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President's Corner

Hopefully everyone is keeping their New Year's resolutions. I read an article that 80% of the resolutions made are broken by mid February. I did reflect that as an organization our goals are in effect our resolutions. This year is simple; continue to maintain a strong showing at our monthly luncheons, effectively transition the leadership of the golf outing and Sweet Corn Ride. The other idea is to garner more ideas through the membership of how you would like to see things move forward in the chamber and how you would like to benefit from your membership. In the coming months watch for ideas to expand the chamber's outreach, I look forward to ideas and comments to the same.

Thank you for all that was in attendance at our annual banquet featuring Doug Dieken as guest speaker. For those that could not make it, Doug gave some wonderful insight to the world of football. Particularly enjoyable was his depiction of antics on the field, especially when a rookie was involved. Thank you to John Barona and Jason Long for securing Mr. Dieken as a speaker.

Our next few meetings we will be hearing the state of the Village, Township and school district, I look forward to seeing a large turnout to hear how our governments are going to tackle the year 2008.

Don't forget, the Sweet Corn Challenge is still looking for volunteers, please call the chamber office to see what you can do to help. The funds raised are split between the chamber and the Richfield Town Trust. The

Let's do lunch!

Wednesday, February 6, 2008
Quality Inn & Suites Richfield

Mayor Mike Lyons
State of the Village

11:45 - Informal Networking 12:30 - Speaker
12:00 - Light lunch served 1:00 - Adjourn

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Please R.S.V.P. to 330-659-3300 by February 1.

Non-members bring \$11 check payable to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$11 for their reserved lunch.

Invite an associate. Bring your business cards to share.

Town Trust provides grants to improve the center of Richfield. This is where our community is identified.

Member Spotlight

For over fifty years, the **Revere Local School District** has strived to provide an excellent education for all students. With the support of residents and the hard work of staff and students, the district has excelled. For the eighth consecutive year, the district earned an "Excellent" rating, the highest possible, on the Ohio Department of Education's Local Report Card. Recently, *U. S. News and World Report Magazine* honored Revere High School as a Silver Medal school for academic performance. Only 3% of all high schools in the country achieved this distinction.

Again this year, RHS seniors were named as semifinalists and/or commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Academic success is not limited to the high school. All Revere students score above state and national averages on standardized tests. Revere students also excel in the performing arts, band, choir and athletics and are generous in supporting and participating in many charitable and civic projects, including The Relay

for Life.

In fiscal year 2008, the Revere LSD is responsible for managing a budget of \$37.5 M of which the general operating fund (GF) is \$29.3 M. Other key budgets include the debt retirement fund of \$1.5 M, the food service fund of \$750,000 and Federal Funds of \$907,000. Eighty-seven percent of the GF's operating revenue is provided by local taxes and 80% of the GF's expen-

ditures are for staffing and benefits. The district employs over 360 staff members. Remarkably, it has been seven years since the district asked the community for new operating money from the community. The District's effective millage is among the lowest in the region.

Welcome New Members

Brenda Booth, Alltel Communications; Nathaniel Hazen, St. Peregrin Academy; Bob and Chera Doty along with partner *Freddy Salem, Taverne of Richfield* and *Karen Smik*, resident of Richfield volunteering to co-chair the golf outing in 2008!

Please make these new members welcome as you meet them at chamber luncheons and other functions.

Membership Dues

Many dues for 2008 are still outstanding. Please mail in your dues and any updates to your information as soon as possible.

Sweet Corn Challenge

We need payments and logos from companies intending to sponsor the bike ride. Members wishing to sponsor the event at the 50% discount get exposure on the brochures, t-shirts and advertising for only \$500.

Mark your calendar

February 6	Luncheon	11:45 a.m.	Quality Inn & Suites Richfield
February 13	Board meeting	7:00 a.m.	Scriptype Publishing
February 18	Newsletter Deadline		
March 5	Luncheon		
July 27	Eddy's Bike Shop 15th Annual Sweet Corn Challenge		