

CHAMBER MONTHLY

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy French

Happy February! It was great seeing everyone at last month's banquet. I'd like to offer heartfelt congratulations to J Team Management, our 2019 recipient of the Richfield Beautification Award, and to Countryside Florist, our 2019 Business of the Year! Well done!

Next, on behalf of the board, I would like to thank all those who renewed their membership thus far in 2020 and I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that as a Chamber, we are committed to

- Continuing to provide our members with meaningful community and business education through our monthly luncheons;
- Facilitating interaction among businesses through social and community events and volunteer opportunities; and
- Continuing to grow our membership

In addition to our flagship events, we plan to continue to schedule after hours events hosted by a va-

riety of Richfield area businesses in 2020. And, as mentioned in last month's newsletter and during our banquet, we are also working on a new community fundraising event which has a working title of *Taste and Talent of Richfield* that will be held in the fall. We will provide additional details as soon as we have them.

Our February luncheon will feature Bob Becker from the Richfield Joint Recreational Department who will provide an update on the Richfield Heritage Preserve. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Thank you again for all your support.

Amy French

President, Richfield Chamber of Commerce



**LET'S DO
LUNCH!**

**WEDNESDAY,
February 5, 2020**

Speaker

Bob Becker

**Chairman, Richfield Joint
Recreation District (RJRD)**

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. Jan. 31.**

Thank you from Countryside Florist

I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the award of Business of the Year. It is a wonderful honor and I do appreciate being considered with all the other great companies here in Richfield. Also to OEC for sponsoring this beautiful award! I am honored to be a resident and business owner in Richfield.

Sincerely,
Sandy Apidone
Countryside Florist

Our February Speaker

Bob Becker

Chairman of the Richfield Joint Recreation District, Bob Becker, will speak at our February 5 luncheon and provide an update on the Richfield Heritage Preserve.



Becker has led the trustees to finalize and pass a master plan for the park, as well as formed partnerships with public and private entities such as the Ohio Operating Engineers, Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Ohio Horseman's Council, Baldwin Wallace University and Friends of Crowell Hilaka to effect the implementation of the master plan and fulfillment of the mission statement.

He is currently the president of Pharmtec Corporation in Richfield, which is a private, consumer product company that designs/markets niche brands such as My Very Own House®, ShrubGuard®, The Guarden™ and Elite Cedar™. He previously served as the vice president at RJB Industries, in the security systems division, in Wintersville, Ohio and also held various progressive positions in sales, marketing, engineering and product management at Telxon Corporation in Akron.

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 and Talent 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

Business Spotlight:

Friends of Crowell Hilaka

Friends of Crowell Hilaka is a 501c3 non-profit advocacy group partnering with the Richfield Joint

Recreation District to protect, preserve, enhance, and promote Rich-



field Heritage Preserve, formerly Crowell Hilaka. Our top project for 2020 is the restoration of Kirby's Mill. www.friendsofcrowellhilaka.org/kirbys-mill-restoration.html

Save the Date: Links for Education 2020

The "Links for Education" Golf Outing will be held Wednesday, June 10, at the St. Bernard Golf Club. This year's outing will be sponsored by GMS. More details coming soon.

Since its inception, the golf outing has given over \$100,000 in scholarships to graduating Revere High School students.

Warm up for Holy-In-One 2020

You're invited to join Regina Health Center on Sunday, February 23, from 1 to 3 p.m., for a new indoor golf experience at Top Golf in Independence. Tickets are \$50 and include an indoor golfing experience in a golf party bay and appetizers in the guest area. A portion of the ticket price will go to the Regina Health Center 2020 Holy-In-One event. Drink tickets will be available to purchase.

Tickets must be purchased prior to the event at www.reginahealthcenter.org/news-events or by calling Colleen Corrigan Day at 330-659-5132.

NOACC Chamber Networking Night

You're invited. Kick off the new year with the Seventh Annual Great Big Chamber Networking Night at the Great Big Home & Garden Show at the I-X Center (near Cleveland Hopkins Airport) on Thursday, February 6th from 4 to 6 p.m. A \$15 ticket will give you entrance to the show from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the NOACC Chamber Networking Night Private Party from 4 to 6 p.m. that will include appetizers, sodas, cash bar, prizes from exhibitors and more. This is a great way to expand your networking reach and meet like-minded chamber members from many chambers, all across Northeast Ohio.

Everyone had a great time last year and an even bigger crowd is expected this year! For more details visit www.greatbighomeandgarden.com. Use the promo code "CHAMBER" to buy your ticket.

CVCC seeking employers for March 5 job fair

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center is hosting a job fair on Thursday, March 5, from 3 to 6p.m. and invites employers and organizations in all fields with full-time, part-time and seasonal employment opportunities available for job seekers age 15 and older to participate.

A \$30 registration fee for employers is required, which includes a 6-foot table, refreshments and event promotion. CVCC encourages employers to register as soon as possible online at www.cvccworks.edu/JOBFAIR.aspx.

Contact Maria Gammieri at mgammieri@cvccworks.edu or 440-838-8851 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.