

# Progressive Referral Group

## Thursday, October 7, 2021

### Deb's Corner Café

President: Colleen Spangler  
Vice President: David Weber  
Treasurer: Dee Conrad  
Secretary: Cheryl Barber

**Members Present:** Brenda, Kent, Denise, Scott, Ron R, Justin, Kim, Dee, Jeff, David W, Sara, Colleen, Bruce, Bill, Jon, Mark  
**Treasurer's Report:** \$7225.42  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter invoices are being sent

**Referrals Given:** 11  
**Talked to someone as a result of a referral:** 5  
**Discussed PRGL with someone outside the group:** 8

**New Business:**  
No new business.

**Old Business:**  
No old business

**Acknowledgements:**  
David thanked Cristy's Pizza  
Bill thanked Jeff  
Jon thanked Kent

**Announcements:**

- Buckeye Toyota is looking for Oil Change Technicians. Contact Kent for more info or to refer someone for the position
- Country Lane Gardens is having a Trunk or Treat Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Looking for "trunker's" to participate.
- Logan Daily is having a job fair October 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Brenda for display details.
- Evening with Santa at the Perry County Library will be Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Brenda will keep us updated on the event.
- FAIRHOPE Hospice is holding a Veteran pinning ceremony at the Freedom's Never Free event on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. If you know a veteran, plan on having them attend the free event.
- David W. is looking for men's neck ties to use for a charity that makes sleeping bags for the homeless
- Lancaster Camp Ground Christmas Walk, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m.

**Speaker: Travis Markwood- President-LancasterFairfield County Chamber of Commerce**

Lancaster/Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce was originally founded in 1897 as a board of trade to offer natural gas to attract businesses to set-up in Lancaster. 2022 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> year of existence.

Things to look for in 2022:

- Facility upgrades to the chamber office: remodeling to create a small meeting space, create a member workspace where you can plug-in and work remotely when needed.
- Offer business consulting-1 time per month where you can set a meeting with the consultant.
- Engage with members: example, Equality Task Force-Better Together campaign to keep minority businesses engaged.
- Board mentoring of new chamber members to continue
- Chamber Connect-Get to Know New Chamber members to continue as well.

Travis discussed the Chamber's Legislative Action Committee and their role to advocate for businesses in Fairfield County. A couple of years ago, Travis and 2 chamber members spent the day at the Ohio State House, waiting to testify in regards to keeping the small business tax credit in the state budget. Just an example of the things the committee reviews and advocates for, along with local issues.

Travis also discussed his role in serving on the Chamber of Commerce Executives of Ohio and how he is helping guide other area chambers to set up Legislative Action committees.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Barber, Secretary of PRGL