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# Chamber Monthly, February 2011

## President's Corner

The Richfield Chamber of Commerce is off to a good start for 2011 with an enthusiastic group of newly elected officers: Ralph R. Waszak Sr., president; Jim Koewler, vice-president; Kristine Brill, treasurer; and Joe Mazur, secretary.

Committee Chairs: Karen Smik, Golf Outing; Sue Serdinak, Sweet Corn Challenge; Kristine Brill, membership and after hours; Wendy Pol-larine, scholarship and website; Dick Roznovsky, Beautification Award; and Jim Smith Jr., Town Trust Representative.

The Annual Banquet was held on January 19th. Michael Prandi, national claims manager for Westfield Insurance, Richfield's newest corporate citizen, was our speaker. Michael's frequently humorous speech offered insight into the corporate culture of this highly respected company that we are fortunate to have in our town.

Plans are underway for our two annual major events – the Sweet Corn Challenge Bike Ride and the "Links for Education" Golf Outing. These successful events have established a tradition of being well orchestrated and financially successful. As always, these events are dependent upon the support of sponsors and volunteers. Your help is needed and will be greatly

## *Let's do lunch!*

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Days Inn & Suites - Richfield

### "State of Revere Schools"

**Randy Boroff, Superintendent**

**Dave Forrest, CFO and Treasurer**

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 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.

appreciated.

Kristine Brill is planning quarterly after hours events for networking opportunities and Jim Koewler is lining up speakers for our monthly luncheon meetings that will enlighten and inform you. 2010 was a challenging year for all businesses, large or small. Although rumor has it that we are gradually coming out of the global recession, it is likely that 2011 will also be a challenging year. We are fortunate that Richfield is well situated as a community in which to live and to do business.

This is your chamber of commerce. As president, I welcome your suggestions on ways to improve it and make it more responsive to your needs. I would like to express my thanks to outgoing President Tim Ostrander and other officers, committee chairs and volunteers for their service this

past year.

Thought of the month – "We have met the enemy and he is us" - Pogo

## **Regina Receives Top Ranking**

Regina Health Center was ranked in the top six percent of 963 nursing homes in Ohio according to the results of the 2010 Nursing Home Family Satisfaction Survey. Regina received an overall score of 93.85 out of 100 points. Additionally, Regina was the second highest

ranking Summit County facility in the family satisfaction survey. To view all of the results, visit [lrc.ohio.gov](http://lrc.ohio.gov).

## **Countryside Takes Online Orders**

Countryside Florist now makes it possible to place orders online at [countrysideofrichfield.com](http://countrysideofrichfield.com).

## **Revere Renewal Levy Is on February Ballot**

The Revere five-year renewal levy on the Feb. 8 ballot will not increase taxes. The fixed-sum emergency levy collects \$4.56 million annually and represents approximately 14 percent of the district's operating budget. This levy was first passed in 2001 for 6.9 mills and renewed in 2005. Because of new construction and the fixed sum nature of this renewal levy, the millage has decreased to 4.66.

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February 2  
February 9  
February 18

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