



Canton Area Chamber of Commerce

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Dear Business Owner or Representative,

It is time once again for the Chamber's annual membership drive. As a business located within or working within the Canton Area, we are writing to ask you to be part of our active organization. The Chamber organizes and sponsors many activities to bring people into Canton and raise awareness of what our community has to offer as well as offering specific benefits to your business.

2016 was a great year for the Chamber. We had many new members join our ranks, bringing great ideas on how to better our organization and helping us with our various volunteer needs. We had numerous successful events throughout the year including our Bridal Show, first Health & Fitness Expo, Block Party, Wine & Cheese Festival, Classic Car Show, Halloween Parade, Light Night, and Small Business Saturday. We are hoping to add a few new, exciting events to the slate in 2017. The Chamber also gives back to the community. We proudly award the \$500 Mildred Burk Scholarship and we donate to many charity organization and events.

The Canton Chamber offers many marketing and promotional benefits for your company. Please read our benefits brochure in this mailing to learn more about what we can do to help you promote your company.

Again this year, the Canton Chamber is also offering a plaque to display in your business to advertise your membership. For more information and a picture of the plaque, please review the plaque supplemental letter in this mailing.

To join our organization, simply fill out the enclosed application and mail it back with your membership fee. Or, if you prefer, you can pay your membership fee online with a credit card. If you are interested in paying online, let us know and we will send you an invoice that can be paid through Square online.

The Canton Chamber is a fully volunteer organization. We rely completely on businesses like yours to support our many events and community building activities. We welcome you to our organization and believe you will find it rewarding and beneficial for your business.

Regards,

Eric Schoonover, President



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Member Benefits

The Canton Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to helping the businesses of Canton thrive. Along with our efforts to bring people to Canton through festivals and other events, we want to help our members in any way we can. Below is a list of some member benefits included in your Chamber membership.

Marketing Benefits

1. Listing on the Chamber Website and Brochure – show you are a business leader in the community by being listed on the Chamber website with contact information and in our tri-fold brochure
2. Facebook and other Social Media Highlights – share and promote your specials, discounts, and events through our active social media accounts
3. Access to the Chamber Email List – we send out emails to all members between one and three times per month and will include any information you want
4. Business Highlight in the Canton Independent Sentinel – Have special news or bringing something new into the area? Use our column in the paper to get the word out

Discounts and Promotions

1. Receive discounted entry fees and preferential inclusion to select Chamber events throughout the year
2. Thinking of planning an event? The Chamber may be available to partner with you to help with marketing and other costs
3. Canton Chamber Gift Certificates – This currency is as good as cash and keeps money in your business. Gift Certificates are available for purchase at the Borough office and Canton Independent Sentinel and can be used at any Chamber member business. (Information on redemption is provided to all members).

Information

1. Monthly Meeting – Once a month member businesses get together and share what is happening in their businesses with each other and plan for upcoming events and promotions. These meetings are a great way to get the word out about your events, products, or specials.
2. Member Emails – In between meetings, updates and other important information is distributed to the members using our email list. This is another opportunity to share your business news with other members.



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Dear Member,

You will notice that, in the 2017 application, there is a line – “Purchase a Chamber Plaque” for \$20.00.

Again this year, the Chamber is offering you the option to purchase a plaque for display in your place of business rather than receiving the paper certificate of membership. This plaque (pictured below) will be made of wood with the Chamber logo and other information on it. The “year” portion will be affixed with a magnet so that, in future years, you can swap the year out with the current membership year. This way, the plaque can be proudly displayed at your business for years to come.

If you chose to purchase the plaque for \$20.00, your membership packet in future years will include the “year” update at no additional cost. There is no obligation to purchase a plaque at this time. It is the intention of the Chamber to offer this plaque in future years as well. If you do not purchase a plaque, you will receive the 8.5x11 certificate like previous years.

If you purchased a plaque last year, thank you. We will be sending you your 2017-year magnet with your membership packet.

Thank you for considering the plaque purchase and please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Eric Schoonover, President



2017 CANTON CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

BUSINESS INFORMATION (FOR WEBSITE BUSINESS LISTING)

Business Name:

Owner/Manager Name:

Email:

Phone:

Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Website:

Facebook:

CONTACT INFORMATION (FOR CHAMBER CORRESPONDENCE)

Contact person:

Mailing address:

Decision maker?

City:

State:

Zip:

Contact Phone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Additional email 1:

Additional email 2:

FEE SCHEDULE-PLEASE CHECK APPLICABLE BOX

SERVICE ORGANIZATION/NOT FOR PROFITS/MUNICIPAL/GOVERNMENT/CHURCH - \$60

SMALL BUSINESS (less than 5 employees – per corresponding branch location) - \$60

MEDIUM BUSINESS (5 to 20 employees – per corresponding branch location) - \$85

LARGE BUSINESS (more than 20 employees – per corresponding branch location) - \$110

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION - \$160

CANTON CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE - \$20

METHOD OF PAYMENT - CHECK (include with application) ONLINE PAYMENT (we will email an invoice)

TO ENSURE YOU ARE INCLUDED IN ALL PRINT MATERIALS, MEMBERSHIP MUST BE RECEIVED BY 2/1/2017

BUSINESS INFORMATION- PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR BUSINESS CATEGORY FOR THE WEBSITE LISTING

Arts & Entertainment Auction Automotive/Auto Supply Civic Construction & Home Repair Farming & Farm Supply Financial Government Health/Beauty Legal & Professional Marketing Media Oil/Gas Real Estate Restaurant Retail Religious Transportation Utility
 Other: _____

HOW DO YOU PREFER TO BE CONTACTED

Email

Phone

Fax

Comments/Suggestions:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ON A COMMITTEE (FINANCE, EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP, PROMOTION)

First Choice:

Second Choice:

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO: CANTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PO BOX 153, CANTON, PA 17724

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Thank you so much for your support! Our community depends on us all continuing to work together.