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In collaboration with some of the world's top-tier institutions, ClinicalRM responded rapidly to the 2014-2015 Ebola crisis in West Africa, with experts at the forefront of efforts to combat this infectious disease epidemic. The Hinckley, Ohio-based organization set up operationally and logistically in the Ebola hot zone with personnel and full CRO services with their affiliate, ClinicalRM-Africa. These ongoing efforts included shipping Bloodmobiles to the Ebola hot zone, conducting multiple clinical trials, building the necessary infrastructure needed for personnel and facilities, and providing on-site training. ClinicalRM continues to expand their studies and infrastructure development solutions in West Africa and globally. Learn more at www.clinicalrm.com.

**January Member Meeting Recap:
Economist Dr. George Mokrzan
Predicts Strong 2017**

Huntington Bank Economist, Dr. George Mokrzan gave MCEDC members a strong outlook on the economy for 2017. From the 30,000 foot view, he indicated the U.S. economy is forecasted to continue growing at a moderate pace of 2.2%, which is up from the 1.6% estimated in 2016.

The job growth numbers are now beyond the peak achieved prior to the recession, and wages are accelerating. Since the year 2000, we have seen an increase of 45% in disposable income, and consumers will continue to drive the economic growth. We saw a rise in goods sold in the second half of 2016, and this is expected to continue.



Jerry Fiume of SVN Summit Commercial Real Estate Group was featured this month in Crain's. Check out the article [here](#).

Congratulations to Castle Noel, which was named Main Street Medina's Business of the Year for 2016. Also recognized was Carol Kowell of the Medina County District Library who won Volunteer of the Year.



Here in Ohio we are enjoying a stronger recovery than even the country, according to Mokrzan. Unemployment is close to the lowest point it has been since 2000, and Ohio's manufacturing growth has been higher than the nation. Losing our "rust belt" image, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana have combined to create over 62% of the US manufacturing jobs.

In conclusion, Mokrzan felt 2017 would be a strong year with manufacturing continuing to grow and Ohioans benefiting more than most.



Congratulations to Commissioner Bill Hutson on being recognized for his years of service on the Medina County Port Authority by Representative Steve Hambley. David Corrado, Chief Executive Officer of the Medina County Fiber Network, was also present. Thanks to the outstanding work of these two men, Medina County will be able to provide additional competitive telecommunication and internet services to the businesses already in Medina County and those looking to locate in our great county.

Intellectual Property Webinar - Exporters and Importers Need to Know!

Did you know that foreign entities can steal your technology, register your trademark without authorization, and/or hack into your system to steal proprietary information? Learn how to protect your brand and technology!

Website hosted by NEOTEC in conjunction with Moxon and Associates.

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

To register, go to www.neotec.org

Are you having challenges with Workforce?

You are not alone!

**Come to the Workforce Summit on April 4, 2017
from 10:00am - 4:00pm**

to meet workforce solutions partners from all over the county.

These partners specialize in solving:

- Finding people who will stay with your company
- Filling entry level positions
- Training your workforce
- Benefits Information
- and more!

The Summit will also include breakout sessions:

9:00 am - 10:00 am, repeated at 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:

"The Importance of the Voice of the Employee" by Mike Rao, The HR Group

10:00 am-11:00 am repeated at 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm:

"Employee Benefit Trends" by Matt Baker, DS Benefits

11:00 am - 12:00 pm repeated at 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm:

"The absolute need for pre-employment testing" by Greg Thomas, Leadership Excellence

To register for a breakout session, call 330-722-9215 or email kathyb@medinacounty.org

2017 Dates to Know

Great things are coming in 2017! Be sure to put these dates on your calendar!

Member Meeting: February 16 - Schools Panel Discussion
Annual Meeting: March 16 - Celebrate MCEDC - Ned Hill, Keynote Speaker
Medina County Workforce Summit: April 4
Member Meeting: April 20 - State of the Cities
Member Meeting: May 18 - What's Made in Medina County
Member Meeting: June 15 - Plant Tour
Summer Event: July 15 - Stay tuned for details!
Member Meeting: September 21 - Imports and Exports
Medina County Business Awards: October 26 - Sponsored by Westfield Bank
Member Meeting: November 16 - Blair Rubber
Member Meeting: December 21 - Federal Legislators

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