440-954-9999.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Don't forget to add these events to your calendar!

March 28: Scholarship Luncheon
April 19: Taste of Mentor
April 25: Monthly Luncheon
May 5: Leadercast
June 2: Lake County Small Business Expo
July 21: 51st Annual Golf Outing



For a full calendar of events, visit our [website](#).



How to Avoid Employee Discrimination Claims

From a legal perspective, one of the most important things for a business to avoid are claims brought by its employees. Both federal and state law contain a myriad of laws that address the employer/employee relationship as it relates to hours worked, employee safety and discrimination. Understanding common ways that employers violate these laws can go a long way in helping a company avoid expensive and unnecessary claims from its employees.

[Read more here.](#)

Save the Date!



March 4 and 5, 2017
at Great Lakes Mall

Sponsor \$575
Exhibitor \$325

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Linda Reed at 440-357-7572
or email linda@easternlakecountychamber.org

Saturday
MARCH 4
Sunday
MARCH 5

- Chance to Win \$500 Great Lakes Mall giftcard
- Live Demonstrations
- Remodeling Ideas
- FREE Gift Bag for the first 250 attendees each day

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RSVP to these Upcoming Meetings

Lake Kidz Biz

Wednesday, March 1
8:15a-9:30a

FUEL

Thursday, February 16
5:30p-7:30p
Lost Nation Sports Park

Lake County Safety Council

Friday, February 17
11:30a-1:00p
American Croatian Lodge



COSE's 2017 Annual Meeting

Small Businesses Making a Big Impact

This must-attend gathering features a panel discussion with the stars of LeBron James and Maverick Carter's hit reality TV series, "Cleveland Hustles":

- **Jackie Wachter**, FOUNT
- **Geoff Hardman**, The Cleveland Bagel Company
- **Mike Gulley**, Old City Libations

These local small business owners seized the opportunity to make their entrepreneurial dreams come to fruition and helped put their neighborhood "on the map." The evening also includes an update on COSE's work and an opportunity to connect with other business owners.

March 2, 2017 | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
House of Blues, 308 Euclid Ave, Cleveland

Agenda | 5:00 - Registration and Networking
5:30 - Panel Discussion
6:30 - Networking Reception

Visit cose.org/annualmeeting for more information

Reduce Your Energy Usage

and Your Operating Expenses

COSE has teamed with FirstEnergy's Ohio Utilities to provide member businesses with an exclusive energy savings opportunity. The first step is a comprehensive assessment of how your facility uses power; gas, electric, even steam. The best part? There's no out of pocket expense! Read what Craig Wallace, CEO of PACE Engineering, Inc., learned from his energy audit with the COSE Energy Advisors.



"Every firm looks to lower their operating costs. Pace Engineering took advantage of the energy audit that COSE offered. Energy accounts for 4% of our costs from process gas and electricity used in our manufacturing to general uses heat and lighting. Most people view energy costs as fixed. The energy audit identified a number of projects that when implemented will reduce our energy costs more than 9%. We were surprised because five years ago, we spent more than \$250,000 on energy efficiency projects. From the COSE audit, we learned where our energy is consumed and have uncovered even more savings than were identified in the audit." - Craig Wallace, CEO PACE Engineering, Inc.

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