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Greater Akron Chamber's 2009 Annual Meeting Sponsored by BCG & Company

Join us on **Thursday, March 19, 2009**, as we present 2008 accomplishments, elect new board members and hear remarks from our leadership. The event is sponsored by BCG & Company and will be held at the John S. Knight Center, 77 East Mill Street, Akron, at 5:00 p.m.

For more than 100 years, the Greater Akron Chamber's Annual Meeting has been one of the most popular gatherings of business and community leaders. Each year, decision-makers from both the private and public sectors convene to commemorate the many successes of the past year, share plans for the future and enjoy excellent company and camaraderie.

Frederick J. Krum, retired director of the Akron-Canton Airport, will be awarded the H. Peter Burg Award by last year's recipient, Thomas G. Knoll. The Greater Akron Chamber's Executive Committee and the Akron Tomorrow Trustees created the H. Peter Burg Economic Development Award as a way of recognizing a local business leader who has served as a role model to enhance local and regional economic and community development.

Back by popular demand, we will hold a silent auction with a limited number of unique items. We welcome your participation and will be happy to include your company's auction item. In exchange, your company will be spotlighted to over 800 corporate decision makers in attendance at the Annual Meeting. Proceeds from the silent auction will offset the Chamber's educational programming expenses. Call (330) 376-5550 to contribute an item to the silent auction.

Reserve a table of ten today! A table at the Greater Akron Chamber's Annual Meeting will give your company the opportunity to show your support to the business community, to entertain and network with top clients and to reward hard working employees. Don't miss this opportunity not only to catch up with some old friends, but also to meet new associates that could prove to be valuable business partners well into the future. Table and patron sponsorships are available. Individual reservations are \$85 for Chamber members and \$100 for non-members.

Reservations for the Greater Akron Chamber's 102nd Annual Meeting should be made by **Thursday, March 12, 2009**. Register online at www.greaterakronchamber.org, e-mail Tony Rinella at rinella@greaterakronchamber.org or call (330) 237-1250.

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The mission of the Greater Akron Chamber is to drive economic development and prosperity for the people of the Greater Akron Region.