



# ASHTABULA COUNTY BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

## November 2015

### Comment's

Dear Builder's Members and Friends,

As Past President, one of my jobs is to assist the President in times of need and Calvin has been slammed with work issues and has asked me to write this month's letter. I was on vacation and out of town when we had our October meeting so I am commenting on our meeting from what I heard from those in attendance so if I say anything incorrect please excuse me. We could like to thank County Commissioner Peggy Carlo for talking to us about Growth Partnership and the New Investor Levels and Associated Benefits. Also, we would like to thank Dwight Bowden of the Ashtabula County Airport Authority for informing us of the events and things happening at the County Airport.

Our November meeting will be a combination meeting in that we will be having a guest speaker and also will be doing our annual meeting all in one. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Bals of Connect 534 which is a organization that promotes the State Route 534 area from Geneva-on-the -Lake area to the Harpersfield Township area and all points in between. Also, we will be having our annual meeting to discuss the past year and the future year. We will be taking a vote on Growth Partnership and the Investment levels that we will commit to in 2016 along with approving the Builders Budget for 2016.

It was mentioned in our October newsletter about the cost of meetings going up to \$30.00. After our last board meeting it was determined that this increase does not have to be approved by the general membership. The Board of Directors has checked with other locations within the county to try and find another location to have our meeting that would help keep the \$25.00 price that we have had for years. We have had no luck in finding a location that would allow us to keep this price so we have no choice but to raise the cost to \$30.00 per meal. According to all of the people that we have talked to this is all due to the increase in food costs.

We will not be having a meeting in December; however we are already working on some good things for 2016. As always if there is something that you would like to hear about or feel that there is a topic that would benefit the organization please feel free to let us know and we will see if we can arrange a speaker.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Members and Friends of the Builders from Calvin, the entire Board of Directors, Michelle, and myself an enjoyable and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,

Bill Romanko

Past President of the Ashtabula County Builders Assoc.

### Board of Directors

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Bill Widlits

### Calendar of Events

November 12th	Annual Meeting Elks
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Happy Holidays

January 14th	General Meeting Elks
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February 11th	General Meeting Elks
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Social Hour	6:00pm
Dinner	7:00pm

Please RSVP by the Monday prior to the event.

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## GET INVOLVED

### Join the Builders Board of Directors

Please contact our President Calvin Brown, Jr. if you are interesting in volunteering your time to our Board of Directors.

Calvin's Number 1-440-478-5343

## GENERAL MEETING

Meal Cost have  
increased  
to  
\$30.00 per person

## BANKER BOB'S CORNER

### Strong Man on the Job

The strong young man at the construction site was bragging that he could out do anyone in a feat of strength. He made a special case of making fun of one

of the older workmen. After several minutes, the older worker had had enough.

"Why don't you put your money where your mouth is," he said.

"I will bet a week's wages that I can haul something in a wheelbarrow over to

that outbuilding that you won't be able to wheel back."

"You're on, old man," the braggart replied. "Let's see what you got."

The old man reached out and grabbed the wheelbarrow by the handles.

Then, nodding to the young man, he said, "All right, Get in."

## GROWTH PARTNERSHIP

The Ashtabula County Builders Association has been a member of Growth Partnership for numerous years at the previous \$5000.00 level.

In April 2015, Growth Partnership trustees adopted a new tiered investor model, which is described in the insert of this newsletter. This new model allows the Growth Partnership to become a more inclusive organization and grow and diversify its investor base. This will allow many more businesses to have a stake in the organization and help move Ashtabula county forward.

This information has been included in this newsletter for your review. As in the past, our membership to Growth Partnership will be voted on at our Annualy Meeting which is Thursday, November 12th at the Elks Lodge.

If you have any further questions please contact Michelle 645-7496 or a member of the Board of Trustees.



## 2015 GROWTH PARTNERSHIP ACBA PLEDGE FORM

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Elks here is your pledge form to fill out and return to any board member or Michelle prior to the meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date

Please check which tier you approve:

Platinum	(\$10,000 or greater)	Cost to Builder Member \$150.00	_____
		We Pay Growth \$10,000	
Gold	(\$9,999 - \$5,000)	Cost to Builder Member \$80.00	_____
		We Pay Growth \$5,000	
Silver	(\$4,999- \$2,500)	Cost to Builder Member \$40.00	_____
		We Pay Growth \$2,500	
Bronze	(\$2,499 - \$1,000)	Cost to Builder Member \$15.00	_____
		We Pay Growth \$1,000	
Friend of Growth Partnership		Cost to Builder Member \$0.00	_____
		We Pay Growth \$500.00	

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## Growth Partnership's New Investor Levels and Associated Benefits

Five (5) Investor Levels with Three (3) Year Pledge:

Variable	Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Friend of GP
Annual pledge amount	\$10,000 plus	\$5,000-\$9,999	\$2,500-\$4,999	\$2,499-\$1,000	Under \$1,000
Voting rights (Trustee status)	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Eligibility to serve on Executive Committee	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Use of GP Business Retention and Expansion Services	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Account and Access to Ashtabula County Development Forum	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Receive GP Update (Email newsletter)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Account and Access to Ashtabula County Economic and Community Dashboard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Inclusion in GP Annual Investor Survey (Finding out what is important to you)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Listing in GP Annual Report by Investor Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Listing on GP Website by Investor Level	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

November 2015

**President's Remarks :**

**Treasurer's Report**

## **Topics for Discussion:**

- Building Department
- Topics of Monthly Meeting
- Social Events
  - Reverse Raffle
  - Golf Outing
  - Summer Social
- Growth Partnership Assessment



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