

CHAMBER MONTHLY



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Tim Ochwat

November is almost here and the trees are simply beautiful. Don't forget to vote Tuesday, November 8th. It is your privilege as an American citizen; so take advantage of it.

Please forward your nominations for next year's Richfield Chamber of Commerce officers to Sue Serdinak, Nominating Committee Chairperson, at mail@richfieldchamber.com. Do not hesitate to nominate yourself, and when nominating someone else, please confirm his or her willingness to serve. The officers are vice-president and secretary. The next Executive Board meeting will be at the ScripType Building beginning at 7:30 am, Tuesday, November 8th. Please come if you want to see what serving on the board is all about.

Thanks go to Chuck Hurst, local volunteer of SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), who gave us an overview of what SCORE is doing throughout the community at last month's lunch. This month's speaker is

Daniel Sustin. We look forward to hearing him speak about the Carpenter's Apprenticeship Program in Richfield.

Our monthly luncheons are an outstanding opportunity to get to know and share business with other community members. The luncheons take place on the odd months at the Taverne of Richfield, on the even months at the Days Inn, the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 11:45 am with informal networking. The formal meeting starts at noon. The non-member cost is \$11.

I look forward to seeing you at this month's luncheon.

Tim Ochwat, President

Thank you to Sandy Apidone and her staff at Country Side Florist for handing out candy on behalf of the Chamber on Halloween. They put together several hundred bags to represent the Chamber.

Nominate a Richfield business for BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 3 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

Also

Nominate a Richfield business for the BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Call the Chamber office with your beautification nomination. The committee will view all nominated properties.



**WEDNESDAY,
November 2, 2016**

Speaker

Daniel Sustin,

**Training Coordinator,
Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship
and Training Program**

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at the

Days Inn

Members admitted free with a reservation.

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.**

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

Our November Speaker

Daniel Sustin

Training Coordinator,
Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship
and Training Program

Daniel Sustin has been in the carpentry trade since getting out of the U.S. Army in 1995.

During his time spent on job sites, he specialized in high-end finish and millwork in both the residential and commercial industries.

In 2008, Daniel was hired as a carpentry and cabinetmaking instructor at the Richfield Campus of the Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Program, where he has worked until being promoted to Training Coordinator in early 2016.

Sustin is married with two children and resides in Geauga County.

About the Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Program

Situated on a 3.5 acre property with both indoor and outdoor training areas, the Richfield Campus of the Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Program currently has 755 apprentices enrolled in one of the four-year programs: the carpenter, floor layer, millwright, or the pile driver program. Currently, there are 595 carpenters, 60 floor layers, 88 millwrights, and 12 pile drivers.

This program is completely free to apprentices, saving them \$2,200 per year. On top of that, apprentices can earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Applied Industrial Technology from Cuyahoga Community College at no additional cost to the student.

Richfield is not the only location provided by the Ohio Carpenters Apprenticeship and Training Program. In fact, there are currently 2,170 apprentices across the state of Ohio, not only in Richfield, but Columbus, Toledo, and Cincinnati.

There is an Annual State Contest/Open House for all four training centers, which consists of six contests in concrete, interior finish, interior systems, millwrighting, floorcovering, and residential construction.

Anyone can apply for the program online at www.ohcap.org. However, it is the student's responsibility to find employment. Once employed, the student can be enrolled in the program and start to take classes.

Pine Valley Thanks Veterans

Pine Valley Care Center would like to say "thank you for serving our country" to the following residents who sacrificed for our nation. "To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, God bless you and thank you."

Alex Stallworth - Army

Sammy Davis - Marines

Charles Starks - Army

Jake Stevens - Army

Robert Sandorf - Army

Greg Miles - Army

Willie Raines - Army

Max Atkins - Army

Dale Helkoski - Navy

Jim Callahan - Marines

James Karpinski - Army

Jim Cook - Navy

Norman Abraham - Army

CVCC to Host Craft Fair, Planning Workshop

The Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will be hosting a Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Shop for the perfect gift from over 75 vendors! Admission is \$1 and children 12 and under are free.

Also, on Wednesday, November 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. there will be a college planning workshop for freshmen/sophomores and their parents. This event is free and students/parents can register online at <http://tinyurl.com/CCP-11-2-16>.

A Murder Mystery with a Touch of History

The Richfield Historical Society is hosting "Murder at Ye Olde Church" - a murder mystery with a touch of history -- on Saturday, November 12 from 6 to 9 p.m. at historic Richfield Fellowship Hall (3903 Broadview Road).

