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## President's Corner

Northeast Ohio native Betsy Kling joined Channel 3 News as Meteorologist in March 2003.

Betsy came to Channel 3 from First Coast News (WTLV/WJXX - TV), the NBC and ABC affiliates in Jacksonville, Florida. Prior to easy winters in the "Sunshine State", Betsy spent three years at WKJG-TV in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Born and raised in Copley, Betsy is a 1993 graduate of Copley High School. She attended Bowling Green State University and graduated in 1997 with a degree in journalism and a minor in meteorology. She completed her remaining meteorology courses through Mississippi State University.

Living in the Midwest, Betsy grew up with an awareness of thunderstorms and tornadoes. She never really thought of weather as a career until college, when a "dorm-mate" tricked her into taking a Meteorology course as a lab science. Although it was the hardest class she has ever taken (after her "dorm-mate" promised the class was easy), it turned out to be truly fascinating. Betsy is a member of the American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Association, and has earned the Seal of Approval from both professional organizations. In addition, in 2004, Betsy was elected as a

## *Let's do lunch!*

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

Day's Inn & Suites - Richfield

**Betsy Kling**

**WKYC Channel 3 Weather Person**

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 August 2.**

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.

## Sweet Corn Champions

After 16 years with no rain, the strength of the Chamber and its guests were tested on July 25 when it rained most of the morning. Still 1,874 registered for the Sweet Corn Challenge, including 233 people who rode the 100-mile route!

It all went so smoothly that we had nothing but compliments, praise and thank you's from our guests. All of the data has not

NWA councilor and acts as the public relations chairperson for the group. She also serves on the membership committee and organizes fundraisers to support NWA college scholarships for aspiring meteorologists. For her efforts, she was honored with the National Weather Association's Member of the Year award for 2004, and is a recent recipient of the 2009 Emmy for the Best Weather Forecaster in Northeast Ohio.

She is active in the community and donates time to area charities including events that support the Hattie Larlham Organization (for which she received the 2004 Media Award for Service), the American Cancer Society and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Betsy is married to WKYC-TV reporter/anchor Paul Thomas and is mom to a toddler named Josephine.

Her presentation on Aug. 4 should be very interesting.

been tabulated yet, but we know riders came from several states and at least two foreign countries: England and Germany. They enjoyed the challenge. Our volunteers were fantastic, working in adverse conditions, including lots of mud. Our list is too long but the co-chairs must be thanked and praised: **Jim Smith (Exit 11)**, **Sarah Schoolcraft (resident)**, **Wendy Pollarine (PNC)**, **Renee Shipley (CPA)**, **Jason Long (Fussy Cleaners)**, **Tim Ostrander (Tim's Custom Electric)** and **Karen Smik**.

Of course without the seed money of our great sponsors there would be no event to showcase Richfield. Thank you to: **Eddy's Bike Shop**, **Richfield Giant Eagle**, **Glencairn Forest**, **Fussy Cleaners**, **Tim's Custom Electric**, **Empaco**, **OEConnection**, **Regina Health**, **CCG Energy Solutions**, **OSANA**, **Scrip-Type Publishing** and **Summa Health**.

Sue Serdinak, chair

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August 4  
August 11  
August 18

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

Quality Inn & Suites Richfield  
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