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## President's Corner

"There are risks and costs to a program of action. But they are far less than the long-range risks and costs of comfortable inaction." - John F. Kennedy. In our current economy, we hear more and more in the media about the risks and uncertainty in the marketplace. As business owners this can be very intimidating and cause us to stand on the sideline

and possibly miss some great opportunities. We need to stay optimistic and keep focus because, throughout history, we see those individuals who followed a course of action rather than comfortable inaction, those who weren't afraid to fail, were the ones who ultimately succeeded:

He set two very different records: the home run record and the record for strikeouts: 1360...Babe Ruth

She was dismissed from drama school with a note that read, "Wasting her time - She's too shy to put her best foot forward"....Lucile Ball

They were turned down by the Decker Recording Company who said, "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on its way out"...The Beatles

Cut from his high school basketball team, he locked himself in his room and cried...Michael Jordan

Fired from a newspaper because he lacked imagination and he had no original ideas...Walt Disney

His fiancé died, he failed in business twice, he had a nervous breakdown, and he was defeated in eight elections...Abraham Lincoln

If you've never struggled or failed,

## *Let's do lunch!*

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

John Renner

U. S. Small Business Administrator

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 May 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.

the beverage cart and to help with the putting contest. Contact Karen Smik at 330-659-4750 or kls1650@roadrunner.com for additional information about the outing and/or to volunteer. A registration form and sponsorship form are included in this mailing. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Chamber's scholarships program. Last year six \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Approximately \$44,000 has

been awarded since the golf outing's inception. Join fellow business people on the links June 17.

## New Member

Welcome to new member *Thomas M. Moran* of **Top Shelf Enterprises, Inc.**, offering home inspection services. We look forward to meeting Tom at our luncheon meetings.

## Bicentennial T-shirts

We now have in stock Richfield Bicentennial T-shirts and sweatshirts. The shirts are available in the Chamber office and will be for sale at bicentennial events as well.

## Sweet Corn Challenge

The July 26 event is quickly approaching. Our 16,000 brochures have been printed and mailed and our jerseys and shirts ordered. Now we need volunteers for the day of the event. Contact the Chamber if you can volunteer or would like a registration brochure. We are very grateful for our sponsors: Eddy's Bike Shop, Richfield Giant Eagle, Glencairn, Regina Health Center, OEConnection, CCG Automation, Charles Schwab and ScripType Publishing.

you probably have never pushed yourself to a higher level. Failure comes with taking risks and action, but that is how we ultimately learn and grow to then achieve success.

Let The Richfield Chamber be that place where you can feel confident about taking calculated actions and risks in your business, a place where you can develop new ideas and tools to conquer those struggles. We can share both our great successes and struggles so we can learn and grow from each other.

## Links for Education

Don't miss out on our 12th Annual "Links for Education" Golf Outing to be held on Wednesday, June 17 at St. Bernard Country Club in Richfield. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Happy hour is at 4:00, and dinner will be served at 5:30. Many great prizes will be raffled off. Several contests will be held during the day.

The committee is actively seeking raffle donations and hole sponsors, starting at \$100. We need volunteers to be spotters for the contests, to drive

May 6	Luncheon	11:45 a.m.	Quality Inn & Suites Richfield
May 13	Board meeting	7:00 a.m.	Scriptype Publishing
May 18	Newsletter Deadline		
June 17	Golf Outing - Steak Roast		St. Bernard Golf Club
July 26	Eddy's Bike Shop 16th Annual Sweet Corn Challenge		

**Mark your calendar**