



## Welcome

- Welcome: Denise Reier / Jeanne Brauns- The meeting began at 5:17.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Tonight's food provided by Jeanne and Denise of UCBMA
- Thank you to the Cameron Group/Marc and Helena Cameron for providing their Sibcy Cline office for our meetings.

## About UCBMA

- What we do / how we operate / becoming a member
- Reminder: New meeting schedule / business cards available

## Members & Guests

Welcome to our guests:

- Tonia Williams of Easterseals Redwood
- Hailey
- Michael Garland and Blake Castator of State Farm Insurance
- Mary
  - **Guest Speaker: Jamie Gartaya, Ghost Pepper Technologies**-Jamie and her husband Mario are the founders/owners of Ghost Pepper Technologies, a fully managed IT company for small and midsize businesses. Their services include Cybersecurity, Cloud computing, Data backup and recovery and 24/7 help desk support. They primarily work and use the Microsoft platform with their clients.
  - **Guest Speaker: Jill Cates & Tonia Williams, Easterseals Redwood**-Jill Cates and Tonia Williams presented the Career Connection Program with Easterseals Redwood that serves young adults between the ages of 14-24 who have barriers to employment and/or education. They shared flyers to provide the details of work experience partnerships for employers. The primary intent of the work experience/internship (paid by Easterseals Redwood) is to provide the participant with career exploration and work readiness skills. An additional flyer was provided for any youth who may be interested in becoming a participant of the Career Connection Program. A video of a former participant's success story was shared with the members.
- Interested in presenting? <https://ucbma.com/meetings>

## Grants and Sponsorships

- 2026 Balance: \$25,000 – Voter Ballots were available to Members upon sign-in
- Requests for February Consideration:
  - **Lakota West Theatre “Les Misérables” will be performing April 10-12<sup>th</sup> and April 17-19<sup>th</sup>.** Rebecca Bacu, the Theater Stage manager, presented on behalf of the Lakota West Theatre. She indicated the sponsorship request would support the basic costs for continuation of their shows. A clip was shown of their recent practice to highlight their talent.
  - **SELF: 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration: April 17<sup>th</sup>**- Annette Landsman of SELF (Supports to encourage Low Income Families) Shared that they are primarily an organization that promotes Workforce Development, Self-development and Self-

improvement to help break the cycle of poverty in Butler County. They offer two programs out of Ohio Means Jobs in Butler County: Jobs Now/Employment & Skills- 9-1 Mon-Thursday with one-on-one coaching and Getting Ahead Workshops for life skills. They are seeking sponsorship for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Celebration on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Truck Rally – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

- Sponsorship Update
  - Committed: \$20,750 (2025: \$38,450 ( not including in-kind sponsorships) Our goal for 2026 is \$50,000
  - Tri-fold Brochures and printed applications were available on the member's table
- Food Truck & Vendor Applications
  - Total food truck applications: 87 applications, 42 selected (see full list of all the food trucks on Facebook). UCBMA is asking that all food trucks offer a \$7.00 food item.
- Entertainment Confirmed: Excape will perform from 3:30pm-6:00pm and The Michelle Robinson Band from 7:00pm-10:00pm
- Volunteer Signup will be posted soon. Stay tuned.

### Member Reminders/Other Business

- Member Events
  - April 10-12<sup>th</sup>, and April 17-19<sup>th</sup>– Lakota West Theatre presents: Les Misérables
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> – SELF Annual Awards Celebration (@Receptions Fairfield)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Hope's Closet: Hope in Bloom Annual Fundraiser (@Oscar Events Center)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Big Brothers / Big Sisters – Night at the Derby (@Receptions Fairfield)
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> – Highly Favored Foundation: Evening of Hope & Transformation Gala (@Receptions Fairfield)
  - April 19<sup>th</sup> – Live Like Maya Foundation: Bags, Bourbon and Brews
- **NEW! Educational Presentations from our members!**
  - 15-20 minute presentation of informative/educational value
- April Meeting: 1N5: Mental Health will be presented by Tricia Buchert, the Chief Program Officer.

### Raffles:

- Thank you to our members for their donations:
  - Larry Shideler of H7 -4 wireless Stereo Speakers
  - Denise Reier, of Print Bug -Two \$15.00 Chipotle Gift Cards
  - Steve Whayne of Miami Regionals University-Tumbler filled with candy
  - Marc Cameron of Sibcy Cline- two Mystery bags with Sibcy Cline swag

### Voting Ballot Results:

3/18/2026: UCBMA Member Ballot

Grants and Sponsorship Applications

My vote on the request for funds from: Lakota West Theatre

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$300   **X**   \$600

My vote on the request for funds from: SELF

\_\_\_\_\_ \$0 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$750   **X**   \$1500

**Total in Attendance: 35**