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Vice President, Marketing & Communications

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Greater Akron Chamber Elects Officers and Board of Directors for 2008**

The Greater Akron Chamber elected its Board of Directors and Executive Officers at its 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

**2008 Greater Akron Chamber Board**

***Term Expires 2011***

Virginia Albanese, FedEx Custom Critical  
Alan J. Bleyer, Akron General Health System  
Nicholas V. Browning, FirstMerit Bank, NA  
Timothy A. Dimoff, SACS Consulting &  
Investigative Services  
Edward Eliopoulos, Ernst & Young, LLP\*  
Richard C. Fedorovich, Bober, Markey, Fedorovich  
& Co.  
Bruce A. Jentner, Jentner Financial Group

Charles E. Jones, FirstEnergy Corp.  
Andrea Mathewson, Akron Beacon Journal  
Jeffrey A. Murphy, Dominion East Ohio  
Vivian Neal, Knight Foundation\*  
James P. Nilsen, Albrecht, Inc.\*  
Tia Ramlow, GreatWork! Employment Service\*  
Andre Thornton, ASW Global\*  
Theodore F. Walter, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

**The following board members are continuing to serve their terms:**

***Term Expires 2010***

Elizabeth Z. Bartz, State and Federal  
Communications\*  
Theresa Carter, OMNOVA Foundation  
James J. Coats, Brockman, Coats & Gedelian & Co.  
William H. Considine, Akron Children's Hospital  
William Ginter  
Jay Griffith, Advanced Elastomer Systems LP  
Joseph S. Kanfer, GOJO Industries, Inc.  
James L. Ruhlin, The Ruhlin Company

David Schipper, The Schipper Group  
Thomas J. Strauss, Summa Health System  
Karen L. Talbott, Visiting Nurse Service & Affiliates  
Donzell Taylor, Welty Building Company, Ltd.  
Kevin O. Thompson, National City Bank  
Karl Warnke, The Davey Tree Expert Company  
Bernett Williams, Akron Urban League  
Brad Wright, Roetzel & Andress\*

***Term Expires 2009***

Roger D. Emerson, Emerson, Thomson & Bennett  
LLP  
Mark Gore, Firestone Country Club  
Dennis A. Kleidon, Kleidon & Associates  
Thomas G. Knoll, Stark & Knoll Co., LPA  
Robert W. Malone, Buckingham, Doolittle &  
Burroughs, LLP  
Philip H. Maynard, ASW Global

Mike Pruitt, Mike Pruitt Honda\*  
Willard Roderick, Summa Health System Barberton  
Hospital  
Charles L. Sinclair, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber  
Company  
Glenn Stephens, G. Stephens Inc.  
Jeffery Walters, CBIZ/Mayer Hoffman McCann  
Margaret Williams, AT&T

\* denotes replacement

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## 2008 Greater Akron Chamber Executive Officers

### Chair

Thomas J. Strauss  
President & CEO, Summa Health System

### Past Chair

Thomas E. Tulodzieski  
President, KeyBank NA

### Vice Chair, Finance

James J. Coats  
President, Brockman, Coats, Gedelian & Co.

### Vice Chair, Entrepreneurship

Roger D. Emerson  
Attorney-at-Law, Emerson, Thomson & Bennett,  
LLC

### Vice Chair, Business Development

Charles E. Jones  
President, FirstEnergy Solutions  
FirstEnergy Corp.

### Vice Chair, Small Business

Dennis A. Kleidon  
President, Kleidon & Associates

### Vice Chair, Marketing

Charles L. Sinclair  
Senior Vice President, Global Communications  
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

### Vice Chair, Workforce Development

Karen L. Talbott  
President, Visiting Nurse Service & Affiliates

### Vice Chair, Advocacy

Jeffery A. Walters  
President, CBIZ/Mayor Hoffman McCann

## Greater Akron Chamber Ex-Officios

Jody Bacon, Akron Community Foundation  
Daniel C. Colantone, Greater Akron Chamber  
Charles W. Keiper, II, Portage County, Ohio  
Frederick J. Krum, Akron-Canton Airport  
Dr. Lester Lefton, Kent State University  
Russell Pry, Executive, Summit County, Ohio

Dr. Lois Margaret Nora, NEOUCOM  
Donald L. Plusquellic, City of Akron  
Dr. Luis M. Proenza, The University of Akron  
John Shulan, Shulan's Fairlawn Jewelers Inc.  
Sharon A. Ray, Medina County, Ohio

## Greater Akron Chamber Ex-Officio Young Professional Group Representatives

Heather Davis, Young Professionals of Akron  
Eustacia Netzel, TorchBearers

Michele Tomer, Akron Jaycees  
Andrea Wlaszyn, ArtCetera

## Greater Akron Chamber Life Trustees

Anthony Alexander  
Nickolas P. Andreeff  
William C. Becker\*\*  
David L. Brennan  
Richard B. Buchholzer\*\*  
Michael J. Connor  
Richard C. Fedorovich  
Howard L. Flood  
Ann Lane Gates  
Bill E. Giermann  
Ronald D. Glosser

Anthony N. Gorant  
Barbara Hiney  
William G. Hulbert  
Donald Misheff  
Alan L. Ockene\*\*  
Robert P. Reffner  
Lawrence E. Saulino  
Sterling G. Sechrist\*\*  
D. Lee Tobler  
Thomas E. Tulodzieski

\*\*Deceased

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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.***

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