

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a very nice holiday season celebrating with family and friends. I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Board President for the Chamber in 2020 and look forward to a busy and productive year. I would like to congratulate our newly elected Board officers for the 2020 calendar year: Lynn Seifert, Vice President; Mark Yantek, Secretary; and Justin Hamlin, Treasurer. I would also like to thank Sue Serdinak, Karen Smik, and Jim Koewler for their ongoing support and welcome Stacy Dottavio who will provide support to the Board in her role as Administrative Assistant. Special thanks to Gigi Gerstenberger who will be stepping away from the Membership Chair role this year. Gigi has worked tirelessly over the past 2 years and had an enthusiasm for the Chamber that was palpable and contagious. We appreciate all she has done.

As we begin 2020, the Board will continue to focus on both building our membership and increasing interaction among our members. To support this mission, please remember to "follow" "like" and "share" our messages on social media and continue to get involved in our monthly luncheons, networking, and fund-raising events. As business leaders we have an opportunity to have real impact within our community, and I ask that in 2020 you consider joining or volunteering at our community events such as the Links for Education golf outing, Evening Networking, and more. You can get involved by reaching out to Stacy

at 330-659-3300. Also, a quick note that the Board is considering an exciting new option for our primary fundraiser that will involve local businesses and residents and will begin planning sessions in January. More to come on that...

Finally, I encourage all our members to join us at the Chamber's Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 16th at National Interstate. We are very pleased to have Rachael Stentz-Baugher from the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission (GCSC) as our keynote speaker for this year's event. The GCSC serves to "measurably improve the economy of greater Cleveland and enrich the community by attracting, creating, managing, and enhancing significant sporting and competitive events." Since 2000, the GCSC has brought more than 200 sporting events to the region which have provided more than \$811 million in economic activity to northeast Ohio.

We will also recognize and present two awards for Richfield Business of the Year and the Business Beautification Award during this year's banquet. Please plan to join us! Special thanks to National Interstate for hosting this event for a third year, and for graciously sponsoring the cocktail hour. I look forward to seeing you there!

Amy French



CHAMBER BANQUET

**THURSDAY,
January 16, 2020**

Banquet Speaker

Rachael Stentz-Baugher
Vice President, Administration
& Development, Greater Cleveland
Sports Commission

**5:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres
& Cocktails**

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program

at the
**National Interstate
Headquarters**

**Reservations
must be received by
Tuesday, January 7th.**

**Please see page 4
for reservation form.**

Our Banquet Speaker

Rachael Stentz-Baughter

Rachael Stentz-Baughter is the Vice President of Administration & Development for Greater Cleveland Sports Commission. In this role, she is responsible for fundraising, community programming and managing the GCSC Board of Trustees and Associate Board.



Rachael began in 2001 as GCSC's Event Coordinator and Executive Assistant. Since then, she has served in various roles at the GCSC, most prominently in community programming.

From 2007 to 2010, Rachael owned and operated RSB Consulting, LLC, an event production and management company, primarily focused on non-profit events. She worked with many of the region's leading non-profits, producing events such as the American Heart Association's Heart Walk and Heart Ball, Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk and Celebration of Hope Gala and American Liver Foundation Liver Life Walk and Flavors of Northeast Ohio.

Rachael lives in Brecksville with her family. She enjoys practicing yoga, hiking in the Brecksville Reservation, adventure travel and exploring Cleveland. She serves on the Board of Trustees of Camp Ho Mita Koda, the nation's oldest summer camp for children with Diabetes, located in Newbury, OH.

Rachael is from Princeton, NJ and graduated from Indiana University with a degree in Sport Management and a minor in Spanish.

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:

Akron Children's Hospital

Akron Children's Hospital has expanded its services with Akron Children's Health Center, Boston Heights a comprehensive and conveniently-located hub of pediatric health care services, including primary care, urgent care, more than a dozen specialty care providers, laboratory, radiology and rehabilitative services.

Located at 328 E. Hines Hill Road, the two-story, 43,000 square foot building is part of Akron Children's



regional initiative to bring services closer to where families live for convenient access to care. Find out more at akronchildrens.org/healthcenters.

CVCC Student and Parent Information Night

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will host its annual Student and Parent Information Night on Thursday, January 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for high school students and their families to learn more about the specialized career and college preparation opportunities available at CVCC. This event offers program visitation and additional details to help with the decision-making process on choosing to enroll at the career center. Many CVCC programs offer industry certification opportunities and have career-technical credit transfer options, enabling students to earn college credit while at CVCC. Contact CVCC admissions counselor Kelli Buccini at 440-746-8286 or kbuccini@cvccworks.edu with any questions.

Member discount provides spring project savings

This spring, Empaco Equipment will be updating their outdoor Unilock showroom with all of the newest products for patios and retaining walls. Members are welcome to stop by for inspiration and assistance in designing living spaces and are offered 10% off Unilock products.

Richfield Chamber of Commerce Board Members

President – Amy French (OEC)

Vice President – Lynn Seifert (Seifert & Cox LLP)

Secretary – Mark Yantak (Regina Health Center)

Treasurer – Justin Hamlin (HFS Wealth Advisors)

Past President – Sheryl Wilson (Bay Pointe Technology)

Taste of Richfield Chair – Sue Serdinak (ScripType Publishing)

Links for Education Chair – Karen Smik (Richfield Historical Society)

Scholarship Committee Chair – Jim Koewler (Koewler Law Firm)

Membership Chair – open

Attention Chamber members!

Don't forget to utilize the Business to Business Discounts! Here is a list of members offering discounts to other Chamber members:

Applied Financial Concepts – Free initial one-hour consultation; plus 10% discount on 1st year's financial planning fee.

Countryside Florist – 10% off any local delivery or flowers.

Empaco Equipment Corporation – 10% off retail pricing for Chamber Members on Unilock products.

Richfield Chiropractic Center – Complimentary examination of the spine and upper/lower joints of the body. Nutritional supplements 25% discount.

Weidrick, Livesay & Company – Free initial consultation and 10% off on our professional fees.

1Direction, Inc. – Free invite to attend one of our 2020 lunch and learn events "7 Steps to a Great Business!" Please visit brianalquist.actioncoach.com/events



Rachael Stentz-Baughner

Vice President of



*“Regional Economic Powerhouse” that generated
more than \$85M in 2018*

Presentation and Banquet

January 16, 2020

5:30 pm cocktails, 6:30 dinner

at National Interstate Insurance

3250 Interstate Drive, Richfield

*For tickets and information: call the Richfield Chamber of Commerce
at 330-659-3300 or email mail@richfieldchamber.com*





22nd Annual Banquet

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Guest Speaker

Rachael Stentz-Baughter

Vice President, Administration & Development

Greater Cleveland Sports Commission

at the National Interstate Insurance headquarters 3250 Interstate Dr. Richfield

5:30 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres & Cocktails - **Sponsored by National Interstate Insurance**

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

7:30 p.m. - Program

\$45 per person; \$40 per person for reservations for tables of 8

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Please reserve _____ dinners @ \$45 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

-or- Please reserve a table of 8 @ \$40 each. My check # _____ for \$ _____ is enclosed.

_____ I was a Silver Corporate member in 2019. Please reserve my two free dinners.

_____ I was a Gold Corporate member in 2019. Please reserve my four free dinners.

_____ Please call me with more information on the Silver and Gold Packages.

Please provide names for name tags.

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Please return this form with your payment by **January 7** to:

Richfield Chamber of Commerce, 4300 Streetsboro Road, Richfield, OH 44286.

You may call 330-659-3300 for more information.