This year's theme is the 1890s. While costumes are optional, a prize will be awarded for the most authentic attire!

Cost for this ghastly affair is \$35/person which includes appetizers, dinner and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

Make check payable and mail to: Richfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 215, Richfield 44286. Deadline for reservations is November 8. For further clues, call 330-659-4750.

Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with OEConnection, will honor the Richfield Business of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet on January 12. The Chamber Board of Directors is accepting nominations for this award. Large or small Richfield businesses can be nominated and businesses can nominate themselves.



To nominate a business, please send us:

- Your name and contact information.
- The name of the business you are nominating.
- The owner or CEO of that business.
- His or her contact information.

Then describe in 300 words or less how the business meets any or all of the criteria that follow:

1. This business demonstrates success and exceptional performance in business practices.
2. This business has been recognized in its industry or by an employee or business organization.
3. This business has made an economic impact on Richfield, the region or the state within the last one to three years.
4. This business has demonstrated corporate citizenship and/or community leadership.
5. This business overcame a diverse or extraordinary circumstance.
6. This business fills a unique void in the community.

Please submit your nomination no later than December 5, 2016.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
4300 W. Streetsboro Rd., Richfield 44286

OEConnection, the 2012 Richfield Business of the Year, is sponsoring the 2016 award.

BUSINESS BOOKS

For those of you who have time for only one business related book a month, the Richfield Branch Library has gone into the shelves to narrow down trending title suggestions.

Best They Could Be: How the Cleveland Indians Became the Kings of Baseball: 1915-1920

By Scott Longert

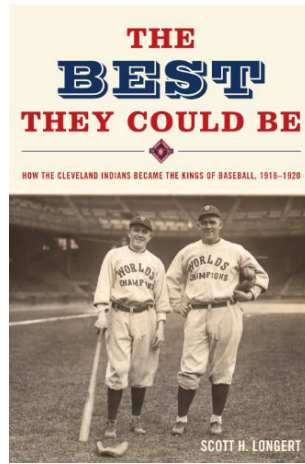
Potomac Books, 2013.

ISBN: 9781612344935

We scrapped our original business book review. The Cleveland Indians frenzy is viral and all-consuming, and we are going to help spread the love of our Tribe with "The Best They Could Be" by local author and long-time Tribe fanatic Scott Longert.

While we're holding the original book for next month, we are keeping the flavor of a business book with this pick.

In 1915, the financial stability of the Indians franchise was bleak. The owner was bankrupt. In came Sunny



What did he do that Sommers couldn't - or didn't - do? How did Tris Speaker,

Jim Dunn, a millionaire with no experience - an underdog new owner for an underdog team.

This is the story of how Dunn managed to turn it all around for the Tribe.

who cost a pretty penny and was a step in the right direction for the team, set a regrettable precedent?

Take a seat at League Park. World War I is raging. Cleveland is booming. Chapman is there. So is Bill "Wamby" Wambsganss. Play ball and enjoy, Tribe fans!

Scott Longert also has a new book out called: No Money, No Beer, No Pennant: The Cleveland Indians and Baseball in the Great Depression (2016).

Book reviewed by Jennifer Stencel, Branch Manager of the Richfield Branch Library

Save the Date: January 12, 2017 Chamber Banquet and Feature Speaker

The Chamber Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Anthony (Tony) Mercurio, the president and Chief Executive Officer of National Interstate Corporation, will be the feature speaker at the Chamber's Annual Banquet in January.

Mr. Mercurio has been with National Interstate about 20 years and has been involved in its exponential growth and success.

National Interstate was founded in Richfield in 1989 with about 80 employees. Today, the company employs 550 people and plans to add about 200 people next year to occupy

the third building to be constructed in their corporate campus on Kinross Parkway.

Mr. Mercurio is a Lorain, Ohio native and attained his BA from the University of Mount Union and his MBA from Cleveland State University.

He and his family lived in Atlanta and Fenton, Missouri as he took on different leadership roles within the company. Now, he and his wife and two children live in Richfield.

National Interstate also has operations in Kapolei, Hawaii, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and Fenton, Missouri.



Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

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As a Chamber Member,

If you have an event or special promotion or recognition that you would like to appear in the monthly newsletter, please submit it to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of each month.

Please limit your release to 100 words. Attachments will not be accepted.