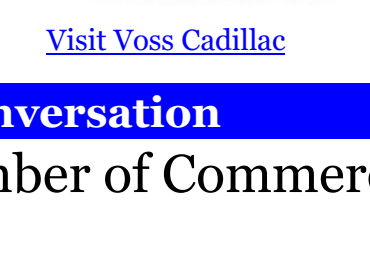


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My Side of the Conversation

Update: to our South Metro Chamber of Commerce Members and Associates.

As it seems restrictions may soon begin to relax, we will keep you updated. For now, all events have been rescheduled until after June 1, 2020. We may try some virtual networking though, so watch for updates.

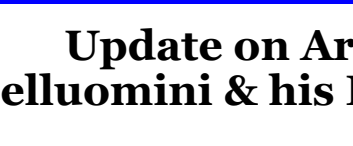
As you know, we are all on a day to day calendar. We will keep you up to date via website, emails, and event calendar updates.

We are conducting surveys regularly to keep aware of what makes you comfortable/uncomfortable when we move forward. We will continue to assist you as best we can, and post any of your business information that will help you.

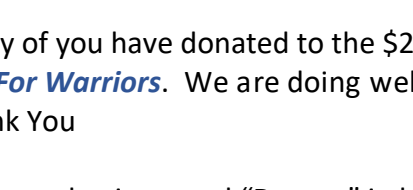
In many cases the location of a rescheduled event is also in a quandry so please be alert to event location changes due to host unforeseen situations after June 1st.

This is truly a test of our spirit but an amazing show of your innovation and strength.

No platitudes here, just know the SMRCOC is on the difficult trip with you; and it is very hard.



Julia Maxton, President



Congratulations! to MAK Solve Business of the Year 2019

Update on Army Captain (retired), Louis “Louie” A. Belluomini & his K9 Service Dog, “Star”.

You know these two heroes from their speech to us at Sinclair Community College last October and for their Emmy Winning Movie, “A New Leash On Life”, on Amazon.

We also have a short version of their October speech now playing on local access Channels 5 & 6, titled “PTSD - the Silent Wound.”

Many of you have donated to the \$25,000 fund we are raising to purchase another PTSD service dog from *K9s For Warriors*. We are doing well considering all of the National turmoil since January of this year! Thank You

The new dog is named “Dayton” in honor of the fallen at the Oregon District Shooting last fall, our First Responders, Veterans, and frontline Corona Virus medical teams.

Update 4/20/20 Louie and Star work on an ambulance in Northern Ohio at a “Hot Spot” city. Most of their runs are patients of the virus. Louis’ wife is a nurse on the front line as well. So, weeks ago they placed their baby in another state with grandparents for safety. Star works right alongside Louie and several weeks ago began “alerting” on patients with undiagnosed fevers. So far her accuracy has saved precious time for diagnosis, and treatment.

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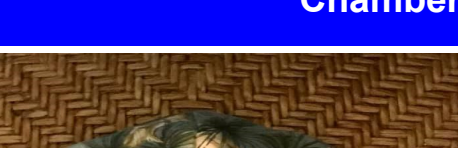
During these trying times, this Chamber is still collecting dollars toward the purchase of PTSD trained service dogs. Now more than ever these dogs will be needed desperately by first responders and medical personal who are serving us and personally suffering trauma from the front lines of this epidemic.

Contact Julia at (937) 433-2032 x 103 or email Julia.maxton@smrcoc.org for financial commitment to purchase the life changing service dogs.

