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President's Corner

As we work our way through another round of snow and cold temperatures, I look forward to the spring that is hopefully right around the corner. It is a time to clean, regroup, implement new ideas, and plant some seeds of business growth. As we look to see how we can improve our businesses, a great place to start is right here in the Richfield

Chamber. Our members are so lucky to have many phenomenal experts right in our backyard. We have a professional in each field from financial to floral, from advertising to payroll, from insurance to legal. The solution to any business issue might be solved at our next luncheon. So, take advantage of the networking opportunities we offer each month, and you might find not only an answer, but also a new friend.

I want to thank Mayor Mike Lyons for his "State of the Village" presentation. He detailed all of the efforts that go into keeping Richfield in the great position it is even in today's difficult recession. On Wednesday February 25th, the Annual Banquet will be held at the Tavern of Richfield. Where our guest, Steve Anderson, Senior Vice President from Charles Schwab right here in Richfield, will present "Rethinking Retirement." It looks to be a very exciting, informational evening. At next month's luncheon, Laurie Gilmore, Richfield Township Trustee, will be presenting the "State of the Township." Please call the chamber office to RSVP for that luncheon.

Thank you to the Quality Inn and Suites for providing a wonderful space

Let's do lunch!

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Quality Inn & Suites Richfield

Laurie Gilmore, Trustee

State of the Township

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 27.

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.

Medina, Ashland and Richland, the Akron-based agency was established in 1927. It is a private, independent organization, operating as an affiliate member of Goodwill Industries International, and a United Way agency in Summit and Medina Counties. Goodwill helps to directly strengthen the region's workforce through its employment programs and indirectly through the net proceeds from its

for the Chamber to meet and for their appetizing lunches.

Please remember to renew your membership as soon as possible. We are in the process of creating the 2009 Richfield Chamber of Commerce Membership Directory. This directory is sent to all Richfield businesses and Richfield residents. If you want your business to be included, please renew your membership before March 1st.

Member Spotlight

Looking for work and facing adversity are difficult obstacles and valuable resources like those provided through **Goodwill Industries of Akron** helped to give 9,666 individuals a hand-up this past year.

Most known for assisting individuals that have disabilities and operating a well-established donation and resale operation, Goodwill is so much more. The agency has been in the business of meeting the needs of job seekers and extending those services to the entire population for 82 years.

Goodwill Industries of Akron is a not-for-profit corporation that helps individuals prepare for, find, and retain employment. Operating in the five-county region of Summit, Portage,

retail outlets and industrial services division. For more information about Goodwill, visit www.goodwillakron.org or call *Beth Galambos* at 800-989-8428.

Bicentennial T-Shirts

The Chamber will be selling T-shirts with the Richfield Bicentennial logo on them at upcoming events. We hope to have them ready to sell soon. You will want these special souvenirs of 2009 to remember all the occasions to celebrate Richfield's 200th birthday. Watch for more information.

New Members

We have several new members so far this year. Please welcome: *Beth Galambos* of **Goodwill Industries of Akron**; *Carl Hummel* of **HOC Transport Company**; *Suzanne Scott* of **Pioneer Tool and Die Company** and *Alex Burlotos* of **Symphony Group LLC**.

Hopefully, they will join in at one of our chamber luncheons soon. We look forward to meeting them and getting acquainted. The luncheons provide fine networking opportunities as well as fine food as mentioned earlier in this newsletter. Reservations are needed. Just call the chamber office.

March 4	Luncheon	11:45 a.m.	Quality Inn & Suites Richfield
March 11	Board meeting	7:00 a.m.	Scriptype Publishing
March 16	Newsletter Deadline		
April 25	Town Trust Calico Ball		Taverne of Richfield
June 17	Golf Outing - Steak Roast		St. Bernard Golf Club
July 26	Eddy's Bike Shop 16th Annual Sweet Corn Challenge		

Mark your calendar