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## President's Corner

We are all very blessed to be able to live and work where ever we choose. People in other countries are not so fortunate. The United States of America has come a long way since we first separated ourselves from England back in the 1700's. Many Americans have died fighting for our country or fighting to help other countries. What do you feel when you see the American Flag? What emotions do you experience when you hear the Star Spangled Banner? When was the last time you said out loud, with your right hand over your heart, The Pledge of Allegiance? Do you really know the true meaning of them? When was the last time you shook hands with a Veteran, and said "Thank You"?

When I see the American Flag, I think of my two grandfathers who fought in World War II. When I hear the Star Spangled Banner, I tear up every time. When I say The Pledge of Allegiance, I feel overwhelmed with pride. I had the opportunity as a young child to spend the summer days with my grandfather. He was a World War II Veteran. He was also a U.S. History teacher for over 30 years. At a young age, I learned a lot about being a true American and the respect that all Veteran's have earned.

## *Let's do lunch!*

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Day's Inn & Suites - Richfield

**Dorothy Wiseman**

**American Red Cross of Summit and Portage Counties**

11:30 - 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 April 5.**

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.

As I write this letter, one of America's true heroes just passed away. Gunnery Sgt. Robert L. Gilbert was critically wounded in Afghanistan just a few days ago. GySgt. Gilbert is a Richfield resident, as well as his family. He graduated from Revere in 2000. GySgt. Gilbert was one of only 3 of the youngest Marines, to be promoted to Sergeant at the age of 20. Advancement to Gunnery Sergeant usually does not happen until a Marine is in his mid 30's, he was in his 20's. This was his 5th tour in the Middle East. This indomitable young man is the true definition of an "American Hero". GySgt. Gilbert has made the ultimate sacrifice for Americans like us and our children. Please keep GySgt. Gilbert and his family in your prayers.

If you know a Veteran, call them and say "Thank You". Don't know any Veterans? I would be happy to

introduce you to a few. So the next time you see the American Flag, what will YOU think?

## **Golf Outing**

Plans are well underway for the 13th Annual Richfield Chamber of Commerce "Links for Education" Golf Outing to be held on Wednesday, June 16, at St. Bernard Country Club. Registration, putting contest and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:00

p.m. shotgun start. Happy hour will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. and dinner will be served after golf. Lots of fun contests and a great raffle are planned! The committee is actively seeking hole sponsors, starting at \$100, as well as donations for our raffle. We also need a few volunteers to help the day of the event. "Job" assignments include driving the beverage cart and helping with the putting contest. No prior experience is required! A registration form and sponsorship form will be included in the May newsletter. Please contact Karen Smik at (330) 659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for additional information and/or to volunteer for a job assignment. A portion of the proceeds from this event will fund the Chamber's 2010 scholarships for graduating Revere High School seniors. Last year six \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

## **DAY'S INN AND SUITES RICHFIELD**

Planning an event or meeting? Reserve your space now for the following:  
Wedding, Retreat, Meeting, Seminar, Reunion, Party, Social or Birthday Party!!!

Contact John Renner at 330-659-6151 ext. 516.

17th Annual Eddy's Bike Shop Sweet Corn Challenge		July 25
Links for Education Golf Outing	St. Bernard Golf Club	June 16
Newsletter Deadline		April 16
Board meeting	7:00 a.m.	April 14
Luncheon	11:30 a.m.	April 7
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**Mark your calendar**

**NOTE:**

The information for two of the members offering discounts to chamber members had incorrect phone numbers. Please make note that the correct phone numbers are: 330-659-2949 for Austin J. Linden III, CFP®, CLU, ChFC of Financial Management Strategies; and 330-659-3776 for Sandra Apidone of Countryside Florist.