

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Sheryl Wilson

Happy Fall! Don't forget to turn your clocks back 1 hour this weekend. Hope you use this extra hour wisely! It helps to remember to either *Spring Forward* or *Fall Back* when the mind begins to ask the question, "Do I move the clocks back or forward?"

Our Networking event was a great success at the Renaissance of Richfield. Once again Gigi and Jen did a terrific job setting up and promoting these events for our members. Please share the invites for future networking events. If you would like to host an event, please forward an email to mail@richfieldchamber.com.

The Richfield Chamber Board is still seeking nominees for board positions which need to be filled for 2020. Please feel free to nominate yourself or recommend someone to serve. Nominations will be received at mail@richfieldchamber.com.

Our Annual Banquet is set for January 16th at National Interstate. Keep an eye out for your invitation. Rachael Stentz-Baughner from the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission will be

our keynote speaker.

Watch your mail for membership renewal letters that will be heading your way. The Richfield Chamber has partnered with the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce to offer health-care coverage through Summa. Pass the word amongst your peers and colleagues who might benefit from this.

Looking forward to seeing you next week at Michael Angelo's Winery for our November luncheon. Our Keynote Speaker is John Klipfell, Co-Director of Believe in Ohio (a statewide STEM entrepreneurial program). John will speak on "Are Our Students Ready for the Future?"

- Sheryl L. Wilson

President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce



**LET'S DO
LUNCH!**

**WEDNESDAY,
November 6, 2019**

Speaker

John M. Klipfell

**"Are Our Students Ready
for the Future?"**

11:45 Informal Networking

12:00 Light lunch served

12:30 Speaker

1:00 Adjourn

at

Michael Angelo's Winery

Members admitted free with a reservation.

Non-members bring \$15 check payable to Richfield Chamber of Commerce

No-shows will be invoiced \$15 for their reserved lunch.

**Invite an associate!
Bring your business cards
to share.**

**Please R.S.V.P. to
330-659-3300 by 4 p.m. Nov. 1.**

ACCEPTING BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

Nominate a Richfield business for

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

See page 4 in this newsletter for the guidelines.

ALSO Each year the Richfield Chamber of Commerce recognizes a business that has enhanced their property.

Nominate a Richfield business for the

BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Email the chamber at mail@richfieldchamber.com with your beautification nomination.

The committee will view all nominated properties.

Our November Speaker

John M. Klipfell

Entrepreneur John M. Klipfell is a former small business owner who currently serves as co-director of the Believe in Ohio program, a statewide STEM entrepreneurial education program.



John earned a BS from BGSU and was recognized as an Accomplished Graduate of its College of Business. John began his career as a CPA in Dayton, before joining American Greetings Corporation, where, over 25 years he held senior executive positions in accounting, international operations, general management, and Internet marketing. Since retiring in 2000, he founded the Cleveland Furniture Bank and Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio. He also serves on the Broadview Chamber Board.

John and his wife of 49 years Cheryl have visited all 50 US states, all ten provinces of Canada, and all four countries of the UK, walked on all seven continents, sailed on all five oceans, and, have visited 117 different countries. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Life in Richfield and Beyond

On Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m., the Richfield Historical Society is holding the final TakeMeBack Series presentation "Life in Richfield and Beyond."

Robert "Gene" Leiendecker, who is being inducted into the Revere High School Hall of Fame on November 11, will talk about his Richfield days, armed services career and life after the military.

The presentation will be held at the Historical Museum at 3907 Broadview Road and is free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Call 330-659-4750 for additional information.

As a Chamber Member, If you have an event, special promotion or recognition that you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please submit a press release to mail@richfieldchamber.com by the 20th of the month. Your release should be in paragraph format of 100 words or less. Attachments will not be accepted.

Business Spotlight: Cuyahoga Valley Inn

Cuyahoga Valley Inn is welcoming visitors as the newest bed & breakfast in the Richfield Village Historical District. Resident innkeeper Joyce Mihalik, has transformed this lovely mid-1800's historical home into a four bedroom bed & breakfast. Rooms can be rented as a 1 or 2 bedroom stay, or all four bedrooms for larger parties.

Guests will enjoy well-appointed rooms with amenities such as the Great Music Room, robe & slipper service, all-day snacks, reading Nooks, Wi-Fi and streaming TVs, and a continental breakfast along with the many porches and wooded views.

"Travelers seek smooth and comforting leisure or business travel, and I encourage them to communicate with us in advance so we can create a customized, delightful experience" says Joyce Mihalik,

Guests can find the Cuyahoga Valley Inn at 3758 Brecksville Rd. in Richfield, and reserve accommodations by calling 330-730-2350, or through Airbnb, Expedia, Hotels.com and Trip Advisor.



Cozy Up to Winter Wonders

The Friends of Crowell Hilaka will be hosting "Cozy Up to Winter Wonders at Richfield Heritage Preserve" on Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Attendees can purchase delectable Christmas cookies (sold by the pound), enjoy our gourmet hot chocolate bar, and go on a guided hike or take a horse drawn wagon ride. Several vendors will be on hand offering their handmade items. Free storytelling, nature crafts, cookie decorating, and face painting will be available for our younger guests. And word on the trail has it that Father Christmas will appear astride his beloved horse!

Go to www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org for further details.

Lunch & Learn at Mustard Seed Market & Café

1Direction invites Richfield Chamber members to a free Lunch & Learn on November 12 at Mustard Seed Market & Cafe at Highland Square.

Business owners need a framework for sustainable business growth. The 7 Steps to a Great Business program will change the way you think about success in business and will identify value-enhancing processes and routines needed to transform your business results. The following key concepts will be presented by 1Direction Inc. Certified Business Coach, Rob Wentz:

- The importance of a success mindset.
- Creating a strategic framework that drives sustainable business GROWTH.
- Transforming your business into a wealth-producing asset.

For more information visit: www.brianalquist.actioncoach.com/events.

Spread the Love with Broadview Insurance

Did you know that peanut butter is one of the most requested items at food banks? This November, Broadview Insurance Agency is spreading the love by collecting jars of peanut butter to donate to the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank. Donations can be dropped off at 4025 Broadview Road in Richfield, or contact us at 330-659-4866 to schedule a pick up.

Two New Adult Education Programs at CVCC

The Adult Education Department at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is offering two NEW programs starting January 21. The Esthetics program is certified through the Ohio Board of Cosmetology and trains students to perform services in Healthy Skin Care and Make-up Artistry. The Medical Administrative Specialist program provides students with CPR, HIPPA and Certified Medical Administrative Assistant Certification through the National Healthcare Association. Both programs are enrolling now! These programs offer Federal Student Aid to those who qualify. To enroll or for further information, contact Dignity Ruebensaal at druebensaal@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8206, or Terri Lynn Brosseau at tbrosseau@cvccworks.edu or 440-746-8210.



Rachael Stentz-Baughner

Vice President of



“Regional Economic Powerhouse” that generated \$65M in 2019

Presentation and Banquet
January 16, 2020 • 6 PM
at National Interstate Insurance
3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield

Sponsored by Richfield Chamber of Commerce

SAVE THE DATE!



Nominate the Richfield Business of the Year

The Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with OEC, will honor the Richfield Business of the Year at the Chamber's annual banquet. 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, 2019.

It can be emailed to: mail@richfieldchamber.com

or mailed to: Richfield Chamber of Commerce,
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OEC, the 2012 Richfield Business of the Year, is sponsoring this 2019 award.