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**Greater Akron Chamber Presents Economic Outlook 2009
Make Sense of the Economic Puzzle by Attending the Economic Outlook 2009 Sponsored by
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What do the experts think about the economy? On **Thursday, November 13, 2008**, join us to hear perspectives from two highly regarded economists who will help us make sense of the economic puzzle. **Dr. Ken Mayland** will provide insight on national and international factors influencing the economy. He will also share some thoughts on the results of the upcoming election. **Dr. Jack Kleinhenz** will focus on Northeast Ohio and what we can expect regionally in 2009.

Ken Mayland, Ph.D. is President of ClearView Economics, LLC, a firm specializing in economic research and forecasting. Previously, he was Chief Economist for First Pennsylvania Bank and KeyCorp. In 2007, Dr. Mayland won the Lawrence R. Klein Award for Blue Chip Economic Indicators forecast accuracy. The award is presented to the person who best forecasted real GDP, CPI inflation, the unemployment rate and the 3-month Treasury bill rate over a 4-year period (2003-2006). By design, the winner of this award must be a consistently good forecaster. *BusinessWeek* determined that Dr. Mayland was the #1 Most Accurate Forecaster for 2006. *USA Today* recognized Dr. Mayland as one of the nation's top ten forecasters for 2005, and the list continues. Dr. Mayland graduated from MIT with an undergraduate degree in economics. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. from The University of Pennsylvania.

Jack Kleinhenz, Ph.D. is CEO of Kleinhenz & Associates, a business and consulting firm in Cleveland, Ohio, that specializes in industry studies, forecasts, regional economics, labor market issues, strategic planning and business plan development. Dr. Kleinhenz is a member of the Governor of Ohio's Council of Economic Advisors and the Northeast Ohio Council of Economic Policy Advisors, trustee of Notre Dame College, and a corporate director for Beverage Distributors, Inc. He currently chairs NABE's (National Association for Business Economists) statistics committee that meets regularly with policymakers and administrators of United States statistical agencies. Dr. Kleinhenz is a contributing economic forecaster to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Economic Outlook, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the NABE outlook, industry and policy surveys. The Chicago Fed recognized Dr. Kleinhenz in 2000 - 2003 and again from 2005 - June 2008. A graduate of John Carroll University, Dr. Kleinhenz earned his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from The University of Notre Dame in 1995.

The event will be held at Rosemont Country Club, 3777 Rosemont Boulevard, Fairlawn, Ohio. Registration and networking begin at 7:30 a.m., breakfast is served at 7:40 a.m., and the program will be held from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. To make a reservation, call (330) 376-5550 or register at www.greaterakronchamber.org. The cost is \$30 member; \$40 non-member. Corporate tables of 10 are available for \$300 and includes table signage and listing in the event program. RSVP by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2008.

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