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# Chamber Monthly, December 2008

## President's Corner

I can't believe that Thanksgiving is here and Christmas is right around the corner. This year has flown by. I have enjoyed serving as president this year and have witnessed several milestones. • We began participation in the Scholarship of Entrepreneurial Engagement program at Revere High School. This program supports students in a

business plan writing contest and provides a total of \$500 in scholarship funds for students that submit winning business plans. • We provided six \$1,000 scholarships to Revere High School students from funds raised via the Links to Education golf outing. • We raised over \$38,000 in funds for the Chamber and the Richfield Town Trust via the Eddie's Bike Shop Sweet Corn Challenge event. • We presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Hanna Weisburn for her winning artistic T-shirt design submission. Hanna is in the first grade and will have the funds held in a CD until she ventures off to college. • We also updated our web site, providing a more extensive venue for our members.

October's meeting was well attended with John Debo, Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park providing us with some interesting facts about the park system along with an overview of future plans. November we switched our meeting to a candidate's night to allow members and residents to hear the views of our local political candidates. Thank you to Randy Cole, Brian Williams and Bill Roemer for taking the time out of their busy schedules to talk to us.

## *Let's do lunch!*

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Quality Inn & Suites Richfield

Ralph Waszak

**Richfield Business Wrap-Up for 2008**

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 December 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 Taverne of Richfield also did a wonderful job hosting the event with some delicious appetizers.

December's meeting will be a recap of what has occurred in 2008 on the real estate front in Richfield, presented by Ralph Waszak. If we ask nicely he might even share what is in the planning for 2009. The December meeting is also the election of new officers so I hope to see everyone there.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the board this year, **Jason Long Fussy Cleaners**, Vice President; **Jim Smith Exit 11 Truck Tire Service**, Treasurer; **Brian Becker Becker Signs**, Secretary; **Sue Serdinak ScripType Publishing**, Sweet Corn Challenge Chair; **Karen Smik**, Links to Education Golf Outing Chair; **Dick Roznovsky Town Square Realty**, Beautification Chair, and **Sandra Apidone Countryside Florist**, past President. I also want to thank Jean Heine the Chamber administrative assistant. Jean is really the heart of the chamber, coordinating our luncheons, forwarding all correspondence, and reminding me when my monthly column is due!

As we move toward the end of

the year I have a few reminders, first, membership renewal letters will be sent out soon. Please take the time to renew before January 15th as we are going to put together a hard copy directory in 2009, something we haven't done in a few years and several people have requested. I would also like for you to please consider becoming more active in the chamber. We desperately need a membership chair

to ensure our membership continues to grow and provide the wonderful benefits we currently enjoy. Please call the chamber office or myself if you are interested in helping in any capacity in 2009.

## Monthly Luncheon Features

**Richfield Business Activity Report**  
Come to our monthly luncheons to hear Ralph Waszak providing an update on the real estate activity in town.

## Richfield Sweet 16

Tired of watching the NASDAQ and S&P 500? Come join us at the monthly luncheon to hear the **Richfield 16** update from **Jack Braun C. M. Thornton**. Jack has compiled a list of 16 publicly traded companies with offices in Richfield to show how the market affects our community.

## Member Spotlight

Next month the spotlight article will return. If you have not had an opportunity to present one yet, please step up. Prepare about 250 words of text and send to the above email address or fax. It would be great if everyone got a chance. Spotlights will appear in the order they are received.

December 3  
December 10  
**December 17**

Luncheon  
Board meeting  
11:45 a.m.  
7:00 a.m.

**Newsletter Deadline**

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