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President's Corner

Well here we are, yet another year gone. If this year goes half as fast as the past year, I'll be writing my final President's corner address in just a blink of the eye. This is the time of year we reflect on our past years accomplishments and look forward to potential changes in the coming year.

The past year brought about some exciting things in the chamber. As usual a successful golf outing, providing five Revere graduates with deserving scholarships. Another wonderful event, the Sweet Corn Challenge, which not only places Richfield on the map it fills our hotels and provides additional income for all of our restaurants as well as the Chamber and the Town Trust. A new chamber discount program was implemented, the beautification award was presented to the new Taverne of Richfield, and another new slate of officers voted in.

This year brings about several changes, we are in a transition year for our management of both our main fundraisers, the golf outing and the Sweet Corn Challenge. *Wayne Minich* has provided us with several years of wonderful management, and of course guaranteed weather for the golf outing, and we thank him for all his years of service. Several individuals have stepped up to coordinate the event for 2008 lead by *Amber Chapman* and *Karen Smik* and I do hope everyone supports them and continues to support the event which provides scholarships for Revere graduating students.

Sue Serdinak has organized the Sweet Corn Challenge since it's inception over 14 years ago. She is stepping down;

Annual Banquet

Tuesday, January 15, 2008
Quality Inn and Suites Richfield

Doug Dieken

Former Browns Lineman and Current Radio/TV
Broadcaster for the Cleveland Browns

6:00 pm Cocktails, Cash Bar 7:00 pm Dinner
Hors d'oeuvres 8:00 pm Program

**Seating Limited - Contact Chamber Office
for Reservations**

velopment of players, coaches and referees, good sportsmanship, life skills for children and youth players of all levels of interest and abilities in a safe and healthy environment.

Currently, OYSAN membership exceeds 60,000 players, 7,000 coaches and approximately 2,000 referees. The OYSAN Board of Directors are volunteers and they employ eight staff members. They include the State Executive Director, Assistant Director, Director

of Coaching, Assistant Coaching Director, Programs Coordinator, Programs Assistant, Risk Management Administrator and Bookkeeper.

In brief, OYSAN provides insurance to our members, conducts background checks on team officials, offers coach, referee and player development education. Additionally, OYSAN offers state-run and sanctioned tournaments, Olympic Development and a State Premier League.

"OYSAN is grassroots driven and as an organization we feel we make decisions based on what is in the best interests for all our members." said Executive Director, *Tom Faro*.

2008 Officers

President - *Wendy Pollarine*, of **National City Bank**. Vice President - *Jason Long*, of **Fussy Cleaners**. Treasurer - *Jim Smith*, owner of **Exit 11 Tire**. Secretary - *Brian Becker*, owner of **Becker Signs**.

Reminder that 2008 membership fees are due now. Please mail your check and renewal or new information into the chamber office.

however, has agreed to coordinate this year's event as an outgoing chairperson. With several positions still needed we do hope this event can continue. I would ask that everyone contact us at the chamber to see where you can help. With the help of several individuals the event can continue without any one person being overwhelmed. Please help make sure this event continues. It generated approximately \$35,000 in net revenues last year for the Chamber and the Town Trust. It would be sad to see it disappear.

As a final note, I would like to welcome any ideas you have to continue to ensure our chamber grows and supports the businesses and residents of Richfield. Please feel free to contact me (email wendy.pollarine@nationalcity.com) if you have any ideas.

I do hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and we all have a prosperous new year.

Member Spotlight

The **Ohio Youth Soccer Association North** (OYSAN) is a non-profit organization which has been located in Richfield for many years, dedicated towards teaching and actively promoting the sport of youth soccer, the de-

Mark your calendar

January 9	Board meeting	7:00 a.m.	ScipType Publishing
January 15	Annual Banquet	6:00 p.m.	Quality Inn & Suites Richfield
January 18	Newsletter Deadline		
February 3	Luncheon	11:45 a.m.	Quality Inn & Suites Richfield
July 27, 2008	Eddy's Bike Shop	15th Annual Sweet Corn Challenge	