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Hello Members and Friends of the Builders,

Hats off to Dan Theiss for putting together another successful Summer Social. The Grand River Manor was the perfect location for a relaxing evening of dining, dancing, and of course networking. If you left after dinner you missed our own Joe Oros behind the drums. In addition to being a talented builder he is also a very good drummer. Check out our new website for photos of Joe in action.

September is Clambake month, with our own Drew Thomas serving up those tasty morsels. Normally we might have some sort of entertainment at this event but John Patterson, Ohio State Representative of the 99th District has requested to be our speaker. Representative Patterson has some interesting economic opportunities to speak to us about regarding our own beautiful part of Ohio. I would like to see a record turnout at this event to show Mr. Patterson how strong of an organization we are, so please contact Michelle or leave her a voice mail with your reservations to this annual favorite.

Our topic for October's meeting is already arranged, First Energy has requested that they speak to our membership about a new program that they are launching and that is the Energy Efficient New Homes Program. This program has some financial benefits to the builder which could make building an all electric home attractive again. If you have a potential new member that you would like to bring to this meeting just let us know and we will cover the cost of their dinner for this meeting.

This month, Michelle is unveiling our new website, to make our website attractive we need pictures of projects that you might be working on or have completed. Of course if your photos are put on our website she will recognize the builder that submitted them. Your photos will be seen by thousands of visitors that view our website each month, what better advertising could you ask for.

Sincerely,

Bill Romanko

Your President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 12th Clam Bake
Guest Speaker John Patterson
Elks

October 10th First Energy
Casa Capelli

November 14th Annual Meeting
Elks

Happy hour is 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Dinner 7:00pm

RSVP by Monday prior to meeting date and if you need to cancel please call by Tuesday evening.

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New Website

John Patterson Bio

Clam Bake

Firing Seminar Form

NEW WEBSITE

www.ashtabulacountybuilders.org

This has definately been a work in progress!
Please check it out and if you would like any information added
just give us a call.

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN PATTERSON

The new 99th district faces daunting challenges that require a state representative with unique characteristics. John Patterson possesses those characteristics.

Born on July 7th 1956, John was raised by parents who believed in the future of America. His father was a Navy veteran of WW II who put himself through college and chiropractic school. John's mother stayed at home to raise their three children. She was a homeroom mother, a Cub Scout den mother, and a leader in the PTA. Both parents insisted on their children learning the value of community service.

In high school John became the youngest manager (at 17) in Jefferson's Little League baseball history. The very next year he helped to found the Jefferson Area Girls Softball League. The value of community service clearly was beginning to materialize.

He attended Kent State University (Ashtabula Campus) taking numerous courses in history under the tutelage of Dr. Richard Knopf. After his sophomore year, he transferred to Marietta College where he became a student assistant baseball coach for the late J. Donald Schaly — College Baseball's Coach of the Century. It was during his college years that he learned another important lesson: planning and discipline.

After graduation, John completed his master's degree in Political Science, American Government in one year's time. He returned to Jefferson and became the head baseball coach at Kent State Ashtabula. To provide a steady income, he worked for the Ashtabula County Highway Department as a laborer and, later, as a truck driver. Also, he began work on his doctorate taking evening classes at Kent State, main campus.

In 1982 John met Nancy and his life was changed forever. The two sweethearts were married in the summer of 1983. In August of that year, John was asked to teach U.S. History at Jefferson Area High School. He remained in that position until his retirement in June 2012.

While at Jefferson, John has coached girls basketball, boys baseball, golf, and for the past 12 seasons, boys' cross-country. During that time, his teams have won two district titles, qualified for regionals nine times, and qualified for the state meet three times finishing third in 2002. John appreciates the outdoors; he enjoys fishing and respects hunters and their 2nd Amendment rights.

During his time at Jefferson, John has been very active in the Jefferson Area Teachers' Association. He has been the chief negotiator for his union since the late 1980's. Through this experience he learned how important it is to talk about difficult issues, analyze them from varied viewpoints and craft a solution that everyone could accept.

In 1996, John earned his Ph.D. in education from Kent State University. He has instructed undergraduate courses at Kent State and has also taught at the graduate level for Gannon University. The rigorous academic discipline necessary for the completion of a Ph.D. also sets John apart from many candidates. His attention to detail, his ability to probe deeply into the nature of problems, and his tenacious pursuit of solutions make for a most able legislator.

John is a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar (1991), Ashtabula Country Teacher of the Year (1991), Ashland Oil Teacher of the Year (1992), Jefferson Village Citizen of the Year (1995), and Kent State Ashtabula Alumnus of the Year (1999). He serves as president of the Jefferson Memorial Foundation and the vice-president of the Henderson Library Memorial Foundation.

John and Nancy have now been married more than 29 years and are the parents of Joshua (27) and Jeremiah (25). He is a member of the Jefferson United Methodist Church, sings in the Chancel Choir, and is a member of the Men's Sunday School class.

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ANNUAL CLAM BAKE



Thursday, September 12, 2013

at

Elks Lake Front Lodge

3115 Lake Road West

Ashtabula, Ohio

\$50.00 per person

6:00p.m. Happy Hour and Clam Chowder

7:00p.m. Dinner-One Dozen Clams

Your Choice of Prime Rib or 1/2 Chicken

Baked Potato - Fresh Ohio Sweet Corn

Salad - Fresh Bread - Dessert

OPEN BAR 6:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.



A GREAT TIME TO BRING A GUEST

For reservations please call (440) 645-7496 or
e-mail ashtabulacountybuilders@windstream.net
by Friday, September 6th

If you have any questions concerning the Clam Bake, call Drew Thomas at (440)998-4747