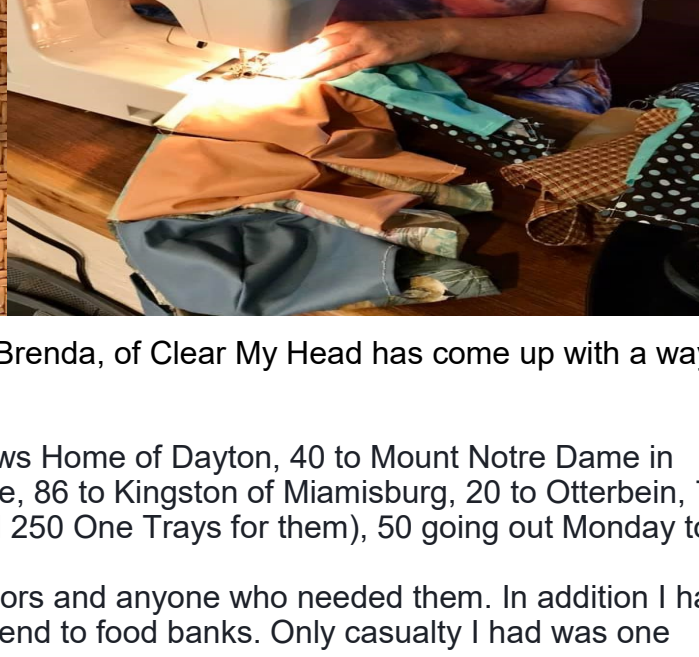
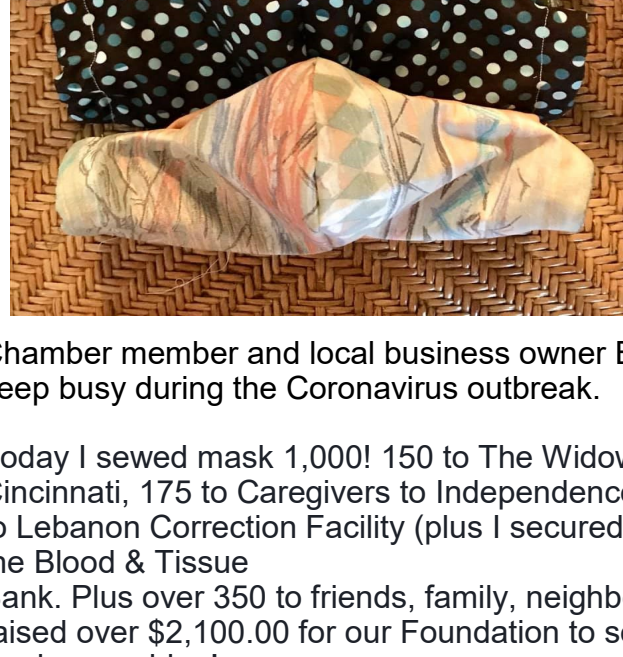
THANK YOU!

Julia Maxton
South Metro Chamber, President

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Chamber Member’s Outreach



Chamber member and local business owner Brenda, of Clear My Head has come up with a way to keep busy during the Coronavirus outbreak.

Today I sewed mask 1,000! 150 to The Widows Home of Dayton, 40 to Mount Notre Dame in Cincinnati, 175 to Caregivers to Independence, 86 to Kingston of Miamisburg, 20 to Otterbein, 75 to Lebanon Correction Facility (plus I secured 250 One Trays for them), 50 going out Monday to the Blood & Tissue Bank. Plus over 350 to friends, family, neighbors and anyone who needed them. In addition I have raised over \$2,100.00 for our Foundation to send to food banks. Only casualty I had was one sewing machine!

The pattern I am using is available on Kettering Rotary website for download. The direct link is: <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000004364/en-ca/files/homepage/covid-19-fabric-mask-pattern/mask-pattern.pdf>

If there are other sewers I am happy to collect masks. If they are sewing a different pattern already, we can use them. They can email me with questions on supplies or tips to streamline sewing.

The masks I have are two layers of fabric with a pocket to insert a filter, batting, tissue or other layer for extra protection. They have a wire sewn in the top so you can mold it to your nose. They are not Covid 19 applicable, rather they help free up N95 masks and others for the hospitals and front line physicians. These are perfect for ancillary workers and individuals who may need them for personal protection when shopping or around at risk family member. I am happy to supply individuals with them as well.

For the pattern go to the Kettering Rotary website

I'll keep sewing until I run out of fabric or the need is no longer. Let's hope it's the latter.

Brenda is filling limited orders through her website. Check out her line of aroma therapy products at www.clearmyhead.com We could all use a little stress relief.

Social Networking Information

The following is an excerpt from a Sandler Training White Paper. We thought it might be of interest as we move forward into the new normal.

CONNECTION MISCONCEPTIONS

You need as many social media connections as possible. Far from it. In fact, depending on your career goals (more on that in a bit). It might be counterproductive to have a ton of contacts on social media. The number and type of connections you have in each platform depends on the purpose and general audience of the platform, as well as your goals.

You should connect with everyone who wants to connect with you. Yes – no- maybe. It depends on the platform, and it may still vary based on your goals. On Twitter, for example, any number of people can follow you, and you don't have to follow them back unless you find them interesting and valuable. On Facebook or LinkedIn, the connections are mutual, and you may want to be a bit more selective in who you connect with. It's generally better to connect with people you know in real life, but there is no expectation for that on Twitter.

What works on one social media platform will work on another. In a word, nope. In two words, definitely not. But don't worry - that means that you can different social media platforms for different purposes, instead of trying to juggle the same goals on multiple platforms. You can think of each social media platform as its own entity with a specific purpose and audience.

You need to be on as many social networks as possible. For the majority of professionals, you won't get an equal amount of mileage on every social media platform. You can efficiently use your time and energy by focusing on the platforms that fit your business and career goals.

Here we will touch on the “big three” social media platforms that most commonly make sense for professional: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. We'll spend a bit more time on LinkedIn specifically, since it's designed to promote connections between professionals.

But keep in mind that for your goals, some other platform may make more sense. Just because we limit our discussion to those three platforms doesn't.

“You can think of each social media platform as its own entity, with a specific purpose and audience.”

If you would like to learn more visit the Chamber website at www.smrcoc.org and go to the news tab.

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